

2006

# Annual Report

## International HIV/AIDS Alliance in Ukraine









**Dear readers,**

*We are pleased to report on our activities in 2006. For the Alliance, this was a unique year. We achieved more than in any previous year of our work, thus laying a truly solid foundation for further action to fight the HIV/AIDS epidemic in Ukraine.*

*In early 2006 we finalised the Alliance-Ukraine's strategic priorities, focusing our work in two main directions: scaling up access to comprehensive prevention, care and treatment services, and ensuring a sustainable response to the epidemic.*

*I am delighted that during the year we made significant steps in implementing these strategic priorities.*

*With the help of funds provided to the Alliance by the Global Fund to fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, the United States Agency for International Development, and other donors, as of January 1, 2007 3730 HIV-positive patients were being treated in Ukraine and over 100,000 people belonging to the most vulnerable to HIV groups were covered by prevention services. Our cooperation with non-governmental organisations and medical institutions has already produced the desired result – the AIDS mortality growth rate in Ukraine has started to decline.*

*The Alliance-Ukraine, in strategic partnership with the All-Ukrainian Network of PLWH and together with the Coalition of HIV-service Organisations, UNAIDS, the Ministry of Health of Ukraine, other state and non-governmental organisations, donor agencies and international partners, has made its contribution to establishing a sustainable response to the epidemic. Our joint efforts ensured much needed long-term financing from the Global Fund for Ukraine. The new five-year programme "Supporting HIV/AIDS prevention, treatment and care for the most vulnerable communities in Ukraine", with a maximum framework budget exceeding 151 million US dollars, is to commence in mid 2007.*

*The Alliance-Ukraine is one of the driving forces contributing to positive changes at the national level. An increase of 2.7 from the previous year has been planned to State budget expenditures to counter HIV/AIDS in 2007, and considerable programme scale-up has been approved for substitution maintenance therapy for injecting drug users, including usage of methadone.*

*In 2006 we achieved significant results, yet more important goals lie ahead. For the moment our objectives are to achieve ever higher efficiency in implementing our tasks, introduce the new HIV prevention programme with Global Fund financing, and ensure guaranteed stable government funding for HIV/AIDS programmes, along with a clear and coherent state policy on substitution therapy scale-up which would effectively correspond to the real need for this kind of medical assistance as well as for HIV prevention methods.*

*We genuinely hope for your support and future fruitful cooperation.*

*With sincere regards,*

**Andriy Klepikov,**  
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# 1. Overview

Over the year 2006 the ICF “International HIV/AIDS Alliance in Ukraine” (hereafter Alliance-Ukraine) worked to implement two strategic objectives determined as priority directions up to the year 2011, the fulfilment of which will enable success in the fight against the spread of HIV in the country:

1. To ensure that groups vulnerable to HIV have a level of access to quality services corresponding to their needs which is adequate to influence the epidemic. This should result in behaviour-change, reducing vulnerability to HIV, and improve the quality of life enjoyed by HIV-positive people and all those affected by the epidemic.

2. To create conditions for an adequate, sustainable response to the epidemic at the local, regional and national levels through influencing policy formulation, developing the capacity of HIV-service organisations and other relevant structures and institutions, and attracting the required financial resources.

Through its commitment to the chosen strategy, the Alliance-Ukraine is continuing successful implementation of the two major programmes in Ukraine countering the HIV/AIDS epidemic: “Overcoming HIV/AIDS epidemics in Ukraine” financed by the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (Global Fund), March 2004-September 2008, and “Scaling Up the National Response to HIV/AIDS through Information and Services (SUNRISE)” which is supported by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) from August 2004 to August 2009.

The contribution made by these programmes to implementation of the National Ukrainian programme “Provision of HIV prevention, assistance and treatment for HIV-positive and AIDS patients 2004-2008” (hereafter – National Programme) remains the most significant in terms of services and coverage of key population groups. More than 70 % of measures to counter HIV planned in the National Programme have been implemented by the Alliance-Ukraine together with partner non-governmental and government organisations.

In 2006 total expenditures of the Alliance in Ukraine to implement programmes countering the epidemic were around 22.8 million US dollars. A total 36 % of funds were channelled to focused prevention among high risk groups, 22 % to general prevention and information, education and advocacy, 40 % to treatment, care and support, and 2 % to monitoring and evaluation.

Numerous regional and national public organisations together with responsible ministries and agencies, including the Ministries of Health,

Education and Science, and Family, Youth and Sports, local governance and self-governance bodies in all 27 administrative-territorial units of Ukraine have become partners of the Alliance-Ukraine in implementing these programmes on site.

Joint work with the All-Ukrainian Network of PLWH, supported by international organisations, enabled a drastic reduction (by an average of 10 times) in the price of antiretroviral medicines (ARVs) purchased in 2006 with State budget funds. This was another step forward in scaling up HIV treatment programmes.

As of December 31, 2006, 3730 HIV-positive people were receiving antiretroviral therapy thanks to medications bought by Alliance-Ukraine (3178 adults and 552 children), and 1836 HIV-positive pregnant women (a total of 4487 from 2004) received ARVs for prevention of mother to child transmission.

In the Ukrainian regions most affected by the epidemic, in order to identify and treat cases of HIV the widespread usage of rapid HIV testing was initiated. To further develop the system of detecting infection cases the Alliance-Ukraine purchased equipment to diagnose HIV/AIDS for the National Reference Laboratory. All purchases of medical and non-medical supplies made by the Alliance-Ukraine were organised under a transparent tender process with the participation of independent observers, while the results of each tender were made public in good time.

In 2006 the Alliance-Ukraine significantly expanded the range of HIV prevention services. A large percentage of people from groups most vulnerable to HIV were provided with prevention services and information, notably: 110,407 injecting drug users (about 34 % of the total number of IDUs), 15,459 women involved in commercial sex (14 %), 6969 man having sex with men, and 29,073 inmates of the penitentiary system (26 %). One of the most effective methods of treating opioid dependence, especially in connection with a diagnosis of HIV, is substitution maintenance therapy. In 2006 436 drug users received this treatment.

The strategy to overcome the epidemic realised by the Alliance-Ukraine depends in many aspects on accurately determining the size of population groups most vulnerable to HIV, which allows for correct estimation of the resources required to reduce incidence within such groups. Every year, since the start of HIV/AIDS programming in Ukraine, the Alliance-Ukraine has been channelling funds to sentinel surveillance within groups most vulnerable to HIV. The Alliance-Ukraine, UNAIDS and the Ministry of Health of Ukraine have developed the approved





regulatory document "List of national indicators on monitoring and evaluation of efficiency of measures which ensure control over the epidemic". The Alliance-Ukraine has its own system of monitoring sub-grantees' performance within programmes to counter the epidemic financed by the Global Fund and USAID.

In order to obtain the required financing for existing HIV treatment and prevention programmes, a broad advocacy campaign was mounted together with the All-Ukrainian Network of PLWH, supported by Ukrainian NGOs and international organisations. The campaign resulted in a significant increase (from 30 to 97 million UAH) in planned state financing for HIV/AIDS prevention and treatment programmes in 2007.

With the purpose of further scaling up and developing HIV prevention and treatment programmes, the Alliance-Ukraine has actively championed methadone use to treat patients with chronic dependence on injected drugs as a general method enabling drug-using patients to develop adherence to ART. As a result the Ministry of Health of Ukraine has permitted usage of substitution therapy (ST) medicines, namely buprenorphine and methadone, in most regions of Ukraine.

Clearly the epidemic cannot be overcome without public support. In 2006 the Alliance-Ukraine conducted a series of national

information campaigns bringing accurate information on the main transmission routes of HIV to more than 25 million Ukrainians, helping to develop tolerance toward people affected by the epidemic. Moreover, as a result of the Alliance-Ukraine's active work in schools, especially through integrating textbooks developed within projects supported by the Alliance-Ukraine into the state educational system, more than 210,000 middle-grade schoolchildren obtained the practical skills required to lead a healthy lifestyle.

The Alliance-Ukraine remains the leading and the largest organisation working in the sphere of overcoming HIV/AIDS in Ukraine. Its proven reputation as a transparent organisation with the highest professional standards no doubt influenced the decision by the National Coordinating Council on prevention of the spread of HIV/AIDS to name our organisation one of the two principal recipients-implementers of Ukraine's new grant application for Global Fund financing for 2007-2011 in the sixth round of projects.

In November 2006 the Global Fund Board took decision to finance programmes to counter HIV in Ukraine for 2007-2008 to the amount of 27 million US dollars. For the next five years, the maximum amount of the grant for Ukraine may reach 151 million US dollars.



## 2. Mission, Values and Strategy

The International Charitable Foundation “International HIV/AIDS Alliance in Ukraine” is a Ukrainian non-governmental organisation which shares a general vision, mission and areas of strategic activity with the International HIV/AIDS Alliance — an international non-profit organisation founded in 1993 with the purpose to support civil society initiatives aimed at overcoming HIV-infection in developing countries and in countries with transition economies. The Alliance-Ukraine started its activities in Ukraine in December 2000 with implementation of the project ‘NGO Support and Resources Development for HIV/AIDS Prevention in Ukraine’ funded by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) within the Transatlantic Initiative of the European Commission and the US Government to fight HIV/AIDS. As a Ukrainian non-governmental organisation, the Alliance-Ukraine has been implementing various programmes since March 2003.

### Our vision

is a world where people do not die of AIDS.

### Our mission

is to support civil society fight against HIV/AIDS, involve communities into actions which prevent infection with HIV, provide care and support for HIV-positive people, and reduce the impact of the epidemic on society, communities and individuals.

### Our principles

are: unconditional recognition of each human life as of the utmost value, and equal rights of all people regardless of gender, religious beliefs, class, race or ethnic origin, sexual orientation or lifestyle. We also focus our efforts on healthcare system improvement and support efforts which promote social and economic development as well as improve human rights protection.

### Alliance-Ukraine priorities

include supporting civil society initiatives aimed at reducing HIV incidence among the most vulnerable groups; developing public support for HIV-positive people and their relatives; reducing stigma and improving services for the HIV-positive and groups most vulnerable to HIV; choosing efficient forms and methods of work and following best practices of civil society response to the epidemic.

### Main strategic directions of Alliance-Ukraine activities

1. **Comprehensive services.** To effectively fight the HIV/AIDS epidemic, a system of medical and social support for those who need it must be established. In particular, it is extremely important to organise provision of antiretroviral therapy (ART) integrated with care and support for HIV-positive people through a combination of HIV-prevention with coordinated treatment and prevention of tuberculosis and hepatitis.
2. **Coverage.** Prevention programmes to fight a concentrated HIV/AIDS epidemic must ensure maximum access of injecting drug users (IDU), commercial sex workers (CSW), people living with HIV/AIDS (PLWH) and representatives of other communities potentially vulnerable to HIV to services provided by HIV-service organisations.
3. **Engagement of communities** vulnerable to and affected by the epidemic into development of prevention services as well as treatment, care and support.
4. **Resources.** To effectively overcome the HIV/AIDS epidemic uninterrupted financing for all necessary measures must be ensured.
5. **Joint efforts.** To overcome the epidemic it is important to join the efforts of government and non-governmental HIV-service organisations and local communities together with representatives of business and mass media.
6. **Sustainability.** To ensure conditions for uninterrupted provision of services to vulnerable groups and HIV-positive people through strengthening cooperation between communities and state agencies at the local level.
7. **Capacity and technical assistance.** To search for and implement effective mechanisms for provision of technical support with the aim of strengthening the capacity of HIV-service organisations and their organisational and institutional development as well as their implementation of effective programmes to fight the HIV/AIDS epidemic.
8. **Experience sharing** by HIV-service organisations, most notably the experience of effective comprehensive responses to the concentrated epidemic, including development of models, standards and quality assurance mechanisms for services as well as implementation of efficient feedback mechanisms.





**9. Innovations.** Supporting innovations and improvement of programme directions, approaches, methods, resources, tools, and service and information provision techniques.

**10. Advocacy.** Members of HIV-service organisations should continuously influence formulation of adequate policies and practices, notably relating to such issues as reducing the cost of medical supplies, fighting stigma and discrimination, developing tolerance toward PLWH and representatives of vulnerable groups, increasing financing and involving new partners in the fight against the epidemic.

**11. Partnership** of non-governmental organisations, aimed at ensuring adequate representation of communities and civil society in the process of developing and implementing the national response to the epidemic at all levels; promoting consensus-building within the

non-government sector as well as adequate representation of communities most vulnerable to HIV.

**12. Region.** Sharing the experience of an effective response to the concentrated HIV epidemic among the countries of Eastern Europe and Central Asia.

Alliance-Ukraine is successfully implementing two major programmes to fight the HIV/AIDS epidemic in Ukraine. The total budget of these programmes until the year 2008 exceeds 70 million US dollars. (*Please see financial review in Annex 1*).

However, such efforts are not enough. Present achievements provide no grounds for complacency, since Ukraine remains a leader in the Eastern European region in terms of HIV/AIDS prevalence rates.





### 3. Contribution to the National HIV/AIDS Epidemic Response

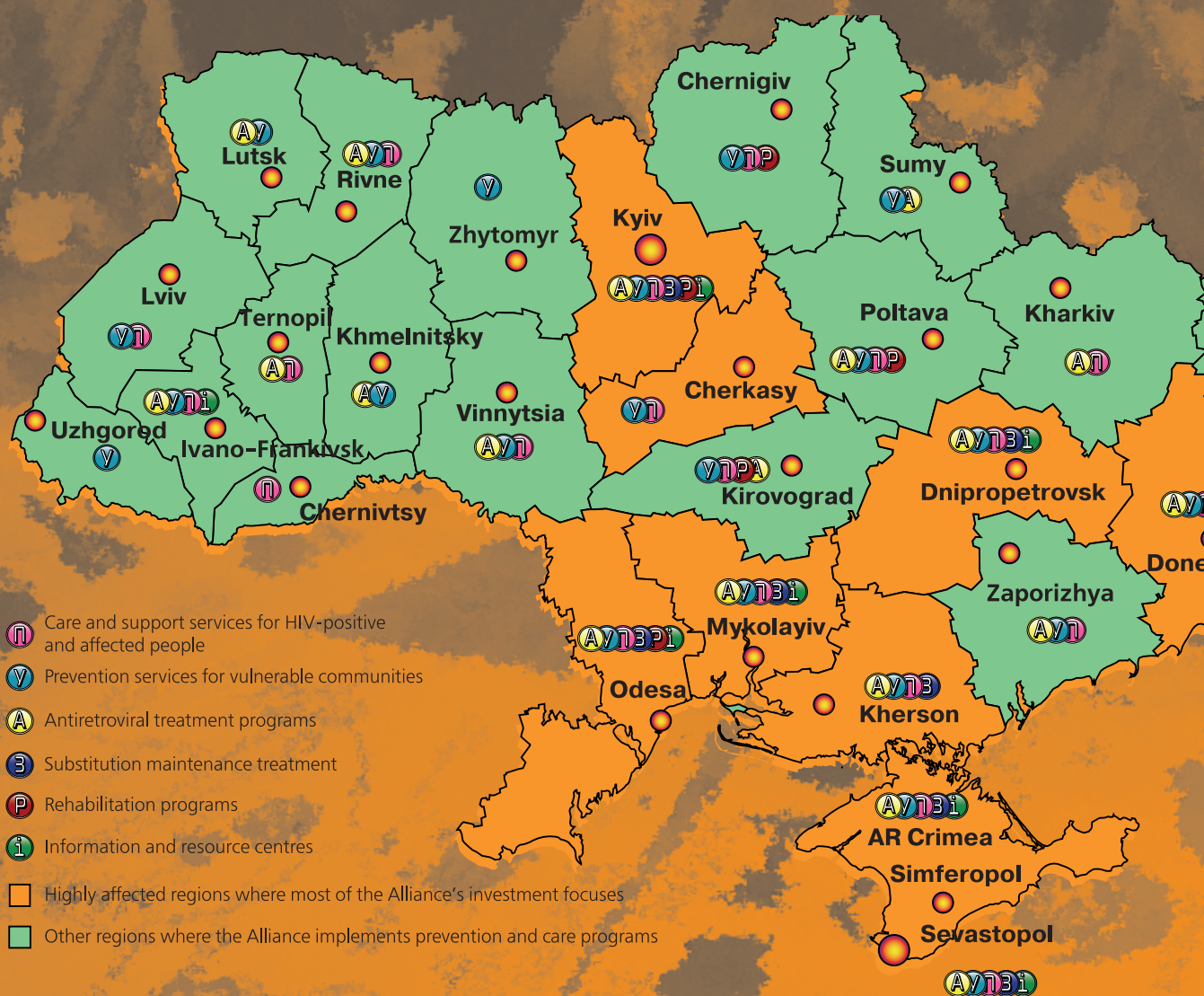
The HIV/AIDS epidemic in Ukraine is mostly concentrated within high risk groups. Therefore the programmes implemented by the Alliance-Ukraine are aimed at prevention, care and support within communities most vulnerable to the epidemic. These programmes play an important role both in implementation of the National Programme "Provision of HIV prevention, assistance and treatment for HIV-positive and AIDS patients 2004-2008" as well as in oblast and regional programmes to fight the epidemic.

Assistance in implementation of prevention, care and support programmes has been a significant contribution by the Alliance-Ukraine into fulfilment of most of 36 tasks of the National Programme. Key directions of the epidemic response where

programmes of the Alliance-Ukraine and its partners play a crucial role include:

- prevention among vulnerable youth;
- organisation of treatment, training of physicians;
- care and support for people living with HIV;
- monitoring and evaluation.

Taking into consideration epidemiological and behavioural surveillance data as well as results of a study on effective approaches in the response to the concentrated epidemic, the Alliance-Ukraine has created relevant programmes and contributed to national and regional policy on response to the HIV/AIDS epidemic.





## 4. Range of Services and Programme Coverage

To successfully counter the HIV/AIDS epidemic in Ukraine, the Alliance-Ukraine in 2006 continued its activities to establish a comprehensive medical and social assistance system for those who need it. Efforts aimed at stable implementation of antiretroviral and substitution therapy, treatment of tuberculosis and hepatitis, care and support for HIV-positive patients as well as HIV prevention among the highest risk groups (IDU, CSW, MSM) were very important.

Comprehensiveness and uninterrupted provision of prevention and social-medical services for target groups are ensured through the coordinated work of partner organisations both at the national and regional levels, in particular:

- through strengthened coordination of activities on prevention, treatment, care and support at the level of every region. Alliance regional coordinators and partners play an important role in the work of regional coordinating councils to fight HIV/AIDS. The Alliance-Ukraine has introduced the concept of coordinating groups comprising representatives of civil society organisations and groups vulnerable to HIV at the regional level in eight oblasts of Ukraine;

- through establishing multi-sectoral teams on voluntary counselling and testing (VCT), ART, work with HIV-positive children;

- through implementation of a client referral system to the various services available in the region.

In 2006 a key objective of the Alliance-Ukraine was to provide technical assistance and create programmes of coordinated services in the majority of Ukraine's regions, provided both by government and non-governmental organisations, with the purpose of ensuring that vulnerable community representatives have universal access to a maximum number of adequate quality services.

The range of comprehensive social-medical and prevention services for high risk groups in the region covers the following activities:

- 1. Prevention of high risk of infection (for various social groups).** A comprehensive package of services for HIV prevention and reduction of drug-related harm among IDUs covers the follow-

ing: training of medical specialists; provision of peer counselling; distribution of information materials; social support for clients; treatment referral for TB and STI patients; first aid and basic medical services; training and support on sexual health issues for outreach workers; distribution of condoms and advice on safe sex; training on safe practices and reducing harms associated with risky sexual behaviour, alcohol and drug use; referral of clients from harm reduction projects to non-medical care projects; care and support services; legal support (counselling and assistance); establishing and supporting self-help groups of injecting drug users, commercial sex workers, men having sex with men and prison inmates; professional re-training and assistance with employment for injecting drug users and commercial sex workers.

- 2. Treatment.** Accessible treatment envisages: availability of ARV medicines; accessible HIV, viral load and CD4 testing; training of medical specialists; accessible substitution maintenance therapy for drug users who require ART.

- 3. Care and support.** The minimum package of care and support services includes: developing adherence to ART; doctor and nurse care; access to diagnostics; treatment and prevention of opportunistic infections, including TB; treatment of HIV-associated diseases and palliative care; psychological support; social-economic support for families, orphans and vulnerable children; protection of human rights and legal support; engagement of communities; mechanism of referral to other organisations providing relevant services, etc.

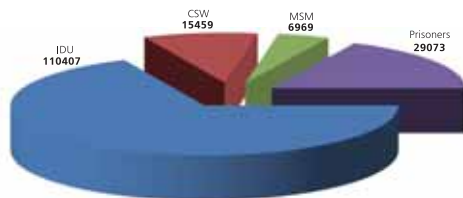
Maximum provision of a range of comprehensive services in Ukraine is stipulated by consolidated national goals regarding universal access to HIV/AIDS prevention, treatment, care and support in Ukraine until the year 2010. The development of Alliance-Ukraine programmes and those of its regional partners is aimed at efficient implementation of national and regional objectives to counter the epidemic.

Major objectives of the Alliance-Ukraine in 2006 are analysis and implementation of the most efficient approaches and methods of service provision to target groups.

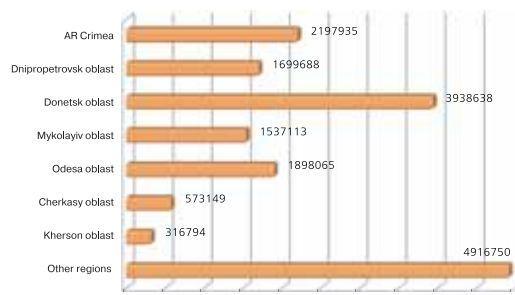


## Coverage by services

With Alliance-Ukraine support, as of December 2006 considerable coverage of prevention target groups has been achieved (see Fig. 1, 2).



Picture 1. The number of prevention programmes clients, 2006



Picture 2. Finance allocations by regions, US dollars, 2006

## 4.1. SUNRISE Project

The SUNRISE project “Scaling Up the National Response to HIV/AIDS in Ukraine through Information and Services” (September 2004 – August 2009) is implemented by the Alliance-Ukraine with support from the United States Agency for International Development (USAID). For the Alliance-Ukraine it is the second international project in terms of significance and scope in the field of fighting the epidemic, with a budget exceeding 8 million US dollars.

SUNRISE provides support to public initiatives aimed at disseminating quality information among vulnerable groups about HIV prevention methods. Thus the project is a valuable complement to programmes fighting the spread of the infection, including the larger initiative supported by the Global Fund “Overcoming HIV/AIDS Epidemics in Ukraine” and other programmes which are, in the main, targeted at ensuring access to treatment.

SUNRISE combines the technical and management experience of project implementation of the three perhaps largest partner organisations working in the area of HIV/AIDS in Ukraine: International HIV/AIDS Alliance, All-Ukrainian Network of PLWH, and Programme for Appropriate Technology in Health (PATH).

Within the project these organisations are supporting their respective activities which in combination contribute to overcoming the epidemic through scaling up access to quality information on HIV/AIDS prevention methods among vulnerable groups, providing care and support services for people living with HIV as well as building the capacity of HIV-service NGOs.

At present SUNRISE is operating in 36 cities and towns in eight regions of Ukraine – Dnipropetrovsk, Donetsk, Mykolayiv, Odesa, Kherson and Cherkasy oblasts, the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and Kyiv and Sevastopol cities.

### In 2006 SUNRISE implementation covered four main directions:

1. Provision of effective high quality information and services to social groups at high risk of infection with the purpose of preventing HIV transmission through injecting drug use as well as sexual transmission. Within this project the following have been implemented:
  - Participatory site assessment (PSA). In 2006 participatory site assessment was carried out in 23 new sites.
  - Analysis of effective prevention programmes and their implementation.
  - Outreach strategies and models development and implementation. For instance, a gender-sensitive approach has been developed and applied in prevention among main population groups, and prevention work has been initiated through pharmacies.
  - Development of information materials within the framework of a general information strategy. Many information products were published (106 publications

were supported and over 280 000 copies distributed among target groups), one training was held for NGOs on developing information materials.

2. Scaling up access to high quality information and care and support services for people living with HIV and other population groups affected by the epidemic. Our main partner in this component is the All-Ukrainian Network of PLWH. Work in this direction in 2006 included support for self-help groups, trainings for volunteers under the "peer-to-peer" programme, development of models of effective services and information for people living with HIV, establishment of partnerships between prevention and PLWH care and support projects.

Also within this component and with technical assistance from the International HIV/AIDS Alliance (Great Britain) a positive prevention programme was actively developed. In September 2006 within the SUNRISE project a seminar was held on "Positive prevention in the area of HIV/AIDS" for 24 representatives from HIV-service organisations. A group of 18 participants were selected for further training of trainers on positive prevention and to develop an adapted positive prevention programme for Ukraine. On December 6-8 the first of a planned two trainings for trainers was held.

3. Strengthening sustainability of prevention and care, with a special focus on quality improvement and coverage by voluntary counselling and testing services. The main partner in this direction is the Programme for Appropriate Technology in Health (PATH). Within the SUNRISE project trainings have been conducted and technical assistance provided to VCT centres, while a cooperation system for VCT centres and NGOs has been developed. In 2006 centres supported by the project provided VCT services to 16,740 individuals; the number of centres receiving technical assistance reached 136, and 369 specialists received professional training to perform counselling and testing for HIV in compliance with national and international standards.
4. Strengthening the capacity of local organisations and communities in regard to analysis, planning, and monitoring and evaluation of new information and services programmes. At present 23 site coordination groups (SCG) are working in seven oblasts comprising representatives of civil society, the government

sector and, in some cases, representatives of the private sector. The main purpose of the SCGs is to coordinate planning, development and implementation of local programmes and their monitoring and evaluation. In October 2006 SUNRISE supported nine regional coordinators whose work includes developing cooperation between NGOs and government agencies on issues of planning, developing and implementing regional programmes to fight HIV/AIDS.

### SUNRISE Project. Success Stories

*The registration of civil society organisations in small towns of Ukraine is of utmost importance in order to strengthen the regional approach to the epidemic response, especially since some regions have practically no infrastructure necessary for provision of prevention, care and support for people affected by the epidemic. Members of an initiative group in the town of Yuzhnyi participated in the first stage of the PSA (January-February 2006) and, with support from the organisation "Youth development centre" (Odesa), following completion of the regional assessment stage initiated registration of the new NGO "Svitanok" ('Sunrise' in Ukrainian). "Svitanok" plans to operate in the area of prevention and care tailored to needs uncovered by the PSA, which is especially important for a region with such high infection indicators as Yuzhnyi. In Mykolayiv and Kherson cities the PSA stimulated establishment of initiative groups, and in the town of Snigurivka, Mykolayiv oblast, after performing a PSA the initiative group suggested establishing a community centre for IDUs with a telephone hotline and self-help groups.*

*SUNRISE project implementation has stimulated scale up of service provision to target groups and involvement of new clients into existing prevention, care and support programmes. In Slovyansk, Donetsk oblast, a project is supporting a children's playroom in a community centre for representatives of vulnerable groups; a similar day-care centre for children from families with HIV-positive members has been organised in Yalta under the women's NGO "Family creativity centre".*

*As a result of SUNRISE project operation the number of HIV-service organisations providing services has grown and new types of services become available. The Sevastopol city charitable organisation "Havan+" is cooperating with religious organisations in Sevastopol to provide care and support services (home care) for PLWH. Mykolayiv charitable fund "Unitus" with support from SUNRISE is working with antenatal clinics. It also publishes the newspaper "Mother and child" which is distributed in antenatal clinics. Organisations "Vertikal" (Kyiv) and "Alternative" (Odesa) are organising trainings for HIV-positive pregnant women.*



## 4.2 . Focused Prevention

### Participatory Site Assessment — Goals of Service Development on Site

In spring 2006 the second wave of participatory site assessments (PSA) was completed by the Alliance-Ukraine within the USAID SUNRISE project. Assessments were performed in 23 sites: Konstantynivka and Slovyansk (Donetsk oblast), Yalta (AR Crimea), Bashtanka, Chornomorka, Nova Odesa, Ochakiv, Snigyrivka, Voznesensk, Pivdenoukrayinsk (Mykolayiv oblast), Illichivsk, Usatove, Nerubayske and Yuzhnyi (Odesa oblast), Kahovka, Nova Kahovka, Skadovsk, Kherson, Tzuryupunsk (Kherson oblast), and Uman, Zvenyhorodka and Vatutino (Cherkasy oblast).

Participatory site assessment as a special quality research method is based on target groups playing a key role in gathering, verifying and analysing information. Regional assessment envisages collection of data relating not only to one community but to the general situation regarding services in a specific area/site. Regional teams comprising representatives of IDU, CSW, MSM and PLWH communities gained essential skills during initial training. The main research objectives of the PSAs include:

- determining general and specific territorial factors which influence the spread of HIV/STI in each populated site;
- analysing available HIV/AIDS prevention services for vulnerable groups and care and support for PLWH;
- identifying needs for services and tasks for service development at the local level.

An important result of the PSA teams' work was creation of initiative groups of representatives of vulnerable communities, as well as development of their capacity. The regional assessment performed by community representatives provided a stimulus towards developing new public initiatives and organisations in small towns far from oblast centres.

Specific assessment results laid the foundation for developing comprehensive local strategies to

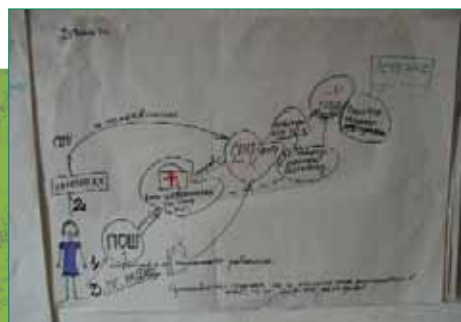
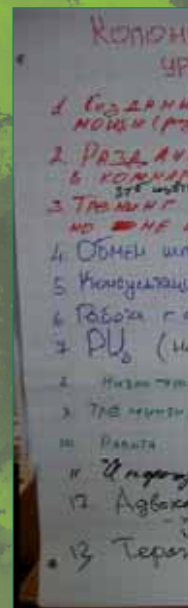
develop HIV prevention services among high risk groups and care and support for PLWH based on coordinated project applications from sites. Over the year many PSA sites received financial assistance for initial projects providing necessary information, social-psychological support and care for groups of IDUs, CSW and PLWH. New opportunities have opened up for these groups in terms of protecting their rights, testing for HIV and receiving medical assistance.

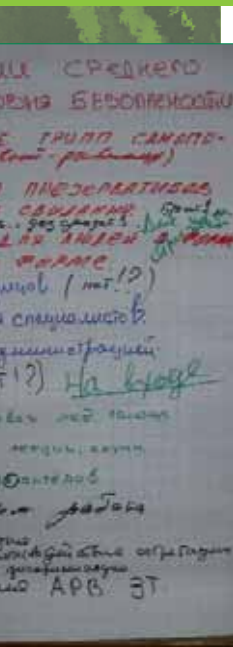
### Prevention Activities with Vulnerable Groups Through Pharmacies

The involvement of new institutions and networks into prevention activities is an important component of developing large-scale forms of HIV prevention among vulnerable groups, increasing their coverage and, ultimately, influencing the epidemic. Both global and Ukrainian experience show that pharmacies can provide an important and effective link between prevention activities and injecting drug users.

A presentation by Catalan (Spain) Health Ministry consultant Anna Rhodes at the First National Harm Reduction Conference (organised with support of, among others, the Alliance-Ukraine in February 2006) showcased Catalan experience of involving pharmacies into prevention activities. The presentation encouraged development of this direction in Ukraine. In September 2006 the Alliance-Ukraine organised a familiarising visit to Barcelona for representatives from NGOs, medical institutions and law enforcement agencies to study the experience of cooperation with pharmacies in prevention activities with vulnerable groups.

Taking into consideration the experience of Spain and other countries, pharmacy interventions in Ukraine were intensively developed in 2006 within SUNRISE. During the pilot stage work was conducted in Kyiv and Cherkasy with potential scale up to other regions. In summer, with support from the Alliance-Ukraine, Kyiv and Cherkasy NGOs assessed the situation within vulnerable groups in terms of their needs and the possibility of initiating prevention activities through pharmacy networks. This assessment proved that pharmacies were indeed frequently visited by drug users and had significant potential for prevention interventions.






Based on research results within vulnerable groups, Programme for Appropriate Technology in Health (PATH), the Alliance-Ukraine's partner in SUNRISE project implementation, established a partnership with the pharmacy network of public utility enterprise "Pharmatsia". PATH conducted research among pharmacists and later held a training for staff from ten Kyiv and eight Cherkasy pharmacies on informing and counselling clients on HIV/AIDS. The Alliance-Ukraine printed information materials to be distributed in pharmacies during following stages of the intervention.

Further implementing steps in pharmacy-related prevention efforts envisage organising counselling, information materials distribution and syringe exchange activities on the basis of pharmacies, evaluating the effectiveness of prevention activities, publishing methodological recommendations and scaling up pharmacy interventions into other Ukrainian regions.

### HIV Prevention: Harm Reduction in Penitentiary Institutions



In 2006 the International HIV/AIDS Alliance in Ukraine within the Global Fund Programme supported 14 HIV prevention projects for prison inmates. A further five care and support projects for inmates are being implemented by the All-Ukrainian Network of PLWH. The number of inmates covered by prevention services in 2006 reached 29,073 individuals.

Services provided by projects include:

- distribution of condoms, toothbrushes, shaving kits, other disposable and information materials by peer volunteers and medical units;
- social support for people released from prisons;
- preparation and implementation of mass information events;
- coaching of volunteers-consultants to work on the basis of the peer principle;
- counselling on safe behaviour, HIV/AIDS/STI prevention, motivation for HIV/STI testing;
- holding trainings for prison employees on "What is AIDS?", "Routes of HIV transmission", "HIV prevention at the workplace";

- organising self-help groups or psychological support groups.


Employees of the majority of projects have introduced services aimed at facilitating re-socialisation of inmates.

### Successful Project Stories

**Lviv Centre for spiritual and psychological support and mutual assistance "Doroga" ("Pathway")** organised a computer class in Lviv correctional facility №3.

**Khmelnitsky oblast Association to support resolution of drug use and AIDS problems** collaborated with relatives of drug users to form a self-help group on the basis of the spiritual programme "Road to your family" using the ten-step programme. Thanks to this programme people have regained hope and been able to share their problems in the certainty that they will receive support and helpful advice.

Thanks to the activities of **Vinnitsya Public Congress "Stalist" ("Sustainability")** clubs for positive leaders started up in correction facilities №123 and №86.



In Makiyivka correctional facility № 32 on the initiative of **Union "Amikus"** volunteer theatre has been established. As well as theatre performances organisation staff and volunteers held an event dedicated to International anti-drug day.

After their release from correctional facility №102 volunteers for **Charitable fund for cultural and creative development "Lotos" (Simferopol)** have continued their volunteer activities, some of them becoming clients of the community centre.

Under an agreement with the Kherson oblast employment centre **Kherson oblast charitable fund "Mangust"** helps its clients find employment.

**Mykolayiv oblast public youth movement "Penitentiary initiative"** organised a 'brain-ring' game on prevention issues for volunteers as well as a volleyball tournament "Sport against AIDS" for inmates. The Oblast Kropyvnytsky library collected 1350 books for "Penitentiary initiative" which have been handed over to libraries in correctional facilities № 53 and № 93. An employment unit operating within the project has referred 56 individuals to work vacancies, 34 of them have subsequently been employed.





## Experience: Harm Reduction Programme at the Criminal-enforcement inspection

*With support from the Alliance Ukraine in 2006 Charitable fund "Drop-in Centre" initiated an innovative project advocating HIV prevention at the criminal-enforcement inspection (CEI) of Svyatoshyn district, Kyiv. Injecting drug users living in the district are involved in the project as social workers.*

*Counselling services are provided In CEI offices while all other services are provided outside the CEI. The counselling site is located next to the room where inmates are registered. As a rule, clients themselves approach social workers when they see relevant literature. During a conversation the social worker attempts to learn client's needs (for clean injecting equipment, consultation with a physician, HIV testing). No syringe exchange is made in CEI offices or on CEI territory. Instead an appointment is arranged with the interested person at a convenient place (client's home, "Drop-in Center" office, etc.) Thanks to this approach, ten syringe exchange points have been opened. CEI also provides premises to hold consultations with a physician as well as to conduct VCT. Clients with a positive result after rapid testing are referred to the AIDS centre for a second laboratory test. They are provided with information materials and details of projects working with PLHA. "Drop-in Center" also held three trainings for clients and organised a lecture on harm reduction principles for CEI personnel. As of December 30, 2006, employees of the project had provided services to 561 clients.*

## Voluntary Counselling and Testing (VCT) for Vulnerable Groups

An analysis performed by the Alliance-Ukraine of VCT service provision for vulnerable groups identified significant barriers to VCT (fear of registration with police and AIDS-centres as drug users or sex workers, absence of test kits, breaches of confidentiality, etc.) To facilitate IDU, CSW and MSM access to VCT services at mobile, stationary and street NGO sites implementing prevention projects for vulnerable groups, physicians and nurses from AIDS centres were engaged to provide pre- and post-test counselling and rapid HIV tests. Counselling and testing performed by physicians was anonymous and every client had a right to decline.

Within the operation of 12 pilot projects from July to December 2006, VCT services were provided to 7398 IDUs, CSW and MSM. Rapid test results were positive in 1900 cases. In addition to counselling and information on rapid test results, clients could confirm their HIV status at the regional AIDS centre and later, if there was need, receive psychological support, non-medical care services or ART.

Taking into consideration the successful implementation of pilot projects and the demand among vulnerable groups, the Alliance-Ukraine has added VCT with rapid test-

ing to the basic service package provided to IDUs, CSW and MSM. For the year 2007 23 projects have been planned to cover 25 500 clients.

The partnership between AIDS centre medical personnel and HIV-service NGO employees has demonstrated successful interaction between government and non-governmental sectors, ensuring better access of vulnerable groups to such a vital service as VCT.

Comments by employees of the Charitable Fund "Public health", Kryviy Rig:

*'Organising VCT in field conditions is a new type of activity for us which has grown very popular among representatives of our target group. Good discipline, proper coordination and efficiency within two multidisciplinary teams comprising a physician, nurse, VCT consultant, psychologist and social worker, laid a strong foundation for successful VCT performance; the social workers succeeded in motivating IDUs to participate in VCT. A key component of success was the ability of physicians and nurses to communicate with clients on equal terms, properly appreciating the specifics relating to drug users and showing tolerance in conflict situations which, fortunately, were rare to occur. An atmosphere of confidence among VCT participants toward the project teams helped involve sexual partners into VCT (IDU's spouses). This project permitted scale up of coverage of IDU (more than 30 men became participants in harm reduction projects and the SUNRISE project).*





*'My name is Sergiy. I wasn't too alarmed about going for HIV counselling and testing. The guys from club "Eney" explained the importance of being informed about the state of my own health. I wasn't scared when I learned my positive result. And Vova [social worker] and his team helped me get registered at the city AIDS centre. Unfortunately, I still keep using drugs, but I hope to quit. Now I am being referred to substitution therapy.'*  
Comment by an IDU who received VCT services with rapid testing (NGO Club "Eney", Kyiv)

*'My name is Yura and I am 32. I've been using drugs for more than six years now. Up til now I never dared have a blood test for HIV in a clinic. So it's important for me that here are people who provide us with HIV prevention means and also help get tested for HIV in just 15 minutes. Once I learned my result and talked to a consultant I realised that I had to go to the AIDS centre, because that's where I could get treatment and help. And I also liked talking to a psychologist. So now I'm going to tell everyone I speak to to go and get tested with rapid testing.'*  
Comment by an IDU (CF "Solidarity", Ivano-Frankivsk)





### Community Centres

A community centre is a civil society association whose members may unite to organise group events, mutual support, etc. Such centres are often opened for a specific group of people. The purpose of establishing Harm Reduction Community Centres (HRCC) in Ukraine is to provide comprehensive HIV prevention services to representatives of vulnerable groups (IDU, CSW, MSM) and those close to them. Apart from provision of such services it also provides a safe place for clients to exchange information, render mutual support, satisfy pressing needs and receive prevention services. HRCC closely cooperate with a number of organisations which can provide important support: legal counselling, medical services, educational events aimed at improving the quality of life for HRCC members. Standard services provided by community centres include:

#### Social services:

- ✱ motivational counselling to develop safe behaviour;
- ✱ self-help groups;
- ✱ trainings for clients;
- ✱ psycho-social counselling;
- ✱ social support (employment, housing, etc.);
- ✱ humanitarian aid (clothing, food);
- ✱ informational materials;
- ✱ provision and exchange of syringes, condoms, disinfectants.

#### Medical services:

- ✱ basic medical services (bandages, etc.);
- ✱ referral to HIV/STI and TB diagnostics and treatment;
- ✱ counselling on STI and HIV issues;
- ✱ pre- and post-testing counselling;
- ✱ referral to rehabilitation programmes, substitution therapy, care and support programmes;

#### Legal services:

- ✱ Explaining the substance of legal documents;
- ✱ legal support;
- ✱ preparation of documents on delinquencies and legal offences;
- ✱ representing client's interests in the Court of Law (when needed).

**Personal services:** organising leisure activities, hot food, overnight accommodation, working with clients' children, etc.

The ICF "International HIV/AIDS Alliance in Ukraine" announced for the first time a call for proposals to implement projects "Establishing and supporting community centres for IDU and CSW" in August 2006. Subsequently 14 projects were supported. During 2006 1939 individuals were reached by community centre services.

## 4.3. Treatment, Care and Substitution Maintenance Therapy

### ARV-therapy Scale Up

As of 1.01.2007 3178 adult patients and 552 children received highly active antiretroviral therapy (HAART) with ARV medicines purchased by the Alliance-Ukraine. Medicines were purchased for prevention of mother to child transmission (PMTCT), for pregnant women and for providing post-exposure prophylaxis as well as for treatment of opportunistic infections. In the program framework as of 01.01.2007 4487 HIV-positive pregnant women and 4464 children born to them received medicines for PMTCT and 679 patients received a course of post-exposure prophylaxis. A total of 7912 people received opportunistic infections treatment, including for herpes zoster and herpes simplex, cytomegalovirus infections, systemic candidiasis, cryptococcal meningitis, toxoplasmosis, bacterial infections (sepsis, pneumonia) and atypical mycobacteriosis; 5094 patients were involved in treatment courses and received services on prevention of pneumocystic pneumonia.

Starting from April 2006 ART commenced in five new regions: Volyn, Rivne, Kirovograd, Sumy and Khmelnytskyi oblasts. Thus, patients in 20 Ukrainian regions were receiving treatment under the programme "Overcoming HIV/AIDS Epidemics in Ukraine".


With support from the Alliance-Ukraine a capability assessment of treatment and prevention institutions was performed in the two additional oblasts of Cherkasy and Zhytomyr. ART will become accessible in these oblasts in 2007.

From the list of planned laboratory equipment and materials the following were delivered to Ukraine: sequencer for testing resistance, distilling apparatus, laboratory disinfectants, consumables for PCR-testing for HIV, microplate rotor, USD equipment, reagents (to determine HIV DNA in infants, tuberculin, IFA tests to detect HIV antibodies, tests for CD4 level of lymphocytes, viral load tests, resistance tests). Rapid tests for HIV and presence of drug substances were also purchased. Electrocardiograph, ultrasound equipment, microplate washer, thermocycler were purchased for the State Penitentiary Department.

Within its Treatment, Procurement and Supply Management component the Alliance-Ukraine provided technical assistance to oblast/city AIDS centres. The material and technical capabilities of five regional AIDS centres involved in provision of ART in 2006 were improved. With Alliance-Ukraine support a histological laboratory based at the Lugansk oblast AIDS centre was established to improve extra-pulmonary tuberculosis diagnosis. In future this laboratory is








expected to become an inter-regional facility, processing tests from all Eastern oblasts of Ukraine. In five oblasts — Kherson, Mykolayiv, Odesa, Zaporizhya and Donetsk — the Alliance-Ukraine has been involved in establishing palliative care departments at AIDS centre in-patient clinics.

Another area of work for the Alliance-Ukraine team was creation of a centre in Ukraine to treat HIV-positive children. Representatives of the Alliance-Ukraine participated in numerous meetings at the Ministry of Health of Ukraine and joined a working group to develop strategy and documentation to regulate the centre's operations. Pursuant to Ministry of Health Order dated 27. 01. 2006, № 5, establishment of a centre to treat HIV-positive children is planned on the basis of the Ukrainian children's clinic "OHMATDYT". The Alliance-Ukraine contributed to establishment of the centre by providing technical assistance to the "OHMATDYT" clinic to carry out renovations and purchase new furniture for two in-patient clinic rooms for HIV-positive children.

### Progress in Implementing Substitution Maintenance Therapy




Introduction of substitution maintenance therapy (ST) commenced in Ukraine in October 2004 when, as a result of active advocacy by the Alliance-Ukraine, the Ministry of Health of Ukraine approved a supply system and specifications for ST medicines (buprenorphine).

Since ART was initiated in Ukraine earlier than ST, patients already receiving ART have been involved into substitution therapy later on. By now IDUs whose health condition requires ART in the near future are starting substitution maintenance therapy.

As of December 31, 2006, 436 patients were receiving ST, of whom 283 were HIV-positive. In parallel, 93 individuals were receiving ART and 61 patients were getting ready to start antiretroviral therapy (ART).

In November and December 2006 the ST programme was able to increase the number of patients by 216 compared to the previous quarter. The number of patients receiving ST in parallel with ART grew by 34 individuals.



From the time of initiating implementation of ST programmes in Ukraine in 2004 with buprenorphine, the Alliance-Ukraine together with other international and national stakeholders

has been working on implementing ST on the basis of methadone, which is many times cheaper than buprenorphine.

In summer 2006 the Alliance-Ukraine initiated the process of registering ready-to-use methadone in tablets. As a result, on December 15, 2006, by Ministry of Health Order № 835 some dosage forms of methadone were officially registered under the trademark "Metadol", manufactured by the Canadian company Pharmascience; and on December 20, 2006, the Minister of Health signed Order № 846 which envisaged scaling up ST programmes to nine oblasts of Ukraine and the city of Kyiv using methadone. This order also regulates ST programme scale-up with buprenorphine in 15 new regions, which creates new possibilities for scaling up accessible ST using both medicines.

These achievements allow for significant increase of ST programme clients in Ukraine as well as reduction of programme costs through reducing the cost of medicines. The Alliance-Ukraine is planning to increase the number of ST programme participants to 3000 by October 2007, and to 6000 by October 2008.

### Care and Support for People Living with HIV

Over the year 2006 20 699 adults and 2853 children with HIV received non-medical care and support services in Ukraine; 86 % of the people receiving ART are covered by services on developing adherence to treatment under PLWH care and support projects.

The main components of non-medical care and support programmes include:

- developing adherence to ART among children and adults;
- support for PMTCT programmes;
- comprehensive assistance centres (NGO community centres and day-care centres for children);
- care and support in prisons;
- home-based care (medical and non-medical).

In general, 59 NGOs received sub-grants in 2006 to implement care and support programmes for HIV-positive people (including children), 47 of them received sub-grants from the All-Ukrainian Network of PLWH.

The Care and Support component is being implemented by the All-Ukrainian Network of



## Experience: Care and Support. NGO “Childhood without AIDS”

*‘The problem of HIV in Ukraine has now reached such a scale that it can only be resolved through the combined efforts of all civil society. I am not a medical specialist, thus my attitude to this problem is that of a layman. The people who work at “Childhood without AIDS” are no different from other people, and if we encounter some problem that means that other people may face it as well. If there is a problem, there must be a solution, therefore we are not just standing by but moving forward.’*

Natalia Adamets, director, “Childhood without AIDS”.

“Childhood without AIDS” has already gained experience of working with HIV-positive children. Its first project, supported by the Alliance-Ukraine, was focused on medical-social support for children from “Berizka” orphanage who were temporarily placed in the infectious diseases department of children's oblast clinic №1. The project ended in 2005 when renovations were finished and the children could move back to the orphanage.

The new project, which started in 2006 with support from the Alliance-Ukraine, envisages only social support for HIV-positive orphans because their health has considerably improved and there is thus no further need for medical support. Additional nurses, social workers, a psychologist, logopedist and volunteer-students were brought in to work at the “Berizka” orphanage, bringing a breath of fresh air into activities with the children. An important advantage of the project is that the students are male. Not many people realise that almost from the time of their birth orphans are almost exclusively surrounded by women. This can lead to a situation where some children grow up to be simply afraid of men!

The project envisages visits to the zoo and puppet theatre, holidays and presents. The children learn that toys can be their own and personal, not for everyone's use; that candles can be put on a cake, funny hats worn on the head, singing and dancing can be done in a ring. Older children are presented with photo albums so that they can also have memories of their childhood no matter what the future may bring them.

Taking into consideration the experience gained, the decision was taken to expand this project by re-allocating a portion of resources intended for Kyiv city children to the Kyiv oblast orphanage “Budynok dytny” in Bila Tserkva. Now additional material resources will reach this address.

When “Childhood without AIDS” employees arrived at the orphanage in Bila Tserkva there were 11 HIV-positive orphans and their life was not easy: a separate group was formed for them, they had no toys, even no carpet on the concrete floor. The children were left on their own most of the time, but this was not the worst. Most tragic was the attitude of orphanage personnel towards them. Employees would only touch these children wearing rubber gloves.

The purpose of the project is to bring HIV-positive children to the same level of development as other children the same age. Hygiene items were purchased for them along with toys, good clothing, go-carts and playpens. Healthy food was regularly purchased. Again, some problems arose: it appeared that it was not enough to just purchase and bring items, they had to be monitored to make sure they actually reached the children. In the process of work a system was developed which allowed control over distribution of every item brought for the children. All items were handed over to the orphanage on the basis of strict accountability procedures. The presence of NGO representatives prevented the uncontrolled use of humanitarian aid.

In 2005-2006 “Childhood without AIDS” organised and held four workshops for more than 80 health workers from all Ukrainian oblasts. The main purpose of the workshops was to enable health workers of various specialities to share their experience of working with HIV-positive children.

In the course of these workshops a list of questions was formed with regard to specifics of medical support for children and conditions of their involvement into ART. All experts were able to learn from foreign and domestic experience of providing assistance to children with HIV/AIDS.







PLWH.

#### 4.4. Monitoring and Evaluation System

In 2006 the Alliance-Ukraine continued to support the development and implementation of a unified national monitoring and evaluation system for HIV/AIDS epidemic response in Ukraine, as well as continuing programme monitoring and evaluation of the efficiency of the programme "Overcoming HIV/AIDS epidemics in Ukraine" financed by the Global Fund and the SUNRISE project implemented by the Alliance-Ukraine with support from USAID.

*Major achievements of the Alliance-Ukraine in the area of monitoring and evaluation in 2006 include:*

- For the first time in Ukraine a study on early seroconversion and early HIV infection cases was initiated. This study will allow monitoring of changes in the level of incidence and establish risk factors in groups of injecting drug users, donors and pregnant women.
- Cohort research is being continued in Ukrainian penitentiary institutions which is aimed at studying HIV-infection

incidence and spread among inmates.

- Regular sentinel epidemiological surveillance was performed among IDU, CSW and patients with STIs.
- Behavioural surveillance was performed within groups at high risk of HIV infection (IDU, CSW) and among school-children; also, the level of care and potential possibilities of adoption of HIV-positive orphans were assessed.
- An electronic database was introduced to monitor clients of prevention projects for high risk groups run by HIV-service organisations – sub-grantees of the Alliance-Ukraine – following a lengthy period of testing and improvement.
- A practical manual was developed on monitoring and evaluation on the basis of Ukrainian experience which is in demand by both NGOs and government institutions working with IDU and other groups vulnerable to HIV as well as by care and support project employees.



## 5. Local Community and NGO Capacity Building and Development

### 5.1. Efficient Programme Approaches

#### Community Mobilisation, Development and Technical Assistance

Community mobilisation is rightfully considered one of the most effective means to change the social environment and, in particular, resolve public health issues. Communities vulnerable to HIV and those living with HIV/AIDS become a key and crucial force in advocacy activities, HIV prevention, care and support.

Key methods of mobilising communities most vulnerable to HIV include:

- self-help groups;
- supporting initiative groups to organise regular meetings on the basis of existing NGOs and projects;
- support for community activities within community centres.

As well as continuing efforts to develop the capacity of community partners of the Alliance-Ukraine in the regions, in 2006 the development of coordinated interaction between organisations and communities at the national level was also supported. With support from the Alliance-Ukraine a coordination meeting of IDU initiative groups "Spilnota" was held, and the project "Assistance to self-help", aimed at organisations which provide services to drug users at the level of local communities, got underway. Technical assistance was provided to 16 initiative groups and clubs which united into the national federation "Club House".

#### Trainings and Seminars for NGO

In 2006 the Alliance-Ukraine held a series of trainings and seminars aimed at strengthening the organisational capacity of local NGOs operating in the area of HIV/AIDS. Over the year three trainings were organised on development of informa-

tion-education-communication (IEC) materials for vulnerable communities and PLWH. The trainings provided knowledge and skills to participants which would help improve the quality of IEC products on HIV/AIDS. In June 2006 three one-day trainings on "Project documentation maintenance" were held for project managers and documenters to gain relevant knowledge and skills. One important segment of this training was a session on documenting best practices.

Also in 2006 a series of trainings was held on "Strategic planning. Building partnerships". The purpose was to train participants in the philosophy of strategic planning as well as methods of developing strategic plans for their organisations and regions. Using as examples their own organisations and partner-organisations in their region, participants gained practical skills on writing strategic plans for their organisations and for the region in general. Trainers proposed and introduced a new element into the process of strategic planning: a PR-component. This know-how has not been used before in trainings and strategic planning, but judging by comments from training participants it was an important and necessary component. Also under consideration were key target groups, strategies of planning work with them, and the stereotypes and dangers existing in society towards those affected by HIV/AIDS.

In September 2006 trainings were held in Kyiv on "The basics of motivational interviewing" for 60 social workers and NGO psychologists. The purpose was to provide participants with the necessary information and knowledge to develop and improve their skills of organising motivational interviewing of people using drugs by injection.

A number of trainings which took place in 2006 were focused on practical aspects of organisation activities in specific areas of countering HIV/AIDS. In March 2006 on the basis of the West-Ukrainian resource centre (Charitable fund

#### "Club House"

*The "Club House" federation comprises organisations which provide re-socialisation services to drug-using youth in the cities of Kyiv, Cherniviv, Sevastopol, Odesa, Donetsk, Lviv, Chisinau (Moldova) and other cities. Federation members numbered 27 organisations in early 2007.*

*The main purpose of the federation is to develop existing clubs and organise new ones. Only legal entities which are clubs that have developed from self-help groups or were organised by people who share the philosophy of the 12-step programme can become members of the federation. The club, in turn, is an organisation of like-minded people who have united on a voluntary basis in order to create an environment conducive to the development and encouragement of the inner resources of anyone who is able and ready to work in a team. An important aspect of its activity is the federation's openness to new members irrespective of nationality and residence. Services provided by "Club House" are free of charge.*

*"Club House" experience serves as a good example of community mobilisation, establishing a coordination network for the IDU community through initiative groups cluster development centres.*





Comment by a participant:

*'The training was very useful as I could not even imagine the many aspects which can be used to attain a positive result during counselling; moreover, many things can be used in daily life.'*



"Solidarity") a training was held on "The basics of harm reduction strategy" for representatives of organisations just starting to implement HIV prevention projects for IDU and CSW. Participants learned the philosophy and directions of harm reduction and methods of situation assessment, visited "Solidarity" syringe exchange points and developed the skills needed to organise efficient prevention measures among IDU and CSW.

In January 2006 a working meeting of project employees on HIV prevention for inmates was held in Kyiv. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss issues related to performing behavioural evaluation in penitentiary institutions. Participants learned the techniques of organising such evaluations, the specifics of the sampling system, analysis of questionnaires, data processing, report writing and data usage. To cover this topic a training was held March 22-24 on "Organising prevention measures in penitentiary system facilities: methods of prevention work with inmates". Representatives of the penitentiary system and NGOs conducting prevention activities in prisons participated in the training. The following items were reviewed: structure of the criminal-enforcement system of Ukraine, legal aspects of NGO interaction with penitentiary institutions, methods of work with inmates and penitentiary department employees, monitoring and evaluation, reporting systems.

Over the year two working meetings and two trainings were held for more than 40 representatives of projects working in the programme components Regional Resource Centres on HIV/AIDS and Education. In the course of the working meeting plans to implement educational projects targeting schoolchildren and school teachers were agreed, and evaluation and planning of further project activities in the regions took place. Trainings on diagnosis and ways to overcome professional burnout, developing partnership and strategic planning were also organised.

#### **Alliance-Ukraine Monitoring and Evaluation Trainings**

In 2006 the Alliance-Ukraine Monitoring and Evaluation team conducted regular trainings for regional NGO grantees and representatives of government agencies.

For instance, a series of trainings was held in June 2006 for project managers and documenters from regional NGOs operating in the area of harm reduction among IDU and CSW. Participants discussed ways of attaining the necessary coverage of target groups as well as problems and issues arising from usage of the client database SyrEx which was specifically developed for harm reduction programmes among injecting drug users and commercial sex workers.

On October 1, 2006, a seminar on monitoring prevention programmes within vulnerable population groups (IDU, CSW) was organised for representatives of the State social service for family, children and youth, notably for personnel responsible for reporting at oblast social services for youth.

From late November to late December 2006 in the cities of Zaporizhya, Lutsk and Chernihiv, Alliance-Ukraine experts held trainings on "Development of the oblast monitoring and evaluation system". Representatives of the family and youth department, social services for children and youth, oblast internal affairs departments, oblast drug treatment services, oblast AIDS centres, health departments, education and science departments as well as representatives of regional NGOs implementing HIV/AIDS programmes participated. These trainings were an indispensable component in implementing the national monitoring and evaluation system of the programme to fight HIV/AIDS.

On November 20-21, 2006, the Monitoring and Evaluation team organised a training on monitoring harm reduction programmes. Participants discussed results of an operational study on evaluation of the level of IDU and CSW coverage by harm reduction programmes, once again reviewed key parameters of the quality of harm reduction services, and learned about progress in implementation of the quality standards for services provided by HIV-service organisations.

#### **Finance Training for Non-government Organisations**

In February 2006 experts from the Field Support Finance department with active support from specialists in other departments and external

experts held a training on “NGO financial management and grant administration”. A total of 72 accountants from NGOs in various regions of Ukraine participated.

Over four intensely informative days the main principles of the Alliance-Ukraine and its donors were outlined and explained with regard to grant financing, financial reporting requirements, procedures and methods of storage accountability for inventory holdings, aspects of labour, civil and tax legislation, book-keeping principles and USAID procedures and policies. Much time was dedicated to discussion of existing problems in the organisation and functioning of book-keeping, storage and tax accountability systems in NGOs.

The main objectives of the training were:

- ✱ To receive clear answers to practical questions;
- ✱ practical review and improvement of financial and managerial document circulation systems in NGOs.

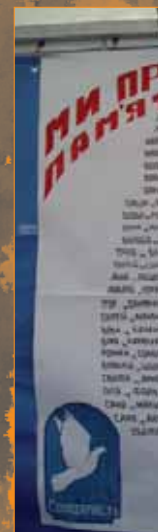
### Professional Burnout Prevention

More than 300 NGOs are operating in the field of HIV/AIDS in Ukraine. No less than 50 % of their employees are former project clients; people who initially approached the organisation for assistance and support. Based on the experience, employees and leaders of such associations have no place to go for help in case of workplace

burnout, as the only type of help now available is rehabilitation programmes for chemical dependence. As a result, labour efficiency decreases and many people quit HIV-service, which has a negative impact on the general rate of the epidemic's spread.

World practice shows that employees who deal with a great number of people need to participate in groups and programmes of psychological adjustment. In June 2006 the Christian charitable foundation (CCF) “Blagodat”, within the framework of Alliance call for proposals to find new partners, received USAID funding to implement a pilot project to establish the Republican Centre for Prevention of Burnout Syndrome among Employees of HIV-service Organisations in Ukraine. “Blagodat” owns an apartment house in Karolino-Bugas on the Black Sea which forms a unique base for the project.

The centre's team have created a model of comprehensive assistance consisting of two parts: information and training. In July-September 2006 51 employees from HIV-service organisations took a full prevention course. The “Blagodat” team has developed an up-to-date, necessary and unique programme tailored to HIV-service in Ukraine. Its main purpose is to improve the quality of life of employees who provide services to people living with HIV and representatives of other target groups. Project participants were trained as trainers on prevention of professional burnout syndrome in Ukrainian HIV-service employees and activists. All received specially prepared materials, including text, audio and photo materials.



*'As an outreach worker I am full of enthusiasm for and understanding of the importance of HIV prevention work among drug users in our city. I had many questions which I could not answer: what can help me be more efficient at work? What can I change? Where can I find help to overcome difficulties in communicating with clients?*

*My background has nothing to do with psychology, moreover I don't have much experience in therapeutic groups, therefore my experience at the “Blagodat” summer camp was extremely valuable. These are not just mere words. Apart from the information and assistance from experts I experienced many new, meaningful moments in my life. As well as new friends in the camp I gained new opportunities relating to my job.*

*After returning back to things as usual I initiated regular sessions on workplace burnout syndrome prevention. I should tell you that this produced good results: fewer conflict situations among social workers, new enthusiasm and ideas to improve work efficiency. We found new solutions to seemingly hopeless situations (relations with volunteers and project clients). Now when I'm asked about the importance of organising such “summer vacations” for outreach workers my answer is straightforward: “An outreach worker in good spirits means a manager with no headaches” and this, in turn, reinforces the efficiency of HIV/AIDS prevention programmes among IDU and CSW.'*

*Mykhaylo Bezhan, outreach worker, CF “New family”*



## 5.2. Experience Sharing

### Publications

The International HIV/AIDS Alliance started its information activities in Ukraine by establishing an information and resource centre (IRC) in 2001 under the USAID project “Programme of support for non-governmental organisations and resources development in the sphere of HIV/AIDS prevention”. Information products developed by IRC personnel laid the foundation for the Alliance-Ukraine’s information activities and determined their trends for many years to come.

At present the Programme and Resource Development department of the Alliance-Ukraine produces and coordinates development and publishing of Alliance-Ukraine information products. These include the following major publications: “People and HIV” manual; a series of booklets for HIV-positive people; “HIV/AIDS News” information bulletin; a series of methodological recommendations for HIV-service organisation employees; “AIDS in Ukraine” analytical review for state policy-makers; the Directory of HIV-service organisations in Ukraine, and “HIV/AIDS and the Mass Media” booklet for journalists, “HIV/AIDS News: Policy and Advocacy”.

Moreover, the Alliance-Ukraine reprints the best materials produced by HIV-service NGOs targeted at population groups vulnerable to HIV. In 2006 the total circulation of materials published by the Alliance-Ukraine was over 700,000 copies.

In 2006 especially active work on developing information-education-communication (IEC) materials was observed in projects, with 554 information materials published. Of that number, 448 were published within the programme supported by the Global Fund and 106 within SUNRISE.

### The Alliance-Ukraine Editorial Board

Since December 2005 within the framework of implementing the second phase of the programme “Overcoming HIV/AIDS Epidemics in Ukraine” a new project was initiated in order to improve the quality of HIV/AIDS IEC materials: the Alliance-Ukraine Editorial Board. The Editorial Board is comprised of respected experts and representatives of the third sector who possess considerable working experience in IEC development for vulnerable groups and PLWH. The main functions of the board include: providing recommendations to non-governmental organisations which publish IEC materials with financial support from the Alliance-Ukraine; selecting the best publications for inclusion into the database of IEC materials in the sphere of HIV/AIDS <http://www.aidsfiles.net.ua> (formerly [www.harm-reduction.org.ua](http://www.harm-reduction.org.ua)); developing and holding trainings on IEC development for vulnerable groups

and PLWH; providing consultations to NGOs on developing IEC; developing information resources for NGOs and their target groups. For those NGOs which publish IEC within projects supported by the Alliance-Ukraine, editorial board recommendations must be followed.

In 2006 the editorial board reviewed more than 300 IEC materials published within projects (booklets, brochures, periodicals for target groups). NGOs received recommendations which helped them improve the quality of publications.

The IEC database was renewed and converted into the resource <http://www.aidsfiles.net.ua> where people may not only learn about the development of IEC and view examples of materials for various target groups but also receive expert comments in the forum and chat as well as participate in discussion of information materials and methodological literature. The database includes not only those materials which were published within programmes and projects of the Alliance-Ukraine but also materials published with financial support from other donors. At present, 109 publications for IDU, CSW, PLWH, MSM, inmates, general public and harm reduction specialists are available in the database.

### Resource Centres

The Alliance-Ukraine supported nine organisations in Kyiv, Odesa, Mykolayiv, Donetsk, Dnipropetrovsk, Ivano-Frankivsk, AR Crimea and Sevastopol operating within the programme direction Regional Information and Resource Centres on HIV/AIDS (IRC). IRC activities are focused on capacity building, provision of information and technical assistance, counselling and training services for secondary school teachers, children and youth in the state education system, representatives of law enforcement agencies, service-men and women, mass media representatives, social workers and volunteers, organisations and projects providing HIV-prevention and care and support services for PLWH as well as services for vulnerable communities based on the needs of specific regions. On the basis of the IRCs and in partnership with the Institute of post-graduate pedagogical education (IPPE) and oblast departments of education, trainings for teachers are held based on educational programmes developed within the Education component of the programme “Overcoming HIV/AIDS Epidemics in Ukraine”; also, ongoing support is provided to teacher-trainers after they complete their training courses. IRCs provide technical assistance to schools to implement educational programmes and organise “Volunteer schools” where young people can participate in trainings on healthy lifestyles and counselling on the “peer-to-peer” principle. The IRCs





organise events dedicated to memorable dates in schools and institutes (for example, the "Get tested in your institute" event held in December 2006 at Kyiv-Mohyla Academy National University and the National Aviation University) and hold trainings for journalists and editors, servicemen (including Navy), employees of law enforcement agencies, medical workers, NGO employees, etc. The IRCs support web-sites which post information on HIV/AIDS and related services available in regions; publish information materials; organise round tables and press-conferences on key issues related to HIV for mass media and decision-makers; provide information and consultation to journalists, and monitor the regional mass media. They also provide advisory assistance on HIV/AIDS issues to project target groups.

From late 2005 and during 2006 with support from IRCs:

- 4941 teachers completed training courses ("School against AIDS" and HOPE programmes) together with more than 53,000 students;
- more than 200,000 textbooks and exercise books were distributed to teachers,

schoolchildren and parents;

- 121 information materials were developed;
- 534,071 IEC materials were distributed;
- 68 IEC events were held;
- 4524 people participated in 253 trainings;
- technical assistance was provided to more than 200 NGOs and government organisations;
- 18 million people were covered by IEC activities, including through the mass media.

### Conferences

#### *National Conference on Harm Reduction Related to Drug Use*

To support development of the national strategy for Ukrainian professionals and international organisations operating in the area of harm reduction, HIV-service and drug treatment, the Alliance-Ukraine together with WHO, UNDP, International Renaissance Foundation and the Ministry of Health of Ukraine was co-organiser of the First National Conference on Harm

### Success Story: "Get Tested for HIV in your Institute"

The idea of holding this event on December 1 was aimed at publicising HIV testing among students. To conduct the event based on the peer approach, two groups of volunteers were formed from students from Kyiv-Mohyla Academy National University and the National Aviation University. The resource centres held HIV/AIDS trainings during which the volunteers gained in-depth knowledge of HIV/AIDS issues as well as the communication skills needed to effectively disseminate information.

Prior to this event a session of the discussion club "Science with coffee" was held. The topic for discussion was "Test for love: the married life of discordant couples in Ukraine".

It was a pleasant surprise how popular this December 1 event proved to be among young people. None of the organisers had expected such positive student activity:

*'I had doubts for a long time about whether to get tested for HIV and suddenly there was this event; many students explained to me the importance of being aware of one's status, so together with my friends I used this great opportunity although I was very nervous. But I trusted them because it was happening right here, at my university, and with the help of my friends as well. This was the most useful thing I did for myself lately!'*

Catherine, student, National Aviation University

During the event volunteers told students the ways of transmitting HIV/AIDS and how to prevent infection, answered students' questions, gave out condoms and interesting information materials and explained how and where HIV testing was available on other days. Pre-test counselling was provided and blood samples taken; based on the results students were referred to the AIDS centre or trust points, depending on what was more convenient. Thanks to this event about 3000 students from two higher educational institutions received reliable information on HIV/AIDS and HIV test points in the city of Kyiv.

A photo exhibition displayed in the central buildings of both universities proved of great interest to students and mass media. Fundraising for HIV-positive children, although something of a symbolic event because the target group was students and university employees, helped develop tolerance toward people living with HIV/AIDS.

*'I am grateful that during this event on December 1 I had the chance to help children. This makes you think very thoroughly about what you can really do to support others irrespective of your own status and income.'*

Marina, student, Kyiv-Mohyla Academy National University

The main conclusion we can draw from the December 1 event is that its scope should be expanded in future. Responding to students' proposals, similar events have been planned in many educational institutions. Moreover, it has been properly taken into consideration that if such demand exists then in future conditions should be created to ensure that as many students as possible can get tested for HIV.





Reduction Related to Drug Use held on February 15-17, 2006 in Kyiv.

The conference gathered more than 300 representatives of Ukrainian NGOs and international organisations, government agencies, medical workers, law enforcement, and competent experts from CIS countries, Europe and USA.

It was the first time that the Ministry of Health of Ukraine was an official co-organiser of a forum where harm reduction issues were discussed with a focus on implementing substitution maintenance therapy. State participation in this event demonstrates a readiness to readjust government policy on HIV prevention among IDU nearer to the system used by most developed countries in the world.

The main issue for discussion during conference plenary and group sessions was the scale up of substitution maintenance therapy programmes. Conference participants learned about the positive experience of pilot ST projects and discussed ways of scaling up such programmes at the national level.

*Second National Conference on "Development of the National Monitoring and Evaluation System for Measures to Counter the HIV/AIDS Epidemic in Ukraine"*

In September 2006 the second national conference on "Development of the national monitoring and evaluation system for measures to counter the HIV/AIDS epidemic in Ukraine" was held. The conference's main outcome was consolidation of monitoring and evaluation activities at national and regional levels. More than 300 experts, academics, representatives of ministries and official institutions, non-government and international organisations participated in the conference.

In the course of three days participants reviewed such important issues as the quality of epidemiological and behavioural data, methodology for conducting research and sampling systems, usage of various data sources to report on national indicators, introduction of common approaches to monitoring and evaluation of projects

and programmes in the area of fighting HIV/AIDS, etc. When summing up the work of the conference all participants agreed that even though some results had been achieved in developing a unified national monitoring and evaluation system, many problems still existed which have not yet been properly addressed, notably: using monitoring and evaluation data as an integral part of developing, implementing and improving departmental, regional and local programmes to fight the HIV/AIDS epidemic; developing systems and procedures to evaluate achieved goals determined by programmes and projects on fighting the HIV/AIDS epidemic; involving monitoring and evaluation specialists in planning and development of programmes and projects, etc. Those issues were recognised as priority directions for activities on developing the national M&E system in 2007, as was reflected in the resolution of the conference.

*"Accepting the Challenge"*

The first regional conference on HIV/AIDS in Eastern Europe and Central Asia "Accepting the Challenge" took place on May 15-17, 2006 in Moscow. It was held in response to the acute problem of HIV/AIDS in the region. Thanks to this event public opinion leaders, activists of the PLWH movement, academics, medical workers and representatives of civil society from many countries in the region had the opportunity to hold broad discussions on issues related to the HIV/AIDS epidemic as well as coordination of their response.

The purpose of the conference was to consolidate efforts in fighting AIDS in the region by engaging political leaders and policy-makers, enhancing technical capabilities and establishing partnership with civil society and people living with HIV.

At the exhibition of organisations taking part in the conference 39 participants were represented: 12 official delegations from CIS countries, international organisations, pharmaceutical companies and NGOs. From the Ukrainian side the following organisations participated: Ukrainian

*'Without significant scale up of access to substitution therapy, we will not be able to considerably increase the number of HIV prevention programmes nor provide antiretroviral treatment to most of the patients who need it; and this, in its turn, may significantly impact the efficacy of the response to the HIV/AIDS epidemic in Ukraine.'*

*Andriy Klepikov,*

*Executive Director, International HIV/AIDS Alliance in Ukraine*

*'Data available at present demonstrate the efficacy of substitution therapy. No grounds exist today to believe that some special conditions or factors exist in Ukraine which make ST implementation significantly different from other countries in the world.'*

*Sergiy Dvoryak,*

*Director of the Public Health Policy Research Institute, major partner of the Alliance-Ukraine in ST programme implementation*

AIDS centre, International HIV/AIDS Alliance in Ukraine, All-Ukrainian Network of PLWH, Olena Franchuk AntiAIDS Foundation.

The Alliance-Ukraine as one of the major organisations specialising in working with vulnerable communities and civil society institutions sent an 18-strong delegation to the conference, most of whom were representatives of partner-organisations of the Alliance-Ukraine. For Ukrainian experts the conference was an important factor in the development of innovative approaches toward prevention, care and support.

Within the session "Medical-biological approaches to prevention: the role of research and the health system" the Alliance-Ukraine together with the Russian UNAIDS representative office held a seminar on skills development: "Methodological problems in evaluating the strength of population groups at high risk of HIV infection: Ukrainian and Russian experience".

Also, on the last day of the conference the Alliance-Ukraine held a seminar "Main tools and problems in monitoring programmes and projects". Since this seminar focused attention specifically on tools and problems of programme monitoring, key topics of discussion were determining indicators for harm reduction project efficiency, determining calculation methods for coverage indicators, coverage criteria, and regularity of data collection.

#### *All-Ukrainian Conference of Educational Workers*

With support from the Alliance-Ukraine, on May 18-20, 2006 in Kyiv the All-Ukrainian conference "HIV prevention through the education system: HIV prevention among children and youth through developing viable safe behaviour skills" was held. Educational workers, representatives of social services for youth, state, non-governmental and international organisations participated in the conference.

Based on data from the Ukrainian Ministry of Education and Science, the percentage of children outside the education system constitutes from 1 to 5 %. Thus, the majority of youth vulnerable to HIV is covered by education institutions, creating almost ideal conditions for broad HIV prevention among young people through education programmes.

However, this work requires clear coordination of actions by government structures, non-governmental and international organisations. In order to identify the most effective method of inter-departmental interaction, conference participants developed and agreed an action plan to expand partnership with state, non-governmental and international organisations in the course of comprehensive implementation of programmes on HIV-prevention through the education system. Moreover, financing for prevention programmes

is envisaged from the budgets of various levels and alternative sources.

Introducing prevention measures in education institutions, according to expert opinion, should be on the basis of the projects "School against AIDS" and "Useful skills" which have been developed with support from the Alliance-Ukraine building on previous experience with the application of new pedagogical techniques that ensure fruitful cooperation between faculty, schoolchildren and parents.

#### *XVI International HIV/AIDS Conference*

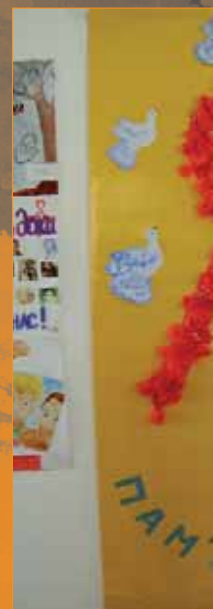
The International HIV/AIDS Conference (Toronto, Canada, August 13-18, 2006) is by far the largest of its kind. It has become an independent stage for exchange of opinions, experience and research results aimed at building the capacity of programmes to fight HIV/AIDS, strengthen infection prevention mechanisms and improve quality of care and support programmes throughout the world. Over 20,000 participants took part in the conference, including academics, health workers, politicians, public leaders, business representatives, government officials, representatives of non-governmental and inter-governmental organisations as well as people living with HIV/AIDS.

The Alliance-Ukraine was represented at the conference as part of the international network of International HIV/AIDS Alliance organisations. The Alliance-Ukraine – one of the largest non-governmental organisations operating on the territory of the former Soviet Union – brought booklets to the conference presenting an overview of the organisation's main areas of activity.

Presentations by the Alliance-Ukraine mostly reflected the nature and specifics of the epidemic in Ukraine. Injecting drug use is one of the major factors behind increasing HIV rates in Ukraine. The epidemic developing among drug users has caused regional differences in the spread of HIV: the highest infection rates have been observed in southern oblasts on the borders of Ukraine with the most intensive drug trafficking situation. This situation requires development of a special approach which would reflect such regional differences.

Lyudmyla Shulga, Senior Officer: Field Programmes, Ukraine Centre, and expert on harm reduction programmes presented material at the conference entitled "A comprehensive approach towards overcoming the HIV/AIDS epidemic among IDU".

Although at the conference Alliance-Ukraine activities on successful implementation of a regional approach were regarded





as almost exemplary, some issues remain unresolved. The need exists in Ukraine to scale up treatment programmes. Also, the Toronto conference determined development of efficient methods to evaluate efforts aimed at fighting HIV as one of the major tasks facing the international community in fighting the epidemic. Therefore we need to develop new methods to evaluate our activities so that we can plan for the future while scaling up treatment and prevention programmes,' said Lyudmyla Shulga.

The presentation made by Tetyana Perepelytsia, Senior Officer: Treatment, Procurement and Supply Management, Alliance-Ukraine, *"Strengthening comprehensive programmes to fight HIV/AIDS in Ukraine: a multidisciplinary approach toward treatment, care and support programmes – cooperation between government and non-governmental organisations"* analysed the multidisciplinary approach towards treatment and support in order to establish efficient relationships between civil society structures and the government.

### *53rd Session of the European Youth Parliament*

The Alliance-Ukraine was a co-organiser of the 53rd International session of the European Youth Parliament (EYP) which was held on September 13-22 in Kyiv. About 300 young people between 16 and 22 years old from 30 European countries, including Ukraine, participated in this event. For the first time in the 18-year history of EYP the session was hosted by a country which is not a member of the European Union, nor a candidate to join the EU.

In view of its strategic priorities the Alliance-Ukraine supported the work of two committees at the session:

- Committee on development issues which focused on the subject of "Which support measures shall be adopted by the EU to resolve increasing dynamics of the growing number of people dying from AIDS, especially in developing countries?"
- Committee on public health issues which focused on the subject of "Harm reduction through improvement of legislation: what new approaches can be used to resolve drug use problems in Europe?"

Prior to this session Ukrainian delegates attended a seminar conducted by the Policy and Advocacy Manager of the Alliance-Ukraine. Participants received valuable information and printed materials which were important in preparing for work in committees during the conference. They also received practical advice, legislative resources and materials in order to implement a special conference programme highlighting cases of HIV-positive people rights violations in Ukraine.

During the EYP session an expert hearing was held, with participation of an expert from the Alliance-Ukraine, on harm reduction and drug policy issues. As a result, young parliamentarians received information which they used to prepare the EYP session resolution.

The project highlighting human rights violations in Ukraine, including of HIV-positive people, was presented at the official exhibition of projects which became part of a special programme of the session. The exhibition ran for two days of the General Assembly which took place in the ceremonial conference hall of the Ukrainian Cabinet of Ministers Club. As well as more than 300 participants (heads of committees, journalists, organisers, teachers and heads of national EYP committees in Europe), several high Ukrainian officials visited the exhibition.

After the closure of the EYP session 12 participants expressed their desire to take part in a project dedicated to World AIDS Day by participating in organising the charitable exhibition-fair "Young Art against AIDS" organised by the International HIV/AIDS Alliance in Ukraine. These EYP-Ukraine volunteers worked on this event which took place in the Kyiv Lavra art gallery.

### *Scientific-Practical Conference "Measures by Law Enforcement Agencies and the Public to Counter Drug Crime and Drug Use"*

The Alliance-Ukraine continues its active campaign aimed at expanding programmes on harm reduction from drug use by involving law enforcement structures of various levels into advocacy activities. Ways to resolve problems related to drug use were thoroughly discussed during the scientific-practical conference "Measures by law enforcement agencies and the public to counter drug crime and drug use", organised by the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Ukraine and the Kyiv National University of Internal Affairs with expert and organisational support from the Alliance-Ukraine. The conference took place on October 12-13, 2006.

Senior officials of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Ukraine, notably the first deputy minister-head of the criminal police and the head of the Department to Fight Illegal Drug Trafficking, as well as heads of all the department's regional units, directors of higher educational and scientific institutions under the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Ukraine, senior staff and experts from the Ministries of Health, Science and Education, Culture and Tourism, Family, Youth and Sports, and Labour and Social Policy of Ukraine, representatives of other government agencies, non-governmental organisations and journalists participated in the conference.

The main subjects under discussion were:

existing problems in fighting illegal drug trafficking, experience of cooperation between non-governmental organisations and law enforcement agencies in the area of drug use prevention and harm reduction, trends in developing the national anti-drug policy in Ukraine, etc.

This conference has become yet another link in the system of specifically targeted actions supported by the Alliance-Ukraine aimed at implementing national harm reduction programmes.

Conference participants observed that increasing drug use is connected with a whole range of problems, including the spread of infectious diseases, notably HIV/AIDS, decline in population numbers, poor physical and moral health of the nation, cultural decline, etc.

Some presentations highlighted the positive experience of implementing existing programmes of substitution maintenance therapy as well as prospects for their scale up through the usage of methadone. Just a few years ago these topics were still off-limits for law enforcement agencies.

In general, it is a notable fact that successful implementation of existing ST projects in seven Ukrainian cities is largely the result of the loyal attitude to these projects by heads of regional departments to fight illegal drug trafficking. Alliance-Ukraine experts observe that important efforts to develop proper contacts with local law enforcement representatives were initiated during the first National Harm Reduction Conference held in early 2006.

*Second National Conference on "Partnership of Non-governmental Organisations with the Criminal Justice of Ukraine in Penitentiary Reform Efforts"*

The concentrated HIV epidemic primarily developing among injecting drug users (about 46 % of IDUs in Ukraine are now HIV-positive) requires interventions aimed at covering this very vulnerable group, which by its nature is quite criminalised and closed, with prevention and treatment services. Indeed, the involvement of prison inmates into harm reduction and ARV-treatment programmes remains one of the most pressing issues faced by organisations operating in the area of fighting HIV.

In Kherson on October 17-19, 2006, the 2nd national conference "Partnership of non-governmental organisations with the criminal-enforcement system of Ukraine in penitentiary reform efforts" was held. The conference was organised by

the Ukrainian Harm Reduction Association with financial support from the Alliance-Ukraine within the programme "Overcoming HIV/AIDS Epidemics in Ukraine".

About 60 people participated in the conference: representatives of penitentiary facility senior management, AIDS centres and NGOs which collaborate with government penitentiary structures in providing HIV prevention services to inmates. Main topics discussed at the conference include:

1. prospects for NGO participation in implementing programmes within penitentiary facilities;
2. problems of launching ARV-therapy in penitentiary facilities;
3. ways to implement the national model of access to treatment, care and support for HIV-positive and AIDS patients in penitentiary facilities and those in custody for the years 2007 – 2011;
4. ensuring continuity of ART provision, cooperation mechanisms for facilities and referral of patients;
5. expanding cooperation between the Ukrainian Harm Reduction Association and the State Penitentiary Department in countering the HIV/AIDS epidemic (workshop topic);
6. involving former inmates into rehabilitation programmes and ensuring adherence to treatment.

Participants in the conference also discussed a "Comprehensive plan for introducing antiretroviral therapy for HIV/AIDS patients in penitentiary institutions and those in custody for 2007", and developed proposals on increased NGO involvement in programmes implemented within penitentiary facilities.

*First Conference "Introduction of Substitution Maintenance Therapy for Opioid Drug Users in Ukraine"*

On November 2-3, 2006 the first summarizing conference "Introduction of substitution maintenance therapy for opioid drug users in Ukraine" was held, organised by the Ukrainian Public Health Policy Research Institute with support from the Alliance-Ukraine within the project "Support for the Ukrainian resource centre for substitution maintenance therapy and scientific





ic-methodological support for ST pilot projects”.

Employees of ST multidisciplinary teams, representatives of the All-Ukrainian Network of PLWH, Coalition of HIV-service Organisations, the Ukrainian AIDS centre, the Alliance-Ukraine, International Renaissance Foundation, International Harm Reduction Development Programme, Olena Franchuk AntiAIDS Foundation, ST programme participants, experts on drug addiction treatment from Poland, Georgia, Uzbekistan, Russia and Ukraine, representatives from WHO, UNAIDS, PATH and other Ukrainian and international organisations participated in the conference. Deputy Minister of Health of Ukraine Mr. V.Ivasyuk addressed conference participants with opening remarks.

Experience of ST projects implementation in Ukraine and worldwide was presented, the situation with HIV/AIDS and drug usage in Ukraine was analysed together with results of research on ST programme efficiency, and current achievements and challenges as well as plans for further ST scale up in Ukraine were reviewed.

Based on results of the conference participants recommended that the Ukrainian Ministry of Health establish a working group on ST issues involving experts – representatives of NGOs and international organisations. Such a group was officially created in January 2007.

#### *VIII National Conference of HIV-positive People and HIV-service Organisations*

During this annual national conference activities in the previous period are traditionally summarised and a common strategy for the further work of government agencies, non-governmental organisations and donor agencies is developed in order to mount an adequate response to the HIV/AIDS epidemic in Ukraine. This conference helps consolidate the efforts of non-governmental organisations and government structures operating in the area of HIV/AIDS, and develop effective cooperation between various sectors and spheres of HIV prevention and PLWH care and support services provision.

The VIII National Conference of HIV-positive People and HIV-service Organisations was held on December 11-13, 2006, in Pushcha-Vodytsya near Kyiv. It was organised by the All-Ukrainian Network of PLWH with financial and technical support from

the Alliance-Ukraine and financial support from Doctors of the World – USA. Over 200 Ukrainian AIDS activists, representatives of government and international organisations and physicians attended the conference.

Sessions were organised in the following areas:

- Involving the public in implementing the “Three Ones” principles of response to the epidemic in Ukraine.
- Fundraising for social entrepreneurship.
- HIV-positive children, prevention of mother to child transmission.
- HIV prevention within vulnerable groups.
- Scaling up access of men having sex with men to prevention, care and support services.
- Mobilisation and involvement of injecting drug users into prevention programmes.
- Scaling up access of commercial sex workers to prevention of HIV and sexually transmitted diseases.
- Multidisciplinary approach toward HIV/AIDS treatment.
- Protection of the rights of people living with HIV and communities most vulnerable to HIV.

To prepare the conference programme and content, representatives of many interested organisations and partners were involved: the International HIV/AIDS Alliance in Ukraine, UNAIDS, WHO, Coalition of HIV-service Organisations, Gromashevsky Institute of epidemiological and infectious diseases of the Academy of Medical Sciences of Ukraine, State Penitentiary Department of Ukraine, UNICEF, National AIDS centre. Alliance-Ukraine experts played a leading role in preparing the following sections: “Three Ones” principles; prevention; working with MSM, IDU, CSW.

Based on the results of some sections, recommendations were prepared for those signing the conference resolution. The resolution will be distributed among respective governmental agencies and national and international organisations operating in the area of HIV/AIDS.









## 6. Policy and Advocacy

### 6.1. Alliance-Ukraine Advocacy Activities

Thanks to coordinated advocacy efforts by the Alliance-Ukraine, the All-Ukrainian Network of PLWH, representative offices of WHO and UNAIDS and other international stakeholders, it was possible in late 2006 to drastically increase the volume of financing for HIV/AIDS prevention and treatment programmes from the State budget. The scope of state financing for the said programmes in 2006 was 21 million UAH. Despite a declared intention by the Ministry of Health of Ukraine to plan 125 million UAH for fighting HIV/AIDS in the 2007 draft state budget, the draft Law on the state budget registered with the Verkhovna Rada (Parliament) of Ukraine included only 30 million UAH to counter HIV/AIDS.

In order to avoid such a scenario, in October

2006 a powerful information and advocacy campaign was initiated, targeting senior officials, MPs and the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine with the purpose of increasing this budget item. Within the framework of the campaign press-conferences were held at the national information agencies, official letters were forwarded to the Verkhovna Rada and Government of Ukraine, national TV and print media were engaged. Detailed financial calculations were presented to the Government based on minimum requirements for HIV/AIDS treatment.

As a result, this issue was broadly publicised among Ukrainian politicians and society.

Finally, the Government of Ukraine increased the item of expenditure in the 2007 State budget to

#### Advocacy Success Stories

##### **"Light of Hope" NGO, Poltava**

As a result of our organisation's advocacy activities, stable financing from the oblast budget has been ensured for HIV/AIDS programmes. In 2006 85,000 UAH were allocated: for instance, the Poltava oblast Social Services Centre for family, children and youth allocated 32,000 UAH to support the work of a day-care centre for HIV-positive children.

An agreement was signed with the oblast Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs to support implementation in Poltava of harm reduction programmes, substitution maintenance therapy (35 ST patients) as well as a medical-social support programme for patients receiving HAART.

'I can see that you would continue to do the things you are doing now even without our funds, but if we support you financially and administratively you will be able to do more and better.'

*Andriy Savelyev, head of the Family, Youth and Sports Department, Poltava city Executive Committee.*

##### **"Step into the Future", Lugansk**

A major achievement of the advocacy project was approval by the Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs in Lugansk oblast of four separate methodological recommendations which contain clear-cut mechanisms of interaction in the process of conducting prevention programmes (in the event of detaining IDU, in order to prevent illegal use of ARV medicines, etc.).

##### **Mykolayiv oblast office of the ALL-Ukrainian Network of PLWH**

As a result of advocacy project implementation it was possible to engage local self-governance bodies to approve decisions on financing programmes aimed at reducing the spread of HIV in Mykolayiv.

For instance, the decision of the Mykolayiv city council № 9/7 dated December 21, 2006, approved the programme "Youth" for 2007-2011.

Target groups of the programme include HIV-positive people, drug users and inmates. The amount of financing allocated for the programme will be 200,000 UAH a year.

##### **Zaporizhya oblast office of the ALL-Ukrainian Network of PLWH**

Thanks to the initiative of the regional representative of the ALL-Ukrainian PLWH Network (advocacy project implementer Ruslan Parshykov) the life of a six-month old girl with a congenital heart disorder was saved when her HIV-positive mother pleaded for immediate help.

They addressed the Olena Franchuk AntiAIDS Foundation and as a result the girl, Daryna, went into surgery in the children's department of the Amosov Heart Surgery Institute; post-surgery support was also provided together with sanatorium rehabilitation and provision of necessary medicines.

This was the first case of successful heart surgery for an HIV-positive child in Ukraine.



fight HIV/AIDS to 98 million UAH, which is almost five times more than the figure in the 2006 budget, and three times more than the proposed figure in the initial version of the draft State budget. The Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine has approved the changes.

Through the efforts of the Alliance-Ukraine together with the All-Ukrainian Network of PLWH supported by international organisations it was possible to drastically reduce (by an average of 10 times) prices for ARV medicines purchased in 2006 at the expense of the State budget. This was yet another step towards scaling up HIV treatment programmes.

With direct involvement of the Alliance-Ukraine the list of national monitoring and evaluation indicators evaluating the efficiency of efforts which ensure control over the situation regarding the HIV/AIDS

epidemic were developed, as well as the Regulation on determining these indicators, both of which have been approved by Order of the Ukrainian MOH № 280 dated 17.05.2006.

These positive changes bring hope for the prospect of positive government participation in financing HIV/AIDS prevention and treatment programmes in future, especially after completion of the programmes supported by international donors.

As of late 2006 oblast (local) coordination councils on HIV/AIDS, comprised of activists from regional PLWH and HIV-service communities, were functioning in practically all oblast centres and large cities of Ukraine, implementing advocacy projects within the programme "Overcoming HIV/AIDS epidemics in Ukraine". Thus, representatives of the third sector are indeed able to influence the decision-making process at the regional level.





## 6.2. Partnership. Government Institutions' Capacity Building

### Contribution to ARV-treatment Standards Unification

In order to organise ARV-treatment in accordance with unified standards the Alliance-Ukraine together with the Ukrainian AIDS centre and the Ministry of Health of Ukraine has developed national clinical protocols (some are still under development) on the following items:

- ✱ Clinical protocol for antiretroviral therapy for HIV-infection in adults and teenagers (approved by Order of the Ministry of Health of Ukraine dated 04.10. 2006 № 658).
- ✱ Clinical protocol to treat opportunistic infections and HIV-associated illnesses in HIV-positive children and children with AIDS (approved by Order of the Ministry of Health of Ukraine dated 07.04.2006 № 206).
- ✱ Procedure for HIV voluntary counselling and testing (protocol) – approved by Order of the Ministry of Health of Ukraine dated 19.08. 2005 № 415.
- ✱ Clinical protocol for antiretroviral therapy for pregnant women, women in child-birth and post-natal women (approved by Order of the Ministry of Health of Ukraine dated 07.04.2006 № 206; revised version of the protocol for antiretroviral therapy for pregnant women and post-natal women was submitted to the Ministry of Health of Ukraine for approval with accompanying letter of 01.11. 2006).
- ✱ Clinical protocol for antiretroviral therapy for HIV-positive children and children with AIDS (submitted to the Ministry of Health of Ukraine for approval with accompanying letter of 01.11. 2006).
- ✱ Clinical protocol for diagnosis and treatment of opportunistic infections and general symptoms in HIV-positive adults and teenagers (submitted to the Ministry of Health of Ukraine for approval with accompanying letter of 21.11. 2006).
- ✱ Clinical protocol for providing palliative care to HIV-positive people (submitted to the Ministry of Health of Ukraine for approval with accompanying letter of 18.09. 2006).

- ✱ Clinical protocol for treatment of HIV-positive people who are drug users (being finalised).
- ✱ Clinical protocol for providing medical assistance to patients with combined diseases – tuberculosis and HIV-infection (being finalised).
- ✱ Clinical protocol for diagnosis and treatment of diseases caused by viruses hepatitis B and C in HIV-positive people (being finalised).

Methodological recommendations on laboratory monitoring of HIV-infection and antiretroviral therapy are under development.

### Trainings for Medical Professionals

The Alliance-Ukraine has put much effort into establishing proper conditions within the Ukrainian health system for government agencies to take a leading role in providing ARV-therapy in future. Together with the regional educational-information centre on HIV/AIDS care and treatment in Eurasia (Knowledge Hub) trainings were held on HIV/AIDS treatment for multidisciplinary teams comprising medical and social workers. Training topics were: "Initiating ARV-therapy for adults and teenagers", "Clinical experience of ARV-therapy for adults and teenagers on the basis of regional AIDS centres", "Advanced study of ART (for adults)", "ARV-therapy for children", "Clinical experience of ART for children on the basis of regional AIDS centres", "Advanced study of ART (for children)", "Providing ART in penitentiary institutions", "Clinical experience of providing ART in penitentiary institutions", "Advanced study of ART in penitentiary institutions", etc.

Importantly, in 2006 with support from the Alliance-Ukraine joint trainings for infectious disease doctors and TB doctors were initiated (in order to improve treatment of PLWH with the combined pathology HIV+TB) as well as infectious disease doctors and narcologists (in order to improve treatment of HIV-positive IDU). Moreover, seven national trainers were trained who, in their turn, conducted trainings on HIV-positive and AIDS patient treatment issues for specialists in regional health institutions from Donetsk, Dnipropetrovsk, Odesa and Mykolayiv oblasts, AR of Crimea and Kyiv city.

During 2006 with support from the Alliance-Ukraine a clinical mentorship programme was implemented in several localities. Under this programme doctors from regional



AIDS centres could visit the Clinic of the Gromashevsky Institute of epidemiology and infectious diseases of the Academy of Medical Sciences of Ukraine and receive practical training at the workplace, while experts from the Gromashevsky clinic visited the regions and provided consultations to doctors. The programme was administered by the ICO "Time of life plus". Between February and December 2006 14 such practical trainings were held and consultants visited 21 regions.

Simultaneously, events were initiated to improve the qualification of social workers working at HIV-service organisations. To this end an agreement was concluded with "Socium XXI" NGO to organise a four-module training on the basis of the training course "Social work with people living with HIV/AIDS" certified by the Ukrainian MoH. As a result of this project 65 social workers had the opportunity to improve their professional qualifications.

### National Coordinating Council on Prevention of the Spread of HIV/AIDS

The deep social-psychological and economic roots which continue to nurture the spread of HIV and AIDS in Ukraine require active, non-orthodox actions along with closely coordinated inter-sectoral cooperation, meaning partnership and cooperation between health, social security and social services workers, representatives of the educational sphere, civil servants from government and local governance, and representatives of the third sector such as mass media, international donor organisations operating in Ukraine, and local business representatives.

The National Coordinating Council (NCC) on Prevention of the Spread of HIV/AIDS in Ukraine remains the main and most efficient mechanism of such multi-sectoral cooperation. The Alliance-Ukraine is not only invited to NCC sessions as Principal Recipient of the current Global Fund grant "Overcoming HIV/AIDS epidemics in Ukraine" to make regular quarterly reports on performance under the grant agreement, it also initiates and takes active part in all discussions of key issues at the NCC aimed at establishing a more effective and adequate national response to the epidemic, including those related to planning and allocation of financing for specific programmes, or amending legal and regulatory documents which relate to or have an influence on HIV/AIDS prevention and control.

A key achievement in 2006 in this direction was joint development of the Ukrainian application for financing of additional measures to counter HIV/AIDS "Supporting HIV/AIDS prevention, treatment and care for the most vulnerable groups in Ukraine" for 2007-2011 with a total budget exceeding 151 million USD. The proposal

was approved in November 2006. The International HIV/AIDS Alliance in Ukraine and the All-Ukrainian Network of PLWH were selected on the basis of a competition as principal recipients to implement the new application's grant.

### Strengthening of Regional (Oblast) Coordinating Councils

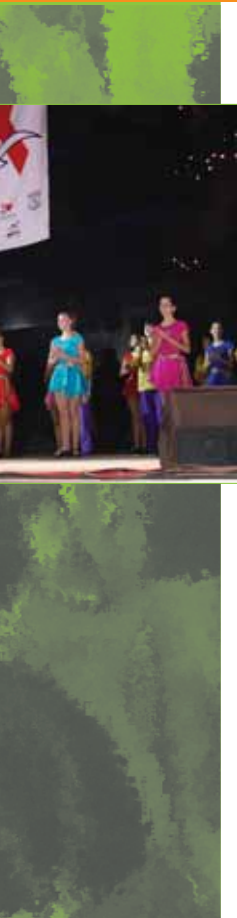
Strengthening the regional response to HIV/AIDS in 2006 was made possible due to involvement of regional coordinators in nine regions most affected by the epidemic (Donetsk, Dnipropetrovsk, Kherson, Mykolayiv, Cherkasy and Odesa oblasts, cities of Kyiv and Sevastopol, AR of Crimea). Also, a positive contribution was made by the establishment of regional coordinating councils on prevention of the spread of HIV/AIDS (RCC). RCCs were established in all oblasts of Ukraine, and also in the cities of Kyiv and Sevastopol, at local state administrations (SA) and pursuant to orders by state administration heads, as bodies to coordinate the activities of all key partners in order to develop and ensure efficient implementation of a unified policy, consolidated use of funds, and improvement of a monitoring and evaluation system of HIV/AIDS prevention in the regions. The newly established RCCs are comprised of directors and representatives of the local executive, representatives of local self-governance, enterprises, agencies, non-governmental and international organisations, including regional coordinators of the International HIV/AIDS Alliance in Ukraine.

The involvement of regional coordinators into RCCs has had a number of advantages. Regional coordinators have received:

- official status at the level of the local state administration (they became RCC members on the basis of orders from the heads of state administrations regarding establishment of RCCs);
- the possibility to directly and informally communicate with oblast level senior officials (who also became RCC members);
- the possibility to influence work plan and agenda development for RCC sessions;
- the possibility to lobby the interests of the civil sector at the level of oblast or city;
- the possibility to influence budget development and funds allocation for HIV/AIDS prevention measures at the regional level;
- the possibility to participate in public events at the same level as state sector senior officials.







The year 2006 was quite difficult for Ukraine in terms of the influence of political events on society. Lengthy elections to the Ukrainian Verkhovna Rada resulted in a whole series of personnel changes among heads of local executive bodies and self-governance, which for a long time paralysed RCC activities. However, thanks to the stable activities of the non-government sector in HIV prevention work, as well as the effective efforts of regional coordinators who all became members of respective RCCs (three of them were elected RCC deputy chairmen) the work of the RCCs in the last quarter of 2006 was restarted. During RCC sessions the epidemiological situation in respective regions was reviewed, as were questions of opening anonymous counselling and testing sites, scaling up access to antiretroviral and substitution therapy programmes, and providing premises to non-governmental organisations co-implementing oblast programmes to counter the epidemic. Fulfilment of oblast programmes to counter HIV/AIDS was analysed, and proposals for financial support for the said programmes considered. Issues discussed at RCC sessions included those initiated, prepared and submitted for consideration by regional coordinators. At a session of the Odesa coordinating council the decision to organise the first oblast forum “Together in Support of Life” was considered and approved; this event was financed from the oblast budget.



### Primary Prevention in the Education System

The Alliance-Ukraine plays an important role in fulfilling National Programme tasks relating to implementing information-educational programmes and interactive methods of work in TV and radio at educational and extracurricular institutions, enterprises and agencies in order to develop healthy life skills among youth which can reduce their vulnerability to HIV.

In close cooperation with the Ministry of Education and Science and central and oblast Institutes of Post-graduate Pedagogical Education, oblast Departments of Education and regional Resource Centres have introduced special prevention programmes among schoolchildren. The approach developed within the Education sub-component of the Global Fund-supported programme and reflected in the Memorandum of Understanding and Cooperation between the Alliance-Ukraine and the Ukrainian Ministry of Science and Education has been introduced into the education system. This provides for institutionalisation of prevention programmes in state education, guaranteeing 100 % coverage of schoolchildren (100 % access of children and teenagers who are not street children to prevention programmes) and stable functioning over the whole country which can further be made sustainable with State budget funds.

### Coordination of the Activities of NGOs and Government Structures — Basis for Success in Fighting AIDS

*Achieving significant results in fighting AIDS depends to a large extent on active support from local government bodies. Coordination of the efforts of government structures and NGOs operating in the area of HIV/AIDS is very urgent in Odesa oblast where among the highest rates of HIV have been registered.*

*Realising the scope of the problem and, at the same time, understanding ways to overcome it, the Odesa oblast coordinating council on prevention of the spread of HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis and drug use, together with a number of influential NGOs in Odesa and Alliance-Ukraine regional coordinator in Odesa oblast Tetyana Afanasiadi, initiated and organised the first regional forum “Together in Support of Life!” Organisation of the forum was carried out under the advocacy project supported by the Alliance-Ukraine.*

*The meeting took place on November 29, 2006, in Odesa in the run-up to World AIDS Day with financial support from Odesa oblast state administration. More than 4000 participants attended: inhabitants of Odesa oblast, local functionaries, educational workers, and representatives of law enforcement bodies. Odesa oblast state TV company broadcast live discussions of pressing health issues and strategies to overcome HIV/AIDS in the oblast.*

*Forum participants, notably Odesa oblast Governor Ivan Plachkov and Sergiy Fedorov, director of “Life+”, one of the largest NGOs operating in the area of HIV/AIDS, spoke about the importance and urgency of fighting HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis and drug use, at the same time emphasising the need to mobilise the efforts of non-government organisations, local communities, business and administration to organise an effective response to the epidemic in the Odesa region.*

*Next year the Odesa oblast coordinating council on prevention of the spread of HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis and drug use plans to hold similar forums in all districts of Odesa oblast in order to strengthen the activities of coordinating councils in specific localities as well as the activities of units and departments responsible for organising measures to counter the epidemic. As part of such planned activities, mobile groups will be formed from members of oblast coordinating councils and an inter-sectoral working group set up to organise activities in order to strengthen regional initiatives aimed at fighting the epidemic.*

In 2006 Project HOPE in Ukraine continued implementation of the elementary school prevention programme “Useful Skills”, including its HIV-prevention module “About useful things in an interesting way”. The main purpose of the programme is to support the development of personality and social competence in children who find themselves living in an HIV/AIDS epidemic, reducing their risk of getting involved in psychoactive substance use and contracting HIV infection during adolescence.

From the beginning of the project 724 elementary school teachers have been trained (210 of whom continue to work in the prevention programme, while 514 started it in 2006), and 22,144 elementary schoolchildren covered by prevention education (7124 of whom continue these classes, 15,020 started such classes in 2006).

With financial support from the Alliance-Ukraine in 2006 the multimedia textbook “Protect Yourself Against HIV” was developed and introduced for schoolchildren. This textbook is an integral part of the training course “School Against AIDS” aimed at developing a kind of “behavioural immunity” toward unjustifiably risky behaviour and HIV-infection. The project is based on the concept of developing life skills and is unique for Ukraine since it guarantees positive changes in elements of schoolchildren's behaviour. In 2006 more than 500 teachers were trained and provided with a full resource set of educational-methodological materials.

Under the “School Against AIDS” project a range of educational-methodological materials was developed for the 6th grade subject “Essential Health”, and over 3700 teachers were trained to teach this subject in school on the basis of an innovative training methodology. This methodology provides for developing life skills in schoolchildren which help them lead a healthy lifestyle.

In June 2006 the International scientific-methodological conference “Developing motivation for a healthy lifestyle and HIV/AIDS prevention through education” was held; over 100 teachers from higher educational institutions in Ukraine, Russia and Poland took part.

Two scientific-methodological digests “Problems of Education” (issues 48 and 49) were printed (1300 copies each) containing more than 90 scientific articles by conference participants. These digests were disseminated among all higher education institutions of Ukraine of I-IV levels of accreditation with an accompanying letter signed by the Minister of Science and Education of Ukraine, who recommended that these digests be used to organise teaching-education work among students aimed at developing healthy lifestyles and HIV/AIDS prevention.

The textbook “Essential Medical Knowledge” was reviewed and prepared for publication; intended for students of pedagogical higher education institutes and universities, it contains sections which deal with HIV/AIDS. The training booklet “Essentials of Valeology” for students of pedagogical higher education institutions was also developed. It covers issues related to development of motivation for healthy lifestyles, prevention of risk behaviour and the spread of socially hazardous diseases, including HIV/AIDS.

Methodological and financial support was provided to establish, within a project of the European Commission representative office in Ukraine, an Inter-regional training centre to develop motivation for healthy lifestyles and HIV/AIDS prevention under the National Dragomanov Pedagogical University. Its main purpose is to involve experts from various spheres of government and non-governmental sectors into resolving issues connected with the spread of HIV in Ukraine as well as relevant training of future pedagogues.

Over the year within the Education component of the project the informational-educational magazine “Information. Views. Outlook” was published. Seventeen thousand secondary schools, boarding schools, educational departments and sections, regional and city methodological departments, and regional HIV/AIDS resource centres from all regions of the country received this magazine every quarter. To publicise the publication and analyse the needs of the target audience a series of round tables and polls was conducted.

### 6.3. Primary Prevention Events and Activities

Ensuring access of various population categories to informational-educational events aimed at reducing HIV-related risky behaviour and promoting a healthy lifestyle is a key provision in the National Programme “Provision of HIV-infection prevention, assistance and treatment for HIV-positive and AIDS patients 2004-2008”. Although such activities lie outside the competence of international donor, non-governmental and charitable organisations and does not belong to the immediate priorities of the Alliance-Ukraine, the Alliance, well aware of the real danger of HIV/AIDS and the potential consequences of its rapid increase, has performed some activities in this direction.

In order to attract public attention to HIV/AIDS the Alliance-Ukraine and the All-Ukrainian Network of PLWH held the annual event dedicated to Memorial Day for those who have died of AIDS on May 21, 2006. Events were held not only in the capital but in 42 cities of Ukraine; every region organised a separate programme united under the one slogan: “Stop AIDS!”







Keep the Promise!" Representatives of the East-European and Central-Asian associations of PLWH organisations (Ukraine, Moldova, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan) decided to use this same slogan in the run-up to the UN General Assembly's consideration of the situation regarding fulfilment of provisions of the Declaration of Commitment to fight HIV/AIDS (2001) by country-participants, in order to convince government representatives to exert maximum efforts to counter the epidemic in these countries.

Within the framework of Memorial Day various events took place in the regions: the release of thousands of white balloons as a symbol of the spirits of people who have died of AIDS; press-conferences in Ukrainian towns and cities; dissemination of IEC materials in city streets; visits to HIV-positive children and orphans; visits to patients in AIDS centre in-patient clinics, meetings with doctors; memorial services; making and presentation of memorial quilts.

Kyiv city marked Memorial Day with an extensive programme, including a press-conference, a ceremony at the Red Ribbon memorial, an exhibition of art by children affected by HIV/AIDS, an information and cultural programme with theatrical performances in the central culture and recreation park, etc. Altogether the event reached more than 3 million people.



On December 1, 2006, the Alliance-Ukraine and the All-Ukrainian Network of PLWH organised a national event dedicated to World AIDS Day, involving 46 Ukrainian cities under the motto "Live!". This motto is multi-faceted, appealing both to HIV-positive and HIV-negative people. For HIV-positive people it represents an appeal to not give in to frustrations but to find happiness in every moment of life; it also demonstrates support and understanding. For HIV-negative people it is a call to value life, avoid risky behaviour and jointly fight the epidemic. The government must also support this motto by saying "Live!" and doing all it can to ensure that people stay alive and do not die of AIDS.

During this event, among other activities information materials were distributed in city streets promoting a healthy lifestyle, encouraging visits were made to HIV-positive children and orphans, and concerts and themed discos and parties were held for young people. Events dedicated to both Memorial Day and World AIDS Day were broadcast by many national and regional TV channels and covered by other mass media.

Among events in the regions dedicated to World AIDS Day were: symbolic ceremonies, theatrical performances, concerts, production and presentation of memorial paintings; round tables, information fairs, visits to AIDS patients, thematic meetings with doctors, etc. The event covered

#### Charitable fair

*To coincide with World AIDS Day, December 1, 2006, the Alliance-Ukraine organised a three-day charitable exhibition-fair "Young Art Against AIDS". More than 2000 adults and children visited the exhibition and took part in workshops on beading, glass-painting and traditional paper-cutting. Visitors also participated in games and a charity lottery. In total the event raised more than 18,000 UAH in charitable donations. The funds will be used to purchase necessities for HIV-positive children in the Oblast Orphanage, situated in the town of Bila Tserkva.*

*About 300 young artists and gifted children donated their works for sale. Organisers say that initially only artists and children from Kyiv were invited to participate in the event, however in the process of preparation seven more Ukrainian cities joined in, including Odesa, Sumy, Kryviy Rig, and Mayaky village (Volyn oblast).*

*'Representatives of influential national and international organisations visited our event. We greatly appreciate their attention and care; however the main aim of this charity event was to make it known to every ordinary Ukrainian that success in fighting AIDS depends on contributions that are within the power of each and everyone of us, and is not only dependent on the will of high officials. Who if not children can show us grown-ups that care and sympathy don't cost much, while coordinated work for the sake of a common goal will always make a significant difference,' said Natalia Voynarovska, to whom "Young Art Against AIDS" owes its inspiration and organisation.*





*"Organising a Church Resource Centre to Coordinate Church Initiatives on HIV/AIDS"*

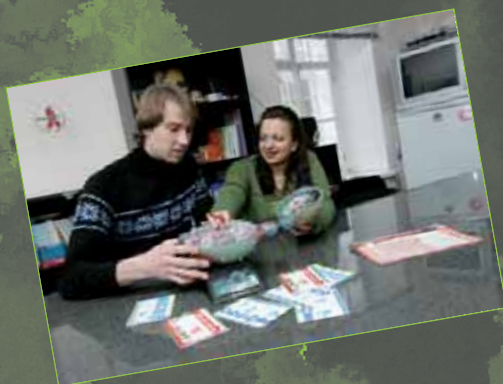
*This project is being implemented by the All-Ukrainian Charitable Fund "Faith, Hope and Love" in close cooperation with the benefaction and social services department at the Holy Synod of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church (Moscow Patriarchy) with support from USAID.*

*In 2006 theological education institutions in Ukraine ran an education programme on the basis of which a "Social Work" course for seminary students was developed, covering issues on countering HIV/AIDS as well as working with HIV-positive people.*

*In the Kyiv theological seminary in 2006 this course was taught by representatives of the All-Ukrainian Charitable Fund "Faith, Hope and Love". As of September 2007 the "Social Work" course will be introduced into curricula of four more Orthodox Church seminaries in Ukraine.*

*An indicator of the successful development of this project is the cooperation established in 2006 with representatives of other confessions who operate in this area. A round table was held for representatives of seven religious confessions where issues of cooperation in countering the HIV/AIDS epidemic in Ukraine were discussed.*

*In 2006 a documentary was made entitled "Don't be Afraid to Live" which relates church activities in the area of fighting HIV/AIDS in Ukraine. The purpose of this documentary was to reduce stigma against HIV-positive people.*







## Annex 1. Financial Overview

**Table 1**

*Structure of funds received by the Alliance-Ukraine, 2006*

Donor	Funds received		
	(UAH)	(USD)	%
Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria	65 457 195	12 961 821	91,48 %
United States Agency for International Development	5 779 873	1 144 529	8,08 %
Other	313 687	62 116	0,44 %
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>71 550 755</b>	<b>14 168 466</b>	<b>100,00 %</b>

**Table 2**

*Structure of Alliance-Ukraine expenditures, 2006*

Expenses	General expenses, UAH	General expenses, USD	%
Salaries	7 257 471	1 437 123	10,41 %
Business trips	510 427	101 036	0,73 %
Seminars and working meetings	3 638 459	683 436	4,95 %
Technical assistance	2 024 513	383 094	2,78 %
Grants and programme contracts	52 039 650	10 304 881	74,68 %
Procurement of medicines, equipment and other medical supplies	467 589	90 869	0,66 %
Office costs	2 903 699	574 840	4,17 %
Publications	847 207	167 764	1,22 %
Audit	282 744	55 989	0,41 %
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>69 971 760</b>	<b>13 799 032</b>	<b>100,00 %</b>

**Table 3**

*Structure of International HIV/AIDS Alliance expenditures under the Programme "Overcoming HIV/AIDS epidemics in Ukraine" (by programme objectives), 2006*

№	Main Programme Activities	Financing, USD
1	Programme management and implementation	1 927 563
2	Treatment, care and support	11 933 168
3	Prevention among vulnerable groups	4 013 311
4	Information, education and advocacy	2 478 395
5	Monitoring and evaluation	639 932
6	Management fee	500 000
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>21 492 369</b>



## Annex 2. List of Organisations – Grant Recipients and Implementing Partners of Alliance-Ukraine Projects, 2006

	Implementing partner	Program me of financing (+)	Project status	Region	Number of supported projects	Written commitments (USD)	Disbursed (USD)
1.	American International Health Alliance (AIHA)	GFA	International	All-Ukrainian	2	491 197,00	353 197,00
2.	IDA HIV/AIDS Group	GFA	International	All-Ukrainian	1	5 812 030,66	3 388 308,47
3.	Program for Appropriate Technology in Health (PATH)	GFA	International	All-Ukrainian	3	1 989 914,00	1 989 914,00
4.	Project HOPE representative office	GFA	International	All-Ukrainian	2	260 846,37	171 571,37
5.	State enterprise «Ukrmedpostach»	GFA	International	All-Ukrainian	1	217 148,25	165 355,00
6.	All-Ukrainian charitable fund «Faith. Hope. Love»	US, CR	National	All-Ukrainian	2	50 357,62	55 748,98
7.	All-Ukrainian charitable organisation «All-Ukrainian Network of PLWH» **	GFA	National	All-Ukrainian	2	813 748,42	786 421,71
8.	All-Ukrainian charitable organisation «Ukrainian Harm Reduction Association»	GFA	National	All-Ukrainian	1	116 134,02	116 134,02
9.	Central Institute of Post-Graduate Pedagogical Education, Academy of Pedagogical Sciences of Ukraine	GFA	National	All-Ukrainian	1	0,00	35 499,43
10.	Charitable fund of youth participation	GFA	National	All-Ukrainian	2	69 996,52	98 166,90
11.	Charitable organisation «Fund for chemical dependence and AIDS prevention»	GFA	National	All-Ukrainian	2	230 721,92	196 723,77
12.	Dragomanov National Pedagogical University	GFA	National	All-Ukrainian	2	49 999,24	69 801,98
13.	International Public Organization «Internews-Ukraine»	GFA	National	All-Ukrainian	1	28 550,00	5 710,00
14.	LLC «Kyiv International Institute of Sociology»	GFA	National	All-Ukrainian	1	30 000,00	30 000,00
15.	LLC «SOCIS-ZSPD»	GFA	National	All-Ukrainian	1	18 477,12	18 477,12
16.	National Committee of the «Red Cross Ukraine»	GFN	National	All-Ukrainian	2	156 006,69	152 426,12
17.	NGO «Childhood without AIDS»	GFA, GFN, US	National	All-Ukrainian	4	47 354,95	59 138,84
18.	NGO «East-European Development Institute»	GFA	National	All-Ukrainian	1	6 124,61	30 207,98
19.	NGO Children's fund «Health through education»	GFA	National	All-Ukrainian	2	298 205,90	455 562,75
20.	Ukrainian AIDS Centre, MoH of Ukraine	GFA	National	All-Ukrainian	2	472 401,78	501 653,16
21.	Ukrainian scientific-methodological centre for practical psychology and social work	GFA	National	All-Ukrainian	1	0,00	19 999,68
22.	Yaromenko Ukrainian Institute of Social Studies	GFA	National	All-Ukrainian	2	55 000,00	55 000,00
23.	Center for re-socialisation of drug-using youth «Your victory»	GFA	Regional	AR of Crimea	2	48 188,26	30 285,80
24.	Charitable fund «Hope and Salvation»	GFA, GFN, US	Regional	AR of Crimea	7	285 738,47	246 721,85
25.	Charitable fund «Nikas»	GFN	Regional	AR of Crimea	1	140,59	140,59
26.	Charitable fund for cultural and creative development «Lotos»	GFA, US	Regional	AR of Crimea	3	78 963,13	61 801,34
27.	Charitable organisation «Center plus»	GFN	Regional	AR of Crimea	1	339,60	339,60
28.	Children's NGO «New social technologies»	GFA, GFN	Regional	AR of Crimea	3	121 329,42	98 136,64
29.	Crimean oblast division of charitable organisation «All-Ukrainian Network of PLWH»	GFN	Regional	AR of Crimea	2	91 933,98	100 583,57
30.	NGO Club «Modus»	GFA, GFN	Regional	AR of Crimea	3	48 237,33	39 576,71
31.	Sevastopol city charitable organisation «Haven plus»	GFN, US	Regional	AR of Crimea	2	52 679,58	19 325,34
32.	Sevastopol city organisation «Youth Center of Women's Initiatives»	GFA, GFN, US	Regional	AR of Crimea	7	235 957,17	219 258,89
33.	Women's NGO «Club of family creativity»	US	Regional	AR of Crimea	2	49 310,07	29 359,75
34.	Charitable fund «FOR YOU»	GFA	Regional	Cherkaska oblast	2	18 633,66	16 850,01
35.	Cherkasy charitable fund «Insight»	GFA, US	Regional	Cherkaska oblast	5	135 824,73	139 560,19
36.	Cherkasy charitable PLHA organisation «From Heart to Heart»	GFA, US	Regional	Cherkaska oblast	3	52 311,74	32 422,18
37.	Cherkasy city women's NGO «Return»	US	Regional	Cherkaska oblast	1	658,12	641,19
38.	Cherkasy oblast committee of soldiers' mothers	GFA	Regional	Cherkaska oblast	1	6 381,76	6 381,76
39.	Cherkasy oblast division of charitable organisation «All-Ukrainian Network of PLWH»	GFN	Regional	Cherkaska oblast	2	48 361,49	46 768,70
40.	Kaniv city charitable organisation «From Heart to Heart»	GFA, US	Regional	Cherkaska oblast	2	23 012,94	11 804,13
41.	NGO «Smila City Information-consultation Centre to Protect Family and Personality «Dialogue»	GFA	Regional	Cherkaska oblast	2	39 568,92	24 818,47
42.	Oblast charitable organisation «Avantgarde»	US	Regional	Cherkaska oblast	1	3 676,73	3 676,73
43.	Uman charitable fund «Awakening»	GFA, US	Regional	Cherkaska oblast	4	55 217,30	44 106,27
44.	NGO Rehabilitation centre «Steps»	GFA	Regional	Chernihivska oblast	2	73 024,13	58 827,74

	Implementing partner	Program me of financing (*)	Project status	Region	Number of supported projects	Written commitments (USD)	Disbursed (USD)
45.	Centre for re-socialisation of chemically-dependent «Vedis»	GFN	Regional	Chernihivska oblast	1	4 954,67	4 954,67
46.	Chernihiv oblast division of the charitable organisation «All-Ukrainian Network of PLWH»	GFN	Regional	Chernihivska oblast	2	48 767,72	47 611,22
47.	Chernivtsi oblast division of the charitable organisation «All-Ukrainian Network of PLWH»	GFN	Regional	Chernivetska oblast	3	20 605,15	16 673,43
48.	Chernivtsi city charitable fund «New Family»	GFA	Regional	Chernivetska oblast	2	45 578,05	37 899,22
49.	Charitable fund «Public health», Kryvyi Rig city	GFA, US	Regional	Dnipropetrovska oblast	4	91 848,01	69 209,27
50.	Charitable fund Rehabilitation centre for drug users «Virtus»	GFA, GFN, US	Regional	Dnipropetrovska oblast	7	149 893,81	186 098,02
51.	Charitable organisation «HELP»	GFA	Regional	Dnipropetrovska oblast	1	34 645,56	10 235,53
52.	Charitable organisation «With hope»	GFN	Regional	Dnipropetrovska oblast	1	2 313,57	39 370,97
53.	Kryvyi Rig city charitable organisation «Our future»	US	Regional	Dnipropetrovska oblast	1	13 604,11	13 604,11
54.	Kryvyi Rig oblast division of the charitable organisation «All-Ukrainian Network of PLWH»	GFA, GFN	Regional	Dnipropetrovska oblast	3	85 448,50	27 615,42
55.	NGO «Dniprovsky humanitarian initiatives»	GFA	Regional	Dnipropetrovska oblast	1	60 460,81	17 748,46
56.	NGO Club «Victoria»	GFA	Regional	Dnipropetrovska oblast	2	55 993,56	57 754,98
57.	NGO Club «Impulse»	GFA, GFN	Regional	Dnipropetrovska oblast	3	52 198,17	59 076,20
58.	NGO Nikopol centre for spiritual and social-psychological rehabilitation «Open door»	GFA, GFN	Regional	Dnipropetrovska oblast	3	61 721,11	31 288,64
59.	Charitable fund «Care»	GFN	Regional	Donetska oblast	2	24 407,13	24 575,09
60.	Charitable fund «Donbas against children's AIDS»	US	Regional	Donetska oblast	1	13 477,10	13 477,10
61.	Charitable fund «Karitas Donetsk»	US	Regional	Donetska oblast	1	11 452,99	11 452,99
62.	Charitable organisation «Mariupol city association for AIDS prevention and support for HIV-infected «Choice»	GFA, GFN	Regional	Donetska oblast	3	18 675,97	14 061,05
63.	Charitable organisation Club «Svitank»	GFN, US	Regional	Donetska oblast	3	79 218,60	74 620,49
64.	Dniprodzerzhynsk city charitable fund «Impulse»	GFA	Regional	Donetska oblast	2	56 603,52	32 620,14
65.	Donetsk oblast association to support HIV-infected people	GFA, GFN, US	Regional	Donetska oblast	6	270 333,18	266 449,80
66.	Donetsk oblast charitable fund «Oberig»	GFA, GFN, US	Regional	Donetska oblast	4	109 257,83	38 738,17
67.	Gorlivka city NGO «Line of life»	GFA, GFN, US	Regional	Donetska oblast	6	168 696,46	138 562,66
68.	Konstantynivka city NGO «Association to Support HIV-infected»	GFA, GFN, US	Regional	Donetska oblast	3	31 429,35	68 079,17
69.	NGO «Mariupol Youth association»	GFA, US	Regional	Donetska oblast	4	88 220,19	77 690,92
70.	NGO «Union «Amikus»	GFA, US	Regional	Donetska oblast	5	162 396,01	116 454,40
71.	Sloviansk city NGO «Our Help»	GFA, GFN, US	Regional	Donetska oblast	6	161 093,45	114 755,23
72.	Khmelnytsk oblast AIDS Centre	GFA	Regional	Khmelnytska oblast	1	9 500,00	9 500,00
73.	Charitable fund «Solidarity»	GFA, GFN	Regional	Ivano-Frankivska oblast	4	152 568,43	129 649,72
74.	Kharkiv city charitable fund «Blago»	GFA	Regional	Kharkivska oblast	2	52 080,14	24 756,54
75.	Kharkiv oblast division of the charitable organisation «All-Ukrainian Network of PLWH»	GFN	Regional	Kharkivska oblast	2	51 280,52	47 500,92
76.	Kherson city centre for youth initiatives «Totem»	GFA	Regional	Khersonska oblast	1	9 902,66	4 786,59
77.	Kherson city NGO «Association of the 21 century»	GFA	Regional	Khersonska oblast	1	28 787,23	28 787,23
78.	Kherson city NGO Club «Awakening»	GFA	Regional	Khersonska oblast	1	26 384,24	9 809,27
79.	Kherson oblast charitable fund «Mangust»	GFA, US	Regional	Khersonska oblast	5	283 637,52	221 469,46
80.	Kherson oblast division of the charitable organisation «All-Ukrainian Network of PLWH»	GFN	Regional	Khersonska oblast	2	11 665,30	70 886,59
81.	Kherson oblast narcology clinic	GFA	Regional	Khersonska oblast	1	11 999,05	11 999,05
82.	Khmelnytsk oblast association to support drug use and HIV/AIDS problems resolution «Victoria»	GFA, GFN	Regional	Khmelnytska oblast	3	75 682,61	67 767,10



	Implementing partner	Program me of financing (+)	Project status	Region	Number of supported projects	Written commitments (USD)	Disbursed (USD)
45.	Centre for re-socialisation of chemically-dependent «Vedis»	GFN	Regional	Chernihivska oblast	1	4 954,67	4 954,67
46.	Chernihiv oblast division of the charitable organisation «All-Ukrainian Network of PLWH»	GFN	Regional	Chernihivska oblast	2	48 767,72	47 611,22
47.	Chernivtsi oblast division of the charitable organisation «All-Ukrainian Network of PLWH»	GFN	Regional	Chernivetska oblast	3	20 605,15	16 673,43
48.	Chernivtsi city charitable fund «New Family»	GFA	Regional	Chernivetska oblast	2	45 578,05	37 899,22
49.	Charitable fund «Public health», Kryvyi Rig city	GFA, US	Regional	Dnipropetrovska oblast	4	91 848,01	69 209,27
50.	Charitable fund Rehabilitation centre for drug users «Virtus»	GFA, GFN, US	Regional	Dnipropetrovska oblast	7	149 893,81	186 098,02
51.	Charitable organisation «HELP»	GFA	Regional	Dnipropetrovska oblast	1	34 645,56	10 235,53
52.	Charitable organisation «With hope»	GFN	Regional	Dnipropetrovska oblast	1	2 313,57	39 370,97
53.	Kryvyi Rig city charitable organisation «Our future»	US	Regional	Dnipropetrovska oblast	1	13 604,11	13 604,11
54.	Kryvyi Rig oblast division of the charitable organisation «All-Ukrainian Network of PLWH»	GFA, GFN	Regional	Dnipropetrovska oblast	3	85 448,50	27 615,42
55.	NGO «Dniprovsky humanitarian initiatives»	GFA	Regional	Dnipropetrovska oblast	1	60 460,81	17 748,46
56.	NGO Club «Victoria»	GFA	Regional	Dnipropetrovska oblast	2	55 993,56	57 754,98
57.	NGO Club «Impulse»	GFA, GFN	Regional	Dnipropetrovska oblast	3	52 198,17	59 076,20
58.	NGO Nikopol centre for spiritual and social-psychological rehabilitation «Open door»	GFA, GFN	Regional	Dnipropetrovska oblast	3	61 721,11	31 288,64
59.	Charitable fund «Care»	GFN	Regional	Donetska oblast	2	24 407,13	24 575,09
60.	Charitable fund «Donbas against children's AIDS»	US	Regional	Donetska oblast	1	13 477,10	13 477,10
61.	Charitable fund «Karitas Donetsk»	US	Regional	Donetska oblast	1	11 452,99	11 452,99
62.	Charitable organisation «Mariupol city association for AIDS prevention and support for HIV-infected «Choice»	GFA, GFN	Regional	Donetska oblast	3	18 675,97	14 061,05
63.	Charitable organisation Club «Svitnok»	GFN, US	Regional	Donetska oblast	3	79 218,60	74 620,49
64.	Dniprodzerzhynsk city charitable fund «Impulse»	GFA	Regional	Donetska oblast	2	56 603,52	32 620,14
65.	Donetsk oblast association to support HIV-infected people	GFA, GFN, US	Regional	Donetska oblast	6	270 333,18	266 449,80
66.	Donetsk oblast charitable fund «Oberig»	GFA, GFN, US	Regional	Donetska oblast	4	109 257,83	38 738,17
67.	Gorlivka city NGO «Line of life»	GFA, GFN, US	Regional	Donetska oblast	6	168 696,46	138 562,66
68.	Konstantynivka city NGO «Association to Support HIV-infected»	GFA, GFN, US	Regional	Donetska oblast	3	31 429,35	68 079,17
69.	NGO «Mariupol Youth association»	GFA, US	Regional	Donetska oblast	4	88 220,19	77 690,92
70.	NGO «Union «Amikus»	GFA, US	Regional	Donetska oblast	5	162 396,01	116 454,40
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	Implementing partner	Program me of financing (*)	Project status	Region	Number of supported projects	Written commitments (USD)	Disbursed (USD)
120.	NGO «Alternative»	GFA, US	Regional	Odeska oblast	2	15 324,68	7 105,90
121.	NGO «Our Children»	GFA	Regional	Odeska oblast	2	65 479,45	65 828,14
122.	NGO «Youth Development Center»	GFA	Regional	Odeska oblast	2	20 528,86	49 948,85
123.	Odessa charitable fund «Road to Home»	GFA, US	Regional	Odeska oblast	5	365 286,95	308 668,48
124.	Odessa oblast AIDS Centre	GFA	Regional	Odeska oblast	1	29 900,99	29 900,99
125.	Public movement «Faith, Hope, Love»	GFA, GFN	Regional	Odeska oblast	5	177 293,45	148 857,30
126.	South-Ukrainian centre «Health. Woman. Longevity»	GFN	Regional	Odeska oblast	1	0,00	11 726,85
127.	Youth NGO Mutual Assistance Club «Life+»	GFA, GFN, US	Regional	Odeska oblast	8	250 638,41	227 692,80
128.	Charitable association to support HIV-positive people and AIDS patients «Light of Hope»	GFA, GFN	Regional	Poltavska oblast	4	119 576,24	101 824,94
129.	Kremenchuk city NGO to support prevention of socially-negative phenomenon in society «Salvation»	GFA	Regional	Poltavska oblast	1	0,00	20 555,62
130.	NGO Club «Kviten»	GFA, GFN	Regional	Poltavska oblast	4	122 141,42	86 742,60
131.	Poltava oblast charitable fund «Public Health»	GFA	Regional	Poltavska oblast	2	73 282,76	55 551,86
132.	Poltava oblast division of the charitable organisation «All-Ukrainian Network of PLWH»	GFN	Regional	Poltavska oblast	2	34 155,29	26 404,49
133.	Poltava oblast NGO Rehabilitation centre «An Exit Exists!»	US	Regional	Poltavska oblast	1	8 908,35	8 908,35
134.	Rivne oblast AIDS Centre	GFA	Regional	Rivnenska oblast	1	9 297,18	9 297,18
135.	Rivne oblast charitable fund «Future without AIDS»	GFA, GFN	Regional	Rivnenska oblast	4	74 248,63	39 201,62
136.	Charitable organisation «Choice»	GFN	Regional	Sumska oblast	2	28 695,19	22 727,11
137.	Sumy oblast AIDS Centre	GFA	Regional	Sumska oblast	1	4 395,45	4 395,45
138.	Sumy oblast charitable fund «Stepping towards the Future»	GFA	Regional	Sumska oblast	2	53 825,24	57 055,82
139.	Ternopil city organisation Centre for spiritual and psychological support «Sources»	GFN	Regional	Ternopilska oblast	2	8 686,34	8 893,17
140.	Vinnitsya division of the charitable International Human Development Fund	GFA	Regional	Vinnitska oblast	1	19 910,07	7 892,00
141.	Vinnitsya oblast charitable fund «Positive»	GFN	Regional	Vinnitska oblast	2	27 019,41	26 069,39
142.	Vinnitsya oblast narcology clinic «Sociotherapy»	GFA	Regional	Vinnitska oblast	1	11 713,66	11 713,66
143.	Vinnitsya public Congress «Stalist»	GFA	Regional	Vinnitska oblast	2	102 320,68	83 807,90
144.	Volyn oblast charitable fund «Chance»	GFA, GFN	Regional	Volynska oblast	4	73 444,58	42 454,00
145.	Volyn oblast AIDS Centre	GFA	Regional	Volynska oblast	1	9 449,92	9 449,92
146.	Zakarpatsky oblast charitable fund «Zakarpattya Against AIDS»	GFA, GFN	Regional	Zakarpatska oblast	3	21 040,75	29 457,40
147.	Charitable fund «Aspiration»	GFA, GFN	Regional	Zaporizka oblast	4	101 299,22	92 873,35
148.	Zaporizhzhya oblast AIDS Centre	GFA	Regional	Zaporizka oblast	1	29 512,32	29 512,32
149.	Zaporizhzhya oblast division of the charitable organisation «All-Ukrainian Network of PLWH»	GFN	Regional	Zaporizka oblast	2	17 949,34	19 131,52
150.	Zhytomyr fund to counter socially-infectious diseases and AIDS	GFA, GFN	Regional	Zhytomyrska oblast	4	18 356,44	26 330,83
<b>Total:</b>					<b>352</b>	<b>20 436 363,00</b>	<b>16 451 931,02</b>

\* Programmes of financing:

GFA – Alliance-Ukraine grant under the Global Fund Programme

GFN – indirect Alliance-Ukraine grant under the Global Fund Programme

US – Alliance-Ukraine grant under USAID programmes

CR – other programmes

\*\* Amount does not include sub-granting costs



### Annex 3. Laboratory Equipment and Reagents Supplied to Regions as Humanitarian Aid Within “Overcoming HIV/AIDS Epidemics in Ukraine” Programme Implementation, 2006

Nº	AIDS Centres	Reagents for hematologic study	Consumables	Test-kits to determine HIV DNA (for children under 18 months)	Test-kits to determine viral load	Reagents to determine CD 4 lymphocytes	Genetic analyser with test kits	Distiller	Total, USD
1	Ukrainian Centre, Kyiv	5241,79	842,55	22100	43401	10907,12	240290	653,5	323435,93
2	Dnipropetrovsk	2516,14	0	0	0	10907,12	0		13423,26
3	Odesa	0	564,85	18200	19437	10907,12	0		49108,97
4	Donetsk	2009,1	0	0	0	0	0		2009,1
5	AR of Crimea	2091,85	217,34	8450	13446	10907,12	0		35112,31

### Annex 4. List of Medicines Purchased for Implementation of the Programme “Overcoming HIV/AIDS Epidemics in Ukraine”, 2006

Product Category	Product	Strength	Number of tablets, capsules, ml, g	2006								
				1st purchase			2nd purchase			3rd purchase		
				quantity	price, USD	Total cost, USD	quantity	price, USD	Total cost, USD	quantity	price, USD	Total cost, USD
ARVs	Didanosine EC (ddl)	400mg	30	722	44,37	32035,14	1 158	44,45	51473,10			
	Nelfinavir (NFV)	250mg	270	6 357	166,45	1058122,65	6 728	167,43	1126636,47			
	Stavudine (d4T)	40mg	60	3 051	3,31	10098,81	3 784	2,77	10481,68			
	Stavudine (d4T)	30mg	60	296	2,85	843,60	1 752	2,77	4853,04			
	Lopinavir (LPV) +ritonavir (Rtv)	133,3mg +33,3mg	180	936	479,25	448578,00	2 221	324,57	720869,97			
	Lamivudine (3TC)	150mg	60	2 452	5,31	13020,12	8 332	4,37	36410,84			
	Zidovudine (AZT)	100mg	100	5 871	7,31	42917,01	10 131	9,60	97257,60			
	Zidovudine(AZT)+ Lamivudine (3TC)	300mg+150mg	60	15 147	15,35	232506,45	16 780	13,71	230053,80			
	Nevirapine (NVP)	200mg	60	3 054	5,40	16491,60	4 788	4,59	21976,92			
	Didanosine (ddl)	100mg	60	365	24,71	9019,15	170	24,75	4207,50	110	24,57	2702,70
	Didanosine (ddl)	100mg	60							102	44,12	4500,24
	Efavirenz (EFV)	200mg	30	35 325	10,29	363494,25	39 220	6,75	264735,00			
	Lamivudine (3TC)	10mg/ml	100	6 989	2,13	14886,57	8 035	1,60	12856,00			
	Lopinavir (LPV)+ ritonavir (Rtv)	80mg/ml+20mg/ml	300	112	479,25	53676,00	233	324,57	75624,81			
	Nelfinavir (NFV)	50mg/g	144	681	38,15	25980,15			0,00			
	Nevirapine (NVP)	10mg/ml	100	4 904	2,53	12407,12	950	1,71	1624,50			
	Stavudine (d4T)	1mg/ml	200	3 988	25,56	101933,28			0,00			
	Zidovudine (AZT)	10mg/ml	100	6 049	1,63	9859,87	11 816	1,49	17605,84			
All other pharmaceuticals	Fluconazole	100mg	7	1 600	45,99	73584,00						
	Fluconazole	2mg/ml	100	375	6,00	2250,00						
	Gabapentin	300mg	100	2 161	40,00	86440,00						
	lenograstim (GCSF)	263mkg	1	350	33,00	11550,00						
	Sertralín hydrochloride	50mg/g	30	1 200	24,00	28800,00						
	Buprenorphine	2mg	10	15 000	11,77	176550,00	54 000	11,77	635580,00			
	Total ->			Total ->		2 825 044	Total ->		3 312 247	Total ->		7 203

## Annex 5. Medication Supplies and Milk Formulas in the Regions, 2006

Nº	Names of oblasts and individual facilities	Total of ARV medicines, UAH	Total of medicines to treat opportunistic infections, UAH	Total of milk formulas, UAH	Total buprenorphine, UAH	TOTAL, UAH
1	AR of Crimea	2 545 993,93	57 454,05	72 917,70	312 230,44	2 988 596,12
2	Vinnitska	193 760,34	2 908,46		91 356,97	288 025,77
3	Volynska	97 430,40	4 353,54	12 147,00		113 930,94
4	Dnipropetrovska	2 006 693,50	15 638,65	142 469,70	312 230,44	2 477 032,29
5	Donetska	3 210 630,59	11 743,41	74 025,30	312 230,44	3 608 629,74
6	Zhytomyrska	74 486,48	-			74 486,48
7	Zakarpatska	11 660,44	8,29			11 668,73
8	Zaporizhska	390 572,77	4 037,10			394 609,87
9	Ivano-Frankivska	66 663,34	4 093,47			70 756,81
10	Kyivska	450 990,38	2 419,24	74 758,80		528 168,42
11	Kirovogradska	52 937,04	-			52 937,04
12	Luganska	317 659,28	4 053,68	12 901,50		334 614,46
13	Lvivska	17 490,44	1 760,09	20 583,00		39 833,53
14	Mykolayivska	1 533 181,12	59 603,80	78 391,20	312 230,44	1 983 406,56
15	Odeska	1 958 208,46	10 761,30	55 940,70	312 230,44	2 337 140,90
16	Poltavska	276 022,16	545,93	22 043,40	91 356,97	389 968,47
17	Rivnenska	8 672,86	306,13	1 956,60		10 935,59
18	Sumska	58 352,33	572,46	3 647,10		62 571,89
19	Ternopilska	9 226,48	82,90			9 309,38
20	Kharkivska	327 754,40	848,74			328 603,14
21	Khersonska	366 421,33	5 426,79		311 398,30	683 246,42
22	Khmelnyska	166 886,47	584,07	14 870,70		182 341,24
23	Cherkaska	164 602,78	-	19 911,90		184 514,68
24	Chernivetska	9 540,78	16,58			9 557,36
25	Chernihivska	218 715,18	-			218 715,18
26	Kyiv city	1 636 052,47	107 910,91	143 386,20	862 571,51	2 749 921,09
27	Sevastopol city	212 306,65	4 060,31	8,00		216 374,96
28	Gromashevsky Institute of Epidemiology and Infectious Diseases of the AMS of Ukraine	3 775 650,78	205 005,76			3 980 656,54
29	Odesa penitentiary institution		5 311,24			5 311,24
30	Ukrmedpostach (reserve of the Ukrainian AIDS Centre)		143 406,01			143 406,01
	Total	20 158 563,18	652 912,91	749 958,80	2 917 835,97	24 479 270,86

\* During 2006 407 medical institutions received medication supplies and milk formulas in the framework of this program



## Annex 6. Financial and Audit Conclusions

*Dear readers,*

*As presented in notes to financial reporting, it was the first time in 2006 the International HIV/AIDS Alliance in Ukraine presented and made public for complex audit its report about the financial results. Since the report was prepared the first time, this document could not present data for the previous year for comparison. Next year report will certainly contain data for the previous year.*

*In the financial report of 2006 the expenditures were determined based on the method of extra charges and hence there was a necessity to put corresponding changes into the accounting registers. Similar changes would not take place this year since the changes into the standards of account reporting is not planned in future.*

*Thank you for understanding.*



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### **Auditors' Report to the members of International HIV/AIDS Alliance**

We have audited the balance sheet as at December 31, 2006 and income and expenditure account for the period then ended (financial statements) of ICF International HIV/AIDS Alliance in Ukraine (further – the Alliance), as well as description of material aspects of the accounting policy and other explanatory notes, as set out on pages x to x. Our audit was conducted in accordance with International Standards on Auditing, we did not audit the opening balances. This is the first time we perform the audit of financial statements of the Alliance.

### **Respective responsibilities of trustees and auditors**

The Alliance responsibilities for preparing the financial statements are as follows:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- Follow applicable accounting standards subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the entity will continue in operation

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the entity. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the entity and hence for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Our responsibility is to audit the income and expenditure account in accordance with International Standards on Auditing.

### **Matters, that affect our opinion**

As indicated in the Notes to the financial statements the comparative indicators as at December 31, 2005 and for the period then ended are not presented in the financial statements. Lack of comparative indicators is a deviation from the National Accounting Standards of Ukraine.

After the review of 2005 within the reporting period the Alliance has performed significant adjustments into accounting database and, respectfully, in the accounting registers. Trial balances, which we studied last year are significantly modified.

### **Qualified opinion**

In our opinion:

Except for what was disclosed in the paragraph above:

- The financial statements present fairly the financial position of ICF International HIV/AIDS Alliance in Ukraine as at 31 December 2006 and the results of its operations for the year then ended in conformity with National Accounting Standards of Ukraine; and
- In all material respects, ICF International HIV/AIDS Alliance in Ukraine has complied with local statutory and taxation requirements and its' activities have been conducted in conformity with the grant agreements in place during the year.

Kyiv, April 25, 2007

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## BALANCE SHEET

as at 31 December 2006

	Notes	thousand UAH
<b>Fixed assets</b>		
Tangible assets: net book value	2	537,0
Tangible assets: original costs		1 414,9
Accumulated Depreciation		(877,9)
Intangible assets: net book value	2	142,0
Intangible assets: original costs		281,8
Accumulated Depreciation		(139,8)
<b>Total fixed assets</b>		<b>679,0</b>
<b>Current assets</b>		
Products	3	503,5
Debtors	4	19 147,2
Cash at bank	5	1 664,4
Prepaid expenses		7,8
<b>Total current assets</b>		<b>21 322,9</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>22 001,9</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Creditors	6	174,9
Differed income: restricted funds		21447,4
Accruals		725,9
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<b>22 348,2</b>
Loss on exchange difference	7	346,3
<b>Total loss</b>		<b>-346,3</b>

*The amounts are represented in thousand UAH*

**Chief Accountant**  
**Larysa Zatulyviter**

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**Deputy Executive Director**  
**Vlasta Brodska**

## PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT

for the year ended 31 December 2006

	Notes	2006 Restricted thousand UAH
<b>Revenue</b>		
Revenue from charitable activities		66 479,7
<b>Total revenue</b>		<u>66 479,7</u>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Operational costs		48 936,0
Administrative costs		17 543,8
Foreign exchange gains/losses		98,4
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<u>66 578,2</u>
<b>Net income/loss for the year</b>		<u>98,4</u>
<b>Other recognised gains/(losses)</b>		
Foreign exchange gains/losses		98,4
<b>Chief Accountant</b> <b>Larysa Zatulyviter</b>	<b>[Signature]</b> <b>[Signature]</b>	<b>Deputy Executive Director</b> <b>Vlasta Brodska</b>

## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

### 1. Accounting policies

#### Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Ukrainian National Accounting Standards. The profit and loss statement consolidates the financial statements of sub-recipients: Ukrainian non-governmental and community-based organizations. The balance sheet shows assets and liabilities obligated by the Alliance Ukraine only.

These financial reports do not fully comply with the National accounting standards (NAS). Pursuant to the NAS #1 "General financial reporting requirements", financial reports should necessarily include data for the previous period for comparison purposes. Where as the Company did not prepare financial reports in previous periods, these reports do not contain comparative information for the respective period last year.

#### Funds structure

The company maintains two types of funds:

##### *Unrestricted funds*

Unrestricted funds are funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity, and which are not subject to donors' restrictions.

##### *Restricted funds*

Restricted funds are funds that must be used in accordance with the specific requirements of donors. In 2006 the Alliance Ukraine operated with restricted funds only



**Revenue**

Revenue is included in the profit and loss statement on accrual basis.

Incoming resources from charitable activities include funds received from related grants and income/loss from currency exchange.

The Alliance receives funding from performance-related grants for direct costs, to provide sub-grants to other agencies and for procuring goods and services. This funding is subject to contractual restrictions which must be met through incurring and qualifying expenses for particular programmes.

**Expenditure***Charitable activities*

Expenditure is recognized on an accruals basis. All expenditures are allocated to two cost category- administrative costs and operational.

*Operational costs include:*

grants to sub-recipients justified;  
publications;  
operational workshops and seminars;  
consultancy fees.

*Administrative costs* include staff salary costs and office support costs and bank fees.

Operations expenditure is recognized when expenses are incurred.

Grants are recognized when the contract has been signed, and expenses have been both incurred and approved.

**Foreign exchange gains and losses**

Loss on exchange difference derived from fluctuations of NBU exchange rate.

**Fixed assets and depreciation**

Expenditure for office equipment purchased for Alliance Ukraine is capitalized at original cost. The capitalization limit is UAH 500. Depreciation is provided on the straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives of the assets. The useful life is 3 years for both tangible and intangible assets.

**Current assets**

Products are represented as publications produced for distribution to sub-recipients and public.

**Liabilities**

Liabilities are represented by Account Payable to service providers, Social Funds, and remaining fund-in-trust.

**Pensions**

The Alliance Ukraine makes contributions to the state pension fund.

**Taxation**

The company is a charity and is, therefore, not liable to pay UA taxation on its charitable income or capital gains. The only subject for taxation is staff costs: social taxes and pension taxes

**Obligations under rent agreement**

In 2006 the company had a one-year rent agreement which expired 31 December 2006. Currently the company does not have any non-cancelable lease commitments.

## 2. Tangible and intangible fixed assets

Group	Tangible fixed assets	Intangible fixed assets	Total
			thousand UAH
Cost at 31 December 2005	1152,3	219,4	1 371,7
Additions for the year	313,5	84,6	398,1
Disposals for the year	-50,8	-22,2	-73,0
Cost at 31 December 2006	1415,0	281,8	<u>1 696,8</u>
Accumulated depreciation at 31 December 2005	455,0	79,6	534,6
Depreciation for the year	450,1	71,2	521,3
Depreciation on disposals	-27,1	-11,0	-38,1
Accumulated depreciation at 31 December 2006	878,0	139,8	<u>1017,8</u>
Net book value at 31 December 2006	537,0	142,0	<u>679,0</u>
Cost at 31 December 2006			thousand UAH
Furniture and fixtures			225,5
Computer equipment and software			704,8
Office equipment			457,7
Other fixed assets			27,0
Cost at 31 December 2006			1 415,0





### 3. Products 2006 thousand UAH

Publications	
Other materials	503,5

### 4 Debtors: 2006 thousand UAH

#### *Due from:*

Sub-recipients	18 398,2
Service providers	432,0
Salary Fund	21,3
Other Account Receivable	295,6
Total:	19 147,1

### 5. Cash at bank and in hand

#### Cash at bank 2006 thousand UAH

Cash at bank - local currency	553,3
Cash at bank - foreign currency	1 111,1
	1 664,4

### 6. Creditors: 2006 thousand UAH

#### *Due from:*

Service providers	154,6	
Insurance services	20,3	
Total:	174,9	174,9

### 7. Loss on exchange difference

Loss on exchange difference derived from fluctuation of NBU exchange rate.

*The amounts are represented in thousand UAH*

## Annex 7. Our Publications, 2006

*The Programme and Resource Development team of the Alliance-Ukraine produces and coordinates development and publication of the Alliance's information products in Ukraine. All publications are disseminated among the relevant audiences; they are also available on the Alliance-Ukraine website (Infocentre section) in electronic format.*



### People and HIV

In 2006 the fourth edition of “People and HIV” was published. This manual was the first publication in former Soviet countries to comprehensively cover the various aspects of the HIV pandemic. Intended for people of all ages and professions who want to learn more about HIV and AIDS, this book will primarily be of use to people living with HIV, their friends and relatives, representatives of government and non-governmental HIV-service organisations, medical and social workers and teachers.

Published in Russian.



### HIV/AIDS News

Each issue of the bulletin “HIV/AIDS News” details an aspect of the HIV/AIDS pandemic and contains relevant information, expert opinion and commentary from AIDS activists who influence state policy in the region. In 2006 two issues were published dedicated to the following topics: “HIV/AIDS: the gender prospect” and “Project SUNRISE”. Altogether since 2001 17 issues of the bulletin have been published.

Published in Russian.



### HIV/AIDS News: Policy and Advocacy

The purpose of this publication is to inform people working in HIV/AIDS as well as decision-makers about advocacy activities and problems which require political solutions. Each edition contains information on the advocacy work of various HIV-service organisations and details topical issues and expert ideas as well including legislation overviews, surveys, news and announcements.

Published in Ukrainian.



### “Evaluating the Number of People in High HIV Risk Groups in Ukraine” analytical report on the study results

The purpose of this report, prepared by a group of researchers, was to evaluate the number of people in high HIV risk groups (IDU, CSW, MSM) at the national level. Data from this report may be used to evaluate coverage of vulnerable groups by prevention interventions, substantiate and determine quantitative indicators of prevention programme development, calculate budgets to ensure planned coverage of target groups and purchase the required amount of HIV prevention means as well as produce the necessary amount of IEC materials, etc.





### **Final report on results of the sociological survey “Evaluation of HIV/AIDS Counselling for Patients with Sexually Transmitted Diseases”**

This report, prepared by the Centre for Social Expertise of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine at the request of the Alliance-Ukraine, aims to evaluate the situation regarding counselling on HIV/AIDS for patients with sexually transmitted diseases. It includes analysis of effective normative documents which regulate counselling on HIV/AIDS within the system of medical assistance to STI patients, and evaluation of the standards of such counselling in state and private clinics. It also analyses major issues in organising HIV/AIDS counselling for STI patients in accordance with international practice and develops strategic recommendations to organise and conduct HIV counselling and testing among STI patients.



### **Important Information for Law Enforcement Employees on Harm Reduction from Drug Use and How to Avoid Infections Transmitted through Blood**

In October 2006 the Alliance-Ukraine finalised this information booklet originally produced by AIDS Foundation East-West and re-printed 35,000 copies. Amongst other things the booklet contains the latest information on harm reduction and substitution therapy programmes currently under implementation as well as the regulatory-legal basis for such programmes.

A specific feature of this booklet is that it has been recommended for publication by the sanitary-epidemiological service of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Ukraine. A review by the ministry's deputy chief state sanitary doctor, colonel Mykola Domoratsky, has been printed on the cover, and the ministry sanitary-epidemiological service was the first to order 1000 copies from the Alliance-Ukraine for dissemination among personnel of the Ministry of Internal Affairs.



### **Directory of Organizations Operating in the Area of HIV/AIDS**

In 2006 the fourth edition of the “Directory of Organizations Operating in the Area of HIV/AIDS” was published. This edition, in contrast to previous issues, is a streamlined version containing brief contact information for organisations which are, one way or another, involved in countering the HIV/AIDS epidemic in Ukraine. The directory includes contact information for Ukrainian non-governmental organisations, government institutions and international organisations which provide donor support and technical assistance. This publication is also available in electronic format on the International HIV/AIDS Alliance website.

Published in Russian.



### **HIV and Hepatitis**

In 2006 a new booklet in the popular series of Information for HIV-positive People was published. It is intended for HIV-positive people infected with hepatitis B and C viruses transmitted through blood, which may result in severe liver disorder. The booklet contains information on hepatitis B and C transmission, symptoms and specific aspects of treating HIV-infection and hepatitis.

Published in Russian.

### HIV/AIDS and the Mass Media



The 6th edition of this traditional Alliance-Ukraine publication appears in a new revised and amended format. The manual contains basic information on HIV/AIDS presented in a friendly question-and-answer format. The second section of recommendations – “A Guide for Journalists” – includes both general principles for presenting information as well as basic rules which should be used by journalists while providing information either on HIV/AIDS or any other socially important topic. Practical examples of “How not to” and “How to properly write about HIV” have been added. The manual also contains a large number of useful resources, such as information on Ukrainian legislation and writing about HIV/AIDS, references to information resources on this topic, etc.

### Rhetoric and Risk. Human Rights Abuses Impeding Ukraine's Fight against HIV/AIDS



In 2006 the Alliance-Ukraine reprinted Ukrainian and Russian language translations of the Human Rights Watch report on observance of PLWH and vulnerable groups' rights in Ukraine. This report by an authoritative international organisation is based on testimonies of dozens of people living with HIV and representatives of vulnerable communities. It describes issues of physical and psychological violence, unlawful acts by law enforcement agencies, and the discriminatory, inhumane attitude shown towards PLWH and vulnerable groups by medical workers.



Publication “**Motivational Interviewing of person using injection drugs: guidance for social workers of HIV/AIDS prevention programmes**” (Russian version), published 2004 by Alliance, is much in demand in Ukraine as well as in other countries. In 2006 the new completed edition was specially prepared by “AIDS Foundation East-West” (Kazakhstan) for the Central Asia region in the frames of the drug demand reduction programme in Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, and Fergan region of Kyrgyzstan and supported by USAID. Furthermore, Vilnius

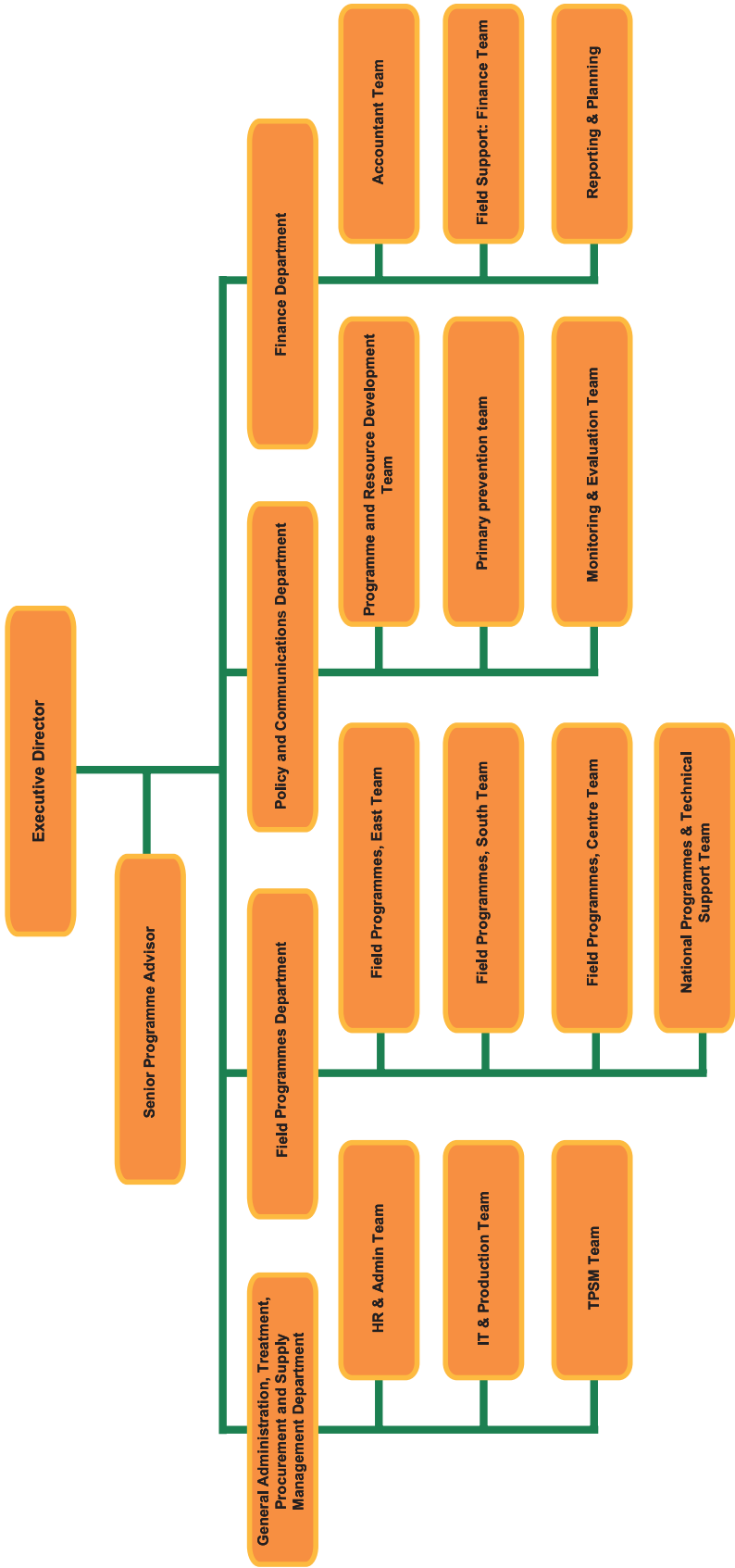
Center for Treatment Abuse Diseases (Lithuania) with the support of Canadian Government realized the project on translation and publication this book in Lithuanian in 2006.



The research “**Socioeconomic Impact of HIV/AIDS in Ukraine**” carried by the Ministry of Health of Ukraine and supported by the World Bank, International HIV/AIDS Alliance in Ukraine/Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, with the technical support of Joint United Nations Program on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) estimate the average middle and average long HIV/AIDS impacts and determine the impact of prevention programmes and treatment. Based on several scenarios of situation development, there are forecasts of socioeconomic impacts of HIV/AIDS in Ukraine. (in 2006 English version was published)



# Annex 8. Organisational structure



## Annex 9. Staff and Governing Board Members<sup>1</sup>

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In July 2007 the International HIV/AIDS Alliance Global Partnership (with the Secretariat in the UK) – ICF “International HIV/AIDS Alliance in Ukraine” founding organisation, presented a new logo. The logo reflects shared vision of the Alliance member organisations of strategies and approaches to overcoming HIV-epidemic. Logo’s graceful lines symbolically unite together values and guiding principles of 28 organisations – members of the Alliance family. The spiral’s elegant and dynamic structure is instantly associated with the AIDS red ribbon – renowned as an international symbol of AIDS awareness.

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