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MEMORANDUM TO FILE

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SUBJECT: Document a new Tuberculosis (TB) Program to be implemented exclusively in the Kyrgyz Republic to reduce the burden of drug resistant TB (DR TB) in the country

REFERENCE: Original IEE Asia 12-213, IEE Amendment No 1 Asia 14-101, MTF 1 and MTF 2 to Asia 14-101

ADDITIONAL REFERENCE: USAID Global Health Bureau TB Implementation Framework and Local Organizations Network (TIF-LON) IEE approved by BEO/GH on July 30, 2018

1.0 Purpose and Background:

USAID/KR has been implementing Central Asia TB Project since 2013 with the overarching goal to reduce the burden of DR TB in all five countries, including the KR. Now, USAID/KG decided to build upon on the previous achievements and further support the KR through a new bilateral mechanism. The scope and nature of all activities proposed under the new \$18 million program are similar to those activities described in IEE Asia 12-213 and IEE Amendment No 1 Asia 14-101.

USAID Global Health Bureau developed and approved the TB Implementation Framework and Local Organizations Network (TIF-LON) with the ceiling of \$335 million seeking to help focus countries, which include the KR, to achieve improved patient-centered, quality care services for TB, DR TB, expand access to TB prevention services, and to strengthen TB platforms. The scope and nature of some of the proposed activities are similar to all activities those proposed under the new KR TB program.

The purpose of this “Memorandum to File (MTF)” is to timely and duly reflect on the following:

- 1) Document a new Tuberculosis (TB) Program to be implemented through a bilateral mechanism exclusively in the Kyrgyz Republic to reduce the burden of drug resistant TB (DR TB) in the country
- 2) Confirm that the level of new program funding \$18 million level is within the \$ 219 million ceiling of the Central Asia Regional and bi-lateral health program approved under the IEE Amendment No 1 Asia 14-101
- 3) Establish that LOP duration for the new Tuberculosis (TB) Program will be June 2019 – June 2024
- 4) Confirm that the scope and nature of all proposed activities under the new KR DR TB Program are consistent and similar to the scope and nature of the Central Asia Regional and bi-lateral health program approved under the IEE Amendment No 1 Asia 14-101 with the LOP ending in 2020
- 5) Establish that all activities described in the new activity approved concept note shall be implemented in accordance with relevant and applicable Threshold Decisions approved in the original IEE and IEE Amendment No 1 and that all relevant approved conditions and limitations remain in force
- 6) Establish that about 90% of Program funds will be used for activities under approved Categorical Exclusion and that up to 10% of program funds will be used for activities under approved Negative Determination with Conditions
- 7) Establish that additional guidance and conditions for new activities should be also distilled from and refined as warranted from MTF 1 to Asia 14-101 and USAID Global Health Bureau developed TB Implementation Framework and Local Organizations Network (TIF-LON)
- 8) Document that USAID has completed climate risk profile fact sheet (updated October 2018 version to be posted on <http://www.climatelinks.org> in the near future) and GHG emissions for Kyrgyzstan available at:
https://www.climatelinks.org/sites/default/files/asset/document/2018-April-30_USAID_CadmusCISF_Climate-Risk-Profile-Central-Asia.pdf and
https://www.climatelinks.org/sites/default/files/asset/document/2017_USAID_GHG%20Emissions%20Factsheet%20Kyrgyzstan.pdf
- 9) Recommend that MEO/CIL, USAID/KR is consulted by the USAID/CA Office of Assistance and Acquisitions to ensure that all approved conditions from IEE Asia 12-213, IEE Amendment No 1 Asia 14-101, this MTF and from USAID Global Health Bureau developed TB Implementation Framework and Local Organizations Network (TIF-LON,) as warranted, are fully transposed into procurement instrument(s)
- 10) Establish that at the post-award conference AOR and MEO/CIL shall explain all

approved Threshold decisions and environmental conditions to the implementing partner(s.)

3.0 Revisions

Pursuant to 22 CFR 216.3(a)(9), if new information becomes available, which indicates that activities to be funded by the activity might be "major" and the activity's effect "significant", approved threshold determinations will be reviewed and revised by the originator of the activity and submitted to the BEO/Asia for concurrence and, if appropriate, an environmental assessment will be prepared. It is the responsibility of the COR to timely inform the USAID/KR MEO/CIL and BEO/Asia of any changes in the scope and nature of the approved activities, which may warrant the revision of the approved Threshold Decisions.

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