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PrEP in Ukraine

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Pilot project on the introduction of PrEP in Kyiv, Ukraine:
100 courses for MSM and transgender women on one year.

Begins:

November 2017

Performers:

NGO "ALLIANCE. GLOBAL", Kyiv City AIDS Center, through the Alliance of Public Health, at the expense of PEPFAR.



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- **Goal:**

Involvement of MSM, transgender people in PrEP program to reduce the rate of HIV infection.

- **Task:**

To provide the highest degree of protection of MSM, TG from HIV infection

To analyze the effectiveness of protection against HIV infection, the frequency of STI infection, overall health condition of the client

To develop a scheme for attracting customers to the program

To work out the consulting plan for clients who are on PrEP

To develop an informational campaign to increase the awareness about PrEP for the target group

To establish an effective interaction between a social worker (NGO) and a healthcare worker

To form the "prestige" image of the service

To keep the records of different cases (complicated clients and situations etc.)



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Recruiting

- Creating profiles and providing information in social networks, mobile Apps;
- Placement of information on the resources of the organization: website, community center, testing points, etc.;
- Updating the existing "PrEP's" waiting list of our NGO;
- Dissemination of information about this pilot intervention among the clients of other NGOs in Kyiv;



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Potential client for PrEP program

- MSM or a TG;
- HIV-negative
- 18 years and older
- The client agrees to provide his personal data (sign agreement)
- Diagnosed with STIs before;
- Had anal or vaginal sex without a condom with a partner with an unknown HIV status;
- Received post-exposure prophylaxis therapy (PEP)

Last update – 10 May 2018:

- In total, 106 MSM were involved in the project.

Among them positive results for:

- HIV - 7;
 - HBsAg - 5;
 - HCV - 3;
 - Syphilis - 12;
 - Gonorrhoea and Chlamydia – 15
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- Already got PrEP: **98 MSM** (and 6 social workers)
 - The number of HIV infections found while taking PrEP: 1 case (the "window" period).
 - The number of refusals to continue taking PrEP after joining the program (after 1-month course of PrEP): 1 case



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