

# Current status of the HIV/AIDS response in Ukraine

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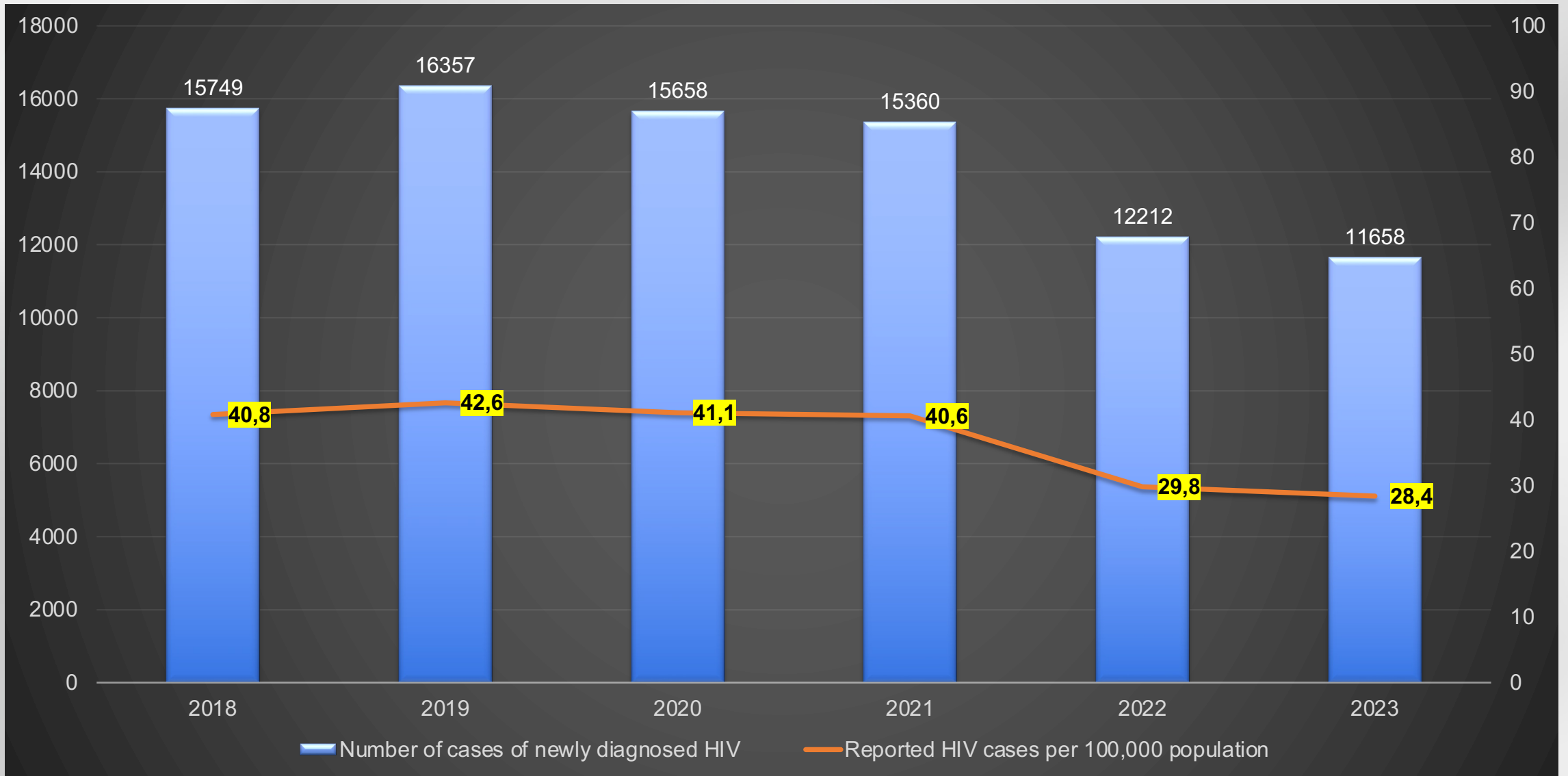
## UKRAINE

- **20% territory** occupied by russians
- **15 million** left their homes – 7 mln as war refugees and 8 mln as internally displaced people
- **At least \$7 billion in damage** to Ukraine's medical infrastructure has been caused by russia
- **1877 medical institutions and 876 pharmacies** were significantly damaged or completely destroyed
- **Every 5th ambulance** is damaged
- **106 civilian healthcare providers killed** in their workplaces

## ALLIANCE FOR PUBLIC HEALTH

- **1.2 mln Ukrainians** received support from APH
- **Over 250,000 key populations** received support with services and commodities
- APHs **mobile clinics (MTP)** deliver essential integrated medical services and diagnostics for almost **18 thousand clients** in focusing on hard-to-reach frontline communities (5 to 50 km from the frontlines)

# HIV situation in Ukraine



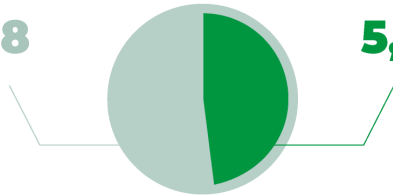
# About Alliance for Public Health

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## HIV CASE FINDING

Nearly **half of the people diagnosed HIV+ in Ukraine** in 2023 were tested within APH and APH-funded partner organizations

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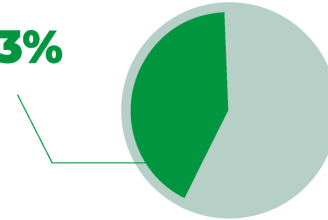
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## ARV TREATMENT

**43% of all HIV-infected people who for the first started ART** in Ukraine in 2023 were diagnosed and referred to medical facilities by **APH and APH-funded partner organizations.**

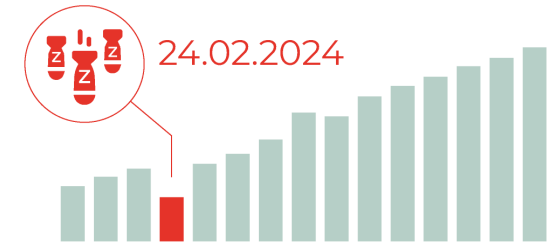
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## SUSTAINING KEY PROGRAMS

APH contributes to **sustaining and scaling up** Opioid Agonist Treatment led by the governmental Public Health Center.



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## GAME-CHANGING INNOVATIONS

APH together with governmental Public Health Center managed to negotiate allocation of 100 courses of **CAB LA – long-acting PrEP**. APH funds psycho-social support for OAT patients using **injectable medication Bupival**. We expanded **mobile services** throughout the country. Innovative approaches include using **artificial intelligence (AI)** to identify people with the highest risk of HIV infection to get tested. We **expanded our services beyond core groups**, also offering HIV and TB services to internally displaced people (IDPs), people living on de-occupied territories, military personnel.

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## PUT PEOPLE FIRST

APH has been providing critical support in addressing humanitarian needs of people living with HIV and key affected populations. **Evacuation, humanitarian aid, food, core medical services, delivery of medications and diagnostics, mental health support, shelters and housing** for internally displaced people, ongoing human rights support through **REAct mechanism**, on-line **24/7 support** through **HelpNOW** for Ukrainian war refugees in **51 countries.**

# Key program adjustments during the war

**Sustain the core:** HIV, OAT, Harm Reduction, TB, Viral Hepatitis

**Mobile:** demand for mobile clinics' services increased in times. During the war APH and its partners operate over 50 mobile clinics

**Digital:** chat bots, HelpNOW, Help24 on-line counseling, on-line commodity orders, telemedicine

**Agile:** addressing emerging needs such as overdose prevention, mental health. Human rights. Gender

**Relevant:** internally displaced, war refugees, humanitarian support, evacuation, food, winterization, shelters / housing

**Innovative:** long-acting buprenorphine, CAB LA, drug checking, deploying AI.

**Share with other countries:** Ukraine passed the crash test sustaining HIV, TB and Hepatitis programs during the war

# Mobile treatment points

- Adapted the health care model to realities brought by the war: from being static to mobile service provision. **Over 60 mobile clinics are operating all over Ukraine.**
- Among them **14 mobile treatment clinics are providing healthcare services for communities in frontline and hard-to-reach rural areas.**
- The war **destroyed medical and transport infrastructure**: in many communities there are no hospitals, health workers, pharmacies, roads.
- People are left without access to doctors, diagnostics and medicines and even very basic health care.
- APH provides services in **over 290 hard-to reach locations in 6 regions** directly impacted by the war. Donetsk, Kherson, Kharkiv, Zaporizhzhya, Mykolaiv, Dnipropetrovsk oblasts.
- **Mobile clinics have become the only mechanism for providing health services** to people in frontline and border zones and de-occupied territories. We provided services to over 18,000 people cut from any other services



# Virtual Social Worker / Digital Assistant - TWIIN

twiin.apph.org.ua

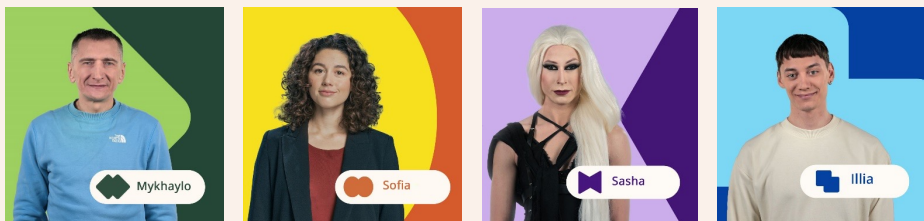
- IT solution based on artificial intelligence using the technology of digital people
- Provides a range of information, answers to questions, access to services (contacts, information about available services) - orally or in writing
- Reduces the burden on social workers, allows you to devote more time and effort to more significant tasks that require an individual approach and direct communication with the client
- HIV, sex. and repr., mental health, harm reduction, etc.



**TWIIN**  
Your one-stop  
**solution** for all  
questions on

- HIV
- sexual health
- dependencies
- mental health  
and more

## Our digital assistant



- Online chat with AI - website
- Offline app (coming soon)



# BEING RELEVANT: PROVIDING HUMANITARIAN SUPPORT TO COMMUNITIES



APH provided **913 mini-grants** to vulnerable communities, **544 691 people** received critical support.

**26 SHELTERS** supported during 2022-2023 **Safe Spaces** shelters for PWUD and LGBT.



**GREAT THANKS  
TO THE GLOBAL  
FUND AND ALL  
PARTNERS!**



**TOGETHER WE WILL WIN!**