**GRANT PROPOSAL SUMMARY FORM**

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| **Name of NS and/or Local Branch:** Georgia Red Cross Society (GRCS)  |
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| **Previous activities:** |
| In the period of 2009 –June’2015 with financial and technical support of the Italian RC, the Georgia Red Cross Society (GRCS) implemented the bilateral project “Combat against spread of HIV/AIDS and level of stigmatization”. Since then the GRCS project team has continued working on voluntary basis until the new funding from It RC will arrived.The project envisages providing of direct harm reduction services to the target Injecting Drug Users (IDUs) along with conducting educational-informational activities focusing on people at risk, youth/reproductive age individuals. In the period of October, 2009 – June, 2015 through the outreach work contact was established with in total with 1.567 drug users; 1.039 beneficiaries got individual psychological consultations; 245 group sessions were conducted for beneficiaries and their family members.In total 27.043 participants raised awareness on principles, goals and main activities of the Harm reduction; safe injecting methods; simultaneous using of drugs and alcohol - harm and prevention methods of diseases caused by injecting drug usage, such as HIV/AIDS, Hepatitis, Sexual Transmitted Diseases; overdose symptoms and First Aid in case of overdose through 682 seminars conducted by the project staff and volunteers in Tbilisi and in 7 target regions of Georgia. The project team actively cooperates with all governmental and non-governmental organizations working in the field of HR. The GRCS is a member of the Georgian Harm Reduction Network (GHRN) since 2008. Basis on the Memorandums of Understanding the GRCS actively cooperates and implements joint activities with the GHRN, Georgian Network of People using Drugs (GeNPUD), “New Vector” and “Hepa+”. Annually the GRCS together with other relevant actors participate in events dedicated to the World AIDS Day. |

**DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSAL**

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| **Title:** Getting to Zero |
| **Location:** Tbilisi, the capital of Georgia and 7 local cities of Georgia |
| **Starting date: 20 November’2015** | **Duration: 11 days** |
| **Objective(s):**  |
| Overall objective:Contribute to stopping the HIV/AIDS and the Hepatitis C epidemic and decrease level of stigma and discrimination towards PLHIV and people with Hepatitis Specific objective 1: Support early detection of HIV/AIDS and Hepatitis C and timely referralSpecific objective 2: Reduce vulnerability of people at risk/PLHIV/people with Hepatitis and decrease stigma attached to these diseasesSpecific objective 3: Attract public attention to the current situation with AIDS in the country |
| **Result(s):** |
| Expected result 1: At least 200 people at risk are covered with HIV-Hepatitis rapid test.Expected result 2: Awareness of approx. 500 GRCS volunteers, students/youth on HIV/AIDS and Hepatitis, STI control and care and at least 1000 people of general public about the current situation with AIDS in the country is raised. |
| **Activities to be carried out:** |
| **Activities to achieve project expected result 1*****ALL ACTIVITES WILL BE IMPLEMENTED WITH ACTIVE INVOLVEMENT OF PLHIV AND PEOPLE WITH HEPATITIS C THAT ARE THE GRCS VOLUNTEERS*** * 1. Organise trainings for 300 beneficiaries to increase their awareness regarding the benefits of HIV and hepatitis testing, so that more people become knowledgeable about their risks, understand that there is effective treatment available and are aware of their HIV and/ or Hepatitis status.
	2. In cooperation with Georgian Network of People using Drugs (GeNPUD) and “New Vector” the GRCS will join the European HIV-Hepatitis Testing Week that will take place from 20-27 November 2015. It is estimated that out of 300 participants of activity 1.1 at least 200 people at risk – beneficiaries of the GRCS and above mentioned organization will pass HIV-Hepatitis rapid test at 4 locations in Tbilisi. The mobile unit will be organised by “New Vector”; rapid tests will be provided by the GRCS along with condoms and needles/ syringes that will be provided to beneficiaries for themselves and for further distribution among other drug users.
	3. Beneficiaries will be provided with pre- and post-test consultations by the GRCS psychologists.
	4. In case of positive results beneficiaries will be referred and if needed accompanied to relevant medical institutions for performing follow-up diagnostic testing.

**Activities to achieve project expected result 2**On December 1, 2015 the GRCS will organise number of events dedicated to the World AIDS Day in Tbilisi and 7 target regions.* 1. Conduct workshops for approx. 500 local volunteers and students/youth of different educational institutions on HIV/AIDS, Hepatitis C, STD prevention, transmission and treatment, harm and threats hidden behind drug usage; including overdose symptoms and First Aid in case of overdose and disseminate messages against stigma and discrimination attached to HIV/AIDS and Hepatitis.
	2. GRCS organize informational, promotional street events with slogan “Zero new HIV infections. Zero discrimination. Zero AIDS-related deaths.” Main goal of the event is to increase public awareness on HIV/AIDS related situation in the country. During the day GRCS volunteers will be moving by open bus declaring key messages related to the HIV/AIDS and stop bus at people gathering places to disseminate specially developed informational flyers among pedestrians.
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| **Beneficiaries (including both direct and indirect beneficiaries):**  |
| 1. 300 IDUs from Tbilisi;
2. Approx. 500 GRCS volunteers and youth/students of different educational institutions (direct beneficiaries)
3. Approx. 1000 persons reached during street events directly
4. It is estimated that each of 1800 direct beneficiaries disseminate knowledge among at least 2-3 other persons, so the number of people reached indirectly should be at least 3600.
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**FINANCES**

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| **Estimated total project cost:** | 7 500 GEL | 3000 EURO |
|  | (Local currency) | (€uro equivalent) |

**Details of bank account in which the Grant Proposal award would be deposited:**

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| **Account title:**  |  |
| **Account number:**  |  |
| **International routing code:****(IBAN or BIC Number, SWIFT-code)** |  |
| **Bank name:**  |  |
| **Bank address:**  |  |
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| **BANK DETAILS FOR TRANSFERS IN EURO IN FAVOUR OF CUSTOMERS OF JSC BANK OF GEORGIA** |
| **Intermediary bank:**  | Commerzbank, Frankfurt, Germany; SWIFT: COBADEFF |
| **Account With Institution:**  | BANK OF GEORGIA, SWIFT: BAGAGE22Address: 3 Pushkin Street, 0105 Tbilisi, Georgia |
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**Proposal submitted by: Georgia Red Cross Society**

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