

HCV program IT Workshop in Tbilisi

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Dear Dr. Sergeenko,

I hope this email finds you well, it was great to see you in Atlanta last month, and your presentation at the Carter Center was very well received, congratulations!

We have discussed previously your desire to have “real time” screening and treatment data to help with HCV program monitoring and planning. We think this is an extremely high priority for the program, to have a world class information system, and of course, GS agrees and is providing resources to your program to help make this a reality.

To ensure that we realize the goal of a world class IT system, we have been in communication with Dr. Amiran about conducting a workshop, tentatively, on July 26, 2017 at NCDC, titled “Hepatitis C Elimination Program Information System Optimization and Harmonization”. I will not attend but three of our staff from CDC/Atlanta, including IT and programming experts, as well as Muazzam, and of course the CDC/SCO team responsible for data analysis, will participate. The NCDC team will participate, and it is of course critical that MoLHSA Elimination Program IT team members and technical experts participate in this workshop. I believe that your leadership and support of this workshop, prioritizing this for your team, is critical for the success of this workshop and to reach the goal of delivering the world class IT system the program needs. Let me know if you have any concerns with this plan, or would like to discuss further.

On a separate note, I hope to travel to Tbilisi the week of 21 August, it would be very important that I am able to meet you and Dr. Amiran during this trip, and I know Beth Skaggs, the new Country Director, will be in Tbilisi and available. We hope to discuss the transitions at CDC, planning for the TAG, and other important issues. Please let me know soonest if you will/will not be in Tbilisi that week and available to meet; I know August is holiday season, so those dates may be not possible for you or Dr. Amiran.

I hope to hear from you soon.

Best regards, FA

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