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Dear friends,

2004 turned out to be a unique year for Alliance activities in Ukraine and we are honoured to publicly report on our work. This year is inseparably connected with new undertakings and a considerable development and scale-up of HIV/AIDS programmes, the positive impact of which is felt throughout the country. In March 2004 the Alliance was proposed to become the sole administrator of the Global Fund to fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria grant to Ukraine after it was suspended in early 2004.

During this year we have convincingly proved that the Alliance is capable of rapid and effective scale-up. Our team has doubled, our budget increased twelvefold, the number of implementing partners grown to 130 organisations, and the number of medical institutions receiving humanitarian aid in the form of medications exceeded 250! Programmes administrated by the Alliance covered every oblast of Ukraine. In six months the Alliance managed to move the programme from crisis point to one of the 10 percent most effective grants issued by the Global Fund throughout the world. This conclusion was reached in October 2004 based on the results of a due analysis of over 200 grants. In 2004 the total cost of all implemented programmes exceeded \$12,000,000.

Work done in the framework of the Alliance-managed programme Overcoming HIV/AIDS Epidemics in Ukraine led to a real breakthrough in scaling up HIV treatment programmes in Ukraine. Between August 2004, when anti-retroviral therapy was administered to 137 patients through a government-funded programme, and the end of the year, 1000 new patients started treatment financed by the Global Fund grant. Today this number exceeds 2000 patients, thus becoming an example of the most rapid ART programme scale-up in countries of the former Soviet Union.

During this year we've made another important step towards strengthening the response to the HIV/AIDS epidemic in the most affected regions of Ukraine. New approaches that reinforce community-based responses started to be implemented in the framework of the project Scaling-up the National Response to HIV/AIDS through Information and Services (SUNRISE). The Alliance has been realising this five-year project since September 2004 in partnership with the All-Ukrainian Network of People living with HIV/AIDS and Programme for Appropriate Technology in Health (PATH) with financial support from the US Agency for International Development (USAID).

In fact we've accomplished more than was planned or more than anyone could expect. Our accomplishments were made possible not only through the titanic efforts of our employees but also thanks to effective cooperation with our colleagues from the Alliance Secretariat, clear directions and support from our donors, efficient working relations with the Ministry of Health of Ukraine and governmental agencies, our key partnership with the All-Ukrainian Network of People living with HIV/AIDS, our joint work on all key tasks with leading organisations involved in HIV/AIDS work, and our cordial and emotional ties with the people for whom we work.

Many thanks to all of you,

Andriy Klepikov,
Executive Director

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ALLIANCE UKRAINE: OVERVIEW OF ACTIVITIES

The International HIV/AIDS Alliance in Ukraine (Alliance Ukraine) is an international charitable foundation established in October 2002. The Alliance Ukraine was founded by the International HIV/AIDS Alliance based in the United Kingdom as a mechanism for supporting communities in Ukraine to play a full and effective role in the country response to the HIV epidemic.

VISION, MISSION, STRATEGY

As a part of the international Alliance of organisations, Alliance Ukraine shares its joint vision, mission, values and strategic framework.

The **vision** of the International HIV/AIDS Alliance is of a world in which people do not die of AIDS. For us, this means a world where communities have brought HIV/AIDS under control by preventing the transmission of HIV, accessing and providing care and support, and alleviating the impact of the epidemic.

The International HIV/AIDS Alliance (the Alliance) builds on human rights, public health and socio-economic development approaches. Our work is underpinned by a set of shared **values**. We believe that:

The lives of all human beings are of equal value

People's vulnerability to HIV/AIDS is increased by unequal power relations. These arise, in particular, from poverty and the abuse of people's

human rights. Gender, religion, class, race, ethnicity and sexual orientation are all sources of vulnerability and unequal power in most societies.

Everyone has the right to the information and services they need

People should have access to accurate and complete information about HIV prevention, comprehensive prevention programmes, and initiatives that promote the self-determination, dignity and quality of life for people living with HIV, and

for groups who are likely to affect, or be affected by, the spread of HIV/AIDS. People have the right to access to AIDS care and treatment and appropriate health and social services, including treatment and palliative care for those with AIDS.

Our work is guided by our belief in the importance of:

- ◆ meaningfully involving all vulnerable people, particularly those living with HIV and AIDS, in all aspects of the response to the epidemic
- ◆ ensuring that communities play a central role in the response to the epidemic
- ◆ challenging stigma and discrimination
- ◆ making sure that our programming and policy efforts are driven by evidence of 'what works'
- ◆ taking a gender approach to the epidemic that acknowledges the role of both women and men in meeting the challenges of HIV/AIDS
- ◆ reducing the vulnerability of children and young people, and involving them in planning, implementing and evaluating sex education, sexual and reproductive health, HIV/AIDS prevention and care programmes
- ◆ being accountable to the people we work to support, and to those who support our work.

The International HIV/AIDS Alliance is an initiative of people, organisations and communities working towards a shared vision by supporting effective community responses to HIV and AIDS. We do this by forging partnerships, sharing knowledge, accessing financial resources, and offering technical assistance. In fulfilling our mission, we contribute towards achieving the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS of the United Nations General Assembly Special Session of June 2001 and the Millennium Development Goals.

The mission of the Alliance is to reduce the spread of HIV and to mitigate the impact of AIDS.

Our four **strategic directions** are to:

- ♦ increase coverage of effective community-focused HIV/AIDS action
- ♦ strengthen the leadership and capacity of civil society to enable it to participate effectively in national responses to HIV/AIDS
- ♦ influence the national and international policy and financial environment to enable more effective civil society responses to HIV/AIDS
- ♦ build up an alliance of national linking organizations working effectively together.

The first three of these directions are about what we do, while the fourth is about how we do it. These four strategic directions are explained below.

Strategic direction 1:

Increase coverage of effective community-focused HIV/AIDS action

Because of the magnitude of the epidemic and the need for action on a wider scale, we are committed to reaching more people, in more areas, with more comprehensive responses. We will prioritise for expansion in those countries and areas that are particularly hard hit, working with populations most likely to affect, or be

affected by, the spread of HIV/AIDS.

Positive prevention and community-driven treatment schemes are among the new areas of intervention that we plan to advance. We will pay special attention to the newest generation to be affected by AIDS, especially children orphaned by AIDS.

Strategic direction 2: Strengthen the leadership and capacity of civil society to enable it to participate effectively in national responses to HIV/AIDS

We commit to continue strengthening the leadership and capacity of civil society organisations to take action on HIV/AIDS by providing them with technical and financial resources, such as practical assistance, skills building and organisational development. As well as our core work enabling communities to take action on HIV/AIDS, we will put particular emphasis on supporting non-governmental

organisations to participate effectively in national co-ordination mechanisms. We will act as a catalyst to enable them to participate meaningfully in public-private partnerships, work with health systems to develop creative interventions for community-driven HIV/AIDS treatment, and make use of new technologies, while remaining accountable to the communities they represent.

Strategic direction 3: Influence the national and international policy and financial environment to enable more effective civil society responses to HIV/AIDS

We are well placed to link global policy institutions to the work that local organisations are carrying out across the world. The pooled experience and understanding of our organisations is an

invaluable body of knowledge. We commit to using this knowledge to shape national and international policies, creating a policy and financial environment in which community responses can thrive.

Strategic direction 4: Build up an alliance of national linking organisations working effectively together

The vision of a stronger Alliance of national linking organisations is the one we believe best fits the demands of the current response. The combination of our UK secretariat, with strong

international links, and a shared vision, mission, values and strategic framework, will ensure cross-country learning, quicker responses and economies of scale.

Alliance Ukraine key **strategic objectives** are:

- ◆ Making a significant contribution to the Ukrainian response to HIV/AIDS by supporting NGO and community-based interventions.

The Alliance Ukraine aims to make a significant contribution to the Ukrainian response to the HIV epidemic by supporting NGO and community-based interventions to reach considerable coverage in the most affected regions of the country whilst maintaining essential services in others. Known HIV prevalence, existence of reliable partners, as well as potential for substantial scale-up are used as criteria for the selection of regions.

- ◆ Scaling up focused prevention efforts in the communities affected by and most vulnerable to the epidemic including positive people, injecting drug users, sex workers and their clients, men who have sex with men, prisoners, as well as vulnerable youth;
- ◆ Contributing to the development of meaningful care and support for PLHA and those affected by the epidemic.

The Alliance Ukraine supports the development of comprehensive care and support programmes providing equal access to a variety of services by vulnerable and affected people. Services include non-clinical care and support as well as clinical care. The Alliance supports meaningful cooperation between civil society and the public healthcare system, leading to better and more equal access to high quality clinical services including antiretroviral treatment.

- ◆ Strengthening local capacities to support the development of adequate responses to HIV/AIDS.

More efforts are directed towards strengthening local NGO support capacities for provision of comprehensive high quality services at the community level and facilitating networking and experience exchange within the third sector and, where possible and appropriate, public sector. The Alliance Ukraine also contributes to supporting the public health system by strengthening the capacity of relevant institutions.

- ◆ Facilitating nationwide and international sharing of good practice and successful models.

Information and resource development and dissemination combine nationwide and regional sharing of good practices and successful models prioritising attention to developing resources for the most vulnerable communities in partnership with local AIDS-service organisations. The international dimension of the Alliance's information and resource work facilitates import as well as export of lessons in prevention and care.

- ◆ Promoting the development of HIV/AIDS policies, approaches and practice through advocacy.
- ◆ Contributing to improvements in research and evaluation capacity to ensure proper analysis and monitoring of the epidemic dynamics for an adequate response.

Over the last few years the acknowledgement and understanding of the civil society contribution to the Ukrainian response to the HIV epidemic has grown significantly with the role of NGOs and communities increasing in the areas traditionally associated with governmental structures and state-run facilities. As a result the Ukrainian NGO sector generally and the Alliance Ukraine in particular have become more involved in issues related to clinical care, which is having a positive impact on treatment preparedness and adherence, recruitment of new ART patients, ensuring equity of access to treatment and other relevant areas.

As the organisation currently providing stewardship for the implementation of *Overcoming HIV Epidemics in Ukraine*, a national programme supported by the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, the Alliance Ukraine became significantly involved in provision of technical support to government-run healthcare institutions and facilities, and, in partnership with a range of other local and international organisations, supports governmental efforts in developing comprehensive clinical care, high quality systems for procurement and supply of health products, and primary prevention work through educational establishments.

DONORS

The Alliance Ukraine relies on the support and partnership of international donor organisations contributing to the Ukrainian response to the HIV/AIDS epidemic. In 2004, the Alliance Ukraine's major financial support was provided by the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria for implementation of the national programme *Overcoming HIV/AIDS Epidemics in Ukraine*. These funds together with USAID funds for implementation of the project *Scaling-up the National Response to HIV/AIDS through Information and Services* (SUNRISE) make about 98 percent of the Alliance's financial resources. The remaining

2 percent of the Alliance Ukraine budget came from:

- ♦ Elton John AIDS Foundation;
- ♦ National AIDS Manual (NAM);
- ♦ International Council of AIDS Service Organisations (ICASO);
- ♦ United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC);
- ♦ International Harm Reduction Development Programme (IHRD);

The Alliance Ukraine deeply appreciates this financial support, as well as the important role of donor agencies in influencing national HIV/AIDS policy developments.

PROGRAMMES

In 2004, the Alliance Ukraine was directly involved in the coordination and implementation of the two largest HIV/AIDS initiatives in Ukraine. In March 2004 the Alliance assumed stewardship of the Global Fund grant to implement *Overcoming HIV/AIDS epidemics in Ukraine*, a national programme with a 2004 budget of over \$15 million. The programme relies on partnerships with the National AIDS Centre, the All-Ukrainian Network of People Living with HIV/AIDS, the International Renaissance Foundation, the Ukrainian Harm Reduction Association and over a hundred other Ukrainian and international partners.

The programme aims to substantially reinforce the national response to the epidemic. Its objective is to reduce HIV incidence and morbidity rates, and also the AIDS mortality rate in Ukraine through a complex set of interventions covering four interconnected programmatic areas:

- ♦ Treatment, care and support for people with HIV/AIDS;
- ♦ Further development and scale-up of prevention services for populations most vulnerable to HIV;
- ♦ Creation of an enabling environment through information, education and advocacy;
- ♦ Monitoring and evaluation.

Main programmatic activities include:

- ♦ Supporting the development and implementation of the regulatory system and documents for clinical care provision including diagnostic and treatment protocols;

- ♦ Development of systems for procurement and supply of health products;
- ♦ Procurement of ARVs, other medicines and medical equipment and supplies for HIV/AIDS treatment and clinical monitoring;
- ♦ Training of medical professionals and other specialists involved in treatment, care and support provision;
- ♦ Supporting the self-help movement of people living with HIV, home-based care and psychosocial support programmes;
- ♦ Development and provision of prevention services for communities vulnerable to HIV;
- ♦ Facilitating better coordination between various aspects of the national and local response to the epidemic;
- ♦ Supporting productive political dialogue and the concerted efforts of different sectors contributing to the response to the epidemic;
- ♦ Supporting effective use of mass media in the response to the epidemic;
- ♦ Development, production and distribution of IEC materials at the national and local level;
- ♦ Development of appropriate technologies in the national education system;
- ♦ Supporting necessary improvements to the national epidemiological surveillance system;
- ♦ Supporting local research required for better understanding of epidemiological tendencies.

The second largest programme of the Alliance Ukraine is *Scaling-up the National Response to HIV/AIDS through Information and Services* (SUNRISE). SUNRISE is a project funded by USAID to

scale-up prevention interventions among population groups most vulnerable to HIV/AIDS. The \$8.2 million project is implemented in a consortium with the All-Ukrainian Network of People Living with HIV/AIDS and Programme for Appropriate Technology in Health (PATH). The project started in September 2004 and is designed to run for five years.

The goal of SUNRISE is to substantially decrease HIV transmission among and from vulnerable and affected communities by significantly increasing access to and use of high quality prevention, care, information and services among these populations in selected regions of Ukraine. This goal will be achieved by working towards four key objectives:

- ◆ To reach at least 60 percent of high-risk populations with effective, high quality information and services to prevent parenteral and sexual transmission of HIV in strategically selected sites;
- ◆ To increase the accessibility of high quality care and support, information and services for people living with HIV/AIDS and other populations affected by the epidemic;
- ◆ To strengthen the prevention-care continuum, with particular focus on improving the quality and reach of voluntary counselling and testing (VCT) services;
- ◆ To strengthen the ability of local organisations and communities to collaboratively analyse, plan, deliver, monitor, and evaluate newly introduced information and services.

The geographical focus of the project is the eight oblasts most affected by the HIV/AIDS epidemic, with immediate and intensive scale-up of interventions in Dnipropetrovsk, Donetsk, Kyiv, Mykolaiv, Odesa oblasts and Crimea, and phased scale-up in Kherson and Cherkasy oblasts. The project anticipates providing an estimated 150,000 injecting drug users and 15,000 sex workers with prevention services and information, while at least 40,000 positive people are expected to access quality care and support.

In 2004 the Alliance Ukraine also implemented several other projects and programmes. Among them is the final phase of the three-year international technical assistance project *NGO Support and Resource Development for HIV/AIDS Prevention in Ukraine*, financed by USAID and completed in March 2004. The project supported community action against HIV/AIDS, prioritising support to reduce HIV infection in the population groups most vulnerable to the virus, development of

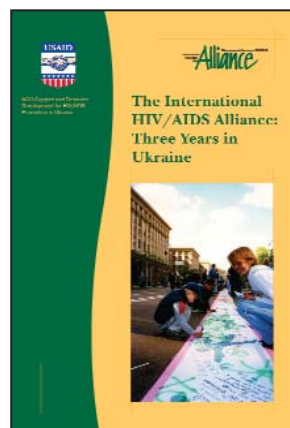
community support for people with HIV and those close to them, reducing the stigmatisation of, and improving services for, people with HIV and groups most vulnerable to HIV, and identifying, sharing and replicating best practice in effective community action.

Another project supported a 12-month bursary programme for Ukrainian NGOs. Financially supported by the Elton John AIDS Foundation and the National AIDS Manual (UK), the project assisted the exchange of information and experience between NGOs and promoted skills-building in a variety of areas.

The six-month ICASO-funded project *In-country Monitoring and Evaluation of the Implementation of the UNGASS Declaration of Commitment* surveyed Ukrainian civil society organisations regarding work towards fulfilling the commitments expressed in the Declaration: access to treatment, participation of the third sector in declaration monitoring, participation of the state (e.g. state expenditures on HIV/AIDS), rights of PLHA and vulnerable communities.

The training workshop *Motivational interviewing (MI) of people using injecting drugs and psychosocial support to people living with HIV* was organised and conducted jointly with AIDS Foundation East-West in January 2004 with financial support from UNODC.

The *Regional Harm Reduction Information Service* project was an IHRD/OSI NY funded two-year project (started in April 2003). The Information Service facilitates the exchange of best practice, experience and resources between projects working on the reduction of drug-related harm in the



Report on three years of activity in Ukraine within the project *NGO Support and Resource Development for HIV/AIDS Prevention in Ukraine*

region and promotes effective approaches to HIV prevention among injecting drug users.

The Alliance Ukraine was also involved in the *Code of Good Practice for NGOs Responding to HIV/AIDS* initiative, particularly in adapting and piloting the code in the region. The code consists of a number of working recommendations for AIDS-service NGOs, including a series of principles acknowledged as world-wide best practice.

In 2004, the Alliance Ukraine increased attention to strengthening the responses to HIV at oblast level. These efforts were supported by USAID, which provided funding for coordination of HIV/AIDS work at the oblast level as well as engagement of new types of partner organisations in local level prevention and care work. Through a targeted small grants programme the Alliance Ukraine is establishing cooperation with faith based and youth organisations that have access to large



The Code of good practice for NGOs responding to HIV/AIDS was launched in 2004

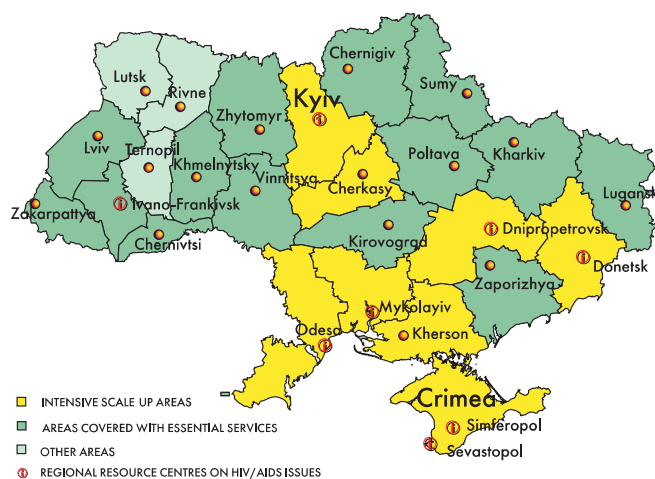
population groups and significant human resources throughout the selected priority regions of Ukraine.

GEOGRAPHICAL FOCUS OF ACTIVITIES

A range of Alliance Ukraine activities influence nationwide approaches to HIV/AIDS work. Nevertheless, the lack of resources available for provision of community-based as well as public health services and other factors such as the level of infrastructure development lead to certain restrictions. In order to achieve maximum impact on the epidemic the Alliance Ukraine adopts a focused approach in the selection of geographical areas of work. A variety of factors is taken into account to define the exact composition of the package of services that is made available in each of the geographical regions. These include the epidemiolog-

ical situation, available funding, preparedness of clinical and other involved facilities in terms of the level of infrastructure development, as well as human and other necessary resources, level and potential of cross-sectoral collaboration and conduciveness of the local policy environment.

Regions selected for intensive scale-up of HIV/AIDS prevention and care services are the city of Kyiv, Cherkasy, Donetsk, Dnipropetrovsk, Kherson, Mykolayiv, and Odesa oblasts and Crimea. Whilst focusing most efforts in those eight most affected regions of the country the Alliance is committed to supporting provision of essential prevention and care services in other vulnerable, lower-prevalence oblasts. Interventions in these less affected areas are similar to those in the intensive focus regions but may not include the complete set of comprehensive interventions. Rather interventions are selected based on the needs, opportunities and commitment for working in those oblasts.



Alliance Ukraine-supported programmes in the regions of Ukraine

PROGRAMMATIC ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2004

The Alliance Ukraine worked industriously in 2004 and is proud to present some of the achievements that show the wide array of its programmatic efforts.

As a mark of recognition of the success of the Alliance and its partners, the Global Fund grant for implementation of the programme *Overcoming HIV/AIDS epidemics in Ukraine* was placed among the top 10 percent best performing grants out of more than 200 worldwide, according to an independent analysis of Global Fund grant recipients by the Global Fund Observer in October 2004.

There is good reason for such an accolade. In 2004, the Alliance achieved the following:

- ◆ 1052 HIV-positive people (937 adults and 115 children) were enrolled in antiretroviral treatment, the first widespread ART programme in Ukraine;
- ◆ Multidisciplinary antiretroviral treatment teams have been comprehensively trained to provide a range of clinical services to people living with HIV/AIDS in the six worst affected regions of Ukraine;
- ◆ People living with HIV/AIDS gained access to care and support services through a network of local AIDS-service organisations;
- ◆ There was a considerable scale-up of HIV prevention services;
- ◆ About 23 million Ukrainians have been reached with Behaviour Change Communications, Information and Education messages through the media;
- ◆ About 130 Ukrainian and international organisations were involved in Alliance-led programmes;
- ◆ More than 200 grants and contracts have been issued to support the coordinated activities of Alliance partners both at national and site level;
- ◆ An efficient and transparent procurement and supply system has been established and operates in line with international standards;
- ◆ Programmatic activities were systematically coordinated with other key technical support providers, such as USAID, EC, DfID, UNAIDS and others;
- ◆ In 2004, the Alliance Ukraine committed to its partners and contractors more than \$9 million;
- ◆ Unified methodologies for collecting information on national indicators were developed (under the coordination of UNAIDS) and an advanced system of programmatic monitoring and evaluation created;
- ◆ An M&E system and plan especially designed by the Alliance Ukraine for the National Programme has been acknowledged by the Global Fund as a model for similar programmes around the world;
- ◆ As primary recipient and implementer of all mentioned programmes and projects, the Alliance Ukraine was in a leading position to support the consolidation of stakeholders and involve them in decision-making through regular Stakeholders Meetings, tender/proposal review committees, and by making the work plan available for wide discussion.

The Alliance activities made up a significant part of the country response to the HIV/AIDS epidemic in 2004, contributing to over 70 percent of activities included in the Ukrainian National HIV/AIDS Prevention, Treatment and Support Programme. This programme was the joint effort of the Government and other stakeholders to establish a coordinated plan for the national response to the HIV/AIDS epidemic. In 2004 the Alliance contributed 27 of the 36 activities of the National HIV/AIDS prevention programme 2004-2008, including (aside from those activities already mentioned):

- ◆ Monitoring the implementation of HIV/AIDS legislation;
- ◆ Development of information and education programmes to prevent the spread of HIV at the workplace and educational institutions;
- ◆ Advocacy for PLHA rights as well as introduction of substitution therapy in Ukraine;
- ◆ Contribution by the information and resource centres at oblast level to the provision of Behavioural Change Communication information;
- ◆ Support of the surveillance and clinical care activities of the National AIDS Centre and eight oblast AIDS Centres.

TREATMENT, CARE AND SUPPORT

One of the most considerable advancements made by the Alliance Ukraine and its partners in the sphere of providing ARV treatment to people living with HIV/AIDS was the comprehensive package of care and support services made available.

Scaling-up ARV treatment

Within the framework of the programme *Overcoming HIV/AIDS epidemics in Ukraine* the Alliance Ukraine donated a consignment of anti-retroviral medications to the Ukrainian AIDS Prevention Centre in order to prevent the threat of treatment interruption for patients treated by the AIDS-section of the Gromashevskiy Institute of Epidemiology and Infectious Diseases (Kyiv, Ukraine).

In the summer a consignment of ARVs for 2,100 HIV-positive patients, including 100 children, arrived in Ukraine and an extra 55 yearly ARV courses for children were purchased within the existing budget to satisfy the growing demand for ART for children. Medicines have been supplied to six priority oblasts, namely: Crimea, Odesa, Mykolayiv, Dnipropetrovsk and Donetsk oblasts and the city of Kyiv.

In autumn 2004 the Alliance, with the support of its partners, arranged for the supply and distribution to priority regions of medications essential for management of opportunistic infections, medicines for prevention of mother-to-child transmission, drugs for post-exposure prophylaxis, flow-cytometer equipment for monitoring CD4 and CD8 counts, reagents and test kits for CD4 testing. Medicines for substitution therapy have been ordered and supply management arrangements made. The Alliance Ukraine has procured 2000 courses of Zidovudine (AZT) for prevention of mother-to-child transmission (PMTCT) for HIV-positive pregnant women, seven-day AZT courses for prophylaxis for 2000 children, and 200 28-day AZT courses for children. Also 500 28-day courses of

Combivir (AZT+3TC) for post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP) have been procured. By the end of 2004, 238 HIV-positive pregnant women and 124 children born to them had received ARV medicines for PMTCT purposes, and 18 patients received PEP.

For the treatment of opportunistic infections (OIs), the Alliance Ukraine procured and distributed 1 425 courses of OI drugs. Procured drugs included medicines for treatment of the most common infections such as herpes zoster and herpes simplex, cytomegalovirus infection, systematic candidomycosis, cryptococcal meningitis, toxoplasmosis, bacterial infections (sepsis, pneumonia), and atypical mycobacteriosis.



▶ Long-awaited ARV drugs arrive in Ukraine

Since recruitment of patients to the ART programme was slow, the Alliance started a series of press-club sessions. The sessions highlighted the message of availability of anti-retroviral therapy in priority regions of Ukraine. This resulted in wide media coverage of new treatment opportunities and, as a result, more people coming forward for treatment. The All-Ukrainian Network of People Living with HIV/AIDS together with its partner organisations providing services at the local level promoted treatment opportunities among its members and supported and referred a number of people for ART. A total of 937 adults and 115 children with HIV/AIDS were enrolled in highly active antiretroviral therapy (HAART) by the end of 2004.

Progress with introduction of substitution therapy

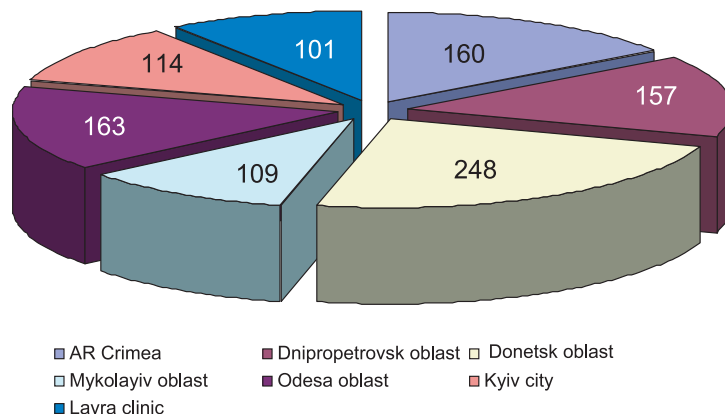
One of the most challenging tasks for the programme in 2004 was to launch substitution therapy in Ukraine. Key milestones in 2004 included signing on October 15, 2004 of an

Quote:

Sergiy, a sailor from Odesa:

«Before I started ART I was feeling so bad I couldn't even dream of going to sea again. After two months of therapy (thank God it became available!), I feel much better and hope to go back to my favourite job onboard ship within the next couple of months...»

Total Number of Patients on ART, persons

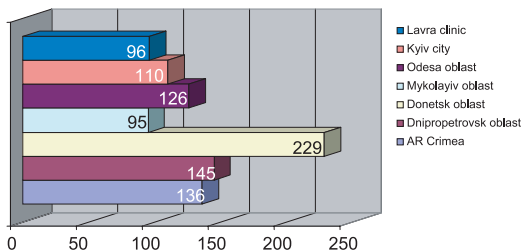


Amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding between the Alliance and the Ministry of Health of Ukraine that approved the scheme and supply procedure as well as specifications for ST drugs (buprenorphine), and signing of a contract between the Alliance's

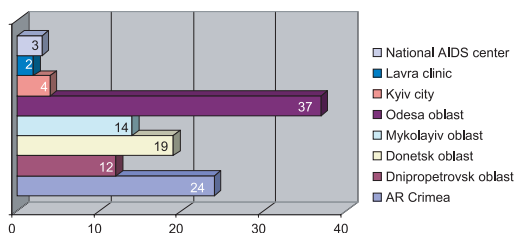
Multidisciplinary team trainings

The Alliance Ukraine put significant efforts into building the capacity of the Ukrainian health-care system in order for it to take a lead in ART in the future. In cooperation with the Regional Knowledge Hub for the Care and Treatment of HIV/AIDS in Eurasia, and AIDS Foundation East-West, the programme conducted training courses for 20 multidisciplinary teams that consisted of 40 medical and 20 social workers. The main training topics were: Introduction to ART for Adults and Adolescents; Clinical Practice of ART Provision to Adults and Adolescents on the Basis of Regional AIDS Centres; Paediatric ART etc. Six head physicians of regional AIDS Centres actively participated in training programmes.

Adult Patients on ART, persons



Child Patients on ART, persons



partner, Programme for Appropriate Technologies on Health (PATH), and Rusan Pharma (Mumbai, India), for the purchase and supply of buprenorphine for the implementation of substitution therapy.

Contribution to unification of ARV treatment standards

The Alliance Ukraine has introduced an innovative approach for ART in NIS countries. In order to bring ARV treatment in line with unified standards, the programme, jointly with the Ukrainian AIDS Centre and the Ministry of Health, has designed and published four national clinical protocols on:

- ◆ ARV treatment for adults and adolescents;
- ◆ ARV treatment for children;
- ◆ Management of opportunistic infections in patients with HIV/AIDS;
- ◆ Method guidance on laboratory monitoring of HIV infection and ARV therapy.

The programme plans to continue publication of a further four protocols (Treatment and care of drug users; HIV testing and counselling; Treatment for pregnant and post-natal women; Palliative care) that were designed in 2004.

Non-clinical Care and Support

Treatment-related activities were supported by a set of care and support activities. A large proportion were implemented by the All-Ukrainian Network of PLHA. In order to optimise this work the programme provided technical assistance to the Network to help them establish a Grant Management Department, which allowed the Network to take over a number of activities in regions through sub-granting to local NGOs. With financial support and technical assistance from the Alliance Ukraine and the Network, care and support activities have been implemented by regional NGOs in close cooperation with regional AIDS Centres and other relevant governmental and non-governmental organisations.

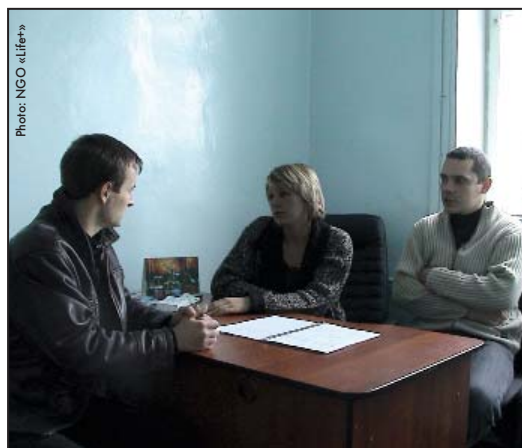
The programme provided a comprehensive set of services through Alliance and Network activities. Among others, the Alliance Ukraine supported eight operating projects of treatment adherence; four projects in prevention of mother to child HIV transmission; five rehabilitation programmes for HIV-positive drug users; and the establishment of a national HIV/AIDS hotline. As the main programmatic partner in the area of care and support, the Network developed projects in the following areas: self-help movement development; home-based care and support; psychosocial counselling and therapy, leisure and club activities, vocational orientation and training, volunteer movement; care and support in prisons; social entrepreneurship organised by people living with HIV/AIDS. The interactive nature of these projects allowed for the identification of specific needs arising in communities in the new, more encouraging environment influenced by increasing availability of ART and rehabilitation services for HIV-positive drug users. It has also let the programme address identified needs through innovative models of care and support. Networking of services – from prevention and peer counselling to medical treatment – facilitates the provision of physical and emotional support for people living with HIV/AIDS helping to postpone the need for ART, and ensures maximum provision of information and support in order to help those with the complex issues of living with ART when the time comes.

The hotline project deserves special mention. The lack of information and limited access to psychosocial counselling and support has been addressed through creation of a free National HIV/AIDS Hotline operating for all regions of the country seven days a week, 24 hours a day.

Hotline services and counselling are also available to medical professionals and mass media representatives.

Non-clinical Care and Support in the framework of the SUNRISE project

As a means to support other care initiatives of the Alliance, the SUNRISE project addressed the need for mobilisation and self-organisation of PLHA. To implement interventions under this initiative, a grant 'Creation of Initiative Groups and Self-Help Groups' was provided to the Network of PLHA in December 2004. In addition to this initiative, PATH will contribute to strengthen the prevention-care continuum, with a particular focus on improving the quality and reach of voluntary counselling and testing services.



Social workers from ART adherence projects provide individual and group counselling

Some figures

By the end of 2004, astonishing progress in managing the HIV/AIDS epidemic in the country had been achieved. More than 5000 people in 12 regions of Ukraine living with HIV/AIDS were reached with care and support services. About 82 percent of people on ART became regular clients of projects providing medico-social and psychosocial support of ART, projects that were jointly implemented by NGOs and AIDS Centres/clinics in six regions and on the national level in Lavra clinic (Kyiv, Ukraine). More than 300 new jobs were created by care and support projects and about 60 percent of them are occupied by PLHA who were trained through the project and thus gained the possibility both to improve their lives and to contribute to fighting the epidemic.

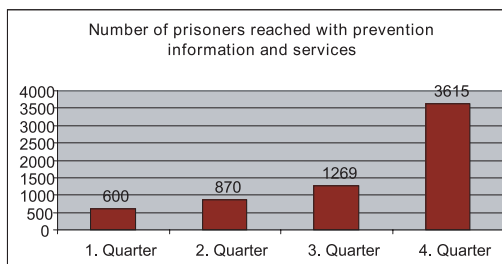
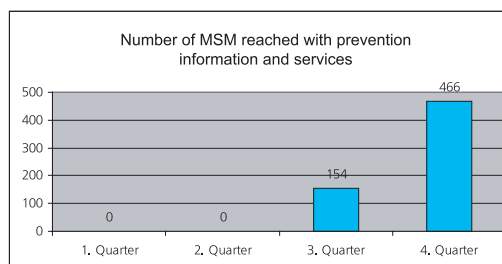
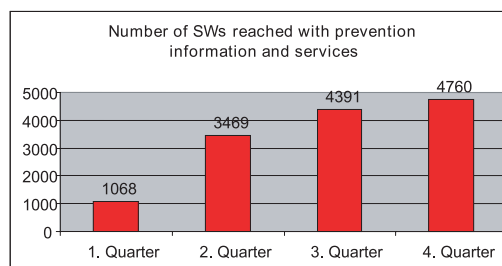
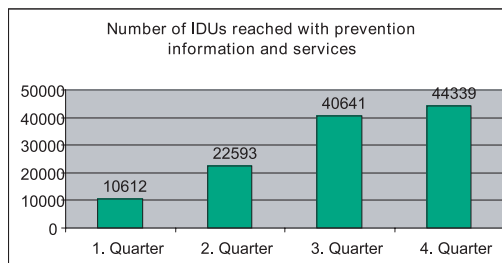
FOCUSED PREVENTION

Scaling-up service provision to people most affected by the epidemic

Focused prevention activities expanded significantly over the year, with 47 projects providing services to vulnerable populations including injecting drug users (IDU), sex workers (SW), men having sex with men (MSM), and prisoners. The range of services provided to project clients includes provision of condoms, disinfectants, necessary medicines, needle exchange, medical counselling, psychological support, legal counselling, provision of information through educational materials and referral of project clients to relevant medical services. Overall, 44,339 IDUs, 4760 SW, 3615 prisoners and 466 MSM were reached with the listed services. A particular success of 2004 was the considerable expansion of prevention activities in prisons: by the end of the year seven prevention projects operated in penitentiary institutions. These projects were supported both by direct granting of local NGOs by the Alliance Ukraine, and through the programme's strategic partners, the International Renaissance Foundation and the Ukrainian Harm Reduction Association.

Igor, volunteer, NGO The Way Home (Ilyichevsk)

Igor has been using drugs for 20 years. He came to The Way Home for the first time at the end of March 2004 and became a permanent client as a highly addicted person who had just left prison. He visited the needle exchange point more than ten times a month. The project psychologist started working with Igor to raise his self-esteem and promote controlled drug use. After counselling with social workers and the psychologist Igor started cutting down the dose and frequency of use. In July, he found a temporary job as a repairman. Because of health problems, he could not keep at the job for long but while he was working, he was so efficient and creative that he received more orders. Since August Igor has been working as a volunteer for The Way Home. He reduced his drug dose to 2 ml per day and gave up dimedrol use; then in September he gave up drugs completely. Igor is now determined to return to normal life and continue his participation in the project.

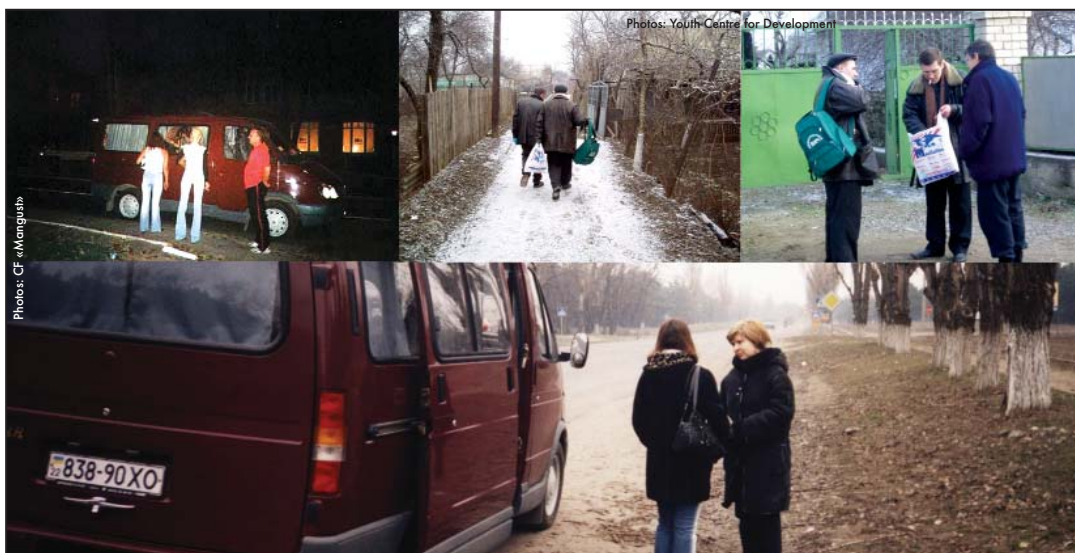


Tania, 20, Social worker, NGO Unitus (Mikolayiv)

Until Tania was five years old, her life was happy. Then everything changed; when her younger brother was still a baby her father went to sea and did not return. Her mother became addicted to alcohol; she even wanted to sell her daughter for a bottle of homemade vodka. Her mother and her new husband forced Tania to give up school and to wash their clothes, clean house and earn money for alcohol. She had to steal; otherwise, they beat her.

When Tania grew up she got married, became pregnant and gave birth to a girl. Her husband wanted to send her daughter to a children's home but Tania wouldn't allow it. Instead, she left her husband. It was a very hard moment in her life; she was without a job and had to take care of her little daughter and her brother. She was only seventeen when she started selling sex in order to provide for her family.

Then Tania met a woman who offered her work at the NGO Unitus. She agreed and now she is a social worker and one of the most experienced staff members of Unitus' project aimed at HIV/STI prevention among sex workers. Tania is a great asset to the project because of her good communication skills and desire to change the life of other women who are in very hard circumstances.



▶ Outreach work with IDUs and sex workers is an important part of prevention activities

Alexander, 26, HIV-positive, activist of the volunteer movement in penitentiary institution # 53 run by NGO Blagodiynist (Mykolayiv)

Alexander had been using drugs for a long time and served three prison terms for theft and drug possession. While in prison, he started attending the volunteer group organised by psychologists from the NGO Blagodiynist as part of an HIV prevention project among prisoners. Soon Alexander was convinced of the importance of the volunteer movement and became actively involved in information activities, discussing the volunteer meetings with other prisoners and distributing brochures and condoms in his prison ward. When the idea of creating a self-help group arose, he became one of the group leaders.

Alexander was released in May 2004. He now regularly visits NGO Chas Zhittyia, a self-help group for people living with HIV, and is an active volunteer for Blagodiynist. Alexander isn't using drugs at the moment; he's more concerned with family life and wants to find a job and support his parents.

Training programme

Considerable resources and efforts have been invested in the organisational development of partner civil organisations that implement prevention projects. Fifteen training sessions have been conducted by the Alliance Ukraine and its strategic partners: the International Renaissance Foundation, the British Council, and the South Ukrainian Training Centre. The training programme covered the most needed topics, such as Project monitoring and evaluation and data collection; Organising efficient prevention programmes for sex workers; Pre- and post-test counselling; Advocating for the rights of vulnerable populations; and Participatory community assessment methodology. More than 350 local NGO professionals were trained during the course of the programme.



Photos: CF «Blagodiynist»

Volunteers (from among inmates of Olshanka penitentiary institution # 53) participate in trainings and events dedicated to World AIDS Day (NGO Blagodiynist, Mykolaiv)

NGO Step by step (Kyiv)

Peter Losev, senior social worker, NGO Step by Step, visited Odesa-based organisation The Way Home on October 26–29 in the framework of the study-tour programme. After the visit, Peter brought some helpful ideas back to Step by Step. He introduced new forms of materials distribution and reporting forms for outreach workers. The NGO has started a monthly analysis of numbers of project clients. Step by Step started providing medical and legal counselling at stationary needle exchange points and disinfectants as a part of the service package. As another example, Peter and his colleagues started sending BCC messages using syringe packages: they stamped messages like 'use new syringes' or 'free of charge exchange of syringes' and handed them to their clients. After a visit to Mykolayiv NGO Blagodiynist, the Step by Step harm reduction project psychologist Ilona Rekunova introduced in her work an initiative aimed at preventing burn-out among project staff. The programme included individual counselling of project staff to check their emotional and psychological condition, psychosocial testing of each activist, and individual supervision to ensure recovering emotional balance and preventing burn-out of outreach workers.

Best practices exchanges

Working in harsh conditions, third sector organisations find many innovative approaches and ways of working that make the provision of services more effective. To support the creativity of NGO activists and facilitate the exchange of experience and best practices among local NGOs, the Alliance Ukraine facilitated a study tours programme. Twenty-six professionals from AIDS-service NGOs got the chance to meet their colleagues and learn about new developments from other civic organisations in Ukraine.



Photo: Alliance

▶ Participatory site assessment session in Donetsk

Participatory Site Assessments within the framework of the SUNRISE project

At the start-up period of the SUNRISE project the main prevention activity was Participatory Site Assessments (PSA), a combination of in-depth needs assessment and planning process. PSA constitutes the first project intervention aimed at mobilising vulnerable communities for the response to the HIV epidemic and developing site intervention strategies. The PSA results are to be used to appropriately develop prevention information and services delivery and optimise existing activities for maximum effectiveness of focused prevention at site level.

INFORMATION, EDUCATION AND ADVOCACY

The aim of the Information, Education and Advocacy (IEA) component of the Alliance Ukraine is to increase the capacity of local governmental, non-governmental and community organisations to respond effectively to the HIV epidemic by supporting an enabling environment through development and dissemination of information, introducing new education techniques, and advocacy.

Secondary Education Initiatives

One of the most important directions of information and education work in the framework of the national programme *Overcoming HIV/AIDS epidemics in Ukraine* is HIV prevention among children and youth in the formal education system with the engagement of education professionals and in cooperation with the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine (MoES). One of the crucial documents regulating these activities is a Memorandum of Understanding and Cooperation with the MoES signed in June 2004. It established coordination of programmatic activities with the MoES and with other key international and local institutions. The Alliance Ukraine with MoES cooperation supported eight projects covering all stages of the education process essential for shaping safe behaviour among children and youth. As part of these projects, six trainings and workshops were conducted to ensure introduction of the new Basics of health subject into the secondary school curriculum.

Regional Resource Centres on HIV/AIDS Issues

As one of the most important activities to achieve programme tasks, the Alliance Ukraine

opened Regional Resource Centres on HIV/AIDS Issues (RCs) in seven regions of Ukraine – Donetsk, Dnipropetrovsk, Ivano-Frankivsk, Kyiv, Mykolaiv, Odesa, Simferopol and Sevastopol (both in Crimea). The main goal of the RCs is supporting an enabling environment for HIV prevention work and shaping tolerant attitudes to PLHA by means of information and education activities at the regional level. The RCs supported information and advocacy campaigns and educational programmes on HIV/AIDS issues in their regions and conducted skills building and discussion sessions for different target groups, such as educational specialists, journalists, and staff from AIDS-service organisations. The centres did their best to make HIV services more accessible and effective, unite regional NGOs and contribute to the process of experience exchange, and develop links between different segments of society, such as state bodies, civil



Photo: «Securum XXI»

▶ The Resource Centre is a source of HIV/AIDS-related information

organisations, mass media, business, and key populations.

Publications

The Alliance Ukraine produced fifteen new publications in 2004, among them:

- ◆ HIV/AIDS and the Media
- ◆ The Alliance Newsletter HIV/AIDS News
- ◆ Policy and Advocacy Update (HIV/AIDS News: Policy and Advocacy)
- ◆ Substitution Therapy: Analytical Review – Policy Briefing on substitution therapy
- ◆ Booklets from the Series for Positive People: Recently Diagnosed and Adherence to ARV-therapy

The Alliance has also supported production of periodical and one-off publications tailored to different audiences. These publications were published by AIDS-service NGOs to help sectors of the public understand the extent of the HIV/AIDS problem and how to prevent HIV transmission. The publications provided people living with HIV/AIDS with comprehensive information on ART and other important issues. They also addressed the need to further promote tolerant attitudes towards HIV-positive people in society. About 23 million people have been reached by the Alliance Ukraine with IEC and BCC messages.

Public events

The Alliance Ukraine organised public events in the course of programme implementation. One of the most visible events included the pop concert A Healthy Lifestyle Is Trendy, which took place on European Square in the centre of Kyiv on September 19, 2004. Leading musicians and celebrity performers took part in this concert, attended by over 25,000 young people. Volunteers distributed about 15,000 information booklets and 15,000 condoms. The main messages of the concert were to encourage

young people to become more responsible in caring about their health and the health of those close to them, and to be tolerant towards people living with HIV.

Among other visible events in 2004 were two All-Ukrainian public campaigns dedicated to AIDS Memorial Day (May, 2004) and World AIDS Day (December, 2004), organized by the PLHA Network and supported by the Alliance Ukraine. Within the framework of these campaigns a range of press conferences, concerts and performances, information fairs, meetings with youth, exhibitions and visits to AIDS Centres, orphanages and hospitals took place in more than 27 cities and towns of Ukraine.

National mass media campaign on solidarity with PLHA

On December 1, 2004, a National Mass Media Campaign was launched in Ukraine. The Alliance Ukraine was one of the agencies funding this campaign aimed at reducing stigma and discrimination and encouraging solidarity with PLHA. The campaign included a series of video and audio public service announcements as well as various printed materials, and covered the whole country with particular focus on the most affected regions. The Alliance provided three grants to support the campaigns:

- ◆ implementation of the campaign on solidarity and a tolerant attitude towards PLHA (AIDS Foundation East-West);

Magazine WHAT'S ON KYIV (May 2004)

'This memorial event included speeches by representatives of the main organizations working to battle the HIV/AIDS problem in Ukraine, including the International HIV/AIDS Alliance... and many others. The slogan of this year's event was 'Love, Remember, Live'



▶ Alliance Ukraine information materials



Public events to promote a tolerant attitude to HIV-positive people in society

- ♦ issuing an analytical bulletin for mass media (Eastern European Development Institute);
- ♦ holding a national competition on HIV/AIDS issues among print and electronic mass media, journalists and non-professionals (CF Intellectual Perspective).

Advocacy

The Alliance and its partners dedicated much effort to creating a system of gathering information on the human rights situation of PLHA and vulnerable groups. In particular, an initiative Alternative Information (AI) Collection was conducted by the PLHA Network and its 16 regional offices with financial and technical support from the Alliance Ukraine. Over 700 people living with HIV/AIDS in 15 regions of Ukraine were interviewed within the framework of the AI collection. The survey provided evidence of the considerable difference in 'official information' and its findings. It demonstrated the low awareness level of people living with HIV/AIDS about their rights and widespread violations of rights of PLHA. The AI results were published in a Policy Briefing (issue #2) and disseminated among stakeholders and decision-makers.

The Alliance informed decision-makers about problems related to HIV/AIDS and suggested their possible solutions. In order to expand this work in the regions, six small grants on advocacy for the rights of groups vulnerable to HIV were provided to regional NGOs. The grants were used to implement advocacy projects for the rights of HIV-positive children, substitution therapy, medical services provision for female sex workers, cooperation with the Drug Enforcement Agency on harm reduction issues, and implementation of regional programmes on HIV/AIDS etc. One grant was provided for a national project on protection of rights and interests of people with HIV.



Solidarity campaign promoting inclusion of HIV-positive people in society

Tamila, 19

Tamila, 19, was admitted to a psychiatric clinic after an unsuccessful suicide attempt. The ambulance doctors who brought her to the hospital found out she was HIV-positive and revealed her status to clinic doctors, who treated her very aggressively, beating her in the resuscitation unit. When NGO Light of Hope (Poltava) heard about this, they acted quickly. Its activists met with the head of the medical department and after an appeal, an investigation into the case was initiated. As the result of the investigation the nurse who violated Tamila's rights was fined according to Ukrainian legislation. NGO activists also recorded a TV programme 'Openly speaking about...' dedicated to Tamila's case which was broadcast in Poltavaska oblast, and prepared an article that was published in the Alliance's Policy and Advocacy Update. Light of Hope activists helped Tamila place her son in kindergarten after he was refused a place because his mother was HIV-positive.

MONITORING AND EVALUATION

In order to determine the comprehensiveness, coverage and quality of the national response to the HIV/AIDS epidemic, the Alliance Ukraine created its Monitoring and Evaluation department. The department's task is to provide assistance to the development of the national monitoring and evaluation system, and create an M&E system to trace the programmatic development.

National monitoring and evaluation system

In 2004, estimation of the scale of the epidemic and assessment of related behavioural trends were the key tasks. In particular, the Alliance supported routine epidemiologic surveillance, second generation surveillance and behavioural and sociological research. Within the framework of routine epidemiologic surveillance, new recording and reporting forms for registration of HIV/AIDS cases were developed by experts of the Ukrainian AIDS centre. To provide a smooth and fast flow of information, software was developed, equipment purchased and specialists trained in each regional AIDS centre. In addition, the Alliance Ukraine supported second generation surveillance among high risk populations in eight regions. Surveillance results provided information about development of the epidemics among injecting drug users, sex workers, men having sex with men and patients of STI clinics both in highly affected and less affected regions, and therefore permitted the establishment of a baseline for future impact evaluation of HIV/AIDS prevention programmes in Ukraine.

A range of sociological surveys to provide information on national indicators for M&E was supported by the Alliance Ukraine in 2004. An expert group coordinated by UNAIDS was created in order to generalise previous experience and

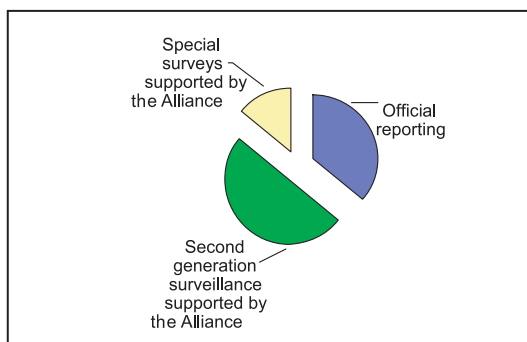
develop standardised methodology and tools for gathering sociological data on national indicators. Behavioural surveys of youth, IDUs, SWs, MSM, prisoners and military personnel as well as surveys on HIV education programme coverage in education establishments and at the workplace were conducted. In order to provide consistency of information, method guidance for data collection was developed and approved. Seven surveys were conducted and the data for 18 out of 28 indicators (diagram) were collected with the support of the Alliance, thus contributing to the preparation of the UNGASS report. Moreover, the surveys provided baseline data for behavioural monitoring in the framework of second-generation surveillance.

Programmatic M&E system

The programmatic M&E system was created to monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of activities carried out by the Alliance Ukraine and its grantees in all programme directions. Its main goal was to identify how the activities of the project contribute to overall intended results, objectives and goals. The programme performance evaluation helped the management to adjust project implementation.

The M&E system was set up in accordance with the Monitoring and Evaluation Toolkit: HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria developed as a result of collaboration between WHO, UNAIDS, the Global Fund, USAID, US Department of State, US Department of Health and Human Services, CDC, UNICEF and the World Bank. For monitoring and reporting purposes, the activities carried out by the Alliance and its sub-grantees were structured in accordance with four main objectives (treatment, prevention, care and support, and supportive environment) with a list of coverage indicators measuring the number of people reached, service points supported and people trained within each of them. The Alliance's progress achievements are recorded quarterly for each indicator on the basis of the sub-grantees' reports. Results are compared with corresponding targets in order to adjust the overall performance accordingly.

Throughout the year, the accuracy of data obtained from Alliance grantees was checked during monitoring visits. Moreover, grantees are required to provide backup documentation. The presence of all necessary documentation, as well as monitoring visits to grantees by representatives



Contribution to the national report by indicators data

of the Global Fund Local Agent enabled the Alliance itself to pass quarterly report reviews and obtain further disbursements.

The Alliance's achievements in the sphere of monitoring and evaluation can to a great extent be attributed to close collaboration between all interested stakeholders. In the future, we plan to

continue development of the national M&E system and assist in the creation of a unified system of programmatic monitoring and evaluation nationwide in order to synchronise this process with other donor-financed organisations and encourage results-driven performance.

NGO SUPPORT

Development of the capacity of non-governmental organisations, and involving communities and vulnerable groups in the response to the HIV/AIDS epidemic is one of the key activities of the Alliance in fulfilling its mission to reduce the spread of HIV and mitigate the impact of AIDS. The mission, in particular, is based on the belief that concerted efforts of all stakeholders is crucial to achieving the impact of prevention and care efforts, and that local NGOs and CBOs have a key role to play. This means that NGOs/CBOs are seen by the Alliance Ukraine as competent and worthy partners in the sharing of leadership and responsibilities, possessing a combination of knowledge, skills, experience, and commitment that will strengthen their resolve to manage their financial and human resources and their outreach endeavours more effectively and efficiently.

The Alliance has a variety of partners in Ukraine that play a key role in its mission – small local NGOs/CBOs, large international foundations, government agencies, medical institutions, research institutes, nationwide NGOs and organisations that act as intermediaries and share sub-granting activities.

Technical Assistance

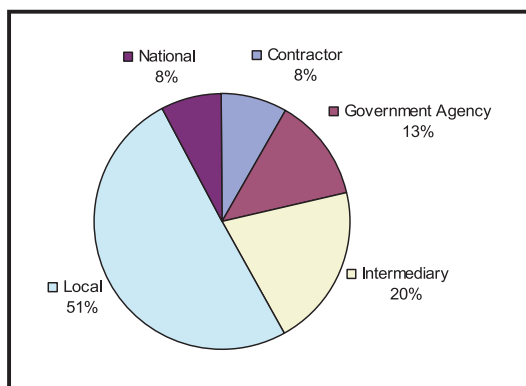
All the above partners have different capacities and therefore different technical assistance needs. Capacity is seen as a function of many different factors: individual capabilities, ways of

organising, cultural norms and physical assets, which all combine to enable an organisation to work towards its mission. However, the availability of physical assets may contribute little to capacity beyond what is needed for the scope and scale of the mission, especially if used poorly. Therefore, the Alliance Ukraine paid particular attention to providing technical assistance on improving organisational, programmatic and managerial capacities of its implementing partners besides providing funding for project activities. Technical assistance was delivered in a variety of ways and by using different approaches to be relevant for both large and small NGOs.

Generally, there were several areas of capacity important for delivering and supporting responses to HIV/AIDS that the Alliance Ukraine addressed through its technical assistance:

- ◆ organisational strength has long been recognised as important for the sustainability and efficacy of an organisation's work;
- ◆ HIV/AIDS technical capacity – past achievements and a historical track of successes polish an NGO into an organisation that is able to refresh its methods and approaches to serve its mission better;
- ◆ the promotion of participation of people living with HIV/AIDS and other affected communities is integral to challenging inequality and marginalisation, which is often the underlying cause of people's vulnerability to HIV;
- ◆ partnerships, referral systems and co-ordination with others enables an NGO to magnify the effect of its actions by the power of all those around it;
- ◆ for the majority of NGOs, working in specific geographical areas or with specific population groups, all four areas of capacity complement and reinforce each other, and together combine to enhance the sustainability, quality, integrity and impact of interventions.

Technical assistance was provided by relevant programme departments, which addressed pri-



marily programmatic issues and focused on technical capacities, involvement of vulnerable communities and strengthening partnerships and coordination on all levels. The Field Support: Finance Unit of the Finance Department addressed primarily the need for organisational competencies within the NGO/CBO community: enforcement of financial management and reporting, human resource management, and management systems.

The Alliance directed its technical assistance based on results of permanent monitoring of NGO needs through:

- ◆ capacity assessments of 27 new implementing partners;
- ◆ evaluation of HIV/AIDS capacity of 211 NGOs during project design;
- ◆ one-to-one technical consulting provided to all implementing partners on specific issues;
- ◆ three capacity development trainings and workshops;
- ◆ capacity development guidance regularly provided to all implementing partners;
- ◆ regular monitoring visits to all priority regions;
- ◆ distribution of information materials;
- ◆ sharing of best practices and exchange visits.

Cooperation of the Alliance Ukraine and the All-Ukrainian Network of PLHA

During 2004 the Alliance Ukraine provided technical and financial support to the All-Ukrainian Network of PLHA, promoting capacity building with the result that the Network has now implemented an effective grant management system and sub-recipients' administration mechanism, developed a monitoring and evaluation system and improved its own strategic planning.

The Alliance Ukraine disbursed a grant to the Network for implementing the project 'Providing People Living with HIV/AIDS with Care and Support'. Within this grant, the Network performed routine grant management, monitoring and evaluation of 33 regional mini-projects financed through a sub-granting procedure. In 2004, 4000 HIV-positive people living in 15 regions of Ukraine were covered by care and support services provided through the Network. Five community centres and four day-care centres for HIV-positive children have been established; non-medical and home-based nursing services are being provided in seven regions of Ukraine; there are 11 functioning self-help groups; three care and support projects targeted at HIV-positive prisoners; three therapeutic camps for PLHA have been organised; foundation of two centres

for comprehensive PLHA care has been initiated in Kyiv and Odesa.

During project realisation agreements were signed with the State Penitentiary Department of Ukraine to endorse implementation of the project on care and support of HIV-positive prisoners, and the State Centre of Youth Social Services to accredit day-care centres for HIV-positive children in the regions of Ukraine.

In cooperation with the School of Social Work at the National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy, the PLHA Network initiated a study programme module (consisting of four one-week modules and combining part-time and full-time study) for NGO staff. Twenty-six members of the Network have gone through in-service training taking the advanced course Applied Social Work. All students of the school are experienced in providing services for HIV-positive people. Studying at the School of Social Work gives them an opportunity to combine their personal practical experience and theoretical knowledge of social work, and the certificate of social worker awarded to all successful graduates makes them eligible to provide professional social services in compliance with Ukrainian legislation.

Within the project, representatives of the Network visited a number of Central and Eastern European Countries. In Poland and Estonia they studied experience of providing care and support to HIV-positive prisoners as well as visiting harm reduction programmes. In the Czech Republic, they acquired experience of working in community centres for PLHA.

In autumn 2004, the Second Reporting and Election Conference of the All-Ukrainian Network of PLHA took place with the participation of about 180 delegates, including members of the organisation and guests from Moldova and Russia. The Conference included the issue of membership cards to current and new members of the organisation. Delegates shared ideas, experience, and practices, and took part in a number of trainings on teamwork, conflict resolution, legal issues, self-help groups, and best practices.

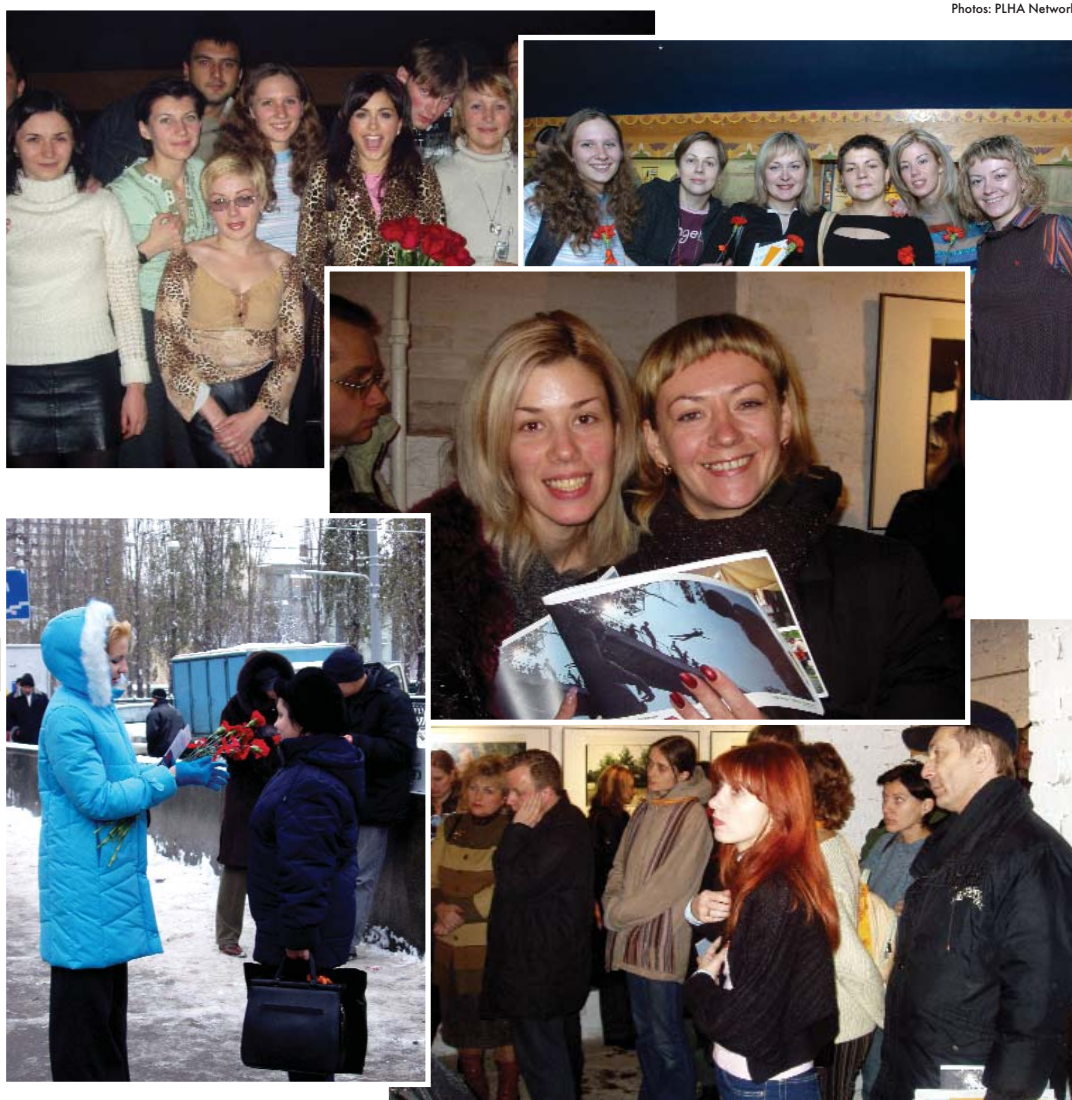
During 2004 the Network significantly increased its professional level and authority in Ukraine and beyond, and Network trainers/experts were invited by other organisations to conduct international trainings and seminars, for example a training on non-medical care and support of people living with HIV held in Chisinau (Moldova) and a seminar on Capacity Building of AIDS-service Organisations in Central Asian

Countries (Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan). Organisers of the latter – the European Taskforce on AIDS together with the East Europe Partnership Agency – noted that trainers' teaching and practical experience of working with PLHA were extremely important and useful for the seminar.

Cooperation between the Network and the Alliance Ukraine is key to making the All-Ukrainian Network of PLHA the biggest and

most mature network uniting people living with HIV/AIDS in the NIS as well as among countries of Eastern and Central Europe. Moreover, the Ministry of Health of Ukraine has acknowledged the Network its strategic partner in the field of providing care and support to HIV-positive people and the US Agency for International Development (USAID) has defined the Network as its strategic partner within the USAID strategy for 2003–2008.

Photos: PLHA Network



Network activists take a leading role in organising social and educational initiatives for PLHA

ALLIANCE UKRAINE PARTNERS

HIV/AIDS is a problem that concerns society as a whole and each one of us in particular, and only by uniting the efforts of all stakeholders it is possible to counter the epidemic. We are happy to cooperate with the large number of organisations combating HIV/AIDS in Ukraine. Along with the 102 NGOs listed on pages 27-39, one of our key partners and recipients of aid to fight HIV/AIDS in Ukraine in 2004 was the National AIDS Centre, which received from the Alliance Ukraine a whole range of medical products including ARV- and non-ARV drugs as well as all necessary medical equipment to the amount of about \$5.4 million. The products were further distributed to regional AIDS Centres and 145 clinics and medical institutions around Ukraine to implement widespread treatment. (Annex 3. List of Main Recipients of Drugs and Equipment).

The Alliance Ukraine has also established strong partnerships with other key governmental and non-governmental stakeholders involved in AIDS service in Ukraine. In 2004, the Alliance Ukraine signed Memoranda of Understanding (MoU) with the following organisations:

- ◆ Ministry of Health of Ukraine (MoH). The MoU stated the main principals and mechanisms of cooperation within the GF-supported programme, including issues on implementation of substitution therapy in Ukraine. MoH supported the Alliance's work and the Alliance significantly contributed to the National AIDS programme implementation.
- ◆ Ministry of Education and Science (MoES). The MoU resulted in implementation of projects covering all stages of the education process essential for shaping safe behaviour among children and youth.
- ◆ United Nations Office in Ukraine. The MoU was signed to organise the 'Day of joint efforts in the response to the HIV/AIDS epidemic in Ukraine' which consisted of the Race for Life and the concert A Healthy Lifestyle is Trendy!
- ◆ The United Kingdom Department for International Development (DfID). The MoU

provided for international technical assistance to the GF-supported project for developing the model for behavioural research among MSM, which formed an integral part of the national monitoring and evaluation system.

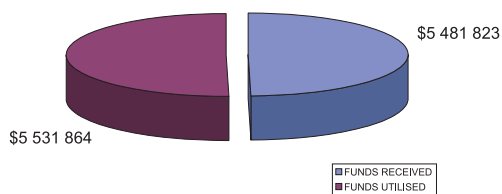
- ◆ Olena Franchuk AntiAIDS Foundation and Substance Abuse and AIDS Prevention Foundation (SAAPF). The MoU resulted in the operation of a free nationwide hotline on HIV/AIDS issues.
- ◆ All-Ukrainian Network of People Living with HIV/AIDS (PLHA Network). This Ukrainian non-profit charitable organisation represents interests of PLHA at all levels of governmental and social life. Based on the MoU with the Alliance Ukraine, the Network implemented the project 'Providing People Living with HIV/AIDS with Care and Support'.
- ◆ Multifaceted cooperation was established with the Ukrainian Harm Reduction Association (UHRA). This professional association unites 41 AIDS-service non-governmental organisations from all regions of Ukraine. UHRA is an Alliance Ukraine partner in HIV/STI prevention among prisoners. In 2004, the Association received a grant from the Alliance Ukraine for sub-granting and provision of technical support to five projects implemented in prisons in priority regions. Within the other project supported by the Alliance Ukraine – 'Enriching Professional Experience of Ukrainian AIDS-service NGOs and Their Partners from the Governmental Sector Through Organisation and Administration of a Programme of Experience Exchange Visits to NGOs in Ukraine or Neighbouring Countries' – 20 experience exchange visits were conducted by UHRA and a follow-up conference held on the project results.

In addition to these partners, the Alliance Ukraine is collaborating with the Ministry of Family, Children and Youth, the State Penitentiary Department and a range of other national and local bodies.

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

As mentioned above the Alliance Ukraine was supported by a range of donors in 2004. The major resources were provided by the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria and USAID which together provided more than 98 percent of annual revenue. The breakdown of donations is illustrated in the table below. In 2004 Alliance Ukraine increased its operations more than six times compared to 2003, while building its finance capacity to be adequate to donors and legal restrictions.

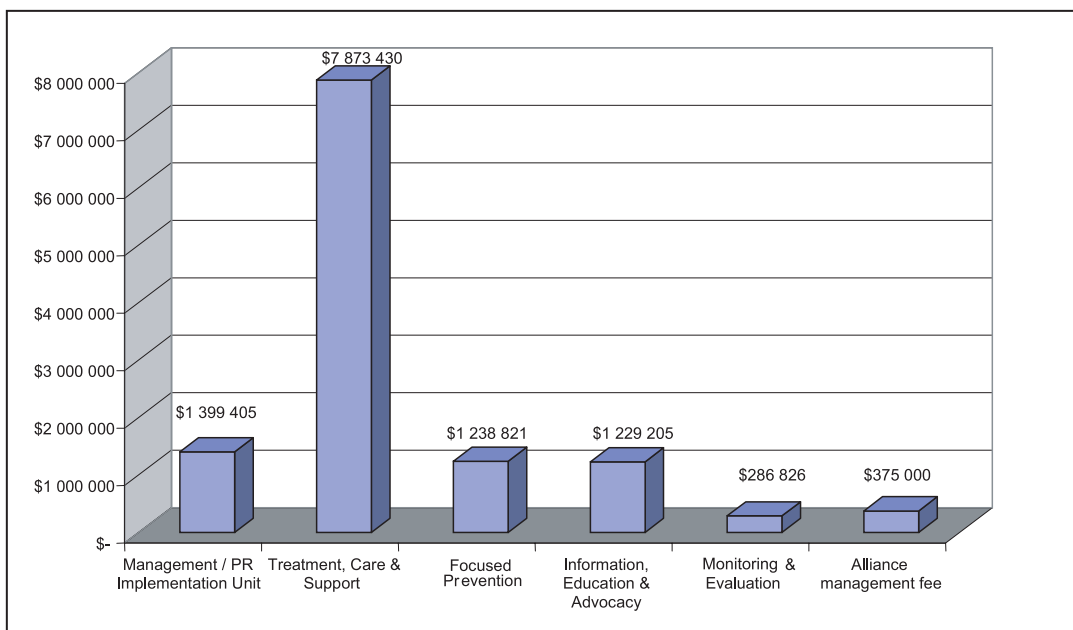
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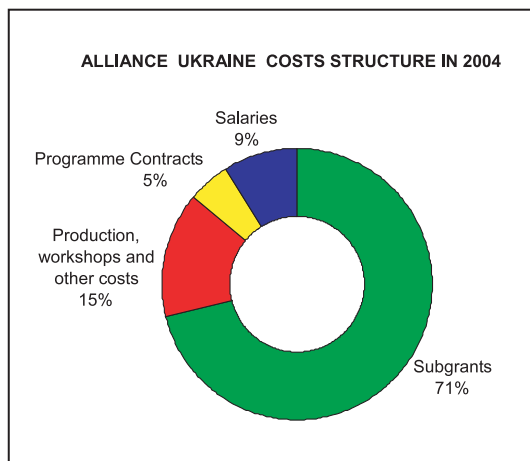
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| 3 | Others | 76 566 | 1.40 |
| Total | | 5 481 823 | |

As the Principal Recipient of the Global Fund grant, the Alliance successfully allocated \$12,402,000 in 2004. The breakdown of utilized funds is shown in the chart below.

The Alliance Ukraine was audited by BDO Stoy Hayward LLP as the steward of the programme *Overcoming HIV/AIDS epidemics in Ukraine*. The audit opinion is attached in Annex 1.



The Alliance Ukraine in 2004 had an optimal cost structure, presented in the chart below.



Financial support to organisations working in HIV/AIDS

In 2004 the Alliance Ukraine committed over \$9.1 million in grants and contracts to over 100 implementing partners working in HIV/AIDS.

Funds have been provided for a variety of activities including development of the self-help movement, establishment of community centres, implementation of care and support programmes in penitentiary institutions, non-clinical care, prevention interventions in vulnerable communities, organisation of therapeutic camps, care and support for HIV-positive children, maintenance of the national HIV/AIDS hot-line, production of a national mass media campaign, procurement and supply of ARV and non-ARV drugs and equipment and much more. Among the recipients of funds for implementation of these activities were the All-Ukrainian Network of People Living with HIV/AIDS, International Renaissance Foundation, Ukrainian AIDS Prevention Centre of the MoH of Ukraine, Substance Abuse and AIDS Prevention Foundation, PATH, IDA, The Regional Knowledge Hub for HIV/AIDS care and Treatment in Eurasia, AIDS Foundation East-West, Ukrainian Harm Reduction Association and many other AIDS-service organisations working on the regional level (for a complete list of implementing partners, please see Table 1).

Table 1. LIST OF ALLIANCE UKRAINE IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS

| | Name of the Implementing Partner | Region (oblast) | Number of projects supported | Total (USD)* |
|----|--|-----------------|------------------------------|--------------|
| 1 | IDA ARV Procurement Services B.V. | International | 2 | \$3 801 366 |
| 2 | Program for Appropriate Technology in Health (PATH) | International | 1 | \$1 808 498 |
| 3 | The American International Health Alliance | International | 1 | \$51 209 |
| 4 | Phasuma | International | 1 | \$8 000 |
| 5 | All-Ukrainian Network of People Living with HIV/AIDS** | National | 6 | \$411 773 |
| 6 | Ukrainian AIDS Prevention Centre of the MoH of Ukraine | National | 3 | \$313 724 |
| 7 | AIDS Foundation East-West | National | 2 | \$220 039 |
| 8 | Substance Abuse and AIDS Prevention Foundation (SAAPF) | National | 1 | \$192 223 |
| 9 | International Renaissance Foundation** | National | 2 | \$158 018 |
| 10 | State Institute of Family and Youth Problems | National | 2 | \$116 583 |
| 11 | Government Agency Ukrmedpostach | National | 1 | \$101 139 |
| 12 | CO Health through Education | National | 2 | \$89 663 |
| 13 | Ukrainian Centre of Applied Psychology | National | 1 | \$45 020 |
| 14 | School World Ltd. | National | 1 | \$41 907 |
| 15 | Central Institute of Graduate Pedagogical Studies | National | 1 | \$41 106 |
| 16 | Ukrainian Harm Reduction Association | National | 3 | \$39 369 |

| | Name of the Implementing Partner | Region (oblast) | Number of projects supported | Total (USD)* |
|----|--|-----------------|------------------------------|--------------|
| 17 | Center of Social Expertise | National | 1 | \$34 541 |
| 18 | Analytical Centre Socis | National | 3 | \$33 756 |
| 19 | NGO Socium XXI | National | 1 | \$30 691 |
| 20 | National Pedagogical University | National | 1 | \$29 858 |
| 21 | Information and Analytics Agency Statinformconsulting | National | 1 | \$13 031 |
| 22 | National Committee of the Red Cross Society of Ukraine | National | 1 | \$7 068 |
| 23 | Interbrand, Ltd. | National | 1 | \$4 671 |
| 24 | Touchpoll Ltd. | National | 1 | \$4 671 |
| 25 | Charitable Foundation Insight | Cherkassy | 4 | \$36 251 |
| 26 | Youth NGO Club Perehrestya | Cherkassy | 1 | \$14 994 |
| 27 | Charitable Foundation Probudjennya | Cherkassy | 1 | \$4 492 |
| 28 | Charitable Organisation of PLHA From Heart to Heart | Cherkassy | 1 | \$3 243 |
| 29 | Rehabilitation Centre Stupeni | Chernigiv | 3 | \$30 649 |
| 30 | Chernihiv regional branch of the All-Ukrainian Network of PLHA | Chernigiv | 1 | \$11 250 |
| 31 | NGO Centry for Resocialization Vedis | Chernigiv | 1 | \$1 431 |
| 32 | Charitable Foundation New family | Chernivtsi | 4 | \$18 227 |
| 33 | Charitable Foundation Hope and Salvation | Crimea | 4 | \$80 197 |
| 34 | Youth Centre of Women's Initiatives | Crimea | 2 | \$40 806 |
| 35 | Charitable Foundation New Way of Life | Crimea | 5 | \$31 074 |
| 36 | NGO New Social Technologies | Crimea | 1 | \$22 216 |
| 37 | NGO Modus | Crimea | 1 | \$1 575 |
| 38 | Sevastopil Advocacy Group | Crimea | 1 | \$1 268 |
| 39 | Charitable Foundation Virtus | Dnipropetrovsk | 6 | \$101 576 |
| 40 | NGO Club Victoria | Dnipropetrovsk | 3 | \$47 713 |
| 41 | Charitable Organisation With Hope | Dnipropetrovsk | 2 | \$22 748 |
| 42 | Charitable Foundation Public Health in Kryviy Rig | Dnipropetrovsk | 1 | \$20 389 |
| 43 | Dnipropetrovsk City Youth Organisation AntiAIDS - to Children of Ukraine | Dnipropetrovsk | 1 | \$5 956 |
| 44 | NGO Club Impulse | Dnipropetrovsk | 1 | \$4 252 |
| 45 | International Expertise Centre Alternativa | Dnipropetrovsk | 1 | \$2 455 |
| 46 | Public Association Chance | Dnipropetrovsk | 1 | \$1 788 |
| 47 | Donetsk Regional Society of Assistance to PLHA | Donetsk | 5 | \$126 726 |
| 48 | Charitable Foundation Alternativa | Donetsk | 3 | \$36 120 |
| 49 | Konstantinovka Society of Assistance to PLHA | Donetsk | 2 | \$26 023 |
| 50 | NGO Our Help | Donetsk | 2 | \$22 415 |
| 51 | NGO Club Svitanok | Donetsk | 4 | \$19 056 |
| 52 | Mariupil Youth Association | Donetsk | 1 | \$18 853 |
| 53 | Charitable Foundation Pikluyannya | Donetsk | 1 | \$5 321 |
| 54 | Charitable Foundation Solidarnist | Ivano-Frankivsk | 4 | \$43 916 |
| 55 | Centre of Spiritual and Psycho-Social Rehabilitation Emanuel | Kharkiv | 1 | \$3 074 |
| 56 | Community Development Association | Kharkiv | 1 | \$961 |
| 57 | Center for Youth Development | Kharkiv | 1 | \$643 |
| 58 | Charitable Foundation Mangust | Kherson | 2 | \$73 909 |
| 59 | Association of Assistance of Drug Addiction Problems Victoria | Khmelnitsky | 1 | \$8 308 |
| 60 | Charitable Foundation Return to Life | Kirovograd | 6 | \$43 827 |

| | Name of the Implementing Partner | Region (oblast) | Number of projects supported | Total (USD)* |
|-----|--|-----------------|------------------------------|--------------------|
| 61 | International Youth Festival Chayka | Kyiv | 1 | \$85 837 |
| 62 | NGO Club Eney | Kyiv | 5 | \$85 582 |
| 63 | All-Ukrainian Public Organisation Chas Zhyttya Plus | Kyiv | 3 | \$47 250 |
| 64 | International Charitable Foundation Vertical | Kyiv | 4 | \$26 874 |
| 65 | Kyiv Office of ICO Rehabilitation Centry STEPS | Kyiv | 2 | \$22 545 |
| 66 | NGO Gay Alliance | Kyiv | 2 | \$19 816 |
| 67 | NGO Step by Step | Kyiv | 1 | \$15 628 |
| 68 | East European Development Institute | Kyiv | 1 | \$7 604 |
| 69 | Charitable Foundation Intellectual Perspective | Kyiv | 1 | \$7 188 |
| 70 | Drop In Centry | Kyiv | 1 | \$5 790 |
| 71 | Self-help Centry We are with you | Kyiv | 1 | \$3 082 |
| 72 | Charitable Foundation Step Forward to the Future | Lugansk | 2 | \$13 793 |
| 73 | Charitable Foundation Anti-AIDS | Lugansk | 2 | \$4 320 |
| 74 | Civic Committee on Human Rights | Lugansk | 1 | \$1 268 |
| 75 | Charitable Foundation All Together | Lviv | 2 | \$14 774 |
| 76 | NGO Doroga | Lviv | 2 | \$8 888 |
| 77 | Charitable Foundation Avante | Lviv | 1 | \$767 |
| 78 | Charitable Foundation Blagodiynist | Mykolayiv | 12 | \$151 985 |
| 79 | Charitable Foundation Unitus | Mykolayiv | 5 | \$53 556 |
| 80 | Mykolayiv Association of PLHA Chas Zhyttya | Mykolayiv | 4 | \$34 149 |
| 81 | International Charitable Foundation Vyhid | Mykolayiv | 3 | \$18 283 |
| 82 | Charitable Foundation The Way Home | Odesa | 11 | \$127 936 |
| 83 | Public Youth Organisation Club Life + | Odesa | 5 | \$94 022 |
| 84 | Public Movement Faith, Hope and Love | Odesa | 4 | \$58 214 |
| 85 | International Public Organisation Rehabilitation Centre STEPS | Odesa | 2 | \$39 532 |
| 86 | NGO Nashi Dity | Odesa | 1 | \$17 609 |
| 87 | Youth Centre for Development | Odesa | 1 | \$15 898 |
| 88 | South-Ukrainian Centre Health. Woman. Longivity | Odesa | 1 | \$10 608 |
| 89 | NGO Club Kviten | Poltava | 3 | \$44 868 |
| 90 | Charitable Association Light of Hope | Poltava | 4 | \$25 156 |
| 91 | NGO Help | Poltava | 2 | \$13 615 |
| 92 | Charitable Foundation Public Health | Poltava | 1 | \$10 055 |
| 93 | NGO Pace Forward to Meeting | Sumy | 3 | \$19 535 |
| 94 | Public Congress Stalist | Vinnytsya | 3 | \$20 779 |
| 95 | Vinnytsia Human Rights Group | Vinnytsya | 1 | \$14 966 |
| 96 | Charitable Foundation Zakarpattya Against AIDS | Zakarpattya | 1 | \$4 192 |
| 97 | Civil Advocacy Society | Zakarpattya | 2 | \$3 235 |
| 98 | Zakarpattya Branch of the Ukrainian Family Planning Association | Zakarpattya | 1 | \$1 539 |
| 99 | Charitable Foundation Spodivannya | Zaporizhya | 3 | \$29 936 |
| 100 | Charitable Foundation for the Prevention of Socially Dangerous Diseases and AIDS | Zhytomyr | 2 | \$11 795 |
| | Total | | 227 | \$9 724 095 |

* Indicates part of the signed commitments per project calculated for 2004 in line with planned project activity.

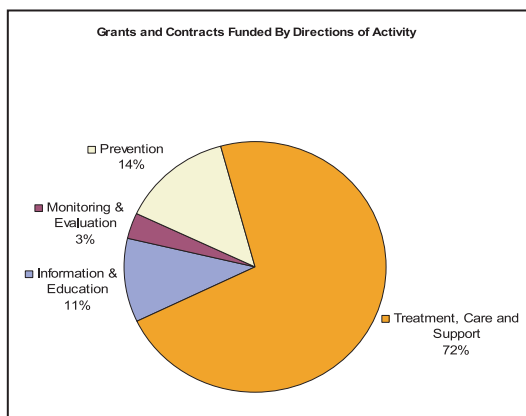
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In 2004 the Alliance Ukraine announced 36 calls for proposals and tenders:

- ◆ Organisation of medical support to PLHA and improvement of the national epidemic surveillance system
- ◆ Carrying out a comprehensive training programme for HIV/AIDS healthcare professionals (international CFP)
- ◆ Provision of technical assistance to clinical component implementers in planning, implementation and monitoring of treatment programmes (international CFP)
- ◆ Behaviour survey of injection drug users and commercial sex workers as a component of second generation sentinel surveillance
- ◆ Medico-social and psychological support of ART in Kyiv city, Donetsk, Dnipropetrovsk, Mykolayiv regions and AR Crimea (ART Adherence)
- ◆ Advocacy for the rights of representatives of groups vulnerable to HIV
- ◆ Advocacy for the rights and interests of PLHA
- ◆ Design and implementation of substitution therapy for HIV-positive IDUs
- ◆ Development and implementation of projects for provision of rehabilitation services for PLHA drug users (IDUs)
- ◆ Medico-social and psychological care and support for HIV-positive pregnant and post-natal women and children born of HIV-positive women in Kyiv city, Donetsk, Dnipropetrovsk, Mykolayiv regions and AR Crimea
- ◆ Harm Reduction among vulnerable groups in Kyiv
- ◆ Harm Reduction among vulnerable groups in Mykolayiv region
- ◆ Harm Reduction among vulnerable groups in Odesa
- ◆ Harm Reduction among vulnerable groups in prisons
- ◆ Organisation and holding of the Gala-concert on HIV/AIDS
- ◆ Creation of analytical bulletin for Mass Media 'Ukraine and HIV/AIDS'
- ◆ Elaboration and introduction of a national Mass Media Campaign on solidarity and a tolerant attitude towards people living with HIV/AIDS
- ◆ Organisation and holding of a national competition on HIV/AIDS among print and electronic mass media journalists and non-professionals
- ◆ Behaviour monitoring of men having sex with men as a component of second generation surveillance
- ◆ Medico-social and psychological support of ART in Kyiv city (ART Adherence)
- ◆ Behavioural monitoring among youth as a component of second generation HIV/AIDS surveillance
- ◆ Enriching professional experience of Ukrainian NGOs and their partners from the governmental sector through organization and administration of a programme of exchange visits to NGOs in Ukraine or neighbouring countries
- ◆ Development of a special course on HIV for the pedagogical institutions of graduate education
- ◆ Development of a special course on HIV for the pedagogical institutions of postgraduate education
- ◆ Regional Resource Centres on HIV/AIDS issues
- ◆ Regulation and development of educational and methodological materials on HIV prevention for the pupils of elementary schools (1–4 grades)
- ◆ Regulation and development of educational and methodological materials on HIV prevention for the pupils of high schools (10–11 grades) and students of technical colleges
- ◆ Regulation and development of educational and methodological materials on HIV prevention for the pupils of secondary schools (5–9 grades)
- ◆ Development and publication of an information and analytical newsletter for educators as an inlay to an educational periodical
- ◆ HIV/AIDS workplace policies and programmes
- ◆ Periodical publication for groups vulnerable to HIV
- ◆ Schools and students covered by HIV/AIDS prevention programmes
- ◆ Training on pre- and post-test counselling
- ◆ Medico-social and psychological support of ART in Kryviy Rih, Dnipropetrovsk oblast (ART Adherence)
- ◆ Awareness and behaviour monitoring of prisoners as a component of HIV second generation surveillance
- ◆ Behaviour monitoring of military personnel as a component of HIV second generation surveillance

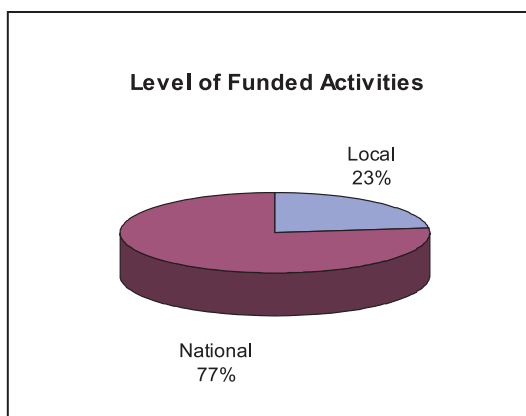
In 2004, the Alliance Ukraine committed \$9.1 million to implementation of 228 grants and programmatic contracts. 96% of these funds (\$8.7 million) were committed to grants and contracts for the implementation of the Global Fund programme.

These funds were distributed as grants and programmatic contracts to implementing partners in accordance with different programmatic activity:



Grants and programmatic contracts were distributed among implementing partners

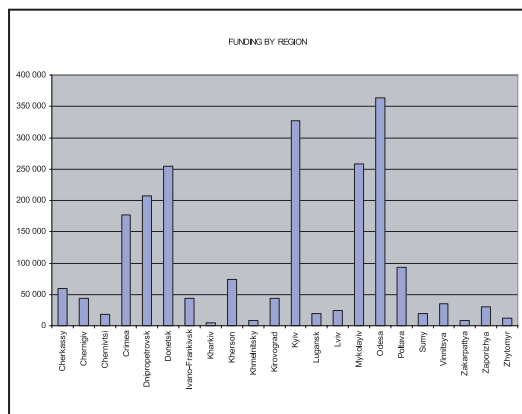
- ♦ for implementation of regional activities at the local level (\$2.1 million of committed funds) such as focused prevention and care and support for local communities;
- ♦ implementation of programmatic activities at the national level (\$7 million), such as procurement of ARV drugs, mass media campaign, introduction of educational programmes in HIV/AIDS, etc.



The distribution of commitments to local NGOs implementing projects in the regions was the following:

| Region | Total Amount Committed USD |
|--------------------|----------------------------|
| Cherkasy | 58 980 |
| Chernigiv | 43 330 |
| Chernivtsi | 18 227 |
| Crimea | 177 135 |
| Dnipropetrovsk | 206 878 |
| Donetsk | 254 515 |
| Ivano-Frankivsk | 43 916 |
| Kharkiv | 4 678 |
| Kherson | 73 909 |
| Khmelnysky | 8 308 |
| Kirovograd | 43 827 |
| Kyiv | 327 197 |
| Lugansk | 19 380 |
| Lviv | 24 429 |
| Mykolayiv | 257 973 |
| Odesa | 363 819 |
| Poltava | 93 692 |
| Sumy | 19 535 |
| Vinnysya | 35 746 |
| Zakarpattya | 8 966 |
| Zaporizhya | 29 936 |
| Zhytomyr | 11 795 |
| Grand Total | 2 126 170 |

Obviously, the largest bulk of funds committed at the local level was aimed at fighting the epidemic in the priority regions most affected by HIV/AIDS: in 2004 the Alliance Ukraine committed a total of \$1.7 million in 128 grants to local NGOs for project implementation in priority regions:



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We would also like to mention our loss. In July 2005 **Anastasia Ilina**, one of the youngest Alliance Ukraine team members, died. Nastya worked as a Programme Assistant: Information, Education and Advocacy. Always sunny and smiling, she lives in our thoughts, memories and hearts. All our sympathy is with her family and friends.

ANNEX 1. BDO Stoy Hayward LLP Audit Opinion



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Dear Sirs

The Global Fund Project in the Ukraine (Grant Number UKR-102-G04-H-00)

We have audited the accompanying special purpose Budget Summary Report of the Global Fund Project for the period ended 31 December 2004. This statement is the responsibility of the Global Fund Project management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the accompanying statement based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Auditing Standards. These standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial information is free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the budget summary report. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management as well as evaluating the overall statement presentation. We believe our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

The Global Fund Project management's policy is to prepare the accompanying statements on the cash receipts and disbursements basis in conformity with the Stewardship Agreement with The Global Fund dated 16 August 2004. On this basis cash receipts are recognised when received and cash expenditures are recognised when paid rather than incurred.

In our opinion, the accompanying statement referred to above gives a true and fair view of the cash receipts and disbursements of the program during the period ended 31 December 2004 in accordance with the Stewardship Agreement with The Global Fund dated 16 August 2004.

Our audits were conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the special purpose Budget Summary Report of the Global Fund Project for the period ended 31 December 2004 taken as a whole.



BDO Stoy Hayward LLP

The Trustees
International HIV/AIDS Alliance
31 March 2005

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the International HIV/AIDS Alliance and should not be for any other purpose.

This report should be read in conjunction with our engagement letter dated 31 March 2005.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'BDO Stoy Hayward LLP', is written over the typed name.

BDO Stoy Hayward LLP

ANNEX 2. ARV Drugs Procured in 2004

| CIP, USD incl. fee | YCost, USD | Manu-factu-rer | International Non-proprietary Name | Brand name | Quantity, packs |
|------------------------|---------------|---|--|---|-----------------|
| \$ 23,83 | \$ 19 064,00 | BMS | Didanosine 100mg (ddl) | Videx tabs 100mg №60 | 800 |
| \$ 23,83 | \$ 68 368,27 | BMS | Didanosine 100mg (ddl) | Videx tabs 100mg №60 | 2 869 |
| \$ 23,83 | \$ 86 979,50 | BMS | Didanosine 100mg (ddl) | Videx tabs 100mg №60 | 3650 |
| \$ 12,84 | \$ 234 458,40 | CIPLA | Efavirenz 200mg (EFV) | Efavir caps 200mg №30 | 18 260 |
| \$ 12,84 | \$ 234 830,76 | CIPLA | Efavirenz 200mg (EFV) | Efavir caps 200mg №30 | 18 289 |
| \$ 7,20 | \$ 19 720,80 | GSK | Lamivudine 10mg/ml oral solution | Epivir oral sol. 10mg/ml, bottle 240ml | 2 739 |
| \$ - | \$ - | GSK | Lamivudine 10mg/ml oral solution | Epivir oral sol. 10mg/ml, bottle 240ml | 9 |
| \$ 7,20 | \$ 19 699,20 | GSK | Lamivudine 10mg/ml oral solution | Epivir oral sol. 10mg/ml, bottle 240ml | 2 736 |
| \$ 6,48 | \$ 8 041,68 | GSK | Lamivudine 150mg (3TC) | Epivir tabs 150mg №60 | 1 241 |
| \$ 6,48 | \$ 375,84 | CIPLA | Lamivudine 150mg (3TC) | Lamivir tabs 150mg №60 | 58 |
| \$ 6,09 | \$ 7 411,53 | GSK | Lamivudine 150mg (3TC) | Epivir tabs 150mg №60 | 1 217 |
| \$ 472,49 | \$ 287 746,41 | Abbott | Lopinavir 133.3mg + ritonavir 33.3mg ** | Kaletra 133,3mg+33,3mg caps №90, bottle №2 | 609 |
| \$ 472,50 | \$ 287 280,00 | Abbott | Lopinavir 133.3mg + ritonavir 33.3mg ** | Kaletra 133,3mg+33,3mg caps №90, bottle №2 | 608 |
| \$ 256,35 | \$ 872 096,24 | Roche | Nelfinavir 250mg | Viracept tabs 250mg №270 | 3 402 |
| \$ 256,35 | \$ 866 456,58 | Roche | Nelfinavir 250mg | Viracept tabs 250mg №270 | 3 380 |
| \$ 256,35 | \$ 46 911,70 | Roche | Nelfinavir 250mg | Viracept tabs 250mg №270 | 183 |
| \$ 256,35 | \$ 46 655,35 | Roche | Nelfinavir 250mg | Viracept tabs 250mg №270 | 182 |
| \$ 256,35 | \$ 33 325,50 | Roche | Nelfinavir 250mg | Viracept tabs 250mg №270 | 130 |
| \$ 47,35 | \$ 40 578,95 | Roche | Nelfinavir 50mg/g oral powder | Viracept oral pwd. 50mg/g, bottle 144g | 857 |
| \$ 47,35 | \$ 40 531,60 | Roche | Nelfinavir 50mg/g oral powder | Viracept oral pwd. 50mg/g, bottle 144g | 856 |
| \$ 47,35 | \$ 9 185,90 | Roche | Nelfinavir 50mg/g oral powder | Viracept oral pwd. 50mg/g, bottle 144g | 194 |
| \$ 2,62 | \$ 4 757,92 | CIPLA | Nevirapine 10mg/ml oral suspension | Nevimune oral susp. 100ml (50mg/5ml), bottle №1 | 1 816 |
| \$ 2,62 | \$ 4 757,92 | CIPLA | Nevirapine 10mg/ml oral suspension | Nevimune oral susp. 100ml (50mg/5ml), bottle №1 | 1 816 |
| \$ 7,65 | \$ 18 650,70 | CIPLA | Nevirapine 200mg (NVP) | Nevimune tabs 200mg №60 | 2 438 |
| \$ 7,65 | \$ 18 145,80 | CIPLA | Nevirapine 200mg (NVP) | Nevimune tabs 200mg №60 | 2 372 |
| \$ 20,50 | \$ 4 735,50 | BMS | Stavudine 1mg/ml oral powder | Zerit oral pwd. 200ml (1mg/ml), bottle №1 | 231 |
| \$ 6,08 | \$ 11 114,24 | CIPLA | Stavudine 40mg (d4T) | Stavir caps 40mg №10x10 | 1 828 |
| \$ 6,08 | \$ 11 111,81 | CIPLA | Stavudine 40mg (d4T) | Stavir caps 40mg №10x10 | 1 827 |
| \$ 11,88 | \$ 879,12 | CIPLA | Zidovudine (AZT) 100mg | Zidovir caps 100mg №100 | 74 |
| \$ 10,65 | \$ 21 300,00 | CIPLA | Zidovudine (AZT) 100mg | Zidovir caps 100mg №100 | 2000 |
| \$ 10,65 | \$ 86 052,00 | CIPLA | Zidovudine (AZT) 100mg | Zidovir caps 100mg №100 | 8080 |
| \$ 15,94 | \$ 47 820,00 | GSK | Zidovudine (AZT) 300mg+ lamivudine (3TC) 150mg | Combivir film-coated tabs 300mg+150mg №60 | 3 000 |
| \$ 15,94 | \$ 99 401,84 | GSK | Zidovudine (AZT) 300mg+ lamivudine (3TC) 150mg | Combivir film-coated tabs 300mg+150mg №60 | 6 236 |
| \$ 20,50 | \$ 9 840,00 | GSK | Zidovudine (AZT) 300mg+ lamivudine (3TC) 150mg | Combivir film-coated tabs 300mg+150mg №60 | 480 |
| \$ 20,86 | \$ 190 347,50 | GSK | Zidovudine (AZT) 300mg+ lamivudine (3TC) 150mg | Combivir film-coated tabs 300mg+150mg №60 | 9 125 |
| \$ 7,60 | \$ 20 048,80 | GSK | Zidovudine 10mg/ml oral solution | Retrovir oral sol. 10mg/ml, bottle 200ml | 2 638 |
| \$ - | \$ - | GSK | Zidovudine 10mg/ml oral solution | Retrovir oral sol. 10mg/ml, bottle 200ml | 2 |
| \$ 7,60 | \$ 2 644,80 | GSK | Zidovudine 10mg/ml oral solution | Retrovir oral sol. 10mg/ml, bottle 200ml | 348 |
| \$ 7,60 | \$ 20 041,20 | GSK | Zidovudine 10mg/ml oral solution | Retrovir oral sol. 10mg/ml, bottle 200ml | 2 637 |
| \$ - | \$ - | GSK | Zidovudine 10mg/ml oral solution | Retrovir oral sol. 10mg/ml, bottle 200ml | 3 |
| \$ 3 801 366,00 | | Total cost of ARV drugs purchased in year 2004 | | | |

Comment: drugs, for which the cost is not indicated, were provided for free

ANNEX 3. List of Main Recipients of Drugs and Equipment

- ◆ Ukrainian AIDS Centre
- ◆ Crimean AIDS Centre
- ◆ Dnipropetrovsk AIDS Centre
- ◆ Donetsk AIDS Centre
- ◆ Gromashevskiy Institute of Epidemiology and Infectious Diseases (Kyiv)
- ◆ Kherson AIDS Centre
- ◆ Kryviy Rih City AIDS Centre (Dnipropetrovsk oblast)
- ◆ Kyiv City AIDS Centre
- ◆ Makeevka Children's Home (Donetsk oblast)
- ◆ Mariupol City AIDS Centre (Donetsk oblast)
- ◆ Odesa AIDS Centre
- ◆ Slavyansk City AIDS Centre (Donetsk oblast)
- ◆ Kyiv City Children's Hospital #1
- ◆ Kyiv Hospital #5
- ◆ Mykolaiv AIDS Centre
- ◆ Vinnytsa AIDS Centre
- ◆ Cherkasy AIDS Centre
- ◆ Zaporizhya AIDS Centre
- ◆ Sevastopol AIDS Centre
- ◆ Lugansk AIDS Centre
- ◆ Volynsk AIDS Centre
- ◆ Zhytomyr AIDS Centre
- ◆ Uzhgorod AIDS Centre
- ◆ Kirovograd AIDS Centre
- ◆ Lviv AIDS Centre
- ◆ Rivno AIDS Centre
- ◆ Sumy AIDS Centre
- ◆ Ternopil AIDS Centre
- ◆ Kharkiv AIDS Centre
- ◆ Chernivtsi AIDS Centre
- ◆ Chernigiv AIDS Centre
- ◆ Khmelnytsky AIDS Centre
- ◆ Poltava AIDS Centre
- ◆ Ivano-Frankivsk AIDS Centre

ANNEX 4. Alliance Ukraine Publications

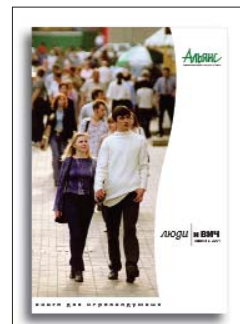


Directory of Organisations Working in the Field of HIV/AIDS in Ukraine (3rd edition)

This most detailed source of information on services and resources in the field of HIV in Ukraine lists the activities of more than 300 AIDS-service NGOs, government structures and international agencies working in Ukraine. The 3rd edition consists of print and CD-ROM versions of the Directory produced with the support of USAID. Updated annually. In Russian.

The first publication in countries of the former Soviet Union to comprehensively cover the many aspects of the HIV pandemic. Designed for people in different professions and of different ages, it is particularly useful to people living with HIV, their friends and relatives, representatives of non-governmental and governmental AIDS-service organisations, medical professionals, social workers and teachers. In Russian.

People and HIV (3rd edition)



HIV/AIDS News (2 issues)

The Alliance Ukraine's Newsletter is published in Russian and in an English digest. Each issue of the newsletter is dedicated to a specific aspect of HIV/AIDS, with corresponding information, professional opinion, and commentary from AIDS activists and decision makers.

Method Guidance (3 issues)

The series is for employees of AIDS-service organisations. Development of each issue involves leading experts on the topic under review who draw on both Ukrainian and international best practices. In 2004 the Alliance published method guidance on the following subjects: Monitoring and Evaluation, IDU Community: Problems and Solutions, and Motivational Interviewing with Injecting Drug Users (book and videotape). In Russian.



Series for positive people (5 issues)

Series of booklets for PLHA. This series provides HIV-positive people with accurate and accessible information on important health and psychosocial issues, including ARV therapy, ARV drugs, general health, advice to those recently diagnosed with HIV, and pregnancy. Produced together with the Ukrainian representative office of Medecins sans Frontieres - Holland. In Russian.

HIV/AIDS and the Media (4th updated edition)

Handbook for journalists and editors covering the theme of HIV/AIDS. Contains up-to-date information and statistics for Ukraine and worldwide, a glossary of essential terminology and the opinions of journalists and those directly affected by HIV/AIDS. In Russian.



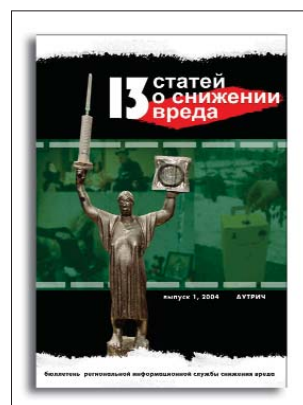


National Clinical Protocols, (4 publications)

In the framework of the programme Overcoming HIV/AIDS Epidemics in Ukraine supported by the Global Fund to fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, the International HIV/AIDS Alliance in Ukraine published clinical protocols and method guidance developed and approved by the Ministry of Health of Ukraine. These publications include: Clinical protocol of ARV-therapy in adults and adolescents; Clinical protocol of ARV-therapy in children with HIV; Clinical protocol of treatment of opportunistic infections in people with HIV/AIDS; Method guidance on laboratory monitoring of HIV-infection and ARV-therapy. In Ukrainian.

Newsletter of the Regional Harm Reduction Information Service, hosted by the International HIV/AIDS Alliance in Ukraine with funding from the International Harm Reduction Development Programme of the Open Society Institute-New York. The newsletter is for harm reduction projects throughout the Russian-speaking region and contains a wide range of articles on legislation, advocacy and best practices related to HIV/AIDS, reducing harms of drug use, and civil sector activity. In Russian.

13 articles about Harm Reduction, (2 issues)



HIV/AIDS News: Policy and Advocacy (4 issues)

The Alliance Ukraine's newsletter on Advocacy and Policy is published every two months. The publication informs people involved in HIV/AIDS work and decision-makers about existing advocacy efforts as well as about problems requiring political solutions. Each issue contains information on the advocacy activities of various AIDS-service organisations, and includes topical issues, news and calls for proposals. In Ukrainian.

AIDS in Ukraine (2 issues)

A policy briefing for those shaping state policy on HIV/AIDS. In 2004 the Alliance published an issue devoted to the introduction of substitution therapy and a report on Access to Services and Rights of PLHA in Ukraine based on the survey performed by the All-Ukrainian Network of People Living with HIV/AIDS with the support of the International HIV/AIDS Alliance in Ukraine. In Ukrainian (and the latter also in English).



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