

LNCT Regional Vaccine Procurement Workshop Interviews, Tbilisi

Transcript: Interview with Dilorom Tursunova, Uzbekistan

First question:

-Taking into account a number of topics we have discussed for the past several days which specific steps are you going to take when you go back home, to your country?

-We would like to prepare a written justification for the government on increasing prices, i.e. on increasing the budget on the centralized procurement of the vaccines used for epidemiologic indications.

- Thank you very much! Let me ask you the second question, which changes would you make to your national procurement practice?

- Ammm, I would... We are trying now... we do not have a logistics group for the procurement of vaccine formulations and because of that we need specialists that know in the logistics field - applications, orders, receiving these vaccines - currently all this work is performed by epidemiologists. However, we would like to change this practice to make sure the job is done by educated specialists who have been trained with the support of the UNICEF or WHO in the very field of vaccine procurement.

- Thank you very much!

- Is that all? I would like to... but...we now have the system of reform

- Would you like to continue if you have to add something?

- Yes of course...

- In the republic of Uzbekistan now the reform of the Sanitary & Epidemiological Service is under way and may be in the future if this system is either optimized or, following the review of this question, they give us high quotas or agree to increase the group of people that will work on this issues we will of course work with these people because the warehouse organized with the support of GAVI has become very large i.e. 300 m³. In all fields very large standard warehouses have been organized and in order to manage all these questions, of course, we will need staff units and specialists. We will plan this work on arrival. You will (addressing the workshop organizers) of course give us USB sticks and all materials and we will use them in our document, which will be a letter addressed to our management and government. In the document we will raise all of these questions and I remain hopeful that should there be any discussion on this topic you will support us because there is necessity, i.e. I would like to say that funds that are allocated for the procurement of vaccines whether they are managed vaccines or vaccines for epidemiologic indications, they are vaccines, they have to be put together and there has to be a uniform approach to the procurement of all vaccines.