

HIV IN UKRAINE IN THE MIDST OF WAR



Over 20% territory occupied by Russia



14 mln Ukrainians left their homes – **7 mln** as war refugees and **7 mln** as internally displaced people



Over 1,500 medical institutions were significantly damaged or destroyed

Ukraine keeps the HIV epidemic under control

245,000

an estimated number of people living with HIV (PLHIV) in Ukraine
(UNAIDS, Spectrum, early 2022)

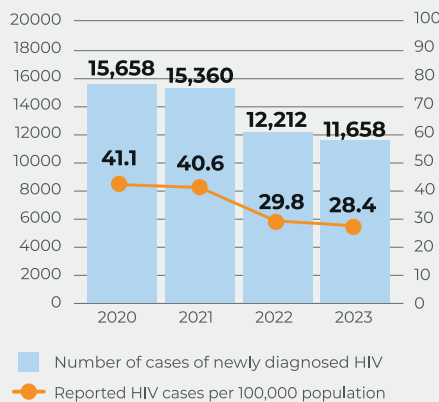
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of people living with HIV know their HIV status
(384 per 100,000 population)

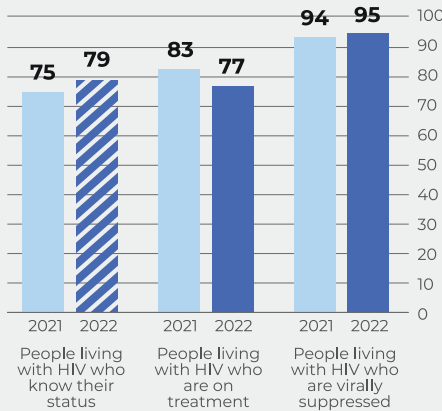
118,348

of people who know their HIV-positive status are accessing treatment

Every 2nd person diagnosed with HIV during the war tested within APH-supported programs.

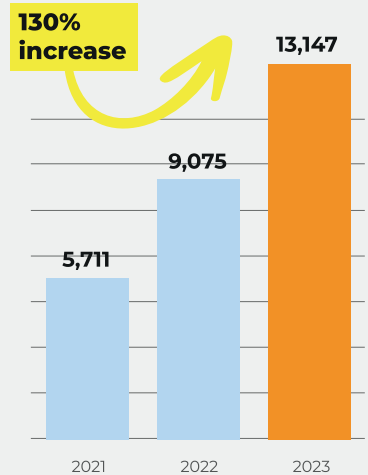


HIV testing and treatment cascade in Ukraine

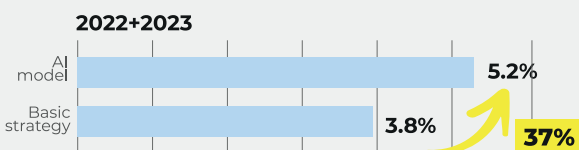


Expansion of the oral PrEP program

Since March 2024, a long-acting injectable form of pre-exposure prophylaxis for HIV infection - **Long Acting PrEP** - will be available in Ukraine



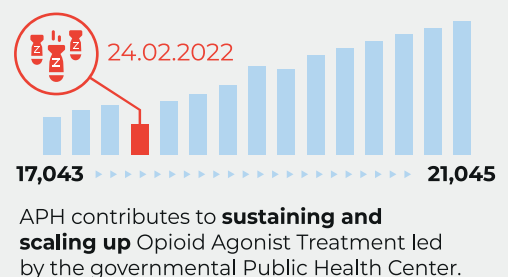
APH deploys Artificial Intelligence (AI) for HIV case finding



Using AI demonstrated higher yield in HIV case finding - percentage of HIV positive cases among all clients tested.

Sustaining Opioid Agonist Treatment during the war

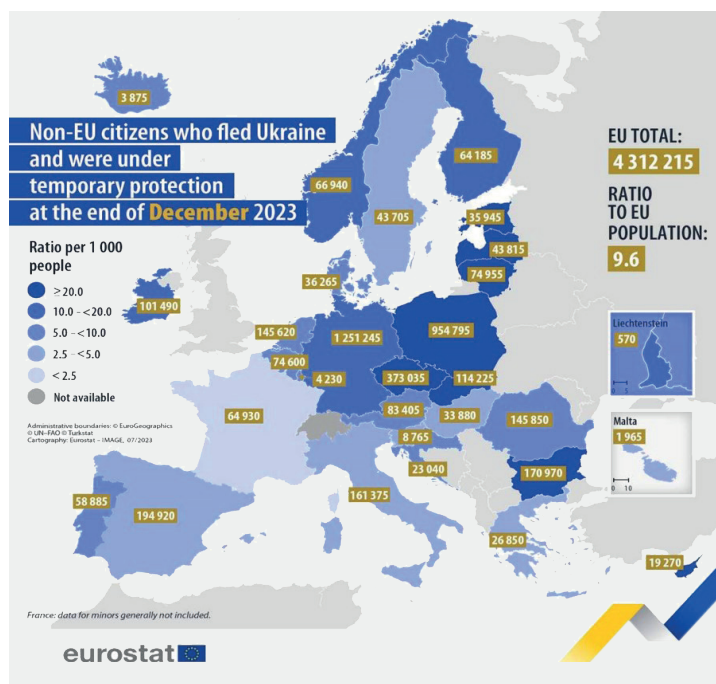
- Take-home supplies up to 30 days / now changed to 10 days
- Mobile OAT for home delivery Ukraine introduced
- Long-Acting buprenorphine



How many Ukrainian refugees are staying in Europe

On 31 December 2023, **4,31 million** non-EU citizens, who fled Ukraine as a consequence of the Russian invasion on 24 February 2022, had temporary protection status in EU countries (according to the Eurostat (<https://ec.europa.eu>). This is about **1% of the EU population**. Poland, Germany, and the Czech Republic received the largest number of Ukrainians.

Compared with the end of 2022 in December 2023 the number of non-EU citizens under temporary protection in the EU increased by **almost half a million (+486,715; +12.7%)**.



In the EU/EEA, HIV diagnoses rose for the first time in a decade in 2022. This increase is partially attributed to post-COVID-19 recovery in health services, testing and surveillance activities.

Overall, **48.9%** (n = 11,103) of those diagnosed in 2022 in EU/EEA countries were migrants, defined as originating from outside of the country in which they were diagnosed.

Ukrainian refugees constituted **10.2%** (n = 2,338) of all 2022 HIV diagnoses, a 10-fold increase from 2021 (2021 (n = 223) and 2022 (n = 2,338)). Of these, **9.3%** (n = 217) were new diagnoses, **58.5%** (n = 1,368) were previously identified; **32.2%** had unknown status. Displacement of Ukrainians has partly contributed to increasing HIV diagnoses in EU/EEA countries in 2022, highlighting the importance of prevention, testing and care*.

* «HIV diagnoses among people born in Ukraine reported by EU/EEA countries in 2022: impact on regional HIV trends and implications for healthcare planning». Juliana Reyes-Urueña, Gaetano Marrone, Teymur Noori, Giorgi Kuchukhidze, Violetta Martynovska, Larysa Hetman, Anton Basenko, Stela Bivol, Marieke J van der Werf, Anastasia Pharris, and on behalf of the EU/EEA HIV network

HELP NOW hub

AS OF OCTOBER 31, 2023

37478

THE TOTAL NUMBER OF ALL COORDINATED CASES THROUGH APH'S HELPNOW SERVICES

1. #HELPNOW SERVICES PER DIRECTIONS

20029

For access to ARVs	6877	34,3%
For access to OAT	1919	9,6%
For Access to TB/Hepatitis	1447	7,2%
For Access to Social Issues	7633	38,1%
Other requests	2153	10,7%

2. #HELPNOWHUB AND PARTNER SERVICES:

#HelpNow Service
Total number of Requests
3851

#HelpNow Poland
Total number of Requests
10750

#HelpNow Germany
Total number of Requests
4316

#HelpNow Moldova
Total number of Requests (2022)
1017

4. TOTAL ONLINE MEDICAL CONSULTATIONS

15332

Since 2023 Supported by Help24

ONLINE CONSULTATIONS AT THE HELP24 PLATFORM 2022/2023 - **3030**

ONLINE CONSULTATIONS USING OTHER MEANS OF ONLINE COMMUNICATION: CELL PHONE, MESSENGERS (VIBER, TELEGRAM, WHATSAPP, ZOOM ETC) - **12302**

3. SHELTERS AND ADRESS SOCIAL SUPPORT

About **1000** people used the services of shelters

Total address social support **190**

#HelpNow Baltia
Total number of Requests
1112

#HelpNow started its work on **1 march, 2022** — on the 6th day of the full-scale invasion

People from **50+ countries** and **200+ cities** received services