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Establishing and Pursuing a High Quality of Tuberculosis Control Programme in Montenegro: 10 rooms reconstructed and equipped in the Hospital in Brezovik

What: Representatives of the Ministry of Health, Labour and Social Welfare, the Special Hospital for Pulmonary Disease “Dr. Jovan Bulajić” and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Montenegro will mark the end of reconstruction and equipping of 10 hospital rooms for patients with tuberculosis and multidrug-resistant tuberculosis, within the Establishing and Pursuing a High Quality of Tuberculosis Control Programme in Montenegro, supported by the Global Fund to fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (GFATM) through the UNDP.

At a press conference,

Dr. Krsto Nikolić, Counselor to the Minister of Health, Labour and Social Welfare in the Government of Montenegro

Prim. Dr. Radovan Mijanović, Director of the Special Hospital for Pulmonary Disease “Dr. Jovan Bulajić” in Brezovik

Mr. Garret Tankosić Kelly, UNDP Resident Representative a.i./UN Interagency Focal Point in Montenegro

will speak about the mentioned project phase, as well as about the project details.

When: 17 March (Monday), at 10:30 a.m.

Where: Special Hospital for Pulmonary Disease Brezovik, Montenegro

Within this project, the Special Hospital for Pulmonary Disease “Dr. Jovan Bulajić” has been provided with the new and modern X-ray machine, new X-ray diagnostics space and three vehicles for the purpose of establishing directly observed treatment for patients with tuberculosis. Also, a permanent education was provided for health care professionals in the field of tuberculosis, and a lab was equipped for the purpose of improving diagnostics and establishing a National Reference Laboratory for the Special Hospital.

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In line with the sixth UN Millennium Development Goal – combat HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases, the Country Coordinating Mechanism developed a five-year **Establishing and Pursuing a High Quality of Tuberculosis Control Programme in Montenegro**, financed by the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (GFATM). The UNDP Montenegro has been designated as a Primary Recipient of the funds and is responsible for the implementation of the Programme, which should result in significant reduction of mortality rate and reduction in number of new TB cases.

The Programme activities are being implemented in three areas:

Improving of TB surveillance system – Establishing and maintenance of a new electronic surveillance system and its integration in the general surveillance system will allow data collection, and reporting of all the participants will contribute to the preparation of annual plans of activities and to the funding planning.

Improving of diagnosis and treatment and prevention of tuberculosis in the mentioned areas – The goals are: improving of country tuberculosis control system, expert trainings for all of its participants, as well as improving of general health care. Staff highly educated for the work on prevention and treatment of tuberculosis at different levels and increased participation of decision makers are the expected results of the mentioned activities.

Better informed community and increased public participation – This activity aims to a better quality of information for the public and people living with this disease, particularly to the reduction of stigma and increased participation of youth.

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