



## Annual Report

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**Summary**

<b>PROJECT</b>	Eastern Europe and Central Asia ACSM	<b>REPORTING PERIOD</b>	October 1, 2011 - September 30, 2012
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<b>FUNDING SOURCE</b>	TO2015 FY09-FY15 carryover funds
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**OVERVIEW**

Through targeted technical assistance and training, PATH is collaborating with a wide variety of stakeholders and partners to strengthen ACSM strategies and interventions to help meet global, regional, and national targets for TB control. PATH is working with USAID, the Stop TB Partnership, and other implementing organizations to build on its previous work in ACSM, including the regional ACSM for TB control action planning workshops that have been held in Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America, and the Middle East.

**ACHIEVEMENTS**

**Supporting ACSM leaders in Eastern Europe and Central Asia**

In collaboration with local partners, PATH provided targeted technical assistance and training to help national TB and HIV programs, Global Fund implementing staff, and civil society organizations throughout the Eastern Europe and Central Asia region to develop national ACSM strategies and interventions that directly contribute to national, regional, and global targets for TB control. As a result of regional workshops, several countries have developed plans to incorporate ACSM services into their national TB control strategies. In addition, health care officials have conducted workshops in their own countries, building the knowledge and ability of their team members to teach ACSM skills to others. To ensure that tools and training are available for monitoring and evaluating ACSM activities, PATH worked with the Stop TB Partnership and partners to develop a Guide to Monitoring and Evaluating ACSM Interventions and piloted an ACSM M&E curriculum based on the guide.

PATH trained 28 representatives from seven countries (Azerbaijan, Armenia, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, and Tajikistan) during a five-day regional ACSM M&E workshop in Tbilisi, Georgia. As a result, Azerbaijan drafted the country's first national ACSM strategy, and all participants developed tailored M&E plans. From the feedback and lessons learned from this workshop, the ACSM M&E curriculum has become strong, practical, flexible and ready for wide distribution.

**CHALLENGES**

Challenge	How is PATH addressing this challenge?
No challenges were experienced during this reporting period.	n/a

**CHANGES TO WORK PLAN**

Change	Why is PATH making this change?	Approval from USAID
Project extended until December 31, 2012 to use the remaining funds to translate the ACSM M&E curriculum into Russian (FY09 work plan).	PATH successfully implemented all planned activities and had some remaining funds. English version of the M&E curriculum was finalized in mid-August and was sent for translation. Then Russian version should be checked for translation quality against English, formatted, proofread, and finalized. Russian version of the curriculum will be distributed electronically among the project participants.	USAID approved extension of this project until December 31, 2012 on August 9, 2012.

**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

During the reporting period, the main activities undertaken by PATH were support for assessments and training. Aside from the impacts of travel, there was no adverse impact of these activities on the environment.

## Global Indicators

Not applicable for this project.

## Activity Monitoring

### TO2015 Eastern Europe and Central Asia ACSM Work Plan

**Objective 1: Develop an ACSM assessment protocol and tools and identify key stakeholders and partners in each of the 11 priority countries (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, and Uzbekistan).**

Activity	OUTPUTS	TARGETS	EXPECTED DATE OF COMPLETION	STATUS AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2012	PROGRESS TO DATE
1.1 Develop ACSM landscape analysis protocol and assessment tool (in Russian and English).	Availability of ACSM landscape analysis protocol and assessment tool (in Russian and English).	ACSM landscape analysis protocol and assessment tool are developed and translated.	n/a	Completed	ACSM landscape analysis protocol and assessment tool have been developed and translated into Russian.
1.2 Identify local consultants (one in each country, total 11).	Number of consultants or NGOs identified.	11 local consultants selected.	n/a	Completed	Ten consultants were selected (no consultant was selected for Turkmenistan).
1.3 Conduct one two-day needs assessment training.	Number of participants trained to implement effective needs assessment.	11 local consultants trained.	n/a	Completed	Ten consultants trained.

**Objective 2: Conduct an ACSM assessment and analyze the results.**

Activity	OUTPUTS	TARGETS	EXPECTED DATE OF COMPLETION	STATUS AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2012	PROGRESS TO DATE
2.1 Oversee data collection by local teams and individuals.	Number of target countries completing needs assessment according to training and protocol.	11 countries complete assessment according to training and protocol.	n/a	Completed	11 countries completed the assessment according to the training and protocol.
2.2 Analyze data and develop and disseminate report on results by country.	Number of target countries with complete data analysis reports.	11 countries have complete data analysis reports.	n/a	Completed	Nine countries completed data analysis and reports. PATH was unable to collect reports from Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan.

**Objective 3: Develop and conduct two subregional ACSM skills-building workshops.**

Activity	OUTPUTS	TARGETS	EXPECTED DATE OF COMPLETION	STATUS AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2012	PROGRESS TO DATE
3.1 Revise, translate, and disseminate the ACSM skills-building curriculum.	Availability of a standardized ACSM curriculum for regional use in Russian.	ACSM curriculum is translated and disseminated.	n/a	Completed	ACSM curriculum was revised, translated, and disseminated among training participants from Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, and Uzbekistan.
3.2 Conduct two subregional ACSM skills-building workshops.	Number of workshops conducted. Number of participants, disaggregated by sex and country, trained to implement effective ACSM interventions.	Two workshops completed (September 2010 in Kyiv and December 2010 in Central Asian region).	n/a	Completed	Two workshops completed (September 27–October 1, 2010, Kyiv, Ukraine, and January 24–28, 2011, Dushanbe, Tajikistan). 54 participants trained.
3.3 Develop web- or email-based information-sharing to encourage development of ACSM community of practice.	Number and types of mechanisms used to share ACSM information regionally.	Stakeholders from all target countries in the region have the ability to share and access information on ACSM.	n/a	Completed	Email-based information-sharing system developed and implemented. Pending approval of the online ACSM Community of Practice, PATH will invite trainees from the EE/CA region to utilize the site for communication.

3.4 Develop a packet of ACSM resources in Russian for each country team.	Number of packets disseminated to stakeholders.	Resources identified and translated as needed. Stakeholders receive packets during training.	n/a	Completed	82 participants received CD with ACSM resources; ACSM curriculum and the WHO and Stop TB publication <i>Advocacy, Communication and Social Mobilization for TB Control: Collection of Country-level Good Practices</i> have been translated into Russian and distributed.
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**Objective 4: Respond to country requests for ACSM technical assistance.**

Activity	OUTPUTS	TARGETS	EXPECTED DATE OF COMPLETION	STATUS AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2012	PROGRESS TO DATE
4.1 Respond to requests for ACSM technical assistance.	Number of requests for technical assistance to which PATH responds.	Two countries receive in-country ACSM technical assistance and move forward effectively with ACSM interventions.	n/a	Completed	Five countries received in-country ACSM technical assistance (two trips by PATH's consultant were supported with country's Global Fund project funds); three countries received long-distance technical assistance; in-country technical assistance for Azerbaijan and regional ACSM M&E workshop in Georgia were completed by the end of December 2011.
	Number of countries implementing additional and/or more focused ACSM activities as a result of technical assistance.	Remaining eight countries receive long-distance technical assistance and/or submit technical assistance requests through TB TEAM with PATH's support.	n/a	Completed	

**Objective 5: Provide guidance and support on M&E of ACSM activities.**

Activity	OUTPUTS	TARGETS	EXPECTED DATE OF COMPLETION	STATUS AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2012	PROGRESS TO DATE
5.1 Include M&E module in ACSM subregional workshops.	Number of people trained in M&E during subregional workshops.	45 people trained in M&E.	n/a	Completed	54 people trained in M&E.
5.2 Provide long-distance and in-country technical assistance on M&E plans and activities.	Number of countries requesting M&E assistance to which PATH responds.	Two countries receive in-country technical assistance on M&E; eight countries receive long-distance technical assistance on M&E.	n/a	Completed	One country received in-country technical assistance on M&E; regional ACSM M&E workshop held in December 2011.
5.3 Conduct end-of-year survey on satisfaction with and effectiveness of technical assistance provided by PATH.	Number of countries responding to survey.	11 countries respond to survey; data useful in determining satisfaction with and effectiveness of PATH technical assistance.	Dec-12	Ongoing	Data collected; data analysis in the process.

## Photos

Photos from regional ACSM and ACSM M&E trainings in Georgia and Tajikistan.



*"For six years, I have worked as an M&E specialist and this is the first time I have participated in an actual M&E training. Many things have become clear, and I understand now what I have been doing right and have been doing wrong." - participant at ACSM M&E Workshop, Tbilisi, Georgia, December 2011*

*ACSM M&E workshop in Tbilisi, Georgia, December 2011. Photo Credit: PATH*



*Subregional ACSM workshop in Dushanbe, Tajikistan, January 2012. Photo Credit: PATH*

**Evaluation and Operations Research**

Title	Purpose of study	Evaluation type and method(s)	PATH field contact	PATH DC contact	Partner	IRB status	Status/Results
Satisfaction with ACSM Technical Assistance Provided by PATH as part of the "ACSM Activities in Eastern Europe and Central Asia Project"	To evaluate effectiveness of the technical assistance provided by PATH.	In-depth interviews.	ACSM consultants in each Eastern European country.	Svitlana Okromeshko	n/a	Non-research.	Will be completed and submitted to USAID in December 2012.

## Deliverables

### TO2015 Eastern Europe and Central Asia ACSM Work Plan

Activity in Work Plan in FY10 Work Plan	Deliverable	Target Date of Completion	Status as of September 30, 2012	Name of File	Dissemination
<b>Objective: Enhance national TB program and civil society capacity at regional and national levels to plan, design, implement, support, and evaluate relevant ACSM interventions.</b>					
<b>Activity 3. Develop and conduct two sub regional ACSM skills-building workshops.</b>					
3.4 Develop a packet of ACSM resources in Russian for each country team.	Packet of ACSM resources available in Russian.	n/a	Completed	CD with resources on ACSM and M&E	Workshop participants, NTP, Stop TB, WHO, USAID, technical partners
				ACSM curriculum in Rus WHO and Stop TB publication <i>Advocacy, Communication and Social Mobilization for TB Control: Collection of Country-level Good Practices</i> (Russian translation by PATH)	
<b>Activity 4. Respond to country requests for ACSM technical assistance.</b>					
4.1 Respond to requests for ACSM technical assistance.	Workshop and trip reports.	n/a	Completed	Trip report - Georgia, December 2011.	USAID, USAID Mission, technical partners, NTP
		n/a		Workshop Report – ACSM M&E, Georgia.	USAID, USAID Mission, technical partners, NTP
		n/a		Trip Report – Azerbaijan, October 2011.	USAID, USAID Mission, technical partners, NTP
<b>Activity 5. Provide guidance and support on M&amp;E of ACSM activities.</b>					
5.3 Conduct end-of-year survey on satisfaction with and effectiveness of technical assistance provided by PATH.	Summary report of evaluation on country satisfaction with TA that PATH provides.	Report will be submitted by December 2012	Ongoing	Summary report of ACSM evaluation	

## Success Story

### Eka's story: Laying the foundation for success to stop TB in Georgia

Dr. Eka Sanikidze had a tough road ahead of her. Her country—Georgia—has one of the highest TB burdens in Eastern Europe. As the ACSM coordinator for the NTP, Eka was determined to make a difference not only by treating patients, but by intervening at the community and national levels to address the social and political roots of the disease. Her story demonstrates the power of equipping the right people with the right opportunities.

ACSM is a set of interventions that helps communities mobilize political commitment and resources, educating the public about TB and its cure to improve case detection and treatment adherence, combating stigma and discrimination, and empowering people affected by the disease. ACSM helps link communities and health facilities. Like many countries, Georgia lacked a national strategy and resources to be able to use ACSM to address major barriers to TB prevention and treatment.

Eka's effectiveness as an ACSM coordinator was given a boost at a PATH-led workshop in Belarus, hosted by USAID and the Stop TB Partnership. The intensive and participatory workshop helped to deepen participants' understanding of ACSM principles, to develop ACSM action plans, and to use ACSM to improve TB control outcomes in their countries. Eka's enthusiasm for ACSM was evident at the workshop, and it made her a top choice for helping PATH conduct a detailed assessment of the ACSM situation in Georgia.

A hard worker, Eka sometimes financed her own travel costs to meet the people who could move things forward, and following the workshop, met with Georgia's NTP manager to come up with a strategy for addressing some of the challenges she'd identified. This led to Georgia requesting technical assistance from PATH to move to the next step. PATH then convened a workshop for 13 of Georgia's top TB program leaders from the Ministry of Health, the NTP, the Global Fund, the medical university, and NGOs. By the end of the workshop, participants had created a national strategy and work plan for ACSM, instituted a new ACSM working group, and brainstormed innovative ways to further build the capacity of local staff. The ACSM activities discussed at the training are now moving forward.

#### **A model for ACSM**

Georgia now has a strong foundation for implementing effective, well-planned, and coordinated ACSM activities that link with NTP objectives. The country's progress demonstrates that targeted technical assistance, combined with local leadership, can help align all of the essential elements needed to increase case detection and treatment success.

Georgia is now a model for other countries in the region that are working to utilize ACSM strategies to improve TB outcomes.



## GeneXpert Procurement

Not applicable for this project.

## Inventory

No project commodities over \$500 were purchased during this reporting period.

## Acronyms List

<b>ACSM</b>	advocacy, communication, and social mobilization
<b>EE/CA</b>	Eastern Europe/Central Asia
<b>FY</b>	Fiscal Year
<b>Global Fund</b>	Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria
<b>IRB</b>	institutional review board
<b>M&amp;E</b>	monitoring and evaluation
<b>NGO</b>	nongovernmental organization
<b>NTP</b>	National Tuberculosis Program
<b>TB</b>	tuberculosis
<b>USAID</b>	US Agency for International Development
<b>WHO</b>	World Health Organization