



Investing in our future

# The Global Fund

To Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria

# Migrants

## – addressing mobility-related vulnerabilities to HIV and TB



# Challenges and Opportunities

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- Migration process and related vulnerabilities
- Migration profile - legal status v/s right to health
  - 1948 Declaration on Human Rights
  - 2008 WHA resolution on migrant health
- Barriers to access
  - Discriminatory legislation and irregular migration
  - Affordability
  - Language and cultural specifics
  - Mobility v/s health seeking behaviour
  - Lack of knowledge on disease specifics, rights and how to access services
  - Double stigma and discrimination
- Need for inter-country collaboration

# Existing Best Practices

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- HIV prevention interventions among labour migrants in Russia
- Cross-border project on HIV prevention between Armenia, Georgia and Azerbaijan
- A separate target group of the National HIV and TB Programs in Bulgaria and favourable legislation

# Opportunities for expansion in the region

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- At the national level
  - Inclusion of migrants as a vulnerable/ target group in National Disease Strategies
  - Ensuring financial commitments
  - Ensure cooperation between governments, NGOs and relevant stakeholders
- At the regional level
  - Develop inter-country regional collaboration
  - Need to ensure universal access to free services
  - Need to address restrictive travel policies
- At the Global Fund level
  - Targeting migrants in GF applications
  - CCM and/or RCM?

# And the next steps...

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- Let us advocate for policy changes within our countries related to migration health and access to services
- Let us start a regional dialogue on the right to health and the needs of migrants regardless of their legal status
- Let us call for the involvement of Technical Partners (IOM, UNAIDS, WHO, Stop TB Partnership, ILO) in facilitating these processes.