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*Dear readers,*

*We are glad to report on our work in 2005. This year turned out to be the most effective in the entire history of the Alliance in Ukraine. We are proud that with the support of our donors the Alliance made a decisive contribution to the national response to the HIV/AIDS epidemic in Ukraine, and that its financial and technical support to 150 non-governmental organisations in the regions helped create a new force of civil society to tackle HIV/AIDS.*

*Roll-out of the large-scale treatment programme for people living with HIV/AIDS in Ukraine was the most important achievement of the year. Currently over 3300 patients are involved in treatment with antiretroviral medicines purchased by the Alliance. This work is already bringing expected results: thanks to the implementation of the treatment programme, a decline in HIV/AIDS-related mortality has been registered in Ukraine.*

*Here is just an example of our work in all regions of Ukraine: in 2005 over 300 healthcare facilities received medicines and equipment from the Alliance. The greatest support for treatment and care as well as funding for HIV/AIDS prevention programmes was provided to Dnipropetrovsk, Donetsk, Mykolaiv and Odesa oblasts, AR Crimea and Kyiv City, the regions most affected by the epidemic. The most high priority innovations implemented in 2005 include launch of a substitution maintenance therapy programme for injecting drug users with the use of buprenorphine, which has already been made available to over 200 patients.*

*The International HIV/AIDS Alliance is implementing the two largest HIV/AIDS response programmes in Ukraine: 'Overcoming HIV/AIDS Epidemics in Ukraine' with the support of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, and 'Scaling Up the National Response to HIV/AIDS through Information and Services (SUNRISE)' supported by the United States Agency for International Development. In 2005 the first stage of both these projects was successfully implemented and all programme targets achieved or even surpassed. As a consequence, the Alliance has obtained financing from the Global Fund for the next three years of activities in Ukraine to the amount of over USD 67,000,000.*

*This year, as the last, is strategically important for us: we have summed up our achievements over the previous years and determined our priorities for the next five years (2006-2010).*

*Our strategy is to ensure the level of community access to comprehensive services equal to that needed to make an impact on the epidemic, satisfy clients' requirements and contribute to a sustainable epidemic response at the local, national and regional levels.*

*We are confident that our experience and expertise will be further needed not only in Ukraine, but in other countries of the region.*

*We have results, we are happy with our work, we have future prospects and a wish to continue working together!*

*With sincere thanks,*

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andriy Klepikov'.

**Andriy Klepikov,**  
Executive Director

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# Our Mission, Vision and Strategic Priorities

The International Charitable Foundation International HIV/AIDS Alliance in Ukraine (Alliance Ukraine) is a Ukrainian non-governmental organisation that shares a general vision, mission and areas of strategic activity with the International HIV/AIDS Alliance, an international non-profit organisation founded in 1993 to support civil society initiatives aimed at overcoming the HIV epidemic in developing countries and in countries with transition economies. The Alliance started its activities in Ukraine in December 2000 with implementation of the project 'Programme to Support Non-governmental Organisations and to Develop Resources in the Area of HIV/AIDS Prevention' funded by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) within the Transatlantic Initiative of the European Commission and the U.S. Government to combat HIV/AIDS. As a Ukrainian non-governmental organisation, the Alliance Ukraine has been implementing programmes since March 2003 (see Diagram 1).

**Our vision** is of world where people do not die of AIDS.

**Our mission** is to support communities to play a full and effective role in the country response to the HIV epidemic, providing care and support for the HIV positive, and alleviating the impact of the epidemic on society, communities and individuals.

**Our principles** imply an unconditional recognition of the utmost value of each human life, of the equal rights of all people regardless of gender, religious beliefs, class, race or ethnic origin, sexual orientation or lifestyle. We know that people's vulnerability to HIV/AIDS is increased by unequal power relations, through poverty and disregarding human rights issues. That is why we also focus on the improvement of healthcare systems and on support of activities that contribute to social and economic development and to the improvement of human rights protection.

Alliance Ukraine **priorities** include supporting communities in order to alleviate the impact of the HIV epidemic among some of the most vulnerable groups, developing the system of social support for HIV-positive people and those close to them, challenging stigma and discrimination, providing better services for the HIV positive and groups most vulnerable to HIV, defining and following best practices in response to the epidemic.

## Strategic Areas and Objectives for 2006 – 2010

Key strategic areas of Alliance Ukraine activities include:

**1. Ensuring sufficient community access to comprehensive, needs-based high quality services to make an impact on the epidemic. This will result in gradual behaviour changes that reduce the vulnerability of the most readily-affected communities and improve the quality of life of HIV-positive people and others affected by the epidemic.**

Comprehensive services and responsiveness to the needs of clients at the local level are among the key principles guiding our approach to the provision of prevention, treatment, care and support services and information.

**2. Promoting sustainable responses to the epidemic at the local, national and regional levels by influencing policy development, building the capacity of AIDS service organisations and other relevant institutions, and leveraging required financial resources.**

A sustainable epidemic response should be developed at the local level, strategically defined in national policy and disseminated at the regional level throughout Eastern Europe and Central Asia. Implementation of this strategic direction is conditioned by the development of effective comprehensive responses to concentrated HIV epidemics.

*Strategic areas are reflected in the following 12 strategic objectives:*

### Strategic Area 1.

**1.1. Comprehensive services.** Introducing the concept of a comprehensive approach to HIV prevention service provision; introduction of antiretroviral and substitution maintenance therapy (ART and SMT); treatment of tuberculosis (TB) and hepatitis; care and support; provision of information and methodological resources. Promoting the development of an integrated system of medical and social assistance.

**1.2. Coverage.** Ensuring maximum access of injecting drug users, sex workers, and HIV-positive children and adults to the required services. Developing services for prisoners, men who have sex with men, and communities potentially vulnerable to HIV ('bridge' populations, vulnerable children and young people).

**1.3. Communities.** Mobilising those communities vulnerable to and affected by the epidemic to participate in the development and provision of services, protecting and representing their interests.

**1.4. Joint efforts.** Supporting a comprehensive, unified multi-sectoral response to the epidemic at the local level. Coordinating efforts and identifying priority needs and services appropriate to local communities in a given region.

**1.5. Sustainability.** Ensuring sustainability of service provision through the development of cooperation between communities and public services at the local level.

## Strategic Area 2.

**2.1. Capacity and Technical Assistance.** Creating effective mechanisms for the provision of technical support to build the capacity of AIDS service organisations in the areas of organisational and institutional development, as well as effective programmatic approaches.

**2.2. Experience sharing.** Studying, analysing and sharing the experience of effective, comprehensive responses to a concentrated HIV epidemic, including the development of models, standards and quality assurance mechanisms. Developing a system of rapid response to significant contextual changes and introducing effective feedback mechanisms.

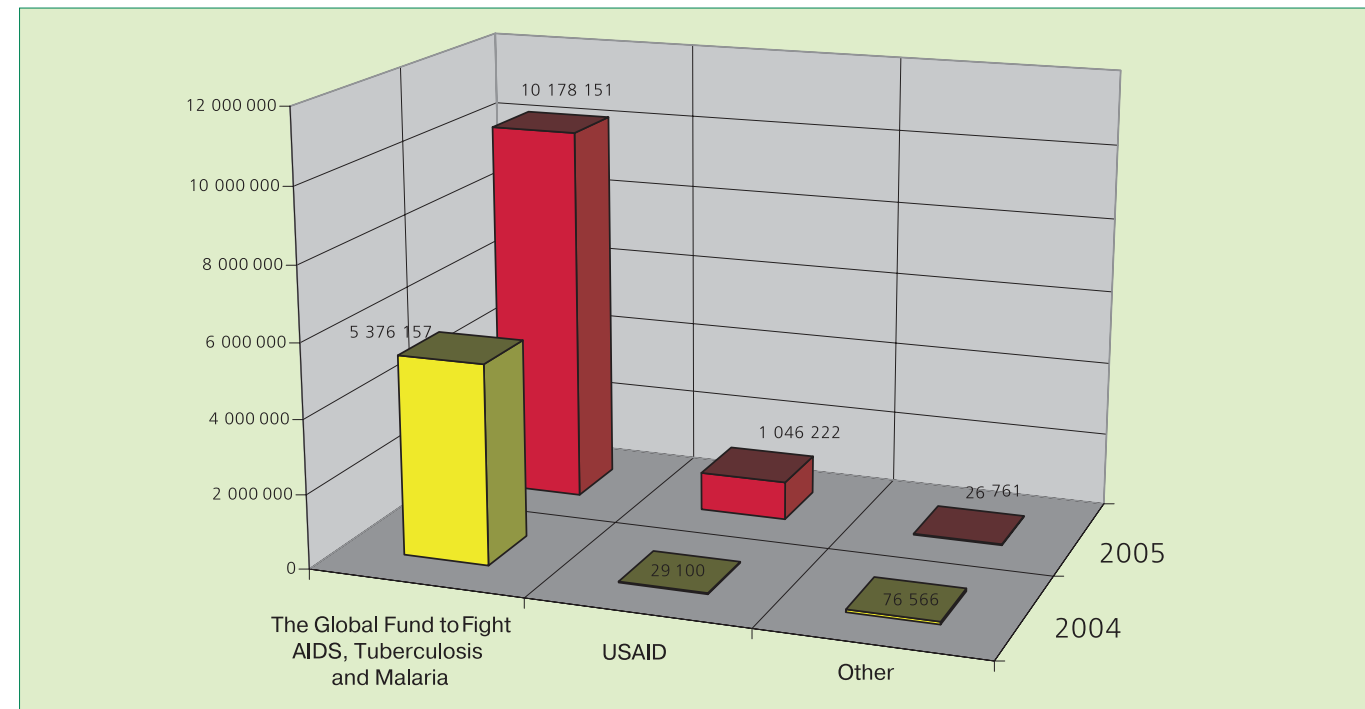


Diagram 1. Increase of Alliance Ukraine income in 2005, compared to the previous year (USD)

**2.3. Innovations.** Supporting the development and testing of new programmatic directions, approaches, methods, resources, tools, and service and information provision technologies.

**2.4. Advocacy.** Influencing the development of adequate policies and practices. In particular, advocating for the reduction of medical drug prices at the regional level, increased allocation of funding, and involvement of new partners in the response to the epidemic.

**2.5. NGO partnership.** Ensuring adequate representation of communities and civil society in development and implementation of the response to the epidemic, facilitating consensus-building within the non-government sector and adequate representation of the most vulnerable communities and those affected by the epidemic.

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**2.6. Resources.** Developing and implementing mechanisms to ensure financial stability of the response to the epidemic.

**2.7. Region.** Sharing the experience of effective responses to concentrated HIV epidemics in Eastern Europe and Central Asian countries.

2005 was a turning point for the International HIV/AIDS Alliance in Ukraine. Successful implementation of two major HIV epidemic response programmes – 'Overcoming HIV/AIDS Epidemics in Ukraine' funded by the Global Fund to fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, and 'Scaling Up the National Response to HIV/AIDS

through Information and Services (SUNRISE)' supported by the United States Agency for International Development – was the Alliance Ukraine's significant contribution to the national response to HIV/AIDS in 2005 (see Diagram 2). The Alliance Ukraine served as the Ukrainian Ministry of Health's chief partner organisation in implementing the national HIV/AIDS programme. After completing the first phase of the Global Fund-supported programme with maximum results, Ukraine has received funds for the next three years to the amount of over USD 67 million, making the International HIV/AIDS Alliance till September 2008 principal recipient of the Global fund grant. (For full financial overview see Appendix 1.)

However, these efforts are not sufficient. It is important not to linger on these achievements, because Ukraine continues to have one of the highest HIV prevalence rates in Eastern Europe. Over 88,000 HIV cases were officially registered in Ukraine as of January 1, 2006, including about 11,000 children, mostly born to HIV-positive mothers. According to the consolidated estimate of the World Health Organisation (WHO) and Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) more than 1% of the adult population in Ukraine (around 350,000) are HIV-positive (See Diagram 3).

More than 60% of officially-registered HIV-positive people in Ukraine were infected through sharing drug injecting equipment. This concentrated HIV/AIDS epidemic can only be stopped by dramatically scaling up prevention activities among the most vulnerable populations, first and foremost injecting drug users.

The success of the response to the HIV/AIDS epidemic in Ukraine depends on efficiency in the most challenging and com-

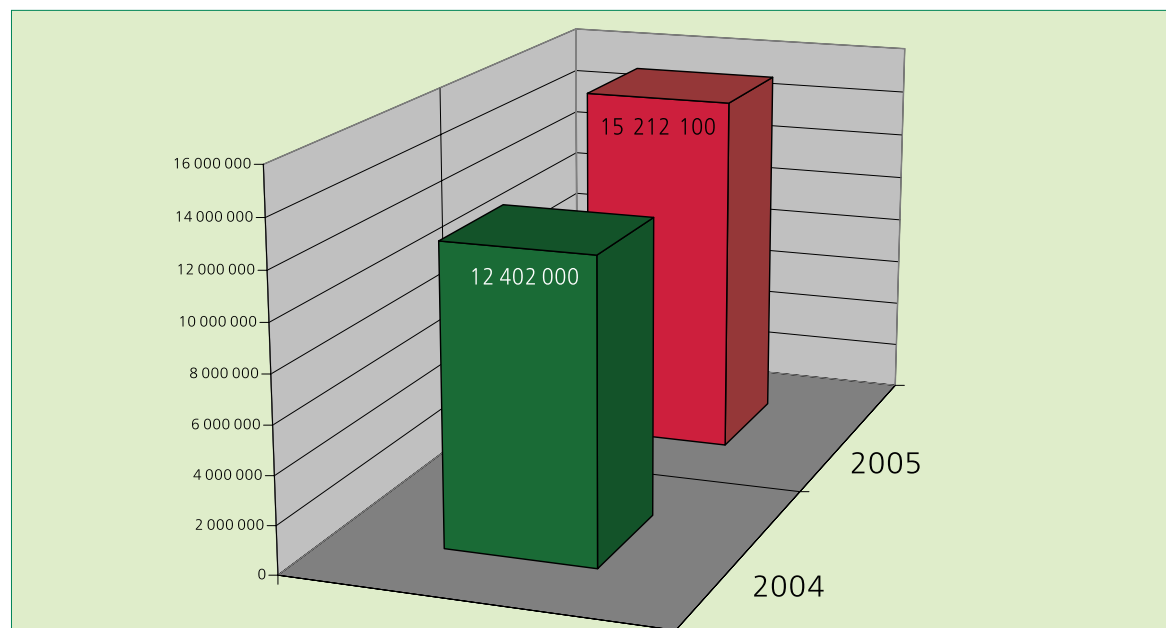


Diagram 2. Increase of Alliance Ukraine expenditures in the course of implementation of the programme Overcoming HIV/AIDS epidemics in Ukraine supported by the Global Fund to fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (2004 – 2005, USD)

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plex areas of work carried out by the International HIV/AIDS Alliance in Ukraine, such as scaling up access to treatment for the HIV positive and ensuring that essential prevention and care services are accessible to the communities most vulnerable to HIV infection.

**In this annual report, the Alliance Ukraine summarises its achievements in 2005 and its fulfilled obligations according to the organisation's seven strategic directions as defined for the reported year:**

1. To make a significant contribution to the national HIV/AIDS epidemic response by supporting non-governmental organisations and activities at community level.

2. To develop and support HIV/AIDS prevention services among vulnerable communities, including injecting drug users, commercial sex workers and their clients; men, who have sex with men; people living with HIV/AIDS and vulnerable young people.

3. To develop care and support services for people living with HIV/AIDS and those affected by the epidemic.

4. To build the capacity of local civil society organisations and support networks and experience sharing.

5. To contribute to the exchange of best practices and models of successful interventions at national and international levels.

6. To make an impact on the development of strategies, approaches and practical HIV/AIDS-related activities through advocacy efforts.

7. To contribute to improving the quality of research and evaluation with the aim of adequately analysing and monitoring the epidemic's dynamics and adapting new means to overcome the epidemic.

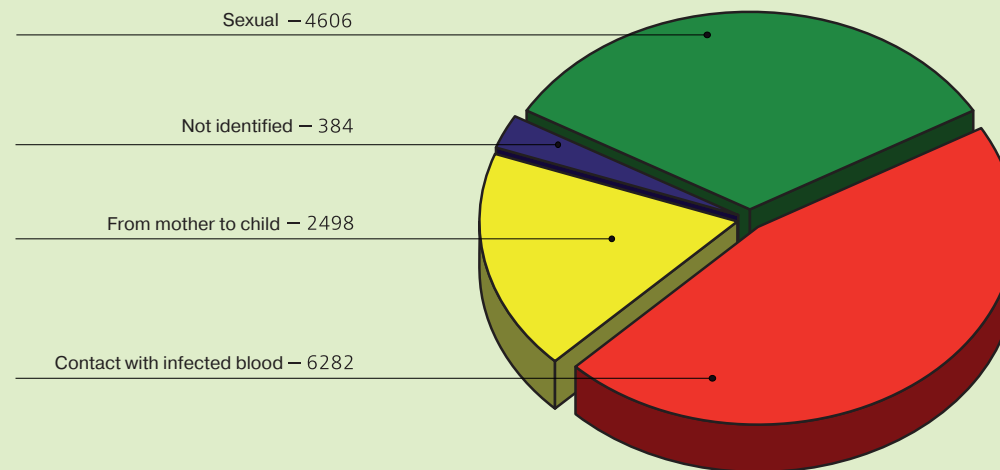


Diagram 3. HIV infection routes among Ukrainian citizens, 2005

# 1. Making an Essential Contribution to the National HIV/AIDS Epidemic Response

*Building the capacity of national government partners to ensure treatment for HIV-positive people and supporting the activities of civil society organisations at the community level is a significant contribution to the system of activities that make up the national response to the HIV/AIDS epidemic in Ukraine.*

## Scaling Up Access to Treatment

In 2005 due to extensive cooperation between the Alliance Ukraine and the Ukrainian AIDS Centre, Ukraine made an unprecedented increase in access to treatment for HIV-positive people. As of the end of 2005, within the framework of the programme 'Overcoming HIV/AIDS Epidemics in Ukraine' supported by the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, 2714 HIV-positive people (including 317 children) were receiving highly active antiretroviral therapy (HAART), 2651 HIV-positive pregnant women and 2091 newborn babies received ARV treatment, and 440 patients post exposure prophylaxis (see Diagram 4).

For these purposes, the Ukrainian AIDS Prevention Centre was provided with antiretroviral and other medicines and medical equipment to facilitate the institutional development of the country's healthcare system (more detailed information about the procurement of medicines and equipment is provided in Annexes 3-5).

The Alliance Ukraine substantially contributed towards creation of suitable conditions within the Ukrainian national health system that would enable governmental institutions to play a leading role in future ARV therapy provision. Together with the Regional Research and Information Centre for HIV/AIDS Prevention and Treatment in Eurasia (Knowledge Hub) 60 multi-disciplinary teams of medical and social workers were trained in the following areas: starting ARV therapy for adults and teenagers; clinical experience in providing ARV therapy to adults and teenagers in regional AIDS centres; in-depth study of ARV for adults and teenagers (33 teams); ARV therapy for children; clinical experience in providing ARV therapy to children based on the example of regional AIDS centres; in-depth study of ARV provision for children (14 teams), and providing ARV therapy in penitentiary institutions (13 teams).

Analysis of the outcomes of the scaling up access to ART programme revealed the need to revise existing national treatment and diagnostic protocols. During 2005 supported by the Alliance Ukraine the Ukrainian

AIDS Centre made amendments to protocol proceedings developed in 2003. These included the following documents: 'Clinical Protocol for Antiretroviral Therapy for HIV Infection in Adults and Adolescents'; 'Clinical Protocol for Antiretroviral Therapy for HIV Infection in Children'; 'Clinical Protocol for the Treatment of Opportunistic Infections in People Living with HIV/AIDS'.

In 2005 the methodological guidelines for laboratory monitoring of HIV infection and antiretroviral therapy, as well as the following draft protocols were developed: 'Treatment of HIV-Infected Drug Users'; 'Voluntary Counselling and Testing (VCT) for HIV Infection'; 'Antiretroviral Therapy for HIV-infected Pregnant Women and Women in Childbirth'; 'Palliative Care for People Living with HIV and AIDS'.

In August 2005 the protocol on VCT was approved by the Ministry of Health of Ukraine (MoH), and in November 2005 it was registered at the Ministry of Justice. Other protocols will be brought into line with WHO protocols in 2006 and then submitted to the MoH of Ukraine for approval, after which they will be published.

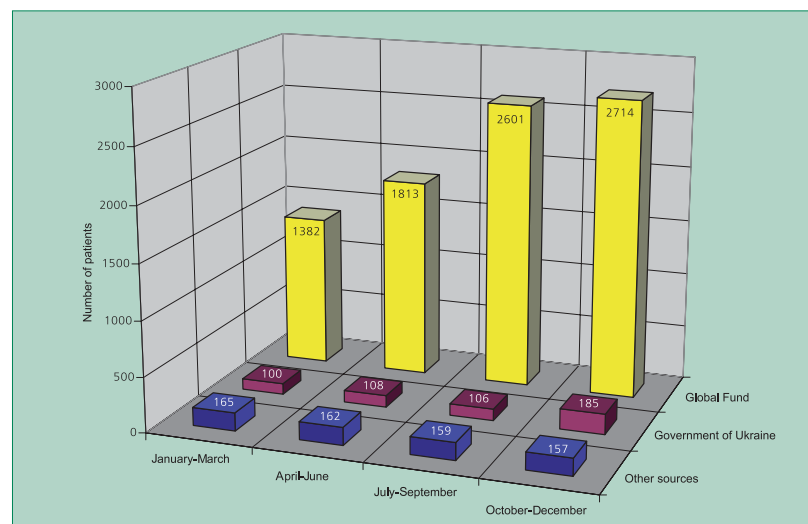


Diagram 4. Introduction of ARV therapy in Ukraine (by funding sources), 2005

Photo: Alliance Ukraine



## Procurement of Medical Equipment and Medicines

The following planned laboratory equipment was supplied to Ukraine: modern equipment to determine HIV viral load; PCR (polymerase chain reaction) equipment and test kits for early diagnosis of HIV infection in children up to 18 months of age; a large consignment of refrigerating equipment for regional AIDS centres and disposable supplies for laboratories.

The Alliance Ukraine also purchased the antiretroviral medicine Zidovudine (to prevent vertical mother-to-child HIV transmission) for 2000 prevention courses for HIV-positive pregnant women; Zidovudine (AZT) for seven-day prevention courses for 2000 children, and 200 28-day AZT courses for children. The Alliance also provided Combivir (AZT+3TC) for 500 28-day post-exposure prophylaxis courses.

The state enterprise Ukrmedpostach (responsible for ARV supply logistics according to an agreement with the Alliance Ukraine) distributed prevention medicines provided by the Alliance Ukraine to all regions of the country. In December 2004 the Alliance organised supplies of medicines for 1425 medicinal courses to treat opportunistic infections, including medicines for the most common infections: herpes zoster and herpes simplex, cytomegalovirus infections, systemic candidiasis, cryptococcal meningitis, toxoplasmosis, bacterial infections (sepsis, pneumonia) and atypical mycobacteriosis. Alliance Ukraine specialists together with WHO experts participated in evaluating the readiness of healthcare facilities in nine regions (Vinnytsya, Zaporizhzhya, Ivano-Frankivsk, Kyiv, Lugansk, Poltava, Kharkiv and Kherson oblasts and Sevastopol city) that started providing ART in May-June 2005.

Within the Treatment, Procurement and Supply Management component, technical assistance was provided to oblast/city AIDS prevention centres in the form of office equipment (computers, printers, chairs, tables, bookcases, air conditioners, etc. to furnish patient admission rooms and premises where physicians work); laboratory and general medical equipment (such as baby weight and height measures, medical tables for bandaging, etc.). Funds were provided for repairs at some facilities, in particular, at the clinic of the L.V.Gromashevsky Institute of Epidemiology and

Infectious Diseases at the Academy of Medical Sciences of Ukraine, where the premises designed for the immunological laboratory were repaired, and in the Zaporizhzhya and Crimean AIDS Centres. These projects helped improve the material and technical base of 21 healthcare facilities where antiretroviral therapy is provided.

## Progress in the Introduction of Substitution Maintenance Therapy

*One of the key tasks and achievements of the programme 'Overcoming HIV/AIDS Epidemics in Ukraine' in 2005 was the launch of substitution maintenance therapy (SMT), the main goal of which is to support HIV/AIDS prevention among injecting drug users (IDUs) and scale up access to ARV therapy for this group. (see Table 1).*

In February 2005, within the framework of the SMT introduction programme, an expert committee was set up at the Ukrainian Institute of Public Health policy (UIHP), an Alliance sub-grantee, to analyse legislation and the legal normative base and prepare recommendations for its improvement. The committee also prepared a draft decree for the MoH, regulating implementation of SMT pilot projects using buprenorphine.

In April 2005, in many respects thanks to the advocacy efforts of the Alliance Ukraine, the Ministry of Health of Ukraine issued Order № 161 regulating the implementation of pilot SMT projects with the use of Addnok (buprenorphine hydrochloride in the form of sublingual pills) at 13 healthcare facilities in six regions of Ukraine (Dnipropetrovsk, Donetsk, Mykolaiv and Odesa oblasts, AR Crimea and Kyiv city). The Order also regulated principles of cooperation between the stakeholders participating in SMT programmes.

In the beginning it was difficult to evaluate the readiness of Ukrainian regions for introducing SMT and assess the volume of technical assistance needed by healthcare facilities where SMT was planned. In May 2005 a committee of national and WHO specialists in the sphere of drug dependence treatment was formed. The committee with awarded official authority by MoH Order № 180/admin., visited the relevant regions and prepared its conclusions.

In order to optimise the introduction and scientific and methodological support of pilot SMT projects, the



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# Introduction of Substitution Therapy

Ukrainian Knowledge Hub on Substitution Maintenance Therapy was established on the basis of UIPHP. With UIPHP participation the concept of multidisciplinary teams (MDT) was developed, partners for pilot SMT projects were selected among healthcare facilities, models of SMT implementation were chosen and training programmes developed, manuals on SMT introduction for physicians, social workers, counsellors and patients were developed for publication, six training seminars were conducted and seven MDTs were trained.

In October 2005, with Alliance Ukraine support the MoH of Ukraine issued Order № 481 which amended Order № 161 and regulated the introduction of SMT in one more (seventh) region of Ukraine (on the basis of Kherson Oblast Narcological Clinic).

The Alliance Ukraine provided intensive technical support for the supply of Addnok medicine to facilitate pilot SMT projects. Arrangements to supply Addnok as humanitarian aid were made and implemented, which made it exempt from taxation and customs duties and fees. In accordance with a quadripartite agreement, the Alliance Ukraine partners – Kyiv City Narcological Clinic Socioterapia, Indian Pharmaceutical Company Rusan Pharma, International organisation Program for Appropriate Technology in Health (PATH) and the Liky Ukrainy company – facilitated the supply, storage and distribution of the first

consignment of Addnok (14,400 packages for the consumption of 200 patients during the first six months of programme activities).

Due attention was paid to national SMT introduction programme development, monitoring principles and project evaluation. In close cooperation with WHO experts, the committee prepared the following documents: 'Plans to Scale up the SMT Programme in Ukraine', 'Substitution Therapy using Buprenorphine in Ukraine: Plan and General Protocol of Monitoring and Evaluation at the First Stage'.

## Introduction of Primary Prevention Methods into the State Education System

Components of the programme 'Overcoming HIV/AIDS Epidemics in Ukraine' aimed at the primary prevention of HIV among schoolchildren and students was implemented by the Alliance Ukraine and its sub-recipients in close cooperation with the Ukrainian Ministry of Education and Science (MoES), Ministry of Children, Youth and Sports, Ministry of Health (MoH), Academy of Pedagogical Sciences of Ukraine, United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), British Council, representative office of the European Commission in Ukraine, Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS), numerous international and Ukrainian non-govern-

mental organisations and students themselves.

On December 1, 2005, to reinforce the cooperation between the Alliance Ukraine and the Ministry of Health of Ukraine, the parties signed a revised Memorandum on Mutual Understanding and Cooperation between the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine and the International HIV/AIDS Alliance. The document foresees close collaboration in introducing interactive prevention programmes into the education system with the aim of decreasing behavioural disposition and vulnerability towards HIV.

The Alliance Ukraine has been introducing the development of healthy life skills among children and young people through the education system. This concept is based on a systemic approach, which first of all envisages provision of training to the trainers, i.e., teachers, and then provision of education to students on the basis of close cooperation of teachers and parents. Methodological recommendations, curricula and manuals created within the Programme's framework must be submitted for approval to the MoES, which after proper consideration recommends the respective materials to be introduced and used at educational institutions of all types of ownership. All materials are based on the concept of safe behavioural skills development and envisage an interactive type of study. The materials take into account principles of gender equality and tolerance toward people living with HIV and help foster sustainable healthy lifestyle principles, as has been proven by examining students' knowledge and behavioural principles.

### Work with Teachers

The Ukrainian Scientific-Methodological Centre of Practical Psychology and Social Work of the Ministry of Education and Science

Table 1. Number of ST programme clients on January 21, 2006 [Data provided by Ukrainian Institute of Public Health Policy (UIPHP)]

Number of clients	160
Number of clients with HIV	120
Number of clients receiving HAART	38
Number of clients getting prepared for HAART	51
Number of clients that dropped the ST programme	11





*Oleg Voynarenko from Kherson is 27 years old and has a 10-year history of injecting drug use. It has been almost two years since Oleg became a client of the Substitution Therapy programme. He is one of the first participants of the programme in the country.*

*Oleg says he first tried drugs out of curiosity and after five years realized that he couldn't escape the vicious circle of drug use on his own. He found out about substitution therapy from a friend who had been participating in the programme for two months. "He didn't have to persuade me. I'd already made up my mind to give up drugs. Within three days I realized that the programme could help me. With the medication I am able to live and work, to be an equal, valuable member of society. Currently my friends and I do not have any conflicts with the law enforcement agencies". Among the programme's greatest achievements Oleg emphasises that out of 20 clients, all found employment even though none of them had worked before.*

*"Substitution Therapy can help even the most hopeless. In our group we have four people who have been using drugs for 20 to 30 years. In about two years they have successfully completed the course of treatment and do not plan to return to their previous lifestyle. "*

*Last year Oleg together with his friends who participate in the Substitution Therapy Programme founded the NGO Awakening to provide assistance to those facing the same kind of problems.*

*Oleg takes an active part in city, regional and international conferences and seminars on HIV/AIDS treatment and drug-associated issues. At the International Conference on Drug-Related Harm in February 2005, Oleg acted as moderator and speaker on the issues of involving IDUs into projects aimed at reducing drug-related harm using the peer to peer approach.*



# Primary Prevention in the State Education System

of Ukraine, and the Academy of Pedagogical Sciences of Ukraine, have developed methodological guidelines on the improvement of training plans and curricula, manuals, textbooks and methodological materials on HIV/AIDS prevention at secondary and vocational training schools; methodological guidelines 'HIV/AIDS Prevention at Higher Educational Institutions', on improving sectoral standards of higher education, and the educational and methodological guides 'Facts about HIV/AIDS for Teachers', 'Overcoming Stigma and Discrimination of People (Children) Living with HIV/AIDS' and 'Prevention of HIV/AIDS, Drug Use and Alcoholism among Pupils and Students'.

The Central Institute for Post-graduate Pedagogical Education has developed three specialised training courses on HIV/AIDS prevention: for educational sector management; for the teachers of oblast institutes for post-graduate pedagogical education, and for methodology specialists from the district educational methodology offices.

The Dragomanov National Teacher Training University has developed the training manual 'Social and educational training to promote motivation towards a healthy lifestyle and HIV/AIDS prevention' for students at higher education institutions and teachers teaching the subjects 'Basic health principles', 'Valeology', 'Basic medical knowledge' and 'Safe lifestyles'.

The publishing house School World has published 12 supplements to the pedagogical periodical 'INFOWORLD' (140,000 circulation).

## *Work with Schoolchildren*

The NGO Children's Fund Health through Education has developed a chapter entitled 'What you should know about Tuberculosis and HIV/AIDS' for the text-book and teacher's manual used for the subject 'Basic health principles' in grade 5. Twenty-seven methodologists (from every regional institute of post-graduate pedagogical education), 27 national teacher-trainers, over a thousand district head teachers and teachers from 27 regions of Ukraine have been trained to teach the subject 'Basic health principles'. Thanks to institutionalisation of the developed manuals, the number of grade 5 students

receiving text-books and teaching on basic health principles and life skills development exceeds 180,000. Up to 22,500 students have been taught in the 'School against AIDS' system.

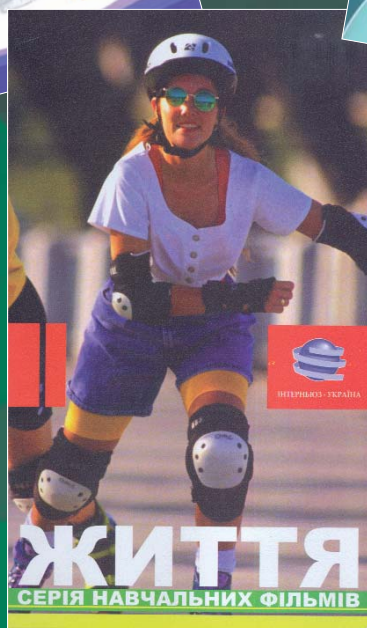
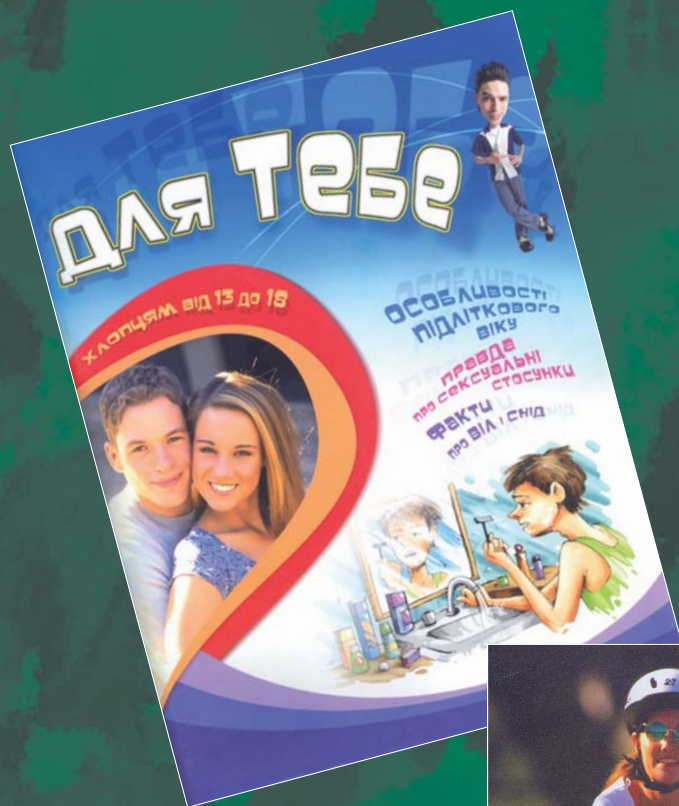
The NGO Project Hope has developed materials for the course 'Useful Habits': study books for grade 1, 2, 3 and 4 students; a manual for teachers; a manual on evaluation of effectiveness and a manual for parents. In addition to the prevention programme 'Useful Habits' an HIV-prevention module has been developed called 'Interestingly About Useful'. Under this project 222 teachers have been trained and 7124 students involved in prevention study.

Almost all regional trainings for teachers were held with the active participation of regional HIV/AIDS resource centres established within the framework of the Global Fund Programme.

## *Work with Parents*

An indispensable part of this programme component is development of materials for teachers' work with parents, as well as trainings for parents. The purpose is to encourage parents' active cooperation with the educational life skills programme. Such activities allow school and family to together create an environment in which children see and learn safe behaviour skills and healthy lifestyles.





## 2. Development and Support of HIV/AIDS Prevention Services for Vulnerable Groups

### Expanding the Range of Services – Basis for Success

Success in countering HIV/AIDS, given the concentrated nature of the epidemic, is dependent on effective large-scale coverage of vulnerable groups by prevention services (see Diagram 5).

By the end of 2005 prevention projects supported by the Alliance Ukraine had provided prevention services to more than 75,000 injecting drug users, over 9000 female sex workers, more than 2000 men who have sex with men, and over 10,000 prisoners.

Over duration of the programme supported by the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, 5,353,072 syringes were exchanged (in 450 active exchange points), 1,763,938 condoms were distributed, and 3,154,580 copies of information materials were disseminated (as of December 31, 2005).

In 2005 the Alliance Ukraine launched coordinated measures to provide services to vulnerable communities. This provided an opportunity to attach clients to respective services, to satisfy their specific needs and to achieve the set objectives. Apart from access to sterile injection equipment and condoms, project clients receive counselling from psychologists, infectious disease doctors, drug experts, surgeons and lawyers. A compulsory project component is peer counselling by social workers, which makes project services more accessible to vulnerable communities and provides greater opportunities to

involve new clients. A referral system is also operating successfully, by which clients are referred to medical institutions for testing for Hepatitis B and C, Tuberculosis and sexually transmitted infections (STIs). If there are other active projects in a city which provide services to vulnerable communities (e.g. substitution therapy, care and support for PLHA) employees of the harm reduction project refer clients to experts of such projects. The range of services is gradually

expanding; clients can already receive community centre services, professional training, employment and rehabilitation. Self-help groups are operating within the projects for active IDUs and those who have stopped using drugs.

The client referral system to medical institutions or other projects has not always been successful, therefore many projects have introduced social support services for injecting drug users and sex workers.

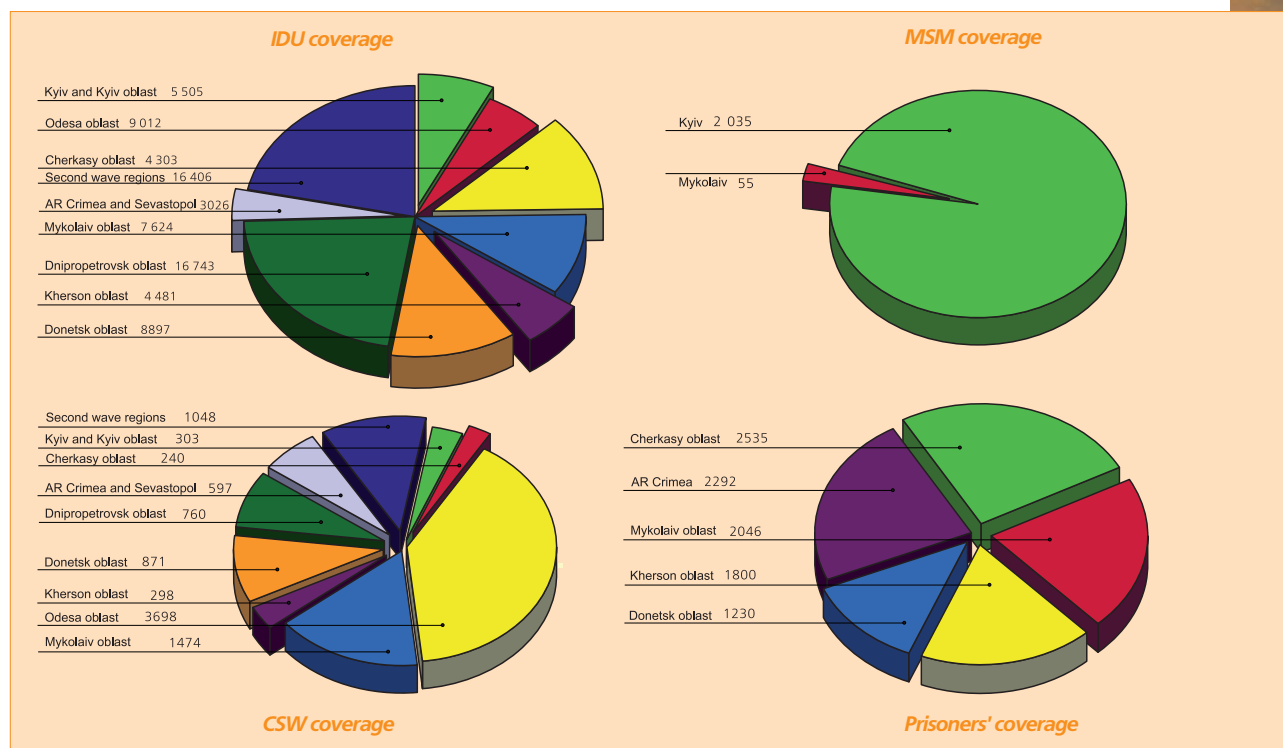


Diagram 5. Number of clients covered by prevention services, 2005 (by regions)



***Poltava city charitable fund 'Public Health': successful experience in providing social support to IDUs and CSW.***

*To ensure IDUs' access to social and medical services the fund has employed an individual with a relevant background - nurse Yuliya Lytvyn who has experience of working with hospitals and knowledge on how to effectively deal with medical personnel. Yuliya has demonstrated good communication skills which is essential for efficient social support of the clients.*

*Yuliya has employed the methodology of motivational interviewing. Twice a week she goes to street points for injection drug users, one day she spends working with sex workers, one day visiting hospitals, and one day she spends on the outreach-route.*

*Yuliya starts a conversation by asking about the client's health and needs, she offers to exchange syringes, provides medicines and gives advice on where to go to resolve specific problems.*

*IDU-clients, when they need to make some decision which requires active involvement not directly associated with drug use, tend to list reasons that allegedly prevent them doing so - for instance, going to see a doctor. It is important that the social support expert actively motivate the client to make decisions by changing the conversation to practical matters as fast as possible - e.g. to agree on a place and time to visit the doctor.*

*Lyuda, a client of the project, told social workers at length how much she needed to visit a gynaecologist, however she herself did not attempt to organise the visit. Yuliya motivated her to make a decision on the place and time for a meeting, 'took her by hand' and brought her to the AIDS-centre*

*for examination by an infectious diseases doctor and gynaecologist. The gynaecologist determined that Lyuda was pregnant and convinced her to register with the AIDS-centre and participate in the programme to prevent mother-to-child transmission.*

*Right before a planned visit to a service unit where her client needs to go, Yuliya always makes a telephone call and/or meets a representative of the unit to inform them that she will come back at an agreed time and day together with a client. This also provides an opportunity to discuss the client's problems and make decisions on possible assistance.*

*Every day Yuliya fills in a social support register and report which reflects the specific assistance provided to a client. Monitoring and documentation of social support services constitute an integral part of this process.*

*Through social support measures people from risk groups are motivated to get involved in HIV/AIDS prevention programmes, which increases coverage of target groups and creates conditions for clients to take constructive actions to improve their own lives. Social support cannot be limited to simply client referral. To provide social support means to be at the client's side, to 'lead him or her by the hand'.*

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### Regional Approach

The International HIV/AIDS Alliance in Ukraine promotes and applies a regional approach to planning and securing access to services and information (see Diagram 6). The main task is to provide the client on the local level with free, easy access to prevention services, care and support, and information about ARV treatment. Today, supported by the SUNRISE project financed by USAID, in 32 cities and eight regions of Ukraine projects are working to diversify the range of services provided to drug users and other vulnerable groups by employing Participatory Site Assessment (PSA) methodology.

PSA has proved an effective tool to expand the participation of representatives of marginalised vulnerable groups in the process of assessment and in the introduction of prevention programmes targeted at these groups. Given that engaging representatives of target groups at all stages of PSA implementation (planning, budgeting, working directly with vulnerable groups, review and analysis) is an integral part of PSA methodology, project administration at the local level has reached a new level of transparency.

According to the principle of coordination of various areas of the national epidemic response, the Alliance Ukraine initiated the formation of Coordination Site Groups (CSG). These groups include all key local stakeholders involved in HIV/AIDS related activities: AIDS service NGOs, representatives of local authorities, state medical institutions and law enforcement agencies, PLHA activists, and representatives of key population groups. The CSG's chief objective is to find solutions to problems identified in the regions in the course of the PSA, with non-governmental organisations leading the way. This mechanism became an effective means for planning and evaluating HIV/AIDS prevention activities carried out by NGOs locally with support from various donors. The Coordination Site Groups increase the efficiency of activities in the sphere of HIV/AIDS implemented by non-profit organisations, assisting in consolidating the efforts of non-governmental organisations, medical institutions and authorities.

Another reason for the creation of the Coordination Site Groups is the need to mobilise vulnerable groups, civil society organisations and NGOs to create an efficient mechanism for advocacy of their interests. Clearly, for the local administrative bodies such a union will appear more trustworthy and competent than any NGO acting independently. It is expected that CSGs will delegate NGO representatives to participate in governmental committees, working groups and expert commissions. There are already many positive examples of

effective coordination on various projects, where NGO representatives are working on local and national state committees.

One more objective of the SUNRISE project is to overcome the artificial barrier between care and support programmes and prevention activities, advocacy and information, which arose through a misconception of key population needs. Epidemiological surveillance data suggests that the majority of all registered PLHA are IDUs, while a great many IDUs are HIV-positive. Consequently clients in the care and support programmes could be in need of prevention services, and prevention programme clients in need of care and support services and treatment. An understanding of this fact calls for establishing a comprehensive or primary approach to service provision, which means making available an all-inclusive package of services to all those who need it.

The all-inclusive package of services is a complex amalgamation of focused prevention services, care and support programmes, advocacy and information. As a result project clients will have access to a wider range of services. Service provision can be organised within one single centre, or via a transparent and effective system of client referral, which again can be achieved only through the close cooperation of various non-governmental structures and medical institutions. Moreover, improving the quality of services will indirectly lead to a rise in the number of programme clients, hence scaling up HIV prevention coverage among key population groups.

With a view to scaling up efforts at the local level, the SUNRISE project also engaged eight regional coordinators, who have put much effort into bringing together NGOs and representatives from the government and commercial spheres to initiate an open discussion on relevant issues. In many regions of Ukraine such discussions have begun in the course of CSG meetings. The coordinators also supervised the effective work of local PLHA groups working with the Program for Appropriate Technology in Health (PATH) and secured equal participation of NGO representatives, social workers and medics in VCT trainings and seminars organised by PATH. It is expected that regional coordinators will play an important role in the creation and further functioning of CSGs in the regions where such groups have not yet been created, and will assist in the work of existing groups. Some regional coordinators have become members of regional HIV/AIDS coordination committees, hence bringing closer high officials, NGOs and the private sector.

The All-Ukrainian Network of People Living with HIV/AIDS as one of the implementing organisations of the SUNRISE project is realis-



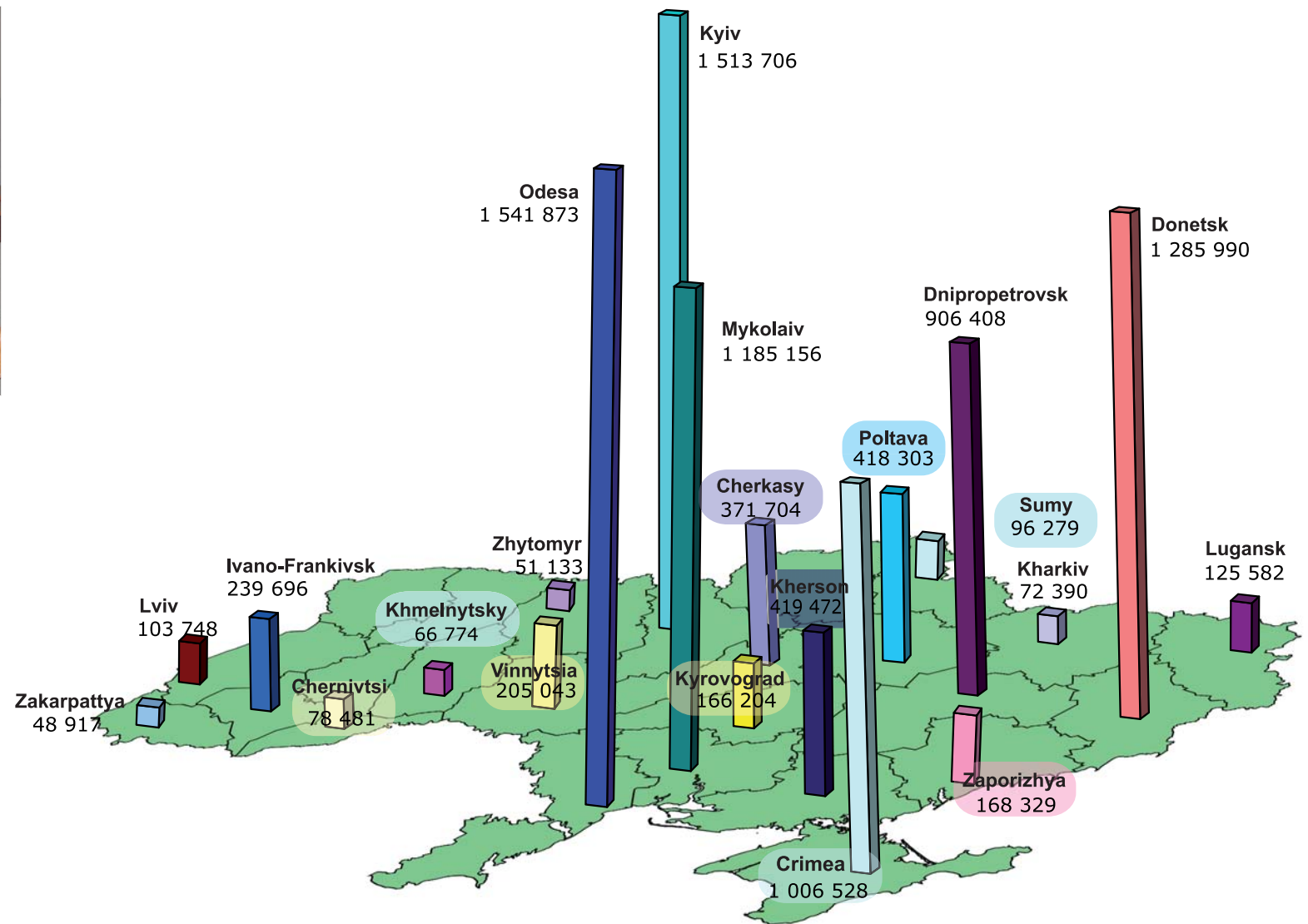


Diagram 6. Breakdown of funding by regions of Ukraine, 2005 (USD)

## Information Activities

ing activities in several areas. One of the priority objectives of the project is to mobilise and self-organise people living with HIV in the regions most affected by the epidemic. This is to facilitate the more active participation of people living with HIV in the solutions to their problems and in the approval of local level decisions.

Within the SUNRISE project, the Program for Appropriate Technology in Health (PATH) is implementing comprehensive activities to improve the quality of HIV voluntary counselling and testing (VCT) services and to expand the groups vulnerable to HIV covered by these services in order to strengthen the prevention and care component.

### Information Activities among Vulnerable Groups

In 2005 the International HIV/AIDS Alliance in Ukraine implemented the broadest information intervention in the whole history of HIV/AIDS epidemic response in Ukraine targeted at vulnerable groups, allocating USD 300,000 to these activities. A total of 24 NGO projects were supported to develop, publish and distribute periodical and one-off publications (of more than 30 types) designed in response to the primary needs of vulnerable groups. These publica-

tions took into account the most urgent needs of these groups, with topics like harm reduction in injecting drug use; substitution maintenance therapy; detoxification and rehabilitation; prevention and treatment of trombophlebitis, and ARV therapy for injecting drug users. The majority of publications were oriented towards IDUs, who have been the major driving force of epidemic in Ukraine over the last decade. Other vulnerable groups targeted by the information products included PLHA, commercial sex workers and their clients; vulnerable young people; HIV positive women and their children; prisoners, and men who have sex with men. Materials were disseminated on both national and local levels.

In order to provide technical support to projects, the Alliance Ukraine formed a team of trainers and developed a training programme. In May 2005 the Alliance began workshops on 'HIV/AIDS Information-education-communication (IEC) materials development' for the staff of projects responsible for preparing IEC materials supported by the Alliance Ukraine. In 2005 four trainings were conducted for more than 80 representatives of Ukrainian NGOs and state organisations.



## 3. Developing Care and Support Services for People Living with HIV/AIDS and those Affected by the Epidemic

The Alliance Ukraine carries out provision of care and support services for people living with HIV/AIDS in close cooperation with the Ukrainian AIDS Centre and the All-Ukrainian Network of People Living with HIV/AIDS.

As of the end of 2005, 2397 adults and 317 children living with HIV/AIDS were receiving highly active antiretroviral therapy (HAART). With support from the Alliance Ukraine the PLHA network and Ukrainian AIDS Centre were implementing joint projects forming ARV therapy adherence in all regions where treatment is available.

During 2005 2651 HIV-positive pregnant women and their newborn babies (2091) received ARV treatment. Medical follow-up programmes for pregnant women during therapy, labour and after delivery have been developed and successfully implemented.

*Now these activities are bringing the expected results: thanks to the treatment programme and to the development of high levels of treatment adherence, Ukraine has observed a declining trend in the level of HIV/AIDS related mortality (according to data of the Ukrainian AIDS Prevention Centre at the Ministry of Health of Ukraine).*

In general in 2005 care and support services covered 4000 HIV-positive people in 15 regions of Ukraine. Five community centres and four day care centres for HIV-positive children were established; in seven regions of Ukraine non-medical and nursing services were made available at home; 11 self help groups are operating, as are three care and support projects for HIV-positive people in prisons, three therapy camps for PLHA were organised, and two centres (in Kyiv and Odesa) providing complex support for PLHA were established.

Effective models of social and psychological service provision to PLHA and their close relations were developed and implemented, including:

- developing the self-help movement for PLHA;
- community centres where people living with HIV can get peer counselling, information, and psychological support, find friends, adapt to living with HIV and learn to live life to the full, home-based care and support for people at the terminal stage of AIDS (nursing and non-medical services),
- care and support for PLHA families (education, adaptation, and socialisation of HIV-positive children in day care centres, home visits by social workers to HIV-positive children, providing psychological support to those close to HIV-positive children);
- follow-up to substitution therapy;
- care and support to HIV-positive prisoners (development of self help groups among HIV-positive prisoners; ensuring and lobbying fair access to treatment for all HIV-positive prisoners).

*A traditional ceremony awarding winners of the city's Young Person of the Year contest in 2005 took place at the Kharkiv 'Metalist' Cultural Centre. Twenty-nine people received awards in ten different nominations. Among them was Maryna Brytvenko, Director of the Kharkiv regional department of the All-Ukrainian Network of People Living with HIV/AIDS. In 2005 under Brytvenko's direct supervision the organisation received several grants and designed and equipped a playroom for children affected by the HIV/AIDS epidemic, as well as establishing a community centre for HIV-positive people. Maryna took part in more than a dozen TV programmes and films about HIV-positive people. Her organisation provides social support to 60 HIV-positive people. Ongoing counselling is available at the regional AIDS Centre and was provided to more than a thousand people during 2005, 150 of whom are the organisation's regular clients. Maryna Brytvenko was also awarded first prize in the regional and city contest Female Community Activist of 2005. Her victory will help promote a tolerant attitude towards HIV/AIDS issues among the wider public.*

# Regional Projects and Services Map



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## 4. Capacity Building in Local Community Organisations

### Supporting NGO Networking

Alliance Ukraine activities have been targeted from the start at developing the community's potential to fight the HIV/AIDS epidemic by forming close relations with local NGOs.

The All-Ukrainian Network of People Living with HIV/AIDS remains the Alliance's chief strategic partner; the Alliance Ukraine also actively works with the All-Ukrainian Harm Reduction Association and the Coalition of AIDS-Service Organisations. During 2005 the All-Ukrainian Network of People Living with HIV/AIDS received from the Alliance USD 441,770 for programme development and building up the capacity of its regional branches.

Cooperation with the International HIV/AIDS Alliance in Ukraine helped develop the Network's organisational potential, namely the Network carried out grant management and administration of external sub-recipients, developed a monitoring and evaluation system and improved strategic planning.

Within implementation of the project supported by the Alliance Ukraine, the Network signed agreements with the State Penitentiary Department of Ukraine regarding care and support for HIV-positive prisoners, and with the State Centre for Social Services for Youth regarding establishment of day care centres for HIV-positive children in Ukraine's regions.

With support from the Alliance Ukraine, Network representatives visited a number of countries. In Poland and Estonia they studied experience of care and support provision for HIV-positive prisoners and harm reduction programmes. In the Czech Republic they studied the work of community centres for PLHA. On their visit to Russia the Network representatives got acquainted with Russian experience in developing social entrepreneurship and self help groups.

It can be said that cooperation with the International HIV/AIDS Alliance in Ukraine was key to making the All-

Ukrainian Network of PLHA to date one of the biggest and most developed networks uniting people living with HIV/AIDS in CIS countries and the states of Central and Eastern Europe. The Ukrainian Ministry of Health has recognised the Network as its strategic partner in providing care and support for HIV-positive people.

In 2005 the Ukrainian Harm Reduction Association (UHRA), which unites over 40 organisations working with drug users and actively protects human rights and advocates the interests of drug users, received USD 61,737 from the Alliance Ukraine to build capacity. While implementing the project 'Providing technical support to harm reduction projects in non-priority regions and HIV prevention projects among prisoners in penitentiary institutions, strengthening UHRA capacity', the association established partner relations with state organisations including the State Centre for Social Services for Youth and the State Penitentiary Department, which was vital to coordinating governmental and non-governmental institutions in effective implementation of harm reduction programmes. Association experts provide technical support for organisation-members of UHRA on programme implementation, financial and legal issues.

### Technical Support to Local NGOs

The International HIV/AIDS Alliance as a principle recipient of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria grant attracts great attention from numerous stakeholders - international, national governmental and non-governmental organisations. On the other hand, the Alliance Ukraine as the granting organisation also imposes stringent requirements on its sub-grantees regarding work efficiency, transparency and accountability for spent funds. This poses a very serious challenge for a country with a rather short history of civil society organisations and an inadequately developed system of social work.

Therefore, the Alliance Ukraine pays special attention to providing technical support to implementing NGOs through trainings and NGO working or experience-sharing meetings. Alliance Ukraine employees provide phone and e-mail consultations on day-to-day issues and make regular site monitoring visits, forming close relations with NGO partners.

In 2005 four quarterly working meetings for harm reduction project coordinators were held, where participants could share and exchange their experience and discuss problems and solutions. A working meeting was also organised to plan the joint work of educational projects and HIV/AIDS resource centres.

In order to strengthen the capacity of local community organisations in the area of monitoring and evaluation, a number of training seminars was conducted for the representatives of AIDS service organisations. These training seminars dealt with the following key topics:

- introduction of principles of calculating key coverage indicators for organisations working in HIV/AIDS prevention among vulnerable population groups and support to people living with HIV/AIDS;
- introduction of a database for registration of harm reduction project clients;
- introduction of new approaches to preparing project reports and a corresponding database among all sub-recipients of the Alliance Ukraine.

Since the Alliance Ukraine repeatedly received requests for technical assistance in work with media and public relations, the training 'Mass media work for NGOs' was included in a series of planned trainings within the framework of the Mass Media Work sub-component. Alliance Ukraine specialists in cooperation with Internews Ukraine developed a training programme for AIDS service NGO representatives as well as a complimentary programme for journalists. The trainings were conducted by Alliance Ukraine Information, Education and Advocacy department specialists and grantees on the premises of the HIV/AIDS Resource Centres.

The HIV/AIDS Resource Centres, established as part of relevant Alliance Ukraine projects in six regions of Ukraine in 2004, are a mechanism for strengthening NGO capacity and providing technical assistance on the regional level. The main purpose of the resource centres' work is to promote HIV/AIDS prevention efforts and improve the level of tolerance to PLHA through informational-educational activities and advocacy events on the regional level.

Nine resource centres were successfully operating in the regions in 2005. They provided more than 100 trainings for 2972 participants. This number includes 579 teachers who participated in introduction of an intensive HIV/AIDS prevention course among secondary school pupils, and 50 trainers, who were trained to work with teachers. Trained educational specialists actively implemented educational programmes in junior, secondary and high schools during the year.

More than 500 regional NGO representatives from throughout Ukraine participated in trainings conducted on the Resource centres' premises. These were trainings in care and support for adults and children living with HIV/AIDS, prevention among vulnerable groups, advocacy, mass media work and work in penal settings. About 800 law enforcement agency representatives (patrol police, psychologists from the Ministry of Internal Affairs, penitentiary system staff and others, mostly from the southern regions of Ukraine) took part in trainings to develop safe behaviour skills and tolerant attitudes toward PLHA and vulnerable groups. Nearly 300 students and 132 medical workers participated in trainings and schools for volunteers conducted on the Resource centres' premises.

Today the Resource centres have libraries stocked with HIV/AIDS literature and databases of regional mass media, NGO projects and HIV/AIDS Internet resources.

*Supporting and strengthening NGOs and promotion of cooperation with government during 2005 created strong and approved mechanisms for services and information provision through NGOs on the community level.*



## 5. Contribution to Sharing Best Practices and Models of Successful Activities at National and International Levels

The International HIV/AIDS Alliance in Ukraine has accumulated unique working experience in fighting a concentrated epidemic. In former Soviet countries, where the HIV/AIDS epidemic broke out relatively recently (in 1995), there is no universally-agreed concept of response to its challenges. But practical and methodological experience gained by the Alliance in Ukraine encourages us to talk already about the possibility of establishing a regional HIV/AIDS methodological centre located in Ukraine.

The Alliance Ukraine has unparalleled experience in working with vulnerable groups and NGOs, and has achieved significant results through cooperating with government bodies to advocate on a government level for vulnerable groups. Primarily this is related to access to treatment and Substitution Therapy for people with HIV.

A scientific conference on treatment and pathogenesis, organised by the International HIV/AIDS Association, took place in Rio de Janeiro in July 2005. During the conference Alliance Ukraine specialists shared their experience regarding ARV therapy implementation and problems arising as a result of ARV drug resistance development. Ukraine concluded a very important agreement with the WHO on the establishment of a special laboratory to study drug resistance to ARV medicines.

During a conference on the Three Ones approach organised by UNAIDS, Alliance Ukraine representatives presented their achievements in adopting an inter-sectoral approach in programmes of response to the HIV/AIDS epidemic in Ukraine.

I. Borushek, a senior adviser of the Alliance Ukraine, participated in the second Global Fund Board meeting as a delegate from Eastern Europe. She shared experience of a comprehensive

approach to the provision of services to HIV-positive people, which became the basis for recommendations to countries submitting applications to the Global Fund.

The Alliance Ukraine has at its disposal the necessary information and human resources to hold trainings and share effective methods in the country and beyond. Its existing methodological recommendations and training modules can be successfully applied in CIS countries where the epidemic is developing in a similar fashion to Ukraine.

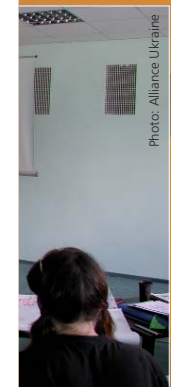
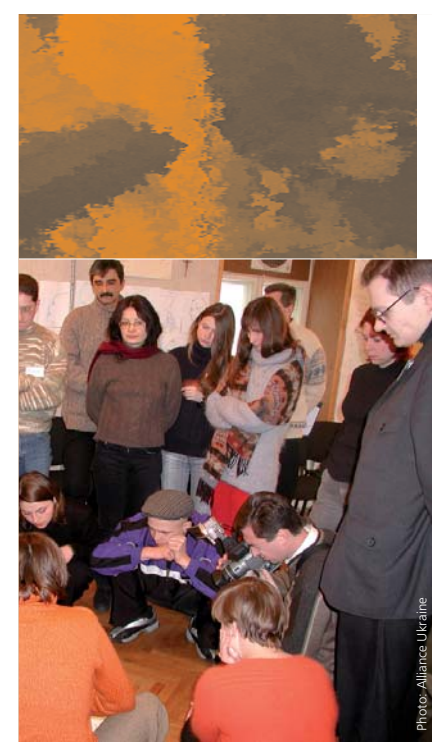
### National Conferences of HIV-Positive People and AIDS Service Organisations

The technical support programme presumes training provision, experience exchange visits, provision of methodical literature and individual consultations during the year. In 2005 Alliance Ukraine experts successfully worked together with colleagues from other CIS countries (Moldova, Kazakhstan, Russia).

2005 was rich in events contributing to best practices exchange at national and international levels. With financial and technical support from the Alliance Ukraine two national conferences of HIV-positive people and AIDS service organisations took place (the VI conference postponed due to the political situation in Ukraine in 2004 and the scheduled VII conference). Both conferences took place in Lviv: the VI conference was held February 14-16 and the VII on December 18-21, 2005.

Organisers were the All-Ukrainian Network of People Living with HIV/AIDS, the International HIV/AIDS Alliance in Ukraine, UNAIDS, POLICY Project, Coalition of AIDS service Organisations, and national and international organisations. Representatives of the Secretariat of the National Coordinating Council of Ukraine (NCC) took an active part in organisation of the VII conference.

The National Conference of HIV-positive people and AIDS service organisations is a key event in AIDS service sector history in Ukraine, annually gathering representatives of national and international organisations, including both experienced activists and



novices. The annual conference provides a range of opportunities to exchange ideas, discuss important issues, solve common problems, and establish priorities and work directions. The main objective of the conference is to analyse the results of activities over the previous year, to share experience and provide a forum for discussion, and to develop strategies for further activities of non-governmental organisations, government institutions and donor agencies.

Challenges related to introduction of the large-scale treatment programme was the main topic of the VI National Conference. The Conference slogan 'Treatment: A Partnership Dialogue' reflected key achievements, priorities and development of the AIDS service sector in Ukraine. About 220 participants and guests took part, enriching their experience through workshops on care and support of HIV positive people, advocacy, alternative information gathering, information work, primary prevention methods, work with vulnerable groups, treatment and substitution therapy. A traditional information fair of AIDS service NGOs was held during the Conference.

In December the VII National Conference again gathered representatives of AIDS service NGOs in Ukraine, international organisations, city and regional coordinating councils and governmental institutions. About 250 people participated, including delegates from Moldova and Russia.

The VII Conference differed qualitatively from previous ones as participants attempted to jointly develop practical steps to solve problems and develop a response to challenges, which would lay the foundation for discussion and decision-making at the level of the NCC and governmental bodies. Six working groups (corresponding to the topic areas of the NCC committees) worked at the conference: on strategic planning, budgeting, monitoring and evaluation; on healthy lifestyles; on treatment, care and support; on regional policy; on work with vulnerable groups, and on protection of human rights of PLHA and vulnerable groups. This resulted in the development of relevant recommendations.

With UNAIDS support a separate session was conducted entitled 'Universal access to HIV/AIDS prevention, treatment, care and support services: the role of AIDS service organisations and PLHA in ensuring universal access'. Conference participants worked in six groups on three components: Prevention; Treatment, and Care and Support to discuss the problems from the national and regional perspective. During panel discussions participants developed recommendations for the creation of a 'Road Map to Scale Up Universal Access to Prevention, Treatment and Support'. They also analysed the existing national and oblast pro-

grammes/plans, available resources and opportunities for the expansion of universal access to prevention, treatment, care and support at the national and regional levels.

Thus outputs of the VII National Conference included the Resolution submitted to the respective committees of the NCC, and completion of the first stage of development of the 'Road Map to Scale Up Universal Access to Prevention, Treatment, Care and Support to PLHA' at the national and regional levels.

### Experience Sharing Programme for NGOs

Between October 2004 and October 2005 the All-Ukrainian Harm Reduction Association (UHRA) in cooperation with the Alliance Ukraine implemented the project 'Enriching professional experience of Ukrainian AIDS service NGOs and their state partners by organising and administering a programme of experience exchange for NGOs in Ukraine and/or neighbouring countries'. The project was implemented within the national programme 'Overcoming HIV/AIDS epidemics in Ukraine' with financial assistance from the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria.

During the project more than 80 activists (staff of AIDS service NGOs and their partners working in the field) participated in 30 experience sharing visits. Most exchanges were in Ukraine, but some visits were made to Russia and Eastern Europe.

The programme participants and organisers analysed the outcomes and shared experiences during a summary know-how conference held at the end of the project's first stage in March 2005. Project experience was documented and disseminated as a brochure among Ukrainian NGOs and donor organisations.

The 12-month programme also included research on Ukrainian AIDS service NGOs, evaluating the need for staff internships, as well as two calls for proposals on visits and experience sharing. According to the UHRA Charter, decisions on the project proposals were taken by the organisation's Budget Committee, which is composed of independent experts working in HIV/AIDS in Ukraine, thus ensuring a transparent and fair process of nominating winning proposals.

The programme received positive feedback from Ukrainian AIDS service NGOs that are now using the experience they gained in their everyday work.



## 6. Advocacy: Influencing the Development of Strategies, Approaches and Practices in HIV/AIDS Response (at the National Level)

The creation of a unified body responsible for coordinating activities contributing towards realisation of a balanced HIV/AIDS policy was the strategic objective of both the Alliance Ukraine and many partner organisations, foremost those representing the interests of HIV-positive people. On May 16 2005 Decree № 352 of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine called for creation of a National Coordinating Council on the prevention of HIV/AIDS (NCC). The NCC is composed of 17 representatives from government, international and non-government organisations.

For the first time in the history of Ukraine, a governmental representative body included members of organisations advocating for the interests of people living with HIV/AIDS. Moreover, a PLHA representative was elected Deputy Chair of the NCC. In order to avoid possible conflict of interest, Alliance Ukraine representatives are not directly included in the NCC, but are present in all its six working committees.

More than 30 NCC committee sessions took place during 2005. In the course of productive work on strategic planning (budget, monitoring and evaluation; healthy lifestyle; treatment, care and support; work with vulnerable groups; regional policy; rights protection of PLHA and vulnerable groups) the respective committees examined current problematic issues and prepared recommendations for the NCC and the

Ukrainian Government, as well as draft regulatory documents that were submitted to the responsible state authorities.

In particular, the Committee on the protection of human rights of PLHA and vulnerable groups (deputy chaired by Alliance staff member Pavlo Skala) generated ideas aimed at changing government policy on the fight against stigma and discrimination, modifying national policy on drug use, and resolving legal problems faced by HIV-positive people and vulnerable groups in their everyday life. Both Ukrainian and foreign experts working in this sphere (including Human Rights Watch, the largest international organisation monitoring human rights protection worldwide) were engaged in the work of the committee. The committee was co-organiser of a series of public events, including a round table on substitution therapy introduction and a press conference on Ukrainian drug policy.

In 2005 within its advocacy project the Alliance Ukraine supported the participation of 14 regional representatives of the PLHA Network in regional coordinating councils on HIV/AIDS as full members and deputy chairpersons. This enabled the PLHA community to directly influence the process of decision-making related to HIV/AIDS at local and regional levels in at least 14 oblasts.

Two drafts proposing changes to legislation on HIV/AIDS and to the Criminal Code were prepared with the expertise of Alliance Ukraine representatives, in order to adjust legislation to European standards and reduce the level of discrimination of HIV-positive citizens.



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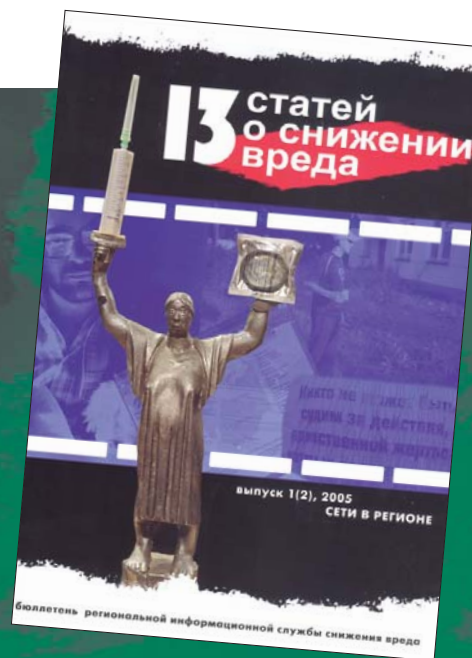
## Advocacy Influence

The committee initiated several public campaigns opposing proposed changes to legislation which would criminalize the behaviour of average drug users and prohibit the use of methadone for medical purposes.

Under the initiative of the Alliance Ukraine, unanimously supported by the NCC committees, events devoted to World AIDS Day were broadcast on December 1, 2005 with round-the-clock placement of the symbolic Red Ribbon on the seven largest national TV channels and a separate TV marathon on HIV/AIDS on the First National TV channel.

During November - December 2005 the President of Ukraine, for the first time in the history of an independent Ukraine, held a number of meetings on HIV/AIDS problems with civil society

activists, including Iryna Borushek, senior adviser of the Alliance Ukraine and a representative of the community of people living with HIV/AIDS, and Andriy Klepikov, Alliance Ukraine executive director. On the eve of World AIDS Day, the President of Ukraine publicly declared his special attention to the problems of HIV/AIDS and his intention to resolve them under his personal control, and issued a Decree 'On Improvement of the Government Administration in the Area of Response to HIV/AIDS and Tuberculosis in Ukraine'. The first item of the Decree confirms the NCC's authority as coordinator of efforts to overcome HIV/AIDS in Ukraine. Meanwhile the Government and central executive bodies received assignments to resolve many relevant problems in this sphere.



## 7. Research and Evaluation: Quality Improvement of Analysis and Monitoring of Epidemic Dynamics and Response Strategies

A country's ability to ensure adequate monitoring and evaluation (M&E) of measures applied to overcoming the HIV/AIDS epidemic is a guarantee of success. The International HIV/AIDS Alliance in Ukraine supports development and implementation of a monitoring and evaluation system assessing the country's response to HIV/AIDS, firstly, by supporting development of a national system of monitoring and evaluation, and secondly, by conducting programme monitoring and measuring effectiveness of the programme 'Overcoming HIV/AIDS epidemics in Ukraine' supported by the Global Fund to fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, as well as the SUNRISE project supported by USAID.

During 2005 a number of key events had a significant impact on the development of the national system of monitoring and evaluation and on particular features of the response to the HIV/AIDS epidemic in Ukraine.

In order to study the principles and methods of monitoring and evaluation in the field of HIV/AIDS, several workshops were conducted for higher and local governmental officials and NGOs. Representatives from the Ministry of Education and Science, Ministry of Family, Youth and Sports, Ministry of Internal Affairs, Ministry of Defence, Ministry of Labour and Social Policy, State Committee on TV and Radio Broadcasting, as well as representatives of the State Penitentiary Department, Ministry of Economy, Ministry of Finance and the State Statistics Committee participated in the seminars, which form an integral element in creating and introducing monitoring and evaluation of sectoral programmes (action plans) for HIV/AIDS response. Data according to national indicators of epidemic response efficiency were collected and analysed in cooperation with specialists of most ministries.

The first national conference 'Development of a National System for Monitoring and Evaluation of HIV/AIDS Epidemic

Response in Ukraine', which was organised by the Alliance Ukraine, National Coordination Council, Ministry of Health of Ukraine, POLICY project, UNAIDS and WHO, involved over 200 participants from all oblasts of Ukraine and Crimea. The conference adopted a resolution determining next steps for the development of a national monitoring and evaluation system for HIV/AIDS epidemic response in Ukraine (conference materials are available on the Alliance Ukraine's website).

In support of development of a national system of monitoring and evaluation and assessing effectiveness of the response to the epidemic, measures have been taken to improve the national system of epidemiological surveillance by introducing regular structured and behavioural surveillance, conducting special studies, and introducing common approaches to the monitoring and evaluation of programmes.

Research on evaluation of the numbers of vulnerable group populations, as well as a national consolidating meeting at which all stakeholders from governmental, non-governmental and international organisations reached a consensus on core quantitative indicators for vulnerable groups in Ukraine was very important.

These data will be used to estimate target group coverage by prevention interventions; to substantiate and determine the quantitative development indicators of prevention programmes; to plan budgets in order to reach the planned level of vulnerable group coverage and purchase or produce the necessary quantity of HIV prevention items and information materials; to calculate costs for purchasing test systems and for treating and caring for AIDS patients; to provide social support for HIV-positive people and their close relations; to plan the development of the NGO network and other AIDS service organisations and to forecast the spread of the HIV/AIDS epidemic.

In addition to comprehensive quantitative research, the

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Alliance Ukraine organised a number of ad-hoc studies, including the formative research 'Introducing gender dimensions into prevention, care and support programmes', which covered male and female injecting drug users living with HIV/AIDS. The study defined particular gender features of risk behaviour which hinder access of HIV-positive people to information services and care and support programmes. Based on the study results a workshop programme was developed on introducing a gender-sensitive approach into prevention, care and support programmes, which is being used in the work of many AIDS service organisations.

The Study 'Monitoring the behaviour of bridge populations as a component of second generation surveillance' covered clients of commercial sex workers, workers in the entertainment industry, truck drivers, migrant workers and train conductors. Based on the study results recommendations on prevention among these groups were developed.

The study 'Assessing HIV/AIDS counselling of patients with sexually transmitted infections (STIs)' turned out to be particularly important. A number of STI specialists joined the research team and uncovered very informative results, for example, that only 42% of patients seeking counselling with STI symptoms were recommended to take an HIV test.

A study of media materials on HIV/AIDS turned out to be equally informative. Monitoring of print media in 2004 revealed that each publication ran at least 11 articles on HIV/AIDS, but these materials constitute only 0.021% of the annual volume of these publications ('Media Images of HIV/AIDS in Ukraine - Kyiv, 2005').

In addition to improvement of the national system for monitoring and evaluation of HIV epidemic response, the following steps were made within monitoring of the programme 'Overcoming HIV/AIDS Epidemics in Ukraine' funded by the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria:

1. In order to computerise document processing in sub-recipient organisations of the Alliance Ukraine, in 2005 a database for registration of clients of harm reduction projects was completed and a database for programmatic reporting of AIDS service organisations developed; training seminars on how to use the databases were conducted.

2. A list and templates of required accounting documents for projects providing care and support to PLHA was developed and introduced in cooperation with the All-Ukrainian Network of People Living with HIV/AIDS.

3. Within analysis of standards for the provision of HIV/AIDS prevention services and care and support services for PLHA in Ukraine, the Coalition of AIDS service Organisations developed recommendations to create respective standards in the area of HIV/AIDS, and a further action plan.

4. The Monitoring and Evaluation Department of the Alliance Ukraine documented the procedures for programme monitoring used within implementation of the programme 'Overcoming HIV/AIDS Epidemics in Ukraine', and developed approaches for the introduction of the national programme monitoring and evaluation system; it also arranged a number of meetings to distribute best practices among all stakeholders.

5. During the year Monitoring and Evaluation department staff tracked the quality of accounting and reporting documents of AIDS service organisations; during monitoring visits they not only checked documents but also provided consultations to ensure proper monitoring of project implementation.

### Participation in the National Report on Follow-up to the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS

By the end of 2005 with financial and technical support from the Alliance Ukraine and UNAIDS, a special working group had prepared the Ukrainian National Report on Monitoring implementation of the UNGASS Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS (reporting period: 2003 - 2005). Data on 16 out of 24 national indicators was obtained from surveys coordinated and supported by the Alliance Ukraine and others, from state surveillance and official data. This report was a unique opportunity for Ukraine to publicise its national commitment as outlined in the United Nations General Assembly Special Session Declaration of Commitment.

*All our achievements were made possible through support from donors, effective professional relations between the Alliance Ukraine and the Ministry of Health of Ukraine, the Ministry of Education and Science, the Ukrainian AIDS Centre and other governmental institutions, the dedication and professionalism of medical experts, a strategic partnership with the All-Ukrainian Network of people living with HIV/AIDS, and finally through establishing close emotional relations with the people for whom the Alliance Ukraine works.*

## Annex 1. Financial Review\*

### General Indicators

- In 2005, with a total budget of USD 11,251,134 the International HIV/AIDS Alliance in Ukraine had the capacity to make a tremendous impact on the national response to HIV/AIDS in Ukraine. In 2005 the activity indicators of the Alliance Ukraine doubled.  
In the reporting period:  
The amount of received funds increased from USD 5,481,823 (2004) to USD 11,251,134 (2005). The major portion of these funds was allocated by the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria and by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID).  
The number of grant agreements and programme contracts signed by the Alliance Ukraine in 2005 increased from 227 (2004) to 435.
- Signing of grant agreements and operational activities of the Alliance Ukraine follow a thoroughly developed system of financial and administrative procedures, compliance with which serves as a reliable transparency indicator for control of the use of provided funds. A clear funding procedure is the basis for successful programme implementation and also an important positive factor for attracting additional resources to the organisation.

### Structure of Financial Returns

- 90.5% of funds allocated to the Alliance Ukraine were provided by the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria; 9.3% by USAID and the rest (0.2%) were provided by other sources (See Table 1).  
In addition to financial allocations our programme partners directly received medicines, medical goods and technical assistance

### Structure of Expenses

- In 2005 the Alliance Ukraine successfully implemented its annual budget having expanded programmatic activities and at the same time kept administrative expenses at a low level (13%).
- Structure of Alliance Ukraine expenses in 2005 is provided in Table 2.
- In 2005 the International HIV/AIDS Alliance (the United Kingdom) – the Principal Recipient of the Global Fund grant – efficiently used USD 15,303,926 to finance the programme 'Overcoming HIV/AIDS Epidemics in Ukraine'. Data on the used funds are provided in Table 3.

\* Financial data is shown taking into account that within the framework of the 'Overcoming HIV/AIDS Epidemics in Ukraine' programme the Alliance Ukraine partially operates jointly with the International HIV/AIDS Alliance (Great Britain)

Table 1  
Structure of funds received in 2005

#	Donor	Funds Received, USD	%
1	The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria	10 178 151	90,46 %
2	USAID	1 046 222	9,30 %
3	Others	26 761	0,24 %
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>11 251 134</b>	<b>100,00 %</b>

Table 2  
Summary Financial Report 2005

Expenditure Summary	Total Spent, UAH	Total Spent, USD	%
Salaries	5 201 470	1 026 003	9,32%
Travel	481 990	95 074	0,86%
Workshops and Meetings	2 134 159	420 968	3,82%
Technical Assistance	2 196 721	433 309	3,94%
Grants and Subawards	41 181 819	8 123 220	73,78%
Procurement, Equipment and Supplies	762 312	150 368	1,37%
Office Costs	2 681 916	529 015	4,80%
Publications	960 177	189 397	1,72%
Audit	218 129	43 027	0,39%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>55 818 693</b>	<b>11 010 382</b>	<b>100,00%</b>

Table 3  
**Structure of Alliance Ukraine expenses for the Programme 'Overcoming HIV/AIDS Epidemic in Ukraine' in 2005 (by Directions of Activity)**

#	Main Programme Objectives	Total Expenditure, USD
1	Management / PR Implementation Unit	1 650 911
2	Treatment, Care & Support	7 771 837
3	Focused Prevention	2 021 465
4	Information, Education & Advocacy	2 529 040
5	Monitoring & Evaluation	830 673
6	Alliance Management Fee	500 000
<b>Total</b>		<b>15 303 926</b>

## Annex 2. List of Organisations-Grant Recipients and Implementing Partners of Alliance Ukraine Projects, 2005

In 2005 the Alliance Ukraine together with the International HIV/AIDS Alliance (the United Kingdom) funded 435 grant agreements and programme contracts to the amount of USD 21,219,250 among projects for prevention and mitigation of the impact of the HIV/AIDS epidemic in Ukraine (See Table 4). In comparison to the previous year, the total amount of funds allocated to project financing has almost doubled.

In 2005, from the total amount of commitments under grant agreements and programme contracts, the Alliance Ukraine allocated funding amounting to USD 13,395,202. The Alliance Ukraine cooperates with over 160 partner organisations that contribute to the implementation of its key strategic action areas. These areas include supporting development of the self help movement, introducing care and support programmes in penitentiary facilities and other programmes for non-medical assistance to people living with HIV; implementation of focused prevention interventions among the most affected social groups; support to clinics to organise group psychotherapy treatment; operation of an HIV/AIDS hotline and organ-

isation of a national awareness campaign in the media. Funds were also used to procure ARV and other medicines and equipment and to supply them to the regions of Ukraine.

The key recipients of funds from the Alliance Ukraine include the All-Ukrainian Network of People Living with HIV/AIDS, the International Renaissance Foundation, the Ukrainian AIDS Prevention Centre at the MoH of Ukraine, the Substance Abuse and AIDS Prevention Foundation, Program for Appropriate Technologies in Health (PATH), Ukrainian Harm Reduction Association and many other AIDS service organisations working throughout Ukraine.

All provided grants and signed programme contracts were developed in accordance with the system of priority areas of programme activities of the organisation and were first of all targeted at epidemic response at the local level, especially in the regions most affected by HIV/AIDS.

Table 5 reflects the priority area epidemic response at the local level in the regions most affected by HIV/AIDS.

Table 4

#	Name of Implementing Partner	Project Status; Region (oblast)	Number of Supported Projects	Signed Commitments (USD *)	Provided Funds (USD **)
1	American Health Care Fund	International	1	126 396,00	124 886,75
2	The American International Health Alliance	International	1	449 701,00	374 425,00
3	IDA HIV/AIDS Group	International	1	4 821 707,48	2 714 899,60
4	Program for Appropriate Technology in Health (PATH)	International	1	3 715 274,00	1 882 840,75
5	Phasuma	International	1	12 959,70	5 385,01
6	Project Hope	International	1	71 466,86	68 375,37
7	Ukrmedpostach	International	1	202 297,41	101 158,08
8	All Ukrainian Network of People Living with HIV/AIDS	National	12	2 875 225,25	1 278 182,86
9	National AIDS Centre	National	7	792 414,73	601 713,06
10	Substance Abuse and AIDS prevention Foundation (SAAPF)	National	3	258 345,79	161 687,02
11	Ukrainian Harm Reduction Association	National	6	47 760,92	61 736,53
12	Ukrainian Centre of Applied Psychology and Social Work at the MoES and APN of Ukraine	National	3	38 491,96	38 345,13
13	CO 'Health Through Education'	National	7	469 781,27	254 449,82
14	Dragomanov National Pedagogical University	National	3	72 269,23	54 668,38
15	Central Institute of Graduate Pedagogical Studies	National	4	70 945,89	86 047,73
16	Ukrainian Institute of Public Health Policy Research	National	2	34 962,84	34 962,84
17	CO 'Childhood Without AIDS'	National	4	117 166,93	84 882,84
18	Velbud, Ltd	National	3	26 128,68	26 128,68
19	Affiliated Branch of the Institute of Sociology of the NAS of Ukraine, Centre of Social Expertise	National	2	27 403,13	45 526,31
20	SOCIS CSPR	National	2	41 357,97	51 034,00
21	Analytical Centre 'Socis'	National	2	0,00	14 153,67
22	State Institute of Youth and Family	National	2	0,00	23 780,98

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#	Name of Implementing Partner	Project Status; Region (oblast)	Number of Supported Projects	Signed Commitments (USD *)	Provided Funds (USD **)
23	School World, Ltd	National	4	84 832,65	92 161,97
24	Informational analytical agency 'Statinformcnosulting'	National	2	0,00	104 283,93
25	Kyiv International Institute of Sociology (KIIS)	National	1	54 300,11	54 300,11
26	Brand New	National	1	9 961,26	9 961,26
27	International Renaissance Foundation	National	2	715 676,06	715 675,87
28	Eastern European Development Institute	National	3	53 009,62	35 075,86
29	AIDS Foundation East-West	National	3	297 729,62	140 392,61
30	CF 'Intellectual Perspective'	National	1	0,00	7 543,53
31	Coalition of AIDS service NGOs	National	1	9 484,11	9 484,11
32	Ukrainian Institute of Social Research	National	1	10 213,15	10 213,15
33	CF 'Faith. Hope. Love.'	National	3	86 758,63	71 328,34
34	IPO 'Internews-Ukraine'	National	1	31 431,42	31 431,42
35	State Youth and Children Library of Ukraine	National	1	4 221,21	4 221,21
36	Socium XXI	National	6	235 728,36	190 220,80
37	Youth Involvement Fund	National	1	70 015,78	0,00
38	Sevastopol City Organisation Centre for Women's Initiatives	AR Crimea	12	192 326,94	147 628,63
39	CF 'Hope and Salvation'	AR Crimea	13	225 783,20	175 930,44
40	CF 'Lotos'	AR Crimea	3	36 642,87	20 247,99
41	CF 'New Social Technologies'	AR Crimea	4	62 303,07	35 654,80
42	CF 'New Way of Life'	AR Crimea	2	28 113,63	28 899,09
43	Crimea regional branch of the All- Ukrainian Network of PLHA	AR Crimea	3	18 370,33	18 370,33
44	IEC 'Borazan'	AR Crimea	1	2 930,19	2 930,19
45	Resocialisation Centre of Drug- addicted Youth 'Your Victory'	AR Crimea	1	6 670,09	6 670,10
46	Crimea narcological dispensary in Simferopol	AR Crimea	1	3 024,67	3 024,67

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#	Name of Implementing Partner	Project Status; Region (oblast)	Number of Supported Projects	Signed Commitments (USD *)	Provided Funds (USD **)
47	Cherkassy City Women's CBO 'Return'	Cherkassy	2	7 725,40	7 725,40
48	Cherkassy regional branch of the All-Ukrainian Network of PLHA	Cherkassy	2	16 961,36	16 961,36
49	CF 'Probudjennya'	Cherkassy	2	31 368,36	13 456,38
50	CF 'Insight'	Cherkassy	4	131 138,83	50 060,75
51	CF 'From Heart to Heart'	Cherkassy	2	6 430,17	6 430,17
52	Rehabilitation Centre 'Stupeni'	Chernigiv	4	59 252,69	37 397,53
53	Chernigiv regional branch of the All-Ukrainian Network of PLHA	Chernigiv	1	11 590,96	11 590,96
54	CO Centre for Resocialisation 'Vedis'	Chernigiv	1	1 975,84	1 975,84
55	CF 'New family'	Chernivtsi	1	35 533,53	12 078,37
56	Chernivtsi regional branch of the All-Ukrainian Network of PLHA	Chernivtsi	4	6 956,45	6 956,45
57	CF 'Public Health'	Dnipropetrovsk	3	62 253,31	30 874,18
58	CF Rehabilitation Centre for Drug dependancy 'Virtus'	Dnipropetrovsk	11	223 795,74	151 765,98
59	CF 'With Hope'	Dnipropetrovsk	4	30 574,41	32 653,26
60	Dnipropetrovsk AIDS Centre	Dnipropetrovsk	1	9 448,60	9 448,60
61	Dnipropetrovsk City Polyclinic # 5	Dnipropetrovsk	1	19 615,20	19 615,20
62	Kyryviy Rig AIDS Centre	Dnipropetrovsk	1	8 686,02	8 686,02
63	Public Organisation Club 'Victoria'	Dnipropetrovsk	2	47 960,74	19 156,98
64	CO Club 'Impulse'	Dnipropetrovsk	1	13 581,59	13 581,59
65	CF 'Alternativa'	Donetsk	1	0,00	791,57
66	CF 'Amikus'	Donetsk	6	87 033,91	57 056,71
67	CF 'Donbas Against AIDS in Children'	Donetsk	1	16 698,03	16 698,03
68	Charitable Fund 'Pikluvannya'	Donetsk	1	6 877,91	6 877,91
69	Charitable organisation 'Club Svitanok'	Donetsk	4	21 263,19	21 263,19
70	CO 'Line of life'	Donetsk	4	92 409,10	49 817,74
71	Donetsk Centre 'Iskra'	Donetsk	1	3 867,73	3 867,73
72	Donetsk regional society of assistance to the HIV-positive	Donetsk	11	257 763,87	188 867,29

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#	Name of Implementing Partner	Project Status; Region (oblast)	Number of Supported Projects	Signed Commitments (USD *)	Provided Funds (USD **)
73	Konstantinovka Society of assistance to the HIV-positive	Donetsk	3	52 013,84	28 171,61
74	Mariupol Union of Youth	Donetsk	2	57 652,56	32 570,95
75	CMO Mariupol City Association of HIV/AIDS Prevention 'Vybir'	Donetsk	1	9 924,02	9 924,18
76	Slovyansk CBO 'Our help'	Donetsk	4	67 510,98	25 527,06
77	CF 'Solidarnist'	Ivano-Frankivsk	6	148 257,28	105 535,90
78	Kharkiv regional branch of the All-Ukrainian Network of PLHA	Kharkiv	3	11 063,06	11 063,06
79	Regional CF for Assistance to PLHA 'Red Ribbon'	Kharkiv	1	9 915,62	9 915,69
80	CF 'Mangust'	Kherson	6	180 946,14	101 787,31
81	City PO 'Association XXI Century'	Kherson	1	9 961,26	9 961,26
82	Kherson regional branch of the All-Ukrainian Network of PLHA	Kherson	2	12 807,63	12 807,62
83	Association of Assistance of Drug Addiction Problems 'Victoria'	Khmelnitsky	1	37 511,01	12 041,09
84	Oblast Charity Fund 'Return to Life'	Kirovograd	3	76 379,80	49 488,72
85	Kirovograd regional branch of the All-Ukrainian Network of PLHA	Kirovograd	2	4 758,47	4 758,47
86	All-Ukrainian CO 'Chas Zhyttya +'	Kyiv	5	61 968,90	64 845,83
87	CF 'Drop in Centre'	Kyiv	4	65 476,33	45 147,19
88	CO 'Gay Alliance'	Kyiv	6	106 378,73	70 638,35
89	Centre for Chemically Dependent Young People CO 'Step by Step'	Kyiv	5	95 007,52	68 940,40
90	NGO 'Eney Club'	Kyiv	9	230 487,88	151 896,19
91	National Committee of the Red Cross Association of Ukraine	Kyiv	1	21 684,68	21 684,68
92	ICF 'Vertical'	Kyiv	4	42 200,57	46 100,85
93	Kyiv branch of ICO 'Rehabilitation Centre STEPS'	Kyiv	4	82 070,98	84 899,12
94	Kyiv City Clinic Hospital # 5	Kyiv	1	8 682,08	8 682,08
95	CF 'Resonance'	Kyiv	1	8 551,10	8 551,10
96	CF 'Step Forward into the Future'	Lugansk	6	58 697,31	32 901,78

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#	Name of Implementing Partner	Project Status; Region (oblast)	Number of Supported Projects	Signed Commitments (USD *)	Provided Funds (USD **)
97	Lugansk AIDS Centre	Lugansk	1	7 894,16	7 894,25
98	CF 'SALUS'	Lviv	1	7 004,05	7 004,05
99	Lviv City CO Centre for Spiritual and Psychological Support and Self-help 'Doroga'	Lviv	1	8 734,35	8 734,35
100	CF 'Avante'	Lviv	2	4 414,71	4 414,71
101	CF 'All Together'	Lviv	1	35 160,35	11 720,16
102	CF 'Unitus'	Mykolaiv	13	168 377,87	119 636,31
103	CF 'Blagodiynist'	Mykolaiv	16	312 582,29	292 329,83
104	CO 'LIGA'	Mykolaiv	1	1 335,20	1 335,20
105	ICF 'Vyhid'	Mykolaiv	9	98 626,45	63 384,78
106	PLHA Association 'Chas Zhyttya'	Mykolaiv	8	53 577,72	54 245,05
107	Mykolaiv Regional Narcological Dispensary	Mykolaiv	1	20 123,72	20 123,72
108	Mykolaiv Regional Branch of the All-Ukrainian Network of PLHA	Mykolaiv	1	2 262,69	2 262,69
109	CF 'The Way Home'	Odesa	18	415 240,27	308 410,26
110	CYO 'Club Life +'	Odesa	10	111 834,30	118 340,72
111	ICO Rehabilitation Centre 'STEPS'	Odesa	4	58 439,51	61 547,17
112	NGO 'Nashi Dity'	Odesa	4	88 501,39	68 234,43
113	Odesa AIDS Centre	Odesa	1	9 477,20	9 477,20
114	Odesa Regional Narcological Dispensary	Odesa	1	10 848,90	10 848,90
115	Public Movement 'Faith, Hope, Love'	Odesa	6	114 194,15	79 858,03
116	South-Ukrainian Centre 'Health. Woman. Longevity'	Odesa	2	13 391,28	13 391,28
117	Youth Centre for Development	Odesa	5	74 897,96	47 325,25
118	CA 'Light of Hope'	Poltava	7	52 697,62	54 959,69
119	Charity Fund 'Community Health'	Poltava	2	38 199,35	13 550,07
120	PO Club 'Kviten'	Poltava	1	12 740,35	12 740,35
121	Poltava regional branch of the All-Ukrainian Network of PLHA	Poltava	1	273,59	273,59
122	CO 'Poryatunok'	Poltava	2	32 342,79	12 260,24
123	Poltava AIDS Centre	Poltava	1	9 668,93	9 668,93

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#	Name of Implementing Partner	Project Status; Region (oblast)	Number of Supported Projects	Signed Commitments (USD *)	Provided Funds (USD **)
124	CF 'Step to Meeting'	Sumy	4	52 115,73	24 832,93
125	CF 'Positive'	Vinnytsya	1	4 901,93	4 901,93
126	Public Congress 'Stalist'	Vinnytsya	3	70 719,92	36 024,06
127	Vinnytsya AIDS Centre	Vinnytsya	1	9 028,53	9 028,65
128	Vinnytsya Human Rights Group	Vinnytsya	2	19 226,02	29 076,23
129	CF 'Zakarpattya Against AIDS'	Zakarpattya	2	25 355,63	6 564,96
130	CF 'Spodivannya'	Zaporizhya	3	55 373,76	32 087,26
131	Zaporizhya AIDS Centre	Zaporizhya	1	9 067,90	9 067,90
132	CF for Prevention of Socially Dangerous Diseases and AIDS	Zhytomyr	1	28 364,76	11 230,58
	Total:		435	21 219 250,05	13 395 202,20

\* Obligations by Grant Agreements signed in 2005 for the period of January 2005 – September 2006.

\*\* Funds disbursed to recipients in 2005.

#### Abbreviations used:

CA – Charitable Association  
 CF – Charitable Foundation  
 CMO – Charitable Member Organisation  
 CO – Civic Organisation  
 CYO – Civic Youth Organisation  
 ICO – International Charitable Organisation  
 ICF – International Charitable Foundation  
 IEC – Informational Educational Centre  
 IPO – International Public Organisation

Table 5  
Funds Provided to Alliance Ukraine Sub-grantees in 2005 (split by regions)

#	Region (oblast)	Allocations, in USD
1	AR Crimea	576 165,00
2	Vinnytsya	103 876,40
3	Dnipropetrovsk	415 915,61
4	Donetsk	673 015,15
5	Zhytomyr	28 364,76
6	Zakarpattia	25 355,63
7	Zaporizhya	64 441,66
8	Ivano-Frankivsk	148 257,28
9	Kyiv	722 508,79
10	Kirovograd	81 138,27
11	Lugansk	66 591,47
12	Lviv	55 313,46
13	Mykolaiv	656 885,94
14	Odesa	896 824,97
15	Poltava	145 922,62
16	Sumy	52 115,73
17	Kharkiv	20 978,68
18	Kherson	203 715,03
19	Khmelnitsky	37 511,01
20	Cherkassy	193 624,12
21	Chernivtsi	42 489,97
22	Chernigiv	72 819,49
Total:		5 283 831,04

## Annex 3. Laboratory Equipment and Reagents Supplied to Regions as Humanitarian Aid Within 'Overcoming HIV/AIDS Epidemics in Ukraine' Programme Implementation (2004–2008) in 2005

Table 6

#	Name of the regional centre	Humanitarian aid	Total, UAH
1	Ukrainian Centre for AIDS Prevention	Equipment	660 350,18
		Reagents and supplies	137 410
2	Crimea Republican Centre	Equipment	560 350,18
		Reagents and supplies	97 462,4
3	Mykholaiv Regional Centre	Equipment	0
		Reagents and supplies	3 759,99
4	Dnipropetrovsk Regional Centre	Equipment	681 838,61
		Reagents and supplies	115 486,19
5	Donetsk Regional Centre	Equipment	268 181,4
		Reagents and supplies	29 791
6	Odesa Regional Centre	Equipment	560 350,18
		Reagents and supplies	110 709
7	Kherson Regional Centre	Equipment	0
		Reagents and supplies	1 702,82
8	Sevastopol City Centre	Equipment	0
		Reagents and supplies	1547,43

## Annex 4. Medication Supplies and Milk Formulas in the Regions

Table 7

#	Name of the administrative territorial part (region/supply area)	Medications supplies, total UAH	Milk formulas supplies total UAH.	Total, UAH
1	AR Crimea	1 945 422,09	109 359,90	2 054 781,99
2	Vinnitsya	216 427,37	29 447,70	245 875,07
3	Volyn	41 584,00	18 029,40	59 613,40
4	Dnipropetrovsk	2 022 048,38	166 623	2 188 671,38
5	Donetsk	3 965 060,14	126 360,60	4 091 420,74
6	Zhytomyr	25 324,85	37 112,40	62 437,25
7	Zakarpattia	17 541,28	1 747,20	19 288,48
8	Zaporizhzhya	351 484,93	21 052,30	372 537,23
9	Ivano-Frankivsk	227 388,00	14 370,90	241 758,90
10	Kyiv	563 263,62	90 244,00	653 507,62
11	Kirovograd	8 653,65	18 526,50	27 180,15
12	Lugansk	350 885,49	18 644,40	369 529,89
13	Lviv	4 724,74	30 655,50	35 380,24
14	Mykholaiv	1 049 712,50	123 492,55	1 173 205,05
15	Odesa	1 432 882,99	64 315,20	1 497 198,19
16	Poltava	293 461,42	30 144,60	323 606,02
17	Rivne	18377,65	1 956,60	20 334,25
18	Sumy	19 885,36	7 368,30	27 253,66
19	Ternopil	19 072,07	5 796,30	24 868,37
20	Kharkiv	197 235,06	18 502,70	215 737,76
21	Kherson	417 446,25	57 834,60	475 280,85
22	Khmelnytskyi	111 622,37	22 386,00	134 008,37
23	Cherkassy	85 793,95	31 021,20	116 815,15
24	Chernivtsi	4 159,97	5 052,60	9 212,57
25	Chernigiv	57 509,20	46 523,70	104 032,90
26	Kyiv city	1 189 316,53	184 164,40	1 373 480,93
27	Kyiv city (Institute of Epidemiology and Infectious Diseases named after L.V. Gromashevskiy)	3 253 288,95	0	3 253 288,95
28	Kyiv city (State Penitentiary Department)	5 450,53	0	5 450,53
29	Sevastopol city	339 218,99	28 800,60	368 019,59
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>18 234 242,33</b>	<b>1 309 533,15</b>	<b>19 514 974,88</b>

## Annex 5. List of Medicines Purchased in the Third Year of Implementation of the Programme 'Overcoming HIV/AIDS Epidemics in Ukraine'

Table 8

Product Category	Product	Volume	Unit cost, USD (indicate per tablet, per ml, etc.)		Year 3					
					1st purchase			2nd purchase		
					Quantity	Price, USD	Total cost, USD	Quantity	Price, USD	Total cost, USD
ARVs	Didanosine EC (ddl) 400mg caps №30	400 mg	1,49	per caps	21 660	1,48	32 094	34 740	1,48	51 475
	Nelfinavir (NFV) 250mg tabs №270	250 mg	0,67	per tab	1 489 860	0,62	920 190	1 215 270	0,60	727 857
	Stavudine (d4T) 40mg caps №60	40 mg	0,06	per caps	183 060	0,06	10 124	215 640	0,05	10 354
	Stavudine (d4T) 30mg caps №60	30 mg	0,05	per caps	5 760	0,05	275	63 360	0,05	2 930
	Lopinavir (LPV) 133.3mg + ritonavir (Rtv) 33.3mg caps №90, bottle №2	133,3 mg +33,3 mg	2,71	per caps	158 940	2,67	423 972	276 660	1,80	498 757
	Lamivudine (3TC) 150mg tabs №60	150 mg	0,09	per tab	130 800	0,09	11 607	310 680	0,07	22 652
	Zidovudine (AZT) 100mg caps №100	100 mg	0,11	per caps	0	0,07	—	140 400	0,10	13 483
	Zidovudine (AZT) 300mg + lamivudine (3TC) 150mg tabs №60	300 mg+ 150 mg	0,26	per tab	895 380	0,26	229 448	874 800	0,23	199 906
	Efavirenz (EFV) 200mg caps №30	200 mg	0,40	per caps	1 049 130	0,34	360 454	1 116 960	0,23	251 469
	Nevirapine (NVP) 200mg tabs №60	200 mg	0,09	per tab	165 840	0,09	14 952	205 740	0,08	15 733
	Didanosine (ddl) 100mg tabs №60	100 mg	0,40	per tab	21 900	0,41	9 035	10 200	0,41	4 208
	Efavirenz (EFV) 200mg caps №30	200 mg	0,40	per caps	10 620	0,34	3 649	59 640	0,23	13 427

Table 8. Continued from page 41

Product Category	Product	Volume	Unit cost, USD (indicate per tablet, per ml, etc.)		Year 3					
					1st purchase			2nd purchase		
					Quantity	Price, USD	Total cost, USD	Quantity	Price, USD	Total cost, USD
ARVs	Lamivudine (3TC) 150mg tabs №60	150 mg	0,09	per tab	16 320	0,09	1 448	189 240	0,07	13 798
	Lopinavir (LPV) 80mg/ml + ritonavir (Rtv) 20mg/ml oral sol.** 60ml, bottle №5	80 mg/ml + 20 mg/ml	1,61	per ml	33 600	1,60	53 777	69 900	1,08	75 609
	Lopinavir (LPV) 133.3mg + ritonavir (Rtv) 33.3mg ** caps №90, bottle №2	133,3 mg + 33,3 mg	2,71	per caps	9 540	2,67	25 448	0		—
	Nelfinavir (NFV) 50mg/g oral powder	50 mg/g	0,33	per g	98 064	0,27	26 028	0		—
	Nelfinavir (NFV) 250mg tabs №270	250 mg	0,67	per tab	226 530	0,62	139 913	547 560	0,60	327 948
	Nevirapine (NVP) 10mg/ml oral susp. 100ml	10 mg/ml	0,03	per ml	490 400	0,03	12 454	0		—
	Nevirapine (NVP) 200mg tabs №60	200 mg	0,09	per tab	17 400	0,09	1 569	81 540	0,08	6 235
	Stavudine (d4T) 1mg/ml oral pwd. 200ml	1 mg/ml	0,07	per ml	797 600	0,13	102 125	0		—
	Stavudine (d4T) 30mg caps №60	30 mg	0,05	per caps	12 000	0,05	572	53 160	0,05	2 458
	Zidovudine (AZT) 10mg/ml oral sol. 100ml	10 mg/ml	0,02	per ml	554 400	0,02	9 051	1 025 200	0,01	15 314
	Zidovudine (AZT) 100mg caps №100	100 mg	0,11	per caps	41 500	0,07	3 038	327 000	0,10	31 402
	Zidovudine (AZT) 300mg + lamivudine (3TC) 150mg tabs №60	300 mg+ 150 mg	0,26	per tab	13 440	0,26	3 444	0		—

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					1st purchase			2nd purchase		
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PMTCT*	Zidovudine (AZT) 100mg caps №100	100 mg	0,11	per caps	545 800	0,07	39 950	545 700	0,10	52 404
	Zidovudine (AZT) 10mg/ml oral sol. 100ml	10 mg/ml	0,02	per ml	50 500	0,02	824	156 400	0,01	2 336
	Lamivudine (3TC) 10mg/ml oral sol. 100ml	10 mg/ml	0,01	per ml				45 000	0,02	720
	Nevirapine (NVP) 10mg/ml oral susp. 100ml	10 mg/ml	0	per ml				95 000	0,02	1 622
PEP**	Zidovudine (AZT) 300mg + lamivudine (3TC) 150mg tabs №60	300 mg+ 150 mg	0,26	per tab				12 000	0,23	2 742
	Nelfinavir (NFV) 250mg tabs №270	250 mg	0,67	per tab				54 000	0,60	32 342
All other pharmaceuticals	Fluconazole caps 100mg №7	100 mg	6,57	per caps	11 200	6,57	73 616			
	Fluconazole caps 2mg/ml	2 mg/ml	0,06	per ml	37 500	0,06	2 123			
	Gabapentin caps 300mg №100	300 mg	0,4	per caps	216 100	0,4	86 440			
	Lenograstim	263 mkg	33	per vial	350	33	11 550			
	Sertralin hydrochloride caps 50mg/g	50 mg/g	0,8	per caps	36 000	0,8	28 800			
	Buprenorphine 2mg tab №10	2 mg	1,17	per tab	54 000	1,17	630 180			
Total							3 283 063	Total	2 389 318	

\* Prevention of Mother to Child Transmission

\*\* Post Exposure Prophylaxis

## Annex 6. Audit Conclusions



### Statement by the Trustees of the International HIV/AIDS Alliance

The financial information included within this document shows the results of ICF International HIV/AIDS Alliance in Ukraine on a cash receipts basis.

The results of ICF International HIV/AIDS Alliance in Ukraine are included in the audited consolidated financial statements of the International HIV/AIDS Alliance on an accruals basis. Copies of the consolidated financial statements are available from:

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*Chairman of the Board of Trustees*



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### **Auditors Statement to the Trustees of the International HIV/AIDS Alliance**

We are auditors of the International HIV/AIDS Alliance, a charity registered in England. The financial overview and associated detail included within the Annual Report of the International HIV/AIDS Alliance in Ukraine comprise summary financial information for reporting purposes. In accordance with the Global Fund Project management's policy this information has been prepared on a cash basis and has been extracted from the accounting records used to prepare the special purpose Budget Summary report of the Global fund project for the period to 31 December 2005.

Signed:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'BDO Stoy Hayward', is written over a faint, light blue circular stamp.

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We would like to commend the staff of the Alliance Ukraine for their attention to detail and diligence as we found the current accounting records to be well maintained and up-to-date.

Signed:

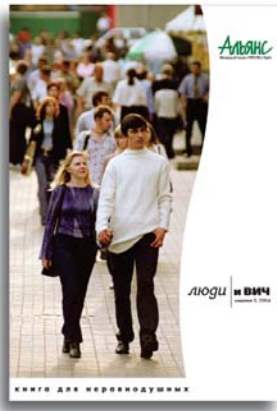
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## Annex 7. International HIV/AIDS Alliance in Ukraine Publications in 2005

In 2005, alongside coordination and development of its own information publications, the Alliance Ukraine reissued the most popular information materials of Ukrainian AIDS-service NGOs designed for vulnerable groups. The total number of materials published by the Alliance in 2005 amounts to over 700,000 copies.



### People and HIV (third edition)

This is the first and only publication in post-Soviet countries to comprehensively cover all aspects of the HIV pandemic. Intended for readers of all professions and ages, the manual provides important information for people living with HIV/AIDS, their friends and relations, NGOs and state authorities, medical and social workers and teachers. In 2005 the Alliance printed an additional number of copies of People and HIV. Published in Russian.

### Series for Positive People

A series of booklets for people living with HIV/AIDS, providing clear accessible information on medical and social topics. In 2005 the Alliance developed and issued two new booklets: HIV and Tuberculosis and Recently Diagnosed. In response to demand from target groups the Alliance also revised and reissued the booklets ARV therapy, Pregnancy, Adherence to ARV Therapy, and Keeping Healthy. Overall the series includes seven titles, developed in cooperation with "Medecins Sans Frontieres" – Holland in Ukraine (MSF) and National AIDS Manual (NAM). Published in Russian.



### HIV/AIDS and the Media (fifth edition)

A publication for journalists and editors covering HIV/AIDS issues. Regularly updated, the booklet provides information on the epidemic's development in Ukraine and the world, supported by statistics, a glossary of basic terms, and opinions of people affected by HIV/AIDS. Published in Russian.



## HIV/AIDS News

Each edition of the Alliance Ukraine's information bulletin HIV/AIDS News is devoted to a specific aspect of the HIV/AIDS pandemic and presents relevant information, professional opinion, and comments of AIDS-activists and decision makers. In 2005 the Alliance issued three bulletins on the following subjects: Treatment in Ukraine, Participatory Site Assessment and Homosexual Relations in the Context of the HIV/AIDS Epidemic. In total from 2001 to 2005 fifteen issues of HIV/AIDS News have been published.

Published in Russian. A digest edition of the Alliance information bulletin is issued in English.

## Sex: Risk or Pleasure What is an HIV Test and What is it For?

Developed within the SUNRISE project supported by the United States Agency for International Development, these booklets are popular among target groups. Sex: Risk or Pleasure popularises safe sex behaviour among youth. What is an HIV test and what is it for? is designed for clients of AIDS-service organisations and a wider audience and presents detailed information on HIV-testing, including where it is available. Both of these booklets were reissued by the US Peace Corps in Ukraine for projects working in the field of HIV/AIDS prevention among youth. Published in Russian and Ukrainian.



## Making Sex Work Safe

This film for projects working with commercial sex-workers introduces the target group to safe sex techniques in various circumstances, shows ways of preventing violence from clients and encourages sex workers to care for their health. Part of the soon-to-be-published manual Making Sex Work Safe. In Russian with English subtitles.

## HIV/AIDS News: Policy and Advocacy

The Alliance-Ukraine policy and advocacy information bulletin is designed for people working in the sphere of HIV/AIDS and for decision makers, informing them of existing PLHA rights protection projects and issues demanding political solutions. Each issue presents information on advocacy work carried out by AIDS-service organizations, discusses current topics and publishes news and announcements. In 2005 two issues were published, bringing the total since 2004 up to six editions. Published in Russian.





## Method Guidance Series

A series of Method Guidance (MG) for AIDS-service organisations. Each issue is written and edited by qualified specialists and summarises Ukrainian and international best practice in a chosen area related to HIV/AIDS. In 2005 the Alliance issued three new MG editions: Advocacy, Administering a non-profit organization, and Information Materials Development. Overall the series includes ten titles. Published in Russian.

## Thirteen Articles on Harm Reduction (second edition)

Journal of the Regional Harm Reduction Information Service, which was based at the International HIV/AIDS Alliance in Ukraine in 2004-2005 with financial support from The Open Society Institute's International Harm Reduction Development Programme. The journal is aimed at harm reduction projects in the Russian-speaking region and contains a series of articles on legislation, advocacy, and best practices in the field of HIV/AIDS and reducing drug related harm. Published in Russian.



## Survey Results

Survey results of behavior monitoring among CSW, IDU, FSW, MSM, youth, military personnel and special surveys on school children and work places prevention programs coverage.

## National Clinical Protocols

Within the framework of the programme 'Overcoming HIV/AIDS Epidemics in Ukraine' supported by the Global Fund to Fight HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, the Alliance Ukraine published four clinical protocols and methodical recommendations, developed and approved by the Ministry of Health of Ukraine. The publications include: Clinical protocol for antiretroviral therapy for adults and teenagers; Clinical protocol for introducing children to antiretroviral therapy; Clinical protocol for treating AIDS and HIV-associated opportunistic infections and Methodical recommendations for laboratory monitoring of HIV-infection and antiretroviral therapy. In 2005 the Alliance published an additional number of copies of the protocols. In Ukrainian.



## AIDS in Ukraine Analytical Review

This analytical review is aimed at those shaping national HIV/AIDS policy, with a view to encouraging state officials and other decision makers to combine their efforts to fight HIV in Ukraine by using rational resource distribution and developing cooperation strategies with AIDS-service NGOs and people living with HIV. In 2005 the Alliance reissued the latest edition of the review, devoted to substitution therapy in Ukraine. In Ukrainian

All the above-mentioned materials and other publications of the International HIV/AIDS Alliance in Ukraine can be found on the Alliance-Ukraine web site (<http://www.aidsalliance.org.ua>) in the Infocentre section.

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