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SUBJECT:

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GNP+ is proud to bring you new translations of the Country Coordinating Mechanisms Handbook “Challenging, Changing and Mobilizing: A guide to PLHIV Involvement in Country Coordinating Mechanisms”. The handbook is now available not only in English, but also in Russian, French and Spanish.

The CCM Handbook is meant to increase involvement of PLWHA in the Country Coordinating Mechanisms of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB and Malaria (GFATM). It has been praised as a handy tool to enhance this involvement. The book suggests policies and processes for CCMs, CCM Members, the Global Fund Board and secretariat, PLHIV on the CCM, and PLHIV constituencies.

Produced in collaboration with the POLICY project of the Futures Group International and funded by USAID and GTZ, over 400 PLHIV from over 30 countries contributed to the development of this tool and its companion handbook.

In addition GNP+ produced the “Guidelines for Improving CCM’s through Greater PLHIV Involvement”. The guidelines are an abridged version of the handbook and focus on involvement in the Global Fund. The guidelines are especially useful as they can easily be adapted for advocacy and use with other HIV/AIDS bodies, donors and partners.

The guidelines are available in English, French, Russian, Spanish and Vietnamese. Check our website regularly for new translations.

We encourage people to download the handbook from www.gnpplus.net/whatsnew.htm and distribute it as wide as possible. Hard copies of the handbook can be ordered at infognp@gnpplus.net. The handbooks are free as long as supply lasts.

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Background information: The Global Network of People living with HIV/AIDS (GNP+) is a global network for and by people with HIV/AIDS. The mission of GNP+ is to work to improve the quality of life of people living with HIV/AIDS. GNP+ achieves its mission through advocacy, capacity building, and communications programs that draw from strategies based on: **ADVOCATING** for Inclusion, Visibility, Access, Rights; **LINKING** by Networking, Mentorship, Dialogue, Education; **SHARING** of Capacities, Knowledge, Strength, Resources.



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