

# Recommendations from EECA Regional Consultation on Sustainability and Transition

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*“It has been weeks since the Montenegro HIV grant closed, and the NGO-run services for key populations are closing down.”*

**Transition is not business as usual.  
It requires innovative approaches and renewed  
commitment from us all.**



# Definitions & Approach

1. We must have a common definition of **sustainability**, which includes a country-led response that (i) promotes human rights, (ii) utilizes evidence-based approaches, and (iii) strives for increasing health gains.
2. **Key populations** must be central to all transition efforts. They must serve as leaders of the process, and safeguarding programs devoted to their health must be a priority during transitions to national funding.
3. Transition to domestic funding and ownership of HIV and TB responses is a **process** that includes planning, implementation, and monitoring. **Guidance** is needed for countries to navigate all phases of this process successfully.



# Necessary Support

4. **Policy dialogue** and **advocacy** will continue to be an important component during and after transition, and need to be supported both technically and financially.
5. In order to plan and implement a successful transition, countries need **predictability** of transition timeline and levels of available funding from the Global Fund.
6. Because transition is complex, it **requires additional and better use of resources**, and cannot be completed successfully in an environment of shrinking funding.



# Special Needs and Circumstances

7. Graduation/**transition criteria** (*in addition to eligibility criteria*) and timelines should be **tailored** to country readiness, and a **safety net** mechanism is needed for countries that fail to graduate/transition successfully.
8. **Challenging operating environment** categorization is applicable in EECA, and may necessitate a different approach to transition.
9. For countries that have **already graduated**, an emergency solution must be developed to assure their gains are not threatened due to lack of transition support.





*Transition is a **shared responsibility** and will not happen without:*

- ***political leadership,***
- ***an on-going multi-stakeholder dialogue at country and international levels***
  - ***and partnership.***