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### **Primary Health Care review and activity analysis by the Northern Dimension Partnership for Health and Social Well-being**

The East Europe Committee of the Swedish Health Care Community (SEEC) has a history of promoting health systems development and change in the Baltic region. Initially collaboration focused on the Baltic Republics. Collaboration today is taking place primarily through projects in North Western Russia.

An essential component in the SEEC-funded health systems development projects is the establishment of a modern system for Family Medicine – Primary Health Care (PHC). SEEC is funding PHC projects in the Oblasts of Murmansk, Arkhangelsk, Vologda, Leningrad, Pskov and Kaliningrad as well as in the City of St. Petersburg.

As a stake-holder in PHC development in Eastern Europe SEEC has decided to contribute to the funding of a PHC review initiated by the Working Group on PHC within the Partnership for Health and Social Well-being. SEEC has budgeted 0.4 mSEK (app. €42.500) for the fiscal year of 2006. A preliminary additional budget of 0.5 mSEK has been indicated for 2007 and 0.3 mSEK for the first half of 2008. The allocations are conditional to the overall budget provided to SEEC by the Swedish Government through Sida.

SEEC suggests that the review should provide not only a comprehensive picture of PHC in the region today but also, after an analysis, suggest ways forward towards PHC activities in the prevention, early diagnosis and rational treatment diseases of public health importance. Risky lifestyles as well as communicable and non-communicable diseases are of major interest

SEEC would like to emphasize the advantages of active participation from Russia. SEEC has since several years established close contacts with experts at the Northern State Medical University in Arkhangelsk and with Meshnikov Academy and MAPO University for postgraduate training in St. Petersburg. One of these outstanding experts will, during 2006 and 2007, work as Visiting Professor at the Karolinska Institute in Stockholm. The co-utilisation of this expert in the PHC review would certainly further increase the quality of the review and analysis.