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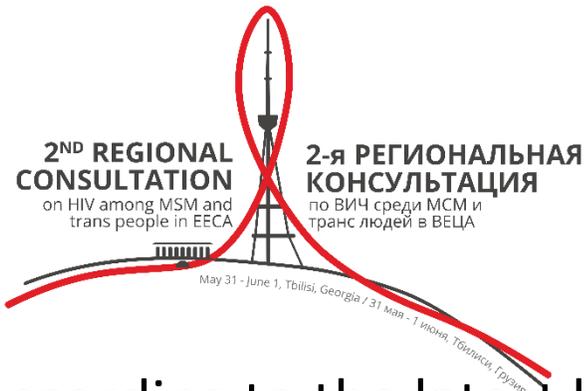


Implementation of PrEP Among MSM in Kiev

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Background and Epidemiological Situation

1. According to the latest bio-behavioral research in Ukraine (2017-2018), the HIV prevalence rate among MSM accounted for approximately 7.5%.
2. Condoms are regularly used during anal sex by slightly more than half of MSM.
3. The quantity of MSM who use chems and practice chemsex has increased.
4. MSM in Ukraine remains the only group, which, according to the prognosis, will demonstrate a stable increase in new cases of HIV.
5. Due to high rates of stigma and discrimination, MSM still try not to turn to medical facilities to receive medical services.



Financing PrEP

1). A pilot project on implementing PrEP in Kiev, Ukraine, 100 yearly courses for MSM and TG women for daily use during a single year.

Commencement: November 2017. Administrators: PO "Alliance.Global", Kiev City AIDS Centre with the financial aid from CDC and Alliance for Public Health.

2). 3500 yearly PrEP courses (12 Ukrainian regions, 90% MSM) through the Centre for Public Health of the Ministry of Health of Ukraine based on the funds by PEPFAR/ CDC.

Approximate commencement: 2nd half of 2018.

3). 1800 PreP courses for MSM (\$340,200) are planned for implementation with the funds by the Global Fund during 2018-2020 within the catalytic framework.

4). The financing of PrEP within the state budget framework is not planned.

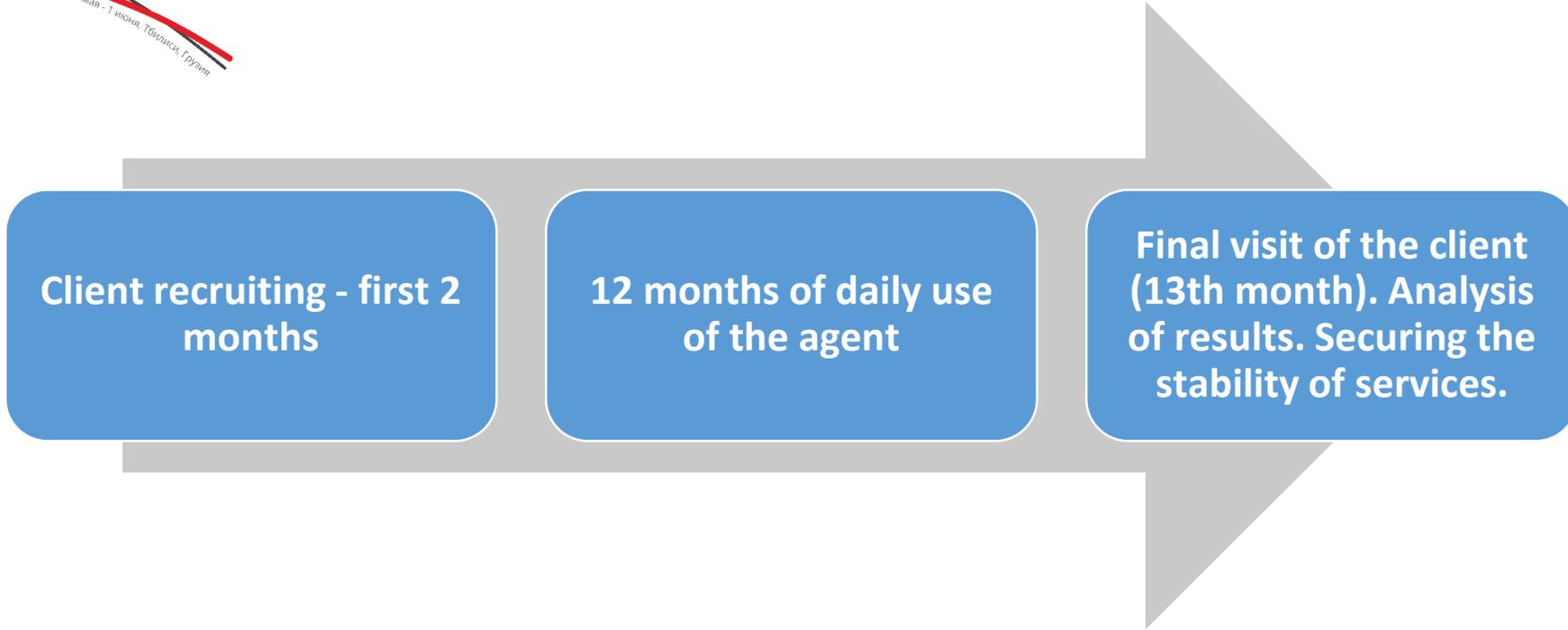


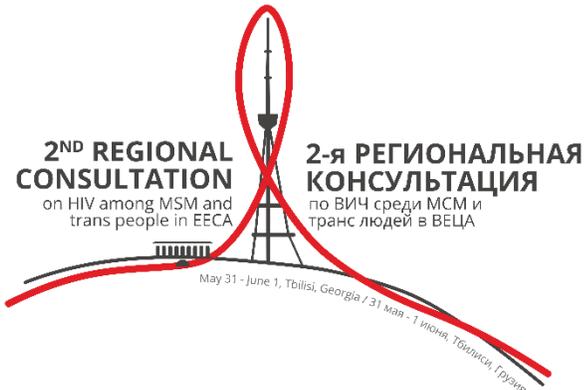
Main Obstacles for PrEP Implementation in Ukraine

1. The National Protocol on HIV has not been adopted (PrEP is one of its constituents). (Kiev works based on a local protocol).
2. Absence of a clear implementation scheme of intervention in the regions.
3. Low PrEP awareness of service providers and potential clients.
4. Absence of PrEP financing from the state budget.



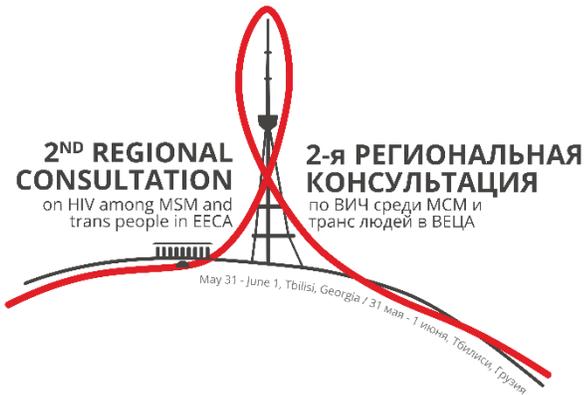
The Calendar Administration Scheme for the Project (16 months in total)





Recruiting Potential Participants

- ✓ Creating respective profiles, providing and spreading the information about the PrEP program among potential clients through MSM mobile apps, dating websites for gays, social media, the project's social workers;
- ✓ Distribution of information on the organisation's resources: websites www.ga.net.ua, www.gettest.com.ua, in the community centre for LGBT, testing sites, PrEP Points, etc;
- ✓ Refreshing the existing PrEP «waiting list» at the NGO;
- ✓ Distribution of information about the current pilot intervention among the clients of other programs of organisations and other NGOs working in Kiev;
- ✓ On the LPU's part - existing clients of the facility, who have expressed their desire to participate in the project.



The Current State of the Pilotâ€™s Affairs

As of 15.05.2018:

Involved in the project in total: 121 MSM, among which the positive results for:

HIV - 8; HBV - 5; HBC - 4; Syphilis - 14; Gonorrhea and chlamydiosis - 17.

Already received PrEP: 96 (+2 MSM treating syphilis).

Number of HIV infection cases during PrEP: 1 (white on hiatus).

Number of cases of denying using PrEP after entering the program (while having already received at least a 1-month course): 2.



Conclusions and Recommendations

1. Adopting the National HIV Protocol; conducting of informational-educational events for social workers, the community and healthcare workers about the pre-contact prophylaxis.
2. The most effective implementation of PrEP among MSM will become possible through the use of the Safe Place principle and based on the community while administering the maximum services in a single facility for the maximum retention of clients within the program.
3. Develop a clear mechanism of the administration of the PrEP program on a local level.
4. Develop and commence an all-Ukrainian campaign on the popularisation of PrEP among MSM and other key groups.
5. Advocate for the inclusion of PrEP into the HIV prophylaxis package for MSM, which will be financed by the government, starting with the year 2020.



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