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Strengthening the Stability of Services for MSM via Municipal Authorities Attraction

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Why EECA? Why Cities?

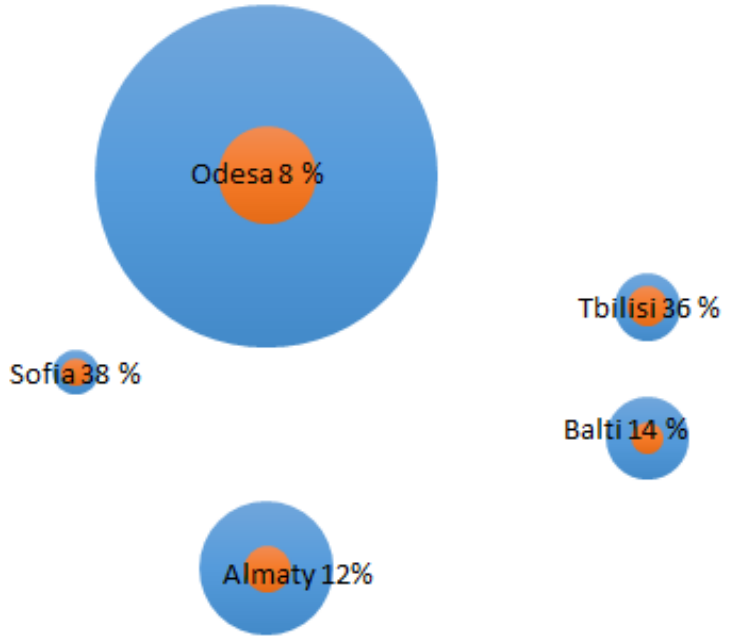
The fastest HIV epidemics growth is occurring in the EECA region (WHO, 2017).

EECA is the other of two regions in the world where AIDS epidemics is still growing.

Between 2010 and 2016, the number of infection cases increased by 60% and the number of deaths from AIDS - by 19%.

The key group representation rate concludes up to 70%.

In EECA, the majority of PLHIV live in cities



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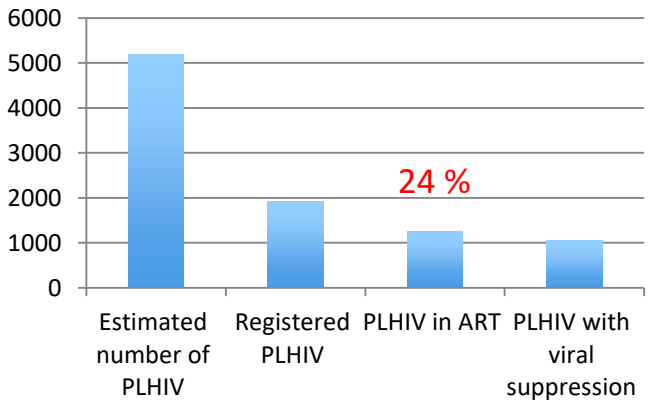
Very low ART coverage

Tbilisi



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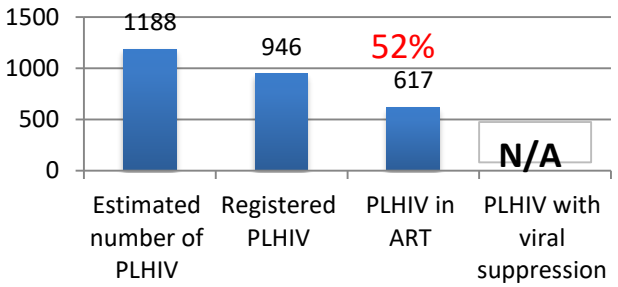

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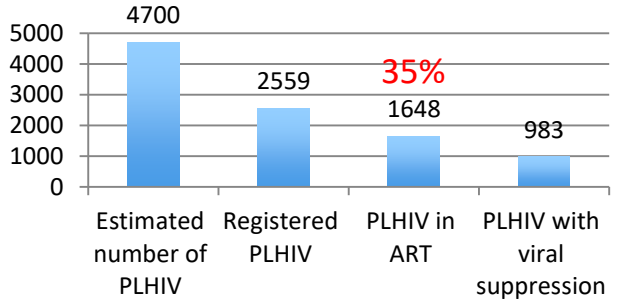

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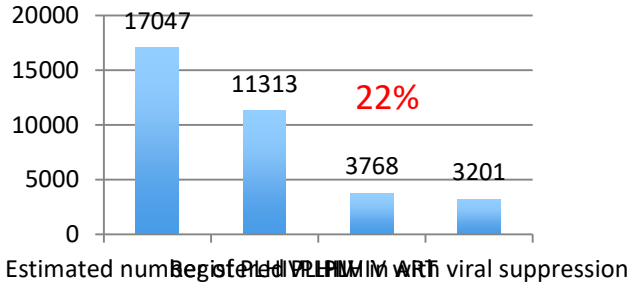

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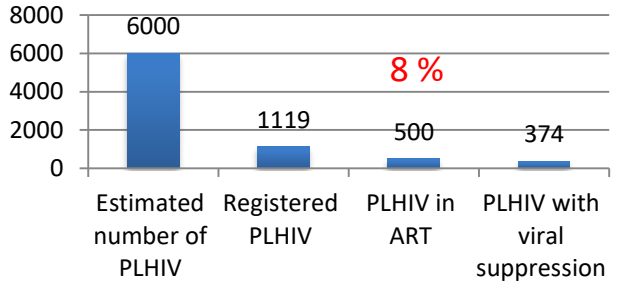

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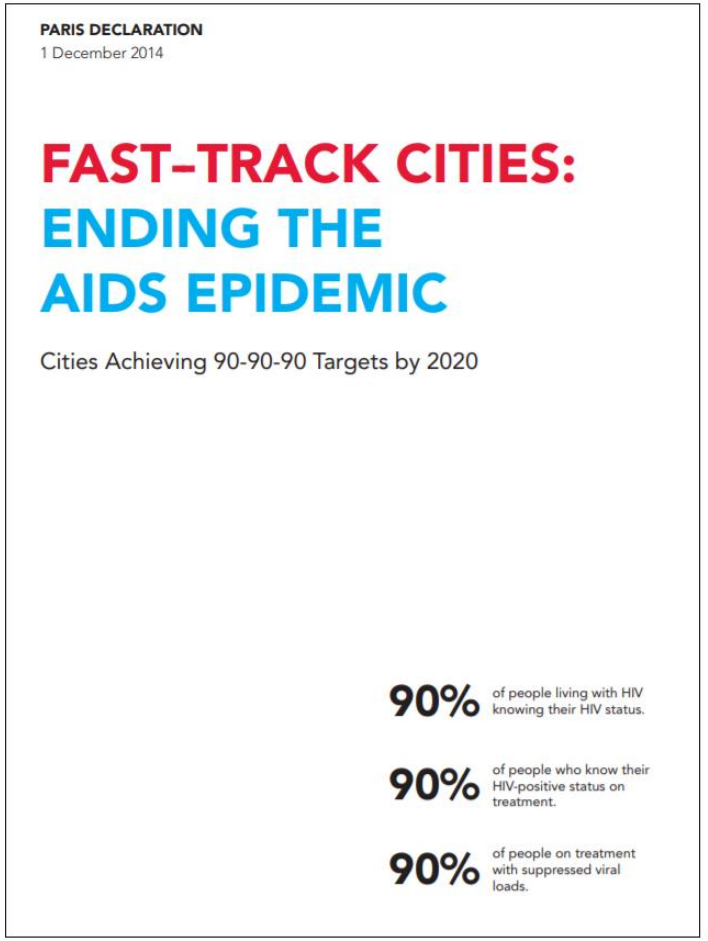
The Paris Declaration Against HIV/AIDS

1. End the AIDS epidemics in big cities by 2030
2. Aim all our actions at people
3. Eliminate factors that support the infection risk, vulnerability and transmission
4. Use out measures in response to AIDS to foster positive social change
5. Develop and accelerate countermeasures considering local demands
6. Mobilize resources to integrate public healthcare and development
7. Unite as leaders



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Activities of the MSM Component in the Project «*Accelerated Response to HIV/TB Among Key Groups in the Cities of Eastern Europe and Central Asia*» in Almaty, Belts, Odessa, and Sofia

- Support the considerable inclusion of MSM representatives and friendly activists into the HIV work on city levels;
- Evaluation of MSM demands related to HIV and development of city programs for HIV prevention and treatment;
- Inclusion of MSM representatives in work groups on HIV and Tuberculosis issues within the city public healthcare departments;
- Developing a concept for legal aid for MSM and securing its availability;
- Increasing the municipal funding share in MSM services.

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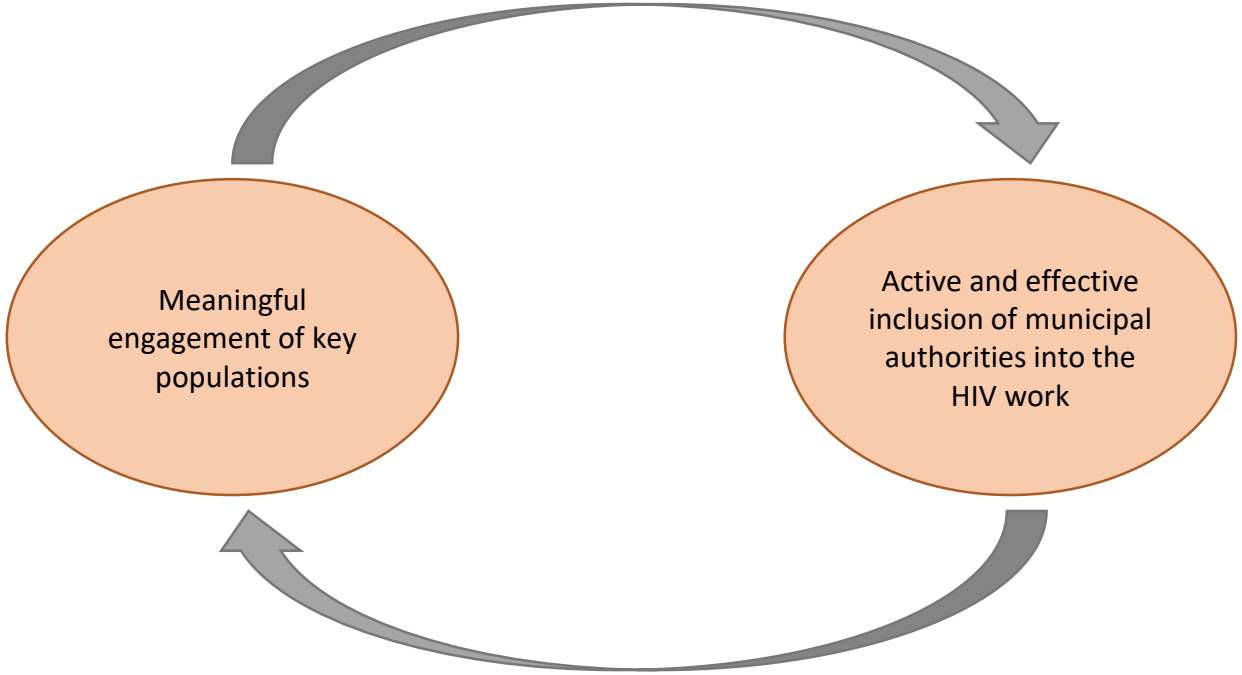
Meaningful Engagement of Key Populations

Meaningful engagement...

- enhances the quality of the national and local policies
- raises HIV and Tuberculosis programs' efficiency
- creates new resources and capabilities



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MSM in Almaty City

play a key role in realising the HIV prevention event in the city of Almaty, and they tightly cooperate with the city administration within the framework and goals of the Paris Declaration

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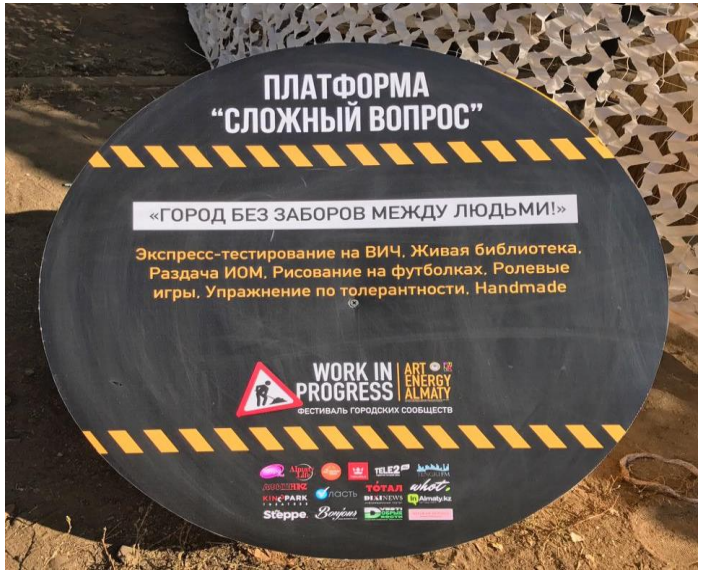
1. Measures for Strengthening the Cooperation with the City Administration

1.1. An official representation of MSM in the Work group on HIV and TB within the Public Healthcare Department of Almaty

1.2. Participation in the city administration's event Festival of City Communities in July 2017 called «*City Without Fences Among People*»



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2. Participation in Research, Training, Etc.

2.1. Evaluation of the HIV/TB situation and of the key groups' demands and development of a city HIV prevention program;

2.2. Developing a concept for legal aid for key populations; organising on-site legal counsel consultations;

2.3. Training «Prohibition of Stigma and Discrimination»

2.4. Training «An Effective Model of Cooperation with the City Administration»

2.5. Training for trainer who train civil officers on the matters of human rights appreciation and combating stigma and discrimination related to gays, other MSM and trans people (Tbilisi, 20-26 March, 2018)

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3. Introductory Visits/ Experience Exchange

Amsterdam

Tbilisi

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4. Mobilizing the Community

4.1.1 Mutual aid group for HIV positive MSM;

4.1.2 Weekly MSM Club

4.1.3 Information posts on social media

4.2. «Bachelor Party» MSM camp

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MSM in Odessa City

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1. Measures for Strengthening the Cooperation with the City Administration

1.1. Inclusion of MSM/LGBT representatives into the working group on HIV and Tuberculosis in the Public Healthcare Department of Odessa

1.2 Participation of the MSM/LGBT community in working groups under the coordination by the city council deputy - Irina Kutsenko

1.3 Participation of the MSM/LGBT community in all-city events

1.4. Consulting municipal representatives on MSM/LGBT matters

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2. Mobilizing the Community

2.1. Regular meetings of MSM/LGBT communities representatives

2.2. Meetings with leaders of other communities to plan common activities

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3. Participation in Research, Trainings, etc.

3.1. Evaluation of the HIV/TB situation and of the key groups' demands and development of a city HIV prevention program;

3.2. Training «An Effective Model of Cooperation with the City Administration»

3.3. Seminar on innovative municipal and other forms of financing in the field of HIV/AIDS prevention and other socially dangerous STDs.

3.4. Seminar on creating effective partnership relations in the field of HIV prevention, TB, and other socially dangerous STDs

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MSM in Beltsy City

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Mobilizing the Community

- Information sessions
- Mobilization training
- Professional training
- Focus group
- Activists meeting
- Experience exchange visits
- Social actions

Cooperation between the municipality and the community

Jointly-developed measures plan:

1. Social action
2. Information session on SOGI
3. Joint meeting between the municipal and community representatives
4. Stable and qualitative medical services
5. Lobbying/legislative acts alterations

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Achievements

- PrEP in Beltsy
- Securing municipal financing
- Inclusion of an MSM leader

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Recommendations

- It is necessary to facilitate the understanding of the municipality representatives why the participation of key groups representatives is important and how to realize it, making it a part of the city programs. Subsequently, the importance of the said participation should be reflected in municipal policies, and municipal funds should be allocated to ensure participation.
- The group's representatives should receive a rapid and effective (at least equal to others) protection from physical and psychological violence and, in cases of discrimination, should receive budget funds to receive medical and other help, as well as ensure the support for other key groups.

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