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Dear Sir/Madam,

The **World Health Organization** in collaboration with the **Imperial College London / WHO Collaborating Centre for Public Health Education and Training** organize a study tour for selected high level experts in the area of public health. All experts are Georgian citizens.

The study tour organised by the WHO Collaborating Centre for Public Health Education and Training will equip health professionals with the knowledge of the UK NHS system in the wider context of Public Health functions; with a focus on public health and its delivery direct and through primary care. The participants will be able to learn about the complex function at national, regional and local level; its organisation and management; and its link medical health service, primary care, the community, voluntary agencies and international organisations. They will also learn about the emergency preparedness and responses at national and local level, public health monitoring, public health training and research.

The participants of the study tour are as follows:

1. Amiran Gamkrelidze, MD, PhD, Professor, Director General; National Center for Disease Control and Public Health (NCDC)
2. Ana Kasradze, MPH, Head of Public Health Preparedness and Response Division; NCDC
3. Ana Aslanikashvili, MD, MPH, Senior Specialist, Division of HIV/AIDS, Hepatitis, Tuberculosis and STIs; Department of Communicable Diseases, NCDC
4. Marina Darakhvelidze, MD, Head of Health Care Department; Ministry of Labour, Health and Social Affairs
5. Sofiko Belkania, Head of HR Management and International Relations Department; Ministry of Labour, Health and Social Affairs
6. Irma Khonelidze, MD, MPA, Deputy Director General, Head of Global Fund unit; NCDC
7. Giorgi Kuchukhidze, MD, MPH, Program Manager, Global Fund TB Program in Georgia (GEO-T-NCDC); NCDC

The World Health Organization will cover the costs for the participants 1-5 (as follows), while The Global Funds (as agreed with the NCDC) will cover the costs of participants 6-7.

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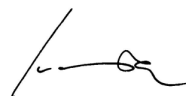
WHO will cover the cost of travel to London and will provide, through its authorized travel agents, economy class or excursion fare air tickets, if applicable, by the most direct and economical route to and from London. The Organization will also provide a daily subsistence allowance throughout the period of attendance at the meeting, including time spent on authorized travel.

The study tour will take place on 4-9 December 2017 and the programme is as follows:

Day	09:30 – 11:30	12:00 – 13:30	14:30 – 15:30	15:45 – 17:00
Introduction to the NHS and Public Health Day 1	The British National Health Service (NHS): Foundation, Goals, Finance, Organization, Structure, HRH and Operation	The NHS Accountable Care Systems The integration of services between Public Health, Primary Care, Secondary Care, Community Services and Social Care	Public Health Functions and Roles in the UK (This will outline the main public health functions in England and what expect the participants to see during their visit)	
Primary Care and Public Health Day 2	Primary Care in the NHS: Visit a Primary Care Centre (How public health functions are delivered at personal and community level) <i>Integrating PH into PC</i>		Local Public Health Department: Westminster/ Kensington & Chelsea, Hammersmith and Fulham Local Authority (Local authorities are the main statutory agencies for protecting health and improving the health of their communities)	
Central Public Health Day 3	Public Health England (Department of Health) To learn about the organization and function of England central agency for public health		Public Health England (Sub-Regional Health Protection Units) To learn and explore how local communities are protected against communicable disease and how to handle outbreaks and support local PH Departments	
Future horizon scanning Day 4	Visit to Faculty of Public Health To explore in depth the public health training in the UK and how we prepare the next generation of public specialists and practitioners		The Future of Public Health - GBD - Population Growth - Ageing Populations - Technology and public health - Environmental and Social Determinates - Workforce - Research and Implementations - Public Engagement	Closing Discussion and Feedback, Certificates
Optional (To be agreed)	The NHS Hospital Care: Structure within the NHS (Hospitals, NHS Trust, NHS Foundation Trust), funding (Contracts), Primary care role in funding hospitals, performance, Health Hospital, and Infection Control.			

We kindly ask you to urgently issue UK visas to the listed experts representing Georgia for the purpose of the study tour as described above. As an UN agency we kindly ask you to issue visas free of charge.

Sincerely yours,



Marijan Ivanuša

WHO Representative

Head of WHO Country Office Georgia