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Introduction

PO “ALLIANCE.GLOBAL” specializes in providing services for HIV/AIDS and sexually transmitted infections (STIs) among men who have sex with men (MSM), focused on the progress and consolidation subgroup of gay and bisexual men as part of LGBT community and the community in general; promoting the reduction of homo-, bi- and transphobia in Ukrainian society.

The organization started working in 2001 with a group of activists who, aware of the major risks of MSM in Kyiv launched a public initiative on HIV/STIs. Legally “ALLIANCE.GLOBAL” was registered in 2002. Since then, the organization conducted over 80 projects and studies among MSM.

The organization is constantly evolving and covers all new trends. Today the main activity of “ALLIANCE.GLOBAL” is mainly focused on activities of outreach/social work, HIV/STI testing and prevention, paralegals, development of community centers for MSM and regional advocacy for access of key groups to health and social services.

Outreach services provide social consulting and distribution of free condoms and lubricants among MSM in popular public places in order to establish direct contact with the target audience.

Testing for HIV/STI is performed in the community centers for MSM of PO “ALLIANCE.GLOBAL” and partner medical institutions. The service is free, anonymous and confidential.

Community Centers of PO “ALLIANCE.GLOBAL” is based on the principle of “all services in one place.” Here, MSM can receive social consultations, PrEP, can be tested for HIV/STI by rapid-tests, communicate with other members of the Community Center, can receive psychologist’s consultation. All services are free, anonymous (except PrEP) and confidential.

Educational, informational, entertainment and thematic events in the community centers are focused on the development of individual potential of each MSM.

Physical health and psychological well-being of all MSM are the key principles of the Community Centers and PO “ALLIANCE.GLOBAL”.

Our advocacy work is in the field of health and rights of MSM/LGBT people on the national and local levels, mobilization and strengthening of leadership and organizational capacity of MSM, which is implemented since January 2018 within the National MSM Consortium. The National MSM Consortium #MSM_PRO is a platform for organizational interaction of Ukrainian public leaders representing POs “ALLIANCE.GOBAL”, “LGBT Association LIGA”, “Gay Forum of Ukraine” and “Spectrum Kharkiv”, working to expand rights and human freedoms, as well as ensuring a decent standard of living and high quality services for people at high risk of HIV infection. The activities of the National MSM Consortium are conducted by public organizations working on the terms of significant participation of men who have sex with men.

The main priority advocacy tasks of the Consortium today are the introduction of registered civil partnerships (RCP) in Ukraine, amendments to the Criminal Code to prevent hate crimes, in particular in the context of SOGI, allocation of budget funding for public health services for MSM, development of regional leadership.

Within the framework of the human rights direction of our organization, we have two national paralegal networks: MSM/LGBTQ and adolescents affected by the HIV epidemic. Specially trained paralegals provide primary legal assistance in cases of violation of rights based on sexual orientation and gender identity (SOGI), HIV status, age, etc., are engaged in media monitoring of attitudes towards LGBTQ by decision-makers, right-wing radical groups, etc. , and responding to hate speech. Paralegal networks cooperate with a number of human rights organizations such as the Ukrainian Helsinki Human Rights Union, “KyivPride” PO, the OSCE, etc., as well as informational and educational activities for MSM and vulnerable adolescents.

From 2016, the creative team of the organization, launched an information campaign “GETTEST” about free testing for HIV and STIs for MSM, which since 2018 has become an all-Ukrainian one. All information about the campaign on the project site www.gettest.com.ua

From 2018, the creative team of the organization launched an information campaign about nationwide program of innovative HIV prevention (PrEP) in Ukraine. All information about the campaign on the project site www.prep.com.ua

From 2019, the organization launches the Shelter project for MSM / LGBT people. The project oriented on people who is in difficult living situations or suffering from persecution and discrimination because of SOGI (sexual orientation and or gender identity). More about the project on the organization’s special page <http://ga.net.ua/ua/poslugi-organizatsiyi/shelter-dlya-msm-lgbt-2/>

The strategic plan of the organization

January 2020 to December 2023 (three years)

Approved in September 2019

The main principles of the strategic plan:

1. Values of the organization:

1.1. NGO ALLIANCE GLOBAL adheres to the principles of non-discrimination, tolerance, equality, security, openness, and respect for the individuals.

1.2. Values of the NGO "ALLIANCE. GLOBAL": equality, diversity, safety.

2. Vision and mission of the organization:

2.1. Mission: NGO ALLIANCE GLOBAL strives to achieve a decent standard of living and health for MSM / LGBT people; is a leader in healthcare and the rights of MSM / LGBT people and other groups.

2.2. Vision: A society where everyone is respected and accepted, regardless of any of its characteristics (including SOGI).

3. Objectives:

3.1. Strengthening measures to improve/maintain the health of various groups of the population: Reducing the level of HIV, STIs, viral hepatitis, increasing access to mental health programs, etc.

3.2. Mobilizing communities and advocating for their rights and needs.

3.3. Promoting positive public opinion towards MSM / LGBT and other groups.

Description of the organization's projects

“Serving Life” MSM in Kyiv, Chernihiv and Dnipro

Project implementation period: June 2020 - June 2022

Donor: PATH, USAID

Project goal: The USAID-funded Serving Life project aims to reduce HIV transmission through detection, care, and treatment for people living with HIV in penal and civil sector community settings in 12 PEPFAR regions of Ukraine. The project is working to increase case detection and enhance linkage, retention in care, and treatment for key populations including detainees, prisoners, ex-prisoners, men who have sex with men (MSM) and people who inject drugs (PWID) within community settings.

Project description

The **main goal** of the project is to reduce the spread of HIV among MSM in Ukraine.

On the way to achieving the goal of the project the **main tasks** are:



1. Conduct mapping of MSM hotspots and update it on the quarterly basis by analyzing MSM social networks/mobile apps and arranging working meetings with MSM, MSM leaders and representatives of MSM-service NGOs;
2. Create an MSM-friendly counseling room (“one-stop shop”) at the premises of a civil healthcare facility;
3. Arrange laboratory diagnostics of sexually transmitted infections: chlamydia, trichomoniasis and gonorrhea, at a state laboratory for MSM who will need it;
4. Conduct information and outreach activities to prevent and raise awareness of HIV, STIs and viral hepatitis (VH)

among MSM community;

5. Detect new HIV cases among MSM by creating a peer-to-peer network of case-finders;
6. Implement ICT model among HIV-positive MSM and their partners;
7. Foster ART adherence and ensure psychosocial support to HIV-positive MSM;
8. Support HIV-negative MSM at high risk of HIV infection in accessing and continuing HIV pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP).

The main activities of the project in 2021 (October 2020 - September 2021):

In general, for all regions of the project:

- Kyiv: In March 2021, a round table of service providers under the "For Life" project was held for MSM and multidisciplinary teams in the city of Kyiv on the topic

"Improving the search for new HIV cases among MSM, as well as the introduction of index testing among HIV-positive representatives of MSM and their index partners".

- In order to improve the situation regarding access to the Index partners, the possibility of online consultation with a psychologist and referral to a mutual support group of HIV+ MSM in Kyiv has been introduced.
- Chernihiv: the work of the Heroes of Chernobyl PNP is organized
- In March 2021, a representative of the organization took part in the Round Table of service providers under the "For Life" project for MSM and multidisciplinary teams in Chernihiv.
- Establishing complementarity with other projects of the organization in order to provide an expanded package of services and attract new clients to KiT (PrEP, SafeBox, Psychologist for HIV+ MSM, support group for HIV+ MSM, etc.).
- Routine cooperation with specialized health care centers on improving and optimizing the patient's route
- Development and promotion of the advertising campaign and its messages to the community
- Expansion of the service package (examination for STDs) as a motivation to attract new clients to KiT
- Implementation of additional motivation to attract new customers and optimization of the detection of new cases of HIV infection - Promotion with the issuance of "Premium" certificates in the HORNET mobile application in the cities of Kyiv, Chernihiv and Dnipro.
- Successful participation in PATH technical assistance visit
- Successfully passed SIMS assessment from USAID

KYIV

During the project in 2021, the organization worked in the following areas:

- Testing point work for MSM on the basis of the private clinic "Healthy Family". This clinic provides the organization with appropriate conditions for the provision of counseling and testing services for HIV and STIs by equal forces, namely - the work of the testing point in the evening and on weekends (Mon-Wed, Fri from 16.00 to 20.00 and Saturday from 14.00 to 18.00); providing a tolerant medical professional; location of the point in the city center, which simplifies the logistics task for potential customers of the project.
- As part of the well-established work with the Healthy Family Clinic, laboratory tests for chlamydia, gonorrhea and trichomoniasis are available to our clients.
- The project continues cooperation with the Kyiv City AIDS Center on the prompt involvement of MSM in ART with the help and participation of social workers.

CHERNIHIV

During the project implementation year (October 2020-September 2021) in this region, the organization managed to launch work in the following areas:

- Organize the provision of services by staffing the full team of social workers and management of the direction;



- Within the framework of the project, a scheme of work with the Chernihiv Regional Center for AIDS Prevention and Control on the prompt involvement of MSM on ART with the help and participation of social workers was established and redeveloped.
- Organized work of testing point for MSM at Chernihiv, st. Heroes of Chornobyl 3. This point provides the organization with appropriate conditions for the provision of counseling and testing services for HIV by peers, namely - the work of the testing point was carried out in the evening and on weekends (Monday, Thursday and Sunday from 18:00 to 20:00) ; convenience of location of the point.



DNIPRO

During the project in 2021, the organization worked on the following

directions:

- Established cooperation with "Regional Dermatological and Venereological Dispensary", where from 1.08.2020 there is a Friendly Cabinet to MSM at st. Baikalskaya 9A, office 18. Schedule of Monday-Friday (12:00 - 18:00), Saturday (9:00 - 15:00).
- On the basis of the Friendly Cabinet, the client has the opportunity to receive services from: testing and

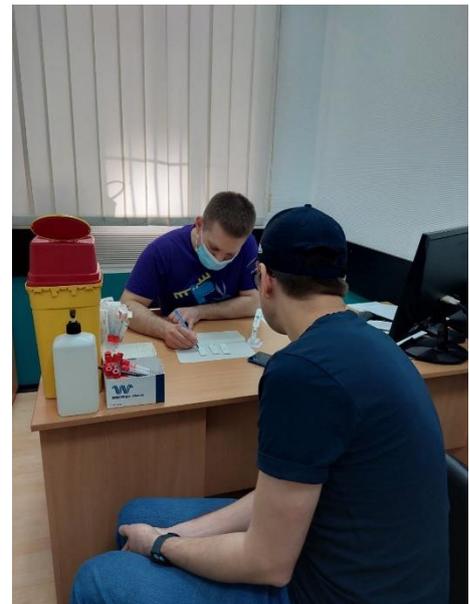
counseling, laboratory diagnosis of chlamydia, gonorrhea and trichomoniasis, as well as support to receive ARVT (by consent).

Key achievements of the project

KYIV

The key achievements for the project during 2021 can be considered:

- Operation of the MSM-friendly Cabinet on the basis of the private clinic "Healthy Family", which allowed to attract clients to the CaT.
- Advertising campaign on the website www.gettest.com.ua for informing the community and other representatives of MSM about the possibility of receiving free services with the possibility of online registration to receive these services.
- Availability for MSM services for laboratory diagnosis of STIs. This allowed to motivate a wider audience of MSM to the CaT.
- On the basis of the project and in cooperation with other activities of the organization NGO "ALLIANCE.GLOBAL" was able to organize the provision of a full preventive package of services for representatives of MSM.



Cascade of services:

- In total, **1 746 MSM** were involved in project services in Kyiv during the reporting period;
- number of positive results of rapid HIV testing - **87 MSM** (5%);
- were placed under medical supervision – **83* MSM** (95,4%);
- for the first time received ART - **84 MSM** (96,6%).

*** 1 was in hospital, but did not take antiretroviral therapy**

Of them IT:

- A total of **38 Index partners** were involved in project services in Kyiv during the reporting period;
- number of positive results of rapid HIV testing - **5 MSM** (13,2%);
- were placed under medical supervision – **5 MSM** (100,0%);
- for the first time received ART - **5 MSM** (100,0%).

Chernihiv

- **Cascade of services:** In total, **158 MSM** were involved in project services in Chernihiv during the reporting period;
- number of positive results of rapid HIV testing - **9 MSM** (5,7%);
- were placed under medical supervision - **9 MSM** (100%);
- for the first time received ART - **9 MSM** (100%).

Of them IT:

- A total of **19 Index partners** were involved in project services in Chernihiv during the reporting period;
- number of positive results of rapid HIV testing - **5 MSM** (26,4%);
- were placed under medical supervision – **5 MSM** (100,0%);

for the first time received ART - **5 MSM** (100,0%).

DNIPRO

- Functioning of the Cabinet friendly to MSM on the basis of KP "Regional Dermatological and Venereological Dispensary D PR ", which made it possible to attract clients to the project services.
- General advertising campaign of the organization on the basis of the website www.gettest.com.ua for informing the community and other representatives of MSM about the possibility of receiving free services with the possibility of online registration to receive these services.

Project results for 2021 year



	Received rapid HIV test	Received positive result for HIV	a RT	Received support to the hospital	Taking on the Dispensary Register	Started taking ART
KYIV	1 746	87 (5,0%)		83* (95,4%)	83* (95,4%)	84* (96,6%)
CHERNIHIV	158	9 (5,7%)		9 (100%)	9 (100%)	9 (100%)
DNIPRO	1049	20 (1,9%)		16 (80%)	16 (100%)	16 (100%)

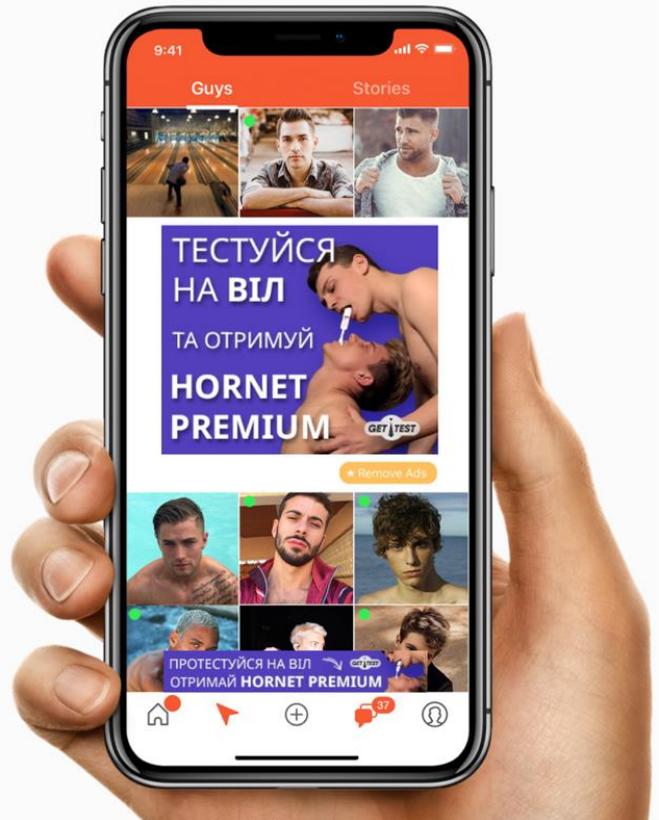
Project implementation period: January - December 2021

Donor: PATH (GETTEST) Public Health Center (PrEP)

Project goal: Involvement of MSM in HIV and STI counseling and testing services (including pre-exposure prophylaxis - PrEP).

HORNET

Native+Full Screen Banners



Project description

The media campaign provided up-to-date information on the health aspects of MSM, promoted HIV and STI testing, safer sexual practices, and PrEP. The campaign was conducted based on web resources www.gettest.com.ua and www.prep.com.ua.

The campaign includes tools such as:

- communication with online platforms on the placement of advertising messages about services for MSM with redirection of clients to the site of the Get Test and PrEP campaign;
- coordination and development of information materials/articles/messages on web resources;
- preparation of short information messages and videos for social networks and YouTube;
- popularization of services of prevention programs by carrying out informational and educational actions;
- monitoring the effectiveness of the campaign.

Get Test and PrEP are platforms for involving MSM in testing, filled with up-to-date information on:

- sexual and reproductive health of MSM;

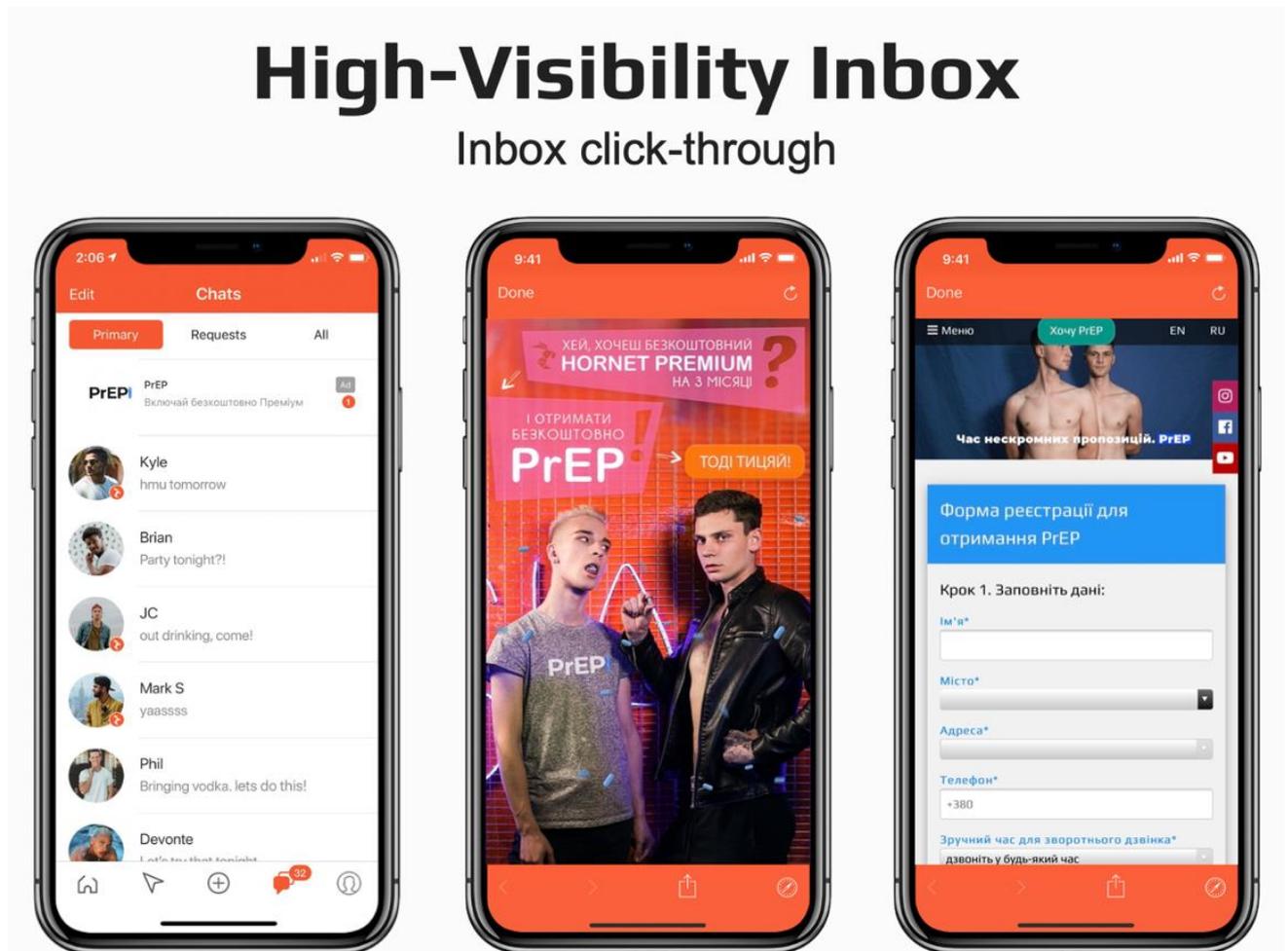
- current information on PrEP;
- aspects and features of HIV self-testing;
- maps for testing services;
- entertaining and educational content about LGBT people;

The main purpose of the platforms is to accumulate the audience of MSM (including its hard-to-reach subgroup - bisexuals and MSM who use drugs) on the web resource to further involve it in HIV and STI testing, as well as the opportunity to take an online screening test of TB. The web-page will allow you to register for HIV and STI testing in the regions where prevention programs are implemented.

Working communication was established with regional HIV service organizations working with MSM. The purpose of this communication (e-mail, telephone conversations) was to collect operational information for further posting on the campaign web-pages on

High-Visibility Inbox

Inbox click-through



the location of MSM testing points, their schedule, list of services provided, contact person for forwarding applications for services and PrEP.

Among the MSM / LGBT target resources where advertisements were placed are:

- mobile applications for MSM audience (Hornet);
- dating sites for MSM (BlueSystem, gayUA.com);
- social networks (Facebook, Instagram, Youtube);
- search services (SEO-optimization, targeted advertising by keywords);
- Google contextual advertising

\$\$\$ - за деньги
 50 сообщений, включая ответы. Показаны с 1

сообщений на странице: ● 20 ● 40 ● 100

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Дата	Тема	Автор
02.09.2021 18:44	Бесплатно PrEP по всей Украине! Экспресс получение Киев! Ты наверняка уже слышал и знаешь о том, что есть таблетка при приеме которой ты защищаешь себя от ВИЧ. Ее можно получить бесплатно по всей Украине! А в Киеве, Харькове и Днепре PrEP можно получить за 20 минут! Все анализы и консультации включены и главное -...	
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сегодня 18:21	Ищу худого пасса до 19 л С меня мп Ищу худого невысокого пасса до 19 л. С меня мп. Киев. Писать в телегу @Jurabest	Николай
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The placement of advertising on these resources takes place with different intensity and will be adjusted based on the results of the analysis of indicators of attracting real customers from among the general audience covered by advertising messages and spent financial resources.

A special online registration form for receiving services is available on the web resources of the media campaign. As a result of such registration, an electronic application form was automatically generated, which was sent in real-time to the contact e-mail address of the relevant NGO in the selected region and duplicated to the e-mail address of the communication manager to monitor the process of involving MSM and TG in testing.

General results of GETTEST.COM.UA:

- During the reporting period, the site's audience was 254,562 sessions, where users viewed 296,584 pages with an average session duration of 01:17, of which 232 935 were unique views; On average, site visitors viewed 1.17 pages per session.
- In 2021, 2,604 MSM used the recording service for testing.

General results of PrEP.COM.UA:

- During the reporting period, the site's audience was 82,623 sessions, where users viewed 109,795 pages with an average session duration of 01:36, of which 61,588 were unique views; On average, site visitors viewed 1.33 pages per session.
- In 2021, 2,060 MSM used the recording service for testing with PrEP consultation.

The Designs of advert in Hornet LLC by PrEP.com.ua in 2021:

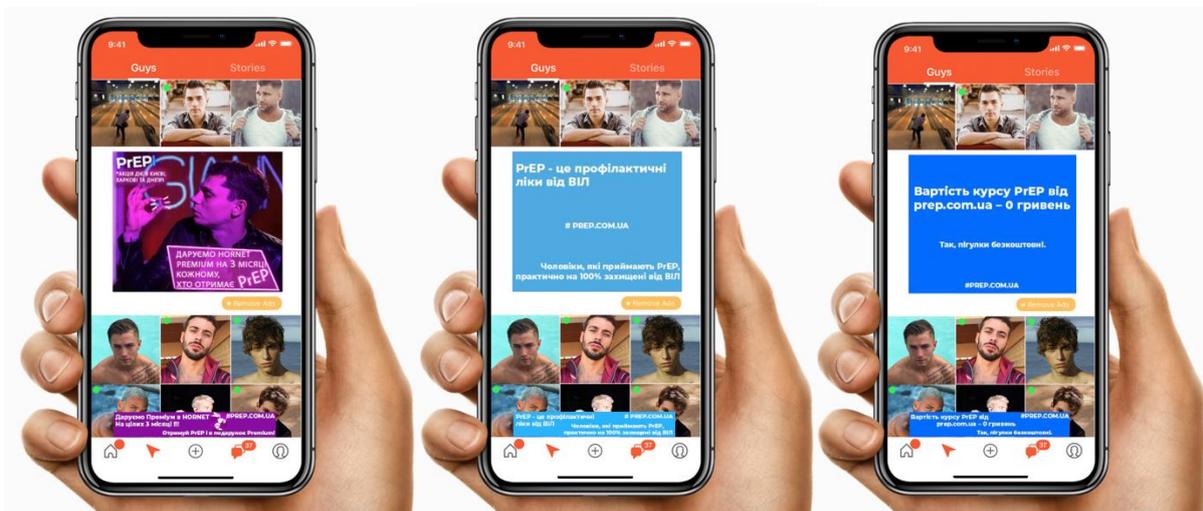
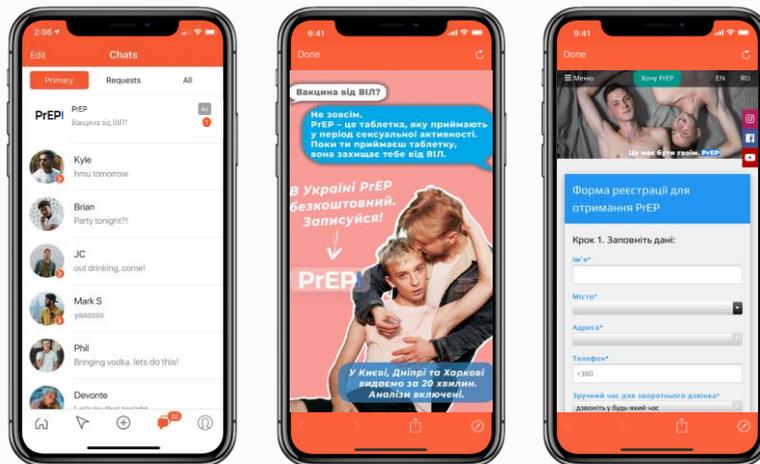


HORNET

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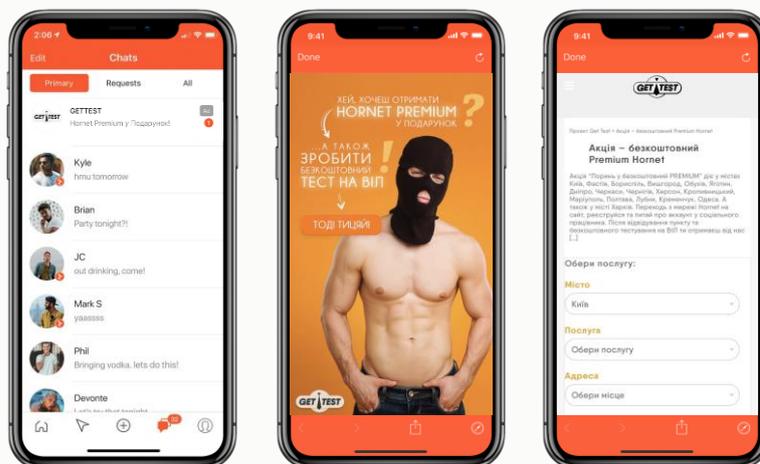
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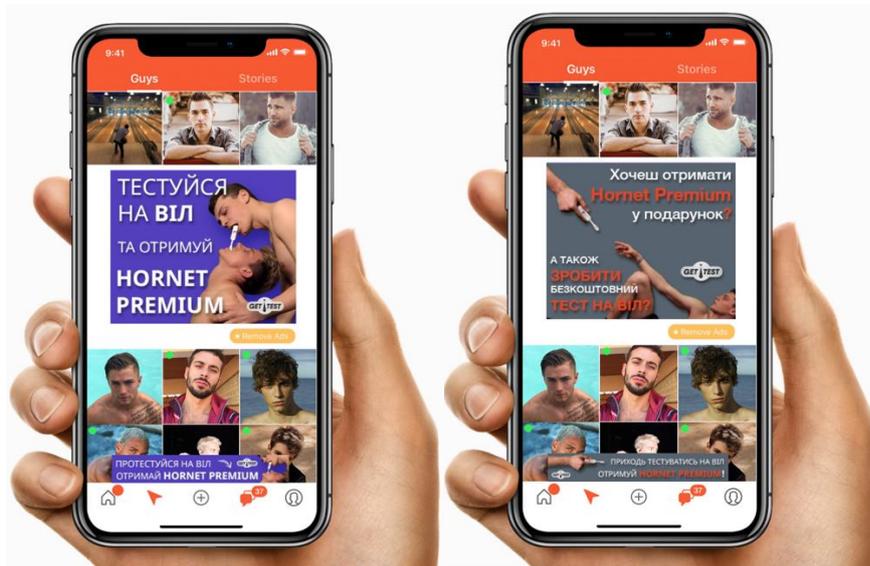
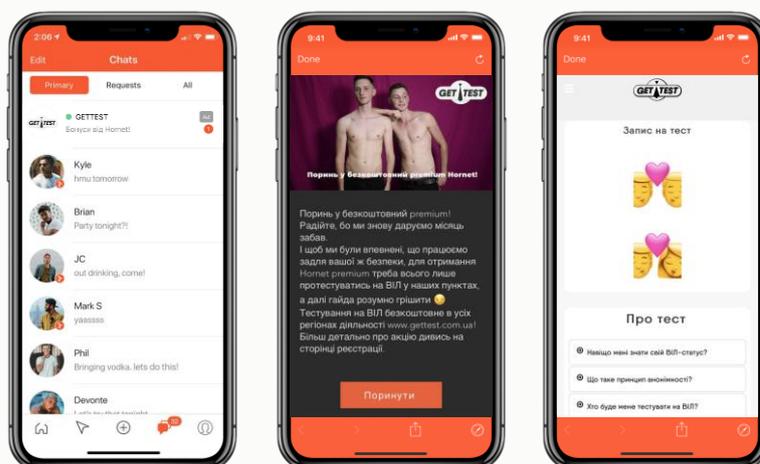
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Introduction of innovative models of HIV detection among MSM in Kharkiv and Kharkiv region

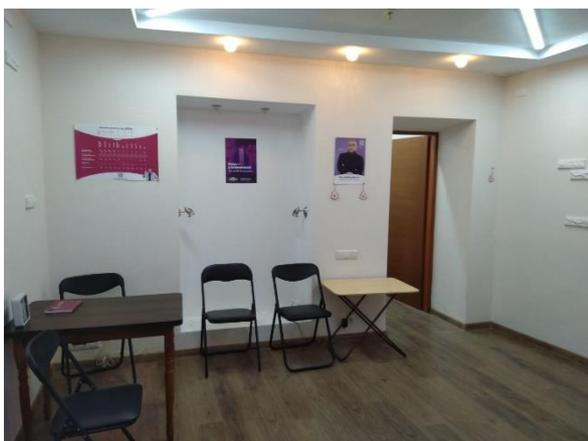
Project implementation period: January - December 2021

Donor: Elton John Aids Foundation (Through Alliance for Public Health)

The project aims to support the expansion of HIV treatment among HIV-infected MSM by effectively identifying HIV cases in the community and providing social support using a navigation approach.

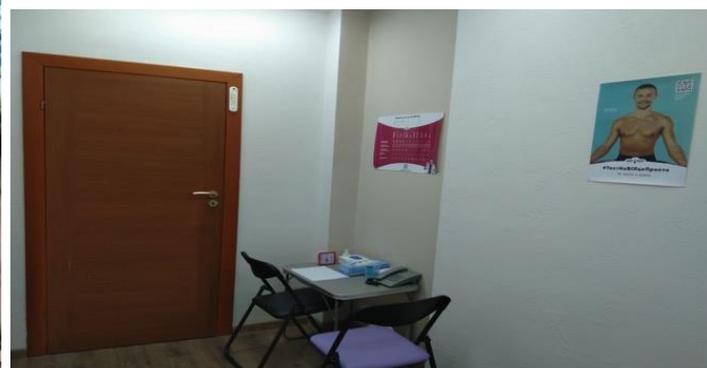
Project description:

The project envisages finding a new approach and practical ways to involve cross-groups of MSM (chemsex) in testing vulnerable groups, which allows directing testing to the group with the highest probability of HIV-positive cases. The project includes the possibility of using oral tests, which are sent by mail in the Kharkiv region by registering on the Internet resource and allows access to previously not covered groups of hard-to-reach non-urbanized MSM. There is also an anonymous testing and counseling center in Kharkiv, which encourages MSM to test regularly in a friendly space. All employees recruited to the project took an online course "Lessons in Risk Reduction" from the Alliance for Public Health and received certificates from social workers. The project involved two social workers and one medical consultant. A memorandum was signed with the Kharkiv Regional AIDS Center and a client route was built, which includes the full support of the client to the AIDS center, assistance in registration, and receiving ART through a doctor friendly to MSM.



The main part of the work was carried out using the online-outreach method. Social workers recruited clients for testing through social networks, websites, and dating apps.

In the social network for dating MSM - "Hornet", as well as on dating web-pages and in Telegram-channels, informational articles were published with a link to free HIV testing and support for pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP). Also, social workers sent private



messages, attracting customers to the testing point.

In addition to online-outreach work, to attract customers to register through the site hiv-test.org.ua was used advertising mailing with the placement of banners on "Facebook" and "Hornet", which was conducted by the "Alliance of Public Health".

To expanding coverage audience the social workers attended evening events in clubs and techno establishments in Kharkiv ("Heat", "Tarot", "Belly") in order to enter the MSM audience ChemSex parties and promote testing. During this time the drug quality testing kits were distributed for ChemSex parties to engage the audience in HIV testing.

Social workers conduct field HIV-tastings in various LGBT friendly institutions and visit local TV channels to tell the regional audience about the possibility of free testing within the framework of the project.



During 2021 year a 4545 MSM were covered by testing and consulting by equal consultants. 30 cases of HIV infection were identified among MSM. All MSM received social support and assistance in starting treatment.



Project Implementation Results:

During January-December 2021:

Tested for HIV at the testing point with blood tests – 4388

Tested for HIV (saliva tests with delivery to the specified address) –157

Initiated HIV treatment – 30

Saved on HIV treatment – 30

Accompaniment and support for pre-exposure HIV prevention (PrEP) Accompaniment

Project implementation period: January - December 2021

Donor: Alliance for Public Health

The project aims is to help reduce the spread of HIV among MSM by introducing PrEP as part of a combined prevention and care program in Ukraine.

Project description:

In 2021, the management team in the project was completely renewed and the management and communications system changed inside the project. A younger social workers and project assistant joined to the team and for daily communications they started using a special messenger and Internet file storage for storing and exchanging documentation and information. In the largest regions of activity in Kyiv and Kharkiv, agreements were reached with the heads of AIDS centers and "shortened routes" for receiving PrEP were implemented. The "short route" is when the client comes to register and receive the medication at the office of the MSM/LGBT organization, which reduces the time to receive the medication from few hours (in some regions previously were a few days) to 20 minutes.

The project envisages the work of equal social workers in 5 regions of Ukraine, where their main function is to assist MSM clients to obtain PrEP.

Social workers recruit clients, counsel them about PrEP and sexual behavior, conduct HIV testing, provide assistance in obtaining the medication and follow-up. The organization has partnership agreements with 5 health care facilities in 5 regions where it is kept on the balance of PrEP.

When a client applies to the issuance site by going directly to the project office, the social worker must establish the candidate's compliance with the specified conditions for selecting clients to participate in the project.

The social worker draws the potential client's attention to the fact that in order to participate in this project, he must meet a number of requirements and explain to the client the benefits of participating in the project. The social worker initiates the screening with the help of a special questionnaire. If the eligibility criteria are met, the potential participant will be informed about the need to undergo the next stage of screening procedures - mandatory medical diagnosis on the basis of partner medical institutions in accordance with the list of examinations.

Potential clients have the opportunity to get to the points of issuance of PrEP on their own or with the assistance of employees of the organization and contact a responsible medical professional. Participants are invited to use the services of a social worker to undergo all types of diagnostics included in medical screening.

Project Implementation Results:

During January-December 2021 a 1520 clients in 5 regions received services (consultations on PrEP, HIV testing, accompaniment by social workers to the aids center to receive a PrEP medication). 843 of them receive a service in Kyiv city, 296 in Kyiv region, 206 in Kharkiv, 122 in Chernihiv, 53 in Dnipro city.

Comprehensive Health Through PrEP Advocacy, Social Marketing and Education (CHASE) in Ukraine.

Project implementation period: June - December 2021

Donor: MPACT GLOBAL ACTION

The project aims: Bringing together social workers and opinion leaders in training in a five-day workshop to jointly develop practices and approaches to increase demand for PrEP.

Project description:

In Ukraine, there is a free program of pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) for MSM. The tablets are on the balance sheets of the city AIDS centers and are purchased by financial support from the Global Fund. Social support and assistance in obtaining the drug is provided by peer-educators from a community-based NGO in Ukraine. For 2021, the number of courses has increased to 3000 yearly courses for MSM in Ukraine. ALLIANCE.GLOBAL plans to implement 1,520 courses in 5 regions. The rest are implemented by other NGOs in 12 regions of Ukraine. The Global Fund's program in Ukraine for 2021-2023 provides for a phased increase in annual PrEP courses by 4 times by the end of 2023. To achieve this goal, there is already a need to improve the qualifications of existing peer-educators in the regions, train new peer-educators and opinion leaders among MSM to popularize and disseminate information about PrEP to the MSM risk group and the hard-to-reach MSM subgroup, and as a result increase demand for PrEP. To achieve these goals, the project plan to: 1. Prepare materials for a special 5-day workshop. 2. Conduct a 5-day workshop with the involvement of high-quality training to teach relevant information about PrEP, a psychologist-mentor to teach the correct communication with people of hard-to-reach subgroups of MSM, as well as to attract doctors to improve communication with representatives of AIDS centers. 3. Announce a general call for peer-educators. To attract a team of peer-educators from different regions to the workshop (Kyiv, Kharkiv, Dnipro, Kiev region, Odesa, Mariupol, Chernigiv, Kherson, Mykolaiv and / or other cities). Train them in quality counseling and client motivation skills for a PrEP program. 4. Announce a general call to involve opinion leaders among MSM in the training. To involve in the training the leaders of public opinion among MSM, who run their Tik-Tok and Instagram channels and broadcast information to the MSM audience. In this way, we will prepare a number of "community advocates" that will popularize PrEP and attract new MSM to the program in 2021 and next years. 5. After the training, we will support the popularization of PrEP on Instagram and Tik-Tok channels on a competitive basis for opinion leaders among MSM, as well as peer-educators who took part in the project. Advertising promotion of these channels is provided for in the project budget and will be accompanied by 5 months after the workshop.

Project Implementation Results:

On August 26-30, at the Ukrainian Carpathians held a National Workshop "Increasing the demand to PrEP" for opinion leaders and social workers working in PrEP programs for MSM. On September 30 the five-day workshop in Carpathians: "Increasing the demand

to PrEP " was ended. The workshop was held at Slavsko Town, and more than 30 participants, including trainers, bloggers and opinion leaders, took part in it! The workshop was organized by the Alliance.Global with the financial support of MPact.

The first day of the workshop was traditionally an introductory session where attendees explored current challenges in implementing PrEP and shared their expectations from the workshop. The trainers noted that Ukraine is currently the leader at the PrEP



dissemination in Eastern Europe and the leader in the world in the dissemination of the #PrEP program among people who use inject drugs #PWID. In addition to theoretical blocks, the participants took part in practical tasks in groups, modelling, and discussed possibilities to improve the quality of services and to increase their coverage.

The second day started immediately with intensive work. The participants discussed the most popular myths about the PrEP and created a "crisis communication" for when they are confronted with them. They discussed barriers to large-scale PrEP implementation and, at the end, held a brainstorming session together with trainers on marketing campaigns for its widespread implementation in Ukraine.



The third day continued the theme of marketing activities. The coach from the National Network of Paralegals shared his experience of working with a social network #TikTok, and the participants were given a practical task - to create a popular short video about PrEP.

On the fourth day, participants discussed marketing ideas and strategies for PrEP. They summarized the messages that should be disseminated for its wide

implementation, created a pool of topics that should be unique, with special attention paid to overly sexualized content. Finally, the organizers invited participants to take part in the development of regional campaigns on PrEP, announced a mini-grant competition for the best concepts, and already prepared short video about PrEP.

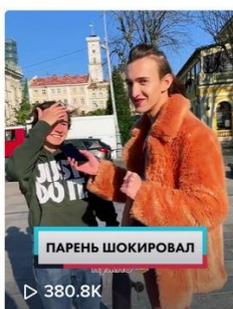
The fifth and final day was a day of general conclusions. We spoke about psychological hygiene, revealed themes of psychological burnout, the amplitude of emotions, and why it's important not to be negative in yourself. Overall, the whole



workshop was conducted in an intensive way, and on a 100% positive note. The participants shared their feelings and plans for the future, and we will see the first results of the workshop in September, after the deadline of the contest for the best videos on PrEP!



As a result, the organization received several trained bloggers from among the leaders of public opinion among MSM, trained them and involved them in popularizing prevention in video social networks. In addition, it is important to note that Leonid Polishchuk, a well-known blogger who collects millions of views on the Internet, became the face of the HIV prevention service.



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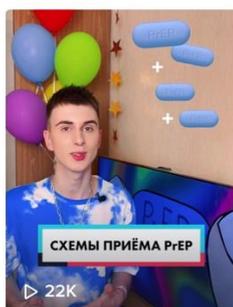
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SHELTER - a shelter for MSM and trans* people in Kyiv

Project implementation period: February-July 2021

Donor: AFEW international

The project aims The goal of the project is the socialization of MSM/trans* people who find themselves in difficult life situations, who have lost their jobs and do not have the means to pay for an apartment, or were kicked out of their homes by their parents because of their sexual orientation. As part of the project, such people will be provided with temporary housing and psychological services for their socialization and job search.

Project description:

Shelter's program included the help of a psychologist and the conduct of individual and group psychological consultations. During the entire period of stay in Shelter, each client should have received psychological support, help, and advice. The result of the staying in Shelter was to be a successful search for housing and work, as well as the implementation of the socialization of each client.

One of the objectives of the project was to ensure the safety of clients during their stay in Shelter. It was necessary to prevent the possibility of an attack on Shelter and his clients by right-wing organizations, as well as to screen out potentially unsafe clients using a preliminary questionnaire and a mandatory interview with a psychologist.

Besides, it was necessary to inform the LGBT community about the existence of Shelter to make it accessible to those who need help.

Project Implementation Results:

Thanks to the project, the public organization "ALLIANCE.GLOBAL" was able to maintain the existence of the Shelter facility in the period February-July 2021 and work, providing shelter for people who find themselves in difficult life situations, who have lost their jobs and do not have the means to pay for an apartment or have been kicked out of their homes parents because of their sexual orientation, or they moved from the territories of our country, where hostilities are now taking place. All project objectives were met. The contract with the owner of the premises for renting an apartment was extended for the duration of the project. During this period, we were able to provide free housing and free consultations on safe sexual behavior by a social worker to representatives of the key risk group - MSM. At the request of the residents,



psychological assistance and socialization assistance from a social worker were provided. All project clients who received the temporary residence service also received free HIV testing. All clients with newly diagnosed cases of HIV infection received social support and were accompanied to the AIDS center by the project's social worker for dispensary registration and receiving ART. HIV-negative clients were motivated by a social worker to start taking PrEP. Clients of the project were provided with support and assistance in finding a job. Given the level of stigma and discrimination in Ukrainian society, it cannot be argued that the situation has become less urgent, and therefore the relevance of Shelter to the capital of Ukraine still remains.

From February to the end of July 2021, we were able to accommodate and provide services for 34 MSM. Every resident was tested for HIV. During this period, there were 2 new detections of HIV infection. Both clients received social support in registering for a dispensary and receiving ART.

Strengthening leadership in advocacy to develop the capacity of the MSM community at the national and regional levels to ensure the sustainability of HIV services

Project implementation period: January - December 2020

Donor: 100% Life - PLHIV Network (the Global Fund)

Project goal: Ensuring a quality standard of living, health and rights of MSM, in particular by ensuring continuity of HIV/AIDS services, strengthening community capacity and partnerships with allies, and liberalizing national human rights legislation on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity (SOGI).

2021 was marked by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, restrictions and quarantine measures. In general, the pandemic has left a significant impact and changed the activities of NGOs and government agencies, including the provision of public health services for MSM and other key populations. As in previous periods, most of the time the project consultants worked remotely, sometimes holding or participating in hybrid or face-to-face meetings.

The work in the area of budget advocacy was quite difficult - the manager of public funds for HIV prevention, care and support programs lacked the political will to make the necessary changes to the composition and cost of service packages for key populations to ensure better services, and only some cosmetic changes were made to the tender documentation. Instead, the Center for Public Health of the Ministry of Health of Ukraine presented an analysis of possible alternative schemes for financing HIV services, and the selection and legislative process to determine the most effective model will require significant time. At present, as in the previous period, two LGBT organizations based on the significant participation of MSM continue to provide HIV prevention services for MSM at public expense.

In the second half of 2021, with the change of leadership of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Ukraine, there was a slight decrease in the number of attacks and violations of rights against SOGI in Ukraine, while the government draft law No. 5488 on the prevention of crimes motivated by intolerance was not approved by the relevant parliamentary committee on law enforcement and therefore has not yet been recommended for consideration at the session. At the same time, during the reporting period, several homophobic bills aimed at restricting the rights of LGBTI+ people, "promoting homosexuality and transgenderism," preventing budget funding for the needs of the community, etc. were registered and submitted to the parliament, which were approved by the relevant parliamentary committee on law enforcement before the New Year and submitted for consideration at the next session of the parliament in 2022.

In the second half of 2021, we continued to observe poor communication between MSM leaders in the regions and local authorities, but the number of council meetings increased overall; official proposals for the MSM component of public health programs

were submitted in Cherkasy region and Kyiv, but in Kyiv they were not included in the final version of the program; similarly, proposals for MSM in Odesa and Odesa region that were submitted earlier have not yet been included.

During the reporting period, in the context of the pandemic, the 14th National LGBTI Conference was organized and successfully held for the first time in a hybrid format, several webinars and working meetings were held, targeting MSM leaders, providing comprehensive technical assistance to strengthen the organizational and leadership capacity of the community in the regions.

Our further advocacy work in 2022 will focus on further promotion of draft law No. 5488, prompt response to hate speech, in particular, rejection of a number of homophobic draft laws, registration of the draft law on registered civil partnerships in Ukraine, strengthening the community's capacity, in particular in the field of budget advocacy at the local level, and preparation for the 15th National LGBTI Conference.

Below is information on the main activities that were carried out during 2021.

1. The CMU approved the Action Plan for the Implementation of the National Human Rights Strategy for 2021-2023, taking into account the preparation of the Draft Law on Registered Civil Partnerships.
2. The draft law on amendments to the Criminal Code of Ukraine on the prevention of crimes motivated by intolerance, taking into account SOGI, was submitted and registered in the Parliament for consideration.
3. The updated "Procedure for Medical Examination of Blood and Blood Components Donors" was adopted by the Order of the Ministry of Health of Ukraine Order No. 207 of February 08, 2021. The newly approved Donor Exclusion Criteria do not explicitly mention "homosexual relations" as mentioned in the previous order. In the 2nd half of 2021, the Consortium focused on promoting the changes that have taken place among LGBTI communities, experts and human rights advocates.
4. **6** proposals/recommendations of the Consortium were taken into account when they were considered at meetings of consultative and advisory bodies (CABs) at the national, regional and local levels.
5. **3** cases of prompt response to human rights violations, hate speech and other manifestations of discrimination were recorded (letters to local authorities, international institutions regarding attacks by right-wing radical groups; responses from the European Parliament Intergroup, the Centralized Public Health Center of the Ministry of Health of Ukraine, Mykolaiv City Council, etc.)
6. The XIV National LGBTI Conference was organized and held. The final document/resolution - a roadmap for the LGBTI movement and MSM services for the next inter-conference year - was prepared and distributed.
7. A map of services for MSM (both budgetary and international funds) by region was developed, including emergency services in the context of COVID-19 and other emergencies.
8. The Concept of the state institution on family policy was prepared on the basis of inclusive consideration of the family needs of LGBTI people.

9. The issue of crimes motivated by intolerance and registered civil partnerships was included in the annual report of the Ombudsperson.
10. A Roadmap for public authorities on demographic and statistical registration and legal recognition of civil (domestic) partnerships was prepared.
11. The Consortium prepared the final version of the Draft Law on Amendments to the Criminal Code of Ukraine on the Prevention of Crimes Motivated by Intolerance with Consideration of SOGI and submitted it to the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine.
12. **21** new MSM activists were trained under the mentoring/technical assistance program.
13. The Consortium published 75 thematic posts/analytical articles on MSM/LGBTI+ issues on the thematic resources of the Consortium, social networks, and web resources of partner organizations.
14. **7** new representatives of MSM joined regional/local coordination mechanisms.
15. **2** new experts were included in the Expert Group on Health and Rights of Gay Men and Other MSM (EGHR-Ukraine).
16. **4** thematic webinars were held for community organizations on statistical information, volunteering, responding to hate crimes and promoting registered civil partnerships.



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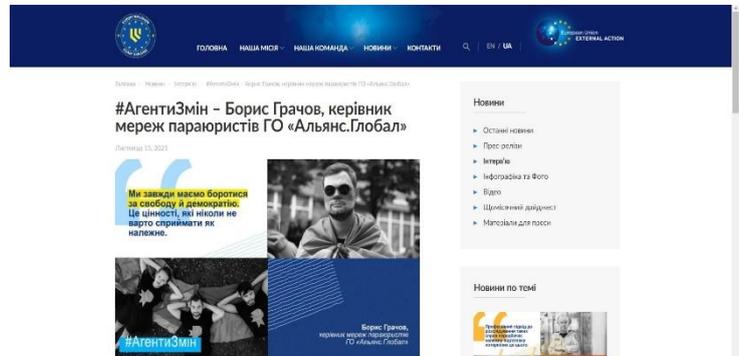
Project implementation period: January-December 2021

Donor: 100% Life (PLHIV Network)

Project description

Media activity: the project has 30,000 followers on TikTok, 8,000 on Instagram and 1,000 on Facebook. The total monthly coverage of information products is about 1,500,000 views per month. On average, up to 32,000 viewers watch the live broadcasts conducted by the project team.

The project was nominated in two nominations as part of the "KYIVPRIDE AWARDS 2021", in the nominations "LGBT Activist of the Year" and "LGBT Blog of the Year", and the project also received the "Piranha of the Year" award for the best human rights tik tok in the country.



Public actions: The paralegal hub became a full-fledged co-organizer of the action "Put them down so they don't put pressure on you" and the equality march in Kyiv, the project team was a member of the organizing committee and was responsible for organizing security during the march, and was also ready to provide operational legal assistance to the victims if necessary .

Representatives of the project team were involved in almost all socially important public events, not only as participants and co-organizers, but also as public observers and monitors.

The project forces launched an information campaign against the "NASH" TV channel, within the framework of which numerous appeals were written to the authorized bodies of state power regarding the unacceptable information policy of the TV channel regarding the issues of the Central Committee. The information campaign gained wide publicity, the Ombudsman, the National Council for Television and Radio Broadcasting, as well as Mr. Muraev himself, who is the owner of the TV channel, reacted to it.



Working with communities: Launching and working with the innovative DataCheck system. During 2021, 534 complaints of violation of rights were recorded, which were responded to not only by paralegals of the National Paralegal Hub project, but also by paralegals of partner organizations.

Establishing cooperation with partner organizations from other countries, namely: Latvia, Georgia, Italy and Belgium.

A volunteer network with more than 100 members. About 20 of them live in Kyiv and are active participants in our project. Thus, volunteers were involved during the Equality March as monitors of the March itself, who helped the organizers, and in particular as presenters, who conducted a live broadcast and helped the team of the Paralegal Hub.

Signing of Cooperation Agreements between the Paralegal Hub team and organizations



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representing the interests of key communities. Thanks to such agreements, organizations have taken responsibility for cooperation with the project team, transfer of information about rights violations, work in the DataCheck system for recording rights violations, etc. Thus, the signing of these agreements guarantees the durability of partnership relations between us and KS.

Educational activities: 7 one-day trainings for representatives of key communities on the topic "Fundamentals of paralegal assistance and counseling" and were held for representatives of the following CS: for the community of former prisoners and released (07.01.2021), for the

trans* community (07.02.2021), for sex workers (07/14/2021), for PLHIV (08/10/2021), for PLHIV (08/11/2021), for teenagers with HIV (08/14/2021), for positive women (10/20/2021).

The total number of people who took part in one-day trainings is 176 people.

Also, in 2021, a cycle of 8 educational videos was filmed. These videos are intended to tell about the main aspects of the work of paralegals and what they may encounter during the provision of first aid. The videos were shot on the following topics: 1) What is paralegal assistance. 2) Discrimination, 3) Hate crimes, 4) Typical cases of rights violations, 5) Psychological first aid, 6) Interaction with law enforcement agencies, 7) Creation of documents: application, complaint, appeal, 8) Communication.

After watching the video data, a person has the opportunity to take the Final Test and, in case of obtaining the required number of points, can receive a certificate of completion of the course on the Basics of Paralegal Assistance.

HealthLink in Dnipro

Implementation period: October 2020 - September 2021

Donor Name: Alliance for Public Health, United States Agency for International Development (USAID).

The project aims to expand access of high-risk groups, their sexual partners to quality, "friendly", counseling and testing services, timely coverage of HIV-infected people with care and support services, antiretroviral treatment, as well as prevention of new cases of HIV infection, including PrEP.



Project activities:

The office location and the team made it possible to create the same "safe space" where everyone can be themselves and feel free.

To ensure the safety in the community center, we provide an option of meeting the client outside of the office and conduct a preliminary screening for aggression and affiliation to the MSM community. This year we continued

working on the promotion of the MenSpace brand creating new branded products to attract new clients and promote the services and the organization in the Dnipro region. The new office has 2 fully equipped according to the SOPs testing rooms to deliver HIV and STI testing; community center also includes a large game/meeting room and a

lounge area which provides an opportunity for regular group events with an attendance of 10-15 clients per day.



To stay in the community club client must receive an assisted HIV and STI testing service.

All social workers engage clients to counseling and testing services via the Internet, through their individual pages on social networks, i.e. Hornet,

Facebook, Instagram, blue system, etc. Clients can also sign up for testing or receive services of their interest at a convenient for them time through our web page (<https://menspace.tk/>).

As a result of our communication specialist's negotiations with the administration of the blue system web page we managed to purchase banner promoting project's services.



Project consistently engages around 30 volunteers that provide support to social workers in engaging new clients to counseling and testing services.

In FY21 Project strengthened and deepened its collaboration with partners NGOs and health facilities.

In FY21 project services were adapted to the COVID19 pandemic to keep the quality. The community center was reorganized into a testing point, without an option of extra stay. Office was equipped with additional COVID related preventive equipment to protect both service providers and clients. Clients who were cautious coming to the office had the opportunity to receive a safe box by mail (a set for oral self-testing, condoms, and lubricants).



Project results for FY21

In FY21 2047 clients received HIV rapid tests, 2658 were covered by prevention services, 56 clients were tested positive for HIV and 54 started ART. As a prevention intervention, we launched distribution of oral tests, as a result, 1535 oral tests were distributed during the FY21.



HealthLink in Kyiv region

Project implementation period: October 2020 - September 2021

Donor: Alliance for Public Health, United States Agency for International Development (USAID).

Project goal: The aim of the project is to expand the access of representatives of the highest risk groups, namely MSM, their sexual partners to quality, "friendly" groups, counseling and testing services, timely coverage of HIV-infected people with care and support services, antiretroviral treatment and prevention new cases of HIV infection, including PrEP.

The objectives of the project are the following:

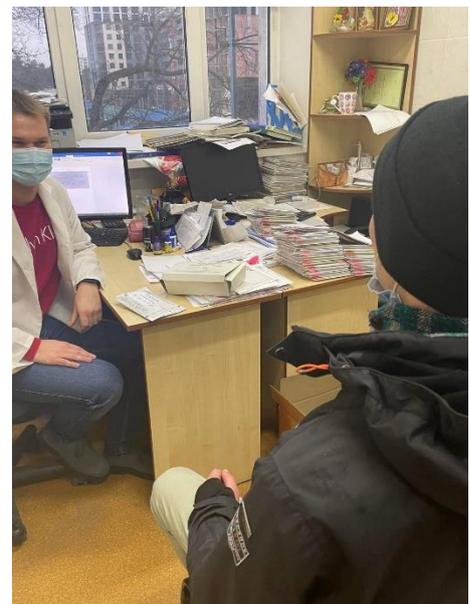
1. Promote the formation of a safe pattern of behavior among project clients, which will allow them to maintain health and at the same time act as agents for further involvement in testing of sexual partners and "social / communicative" networks.
2. Provide services to support the HIV testing process to project clients.
3. Redirect project clients to other social and medical services and projects that provide services in the region according to client needs.
4. Ensuring the navigation process, which includes confirmation of a positive result of a rapid HIV test in a CHP, HIV testing, assistance in ensuring diagnosis and timely referral for treatment, initiation of ART.
5. Expanding the network of friendly doctors to the MSM community.

The main activities of the project in 2021 (October 2020 - September 2021):

During the reporting period, a total of **837 MSM** was covered by prevention services.

Regarding the cascade in Kyiv region:

- **569 clients** received assisted testing services,
- **19 clients** received a positive HIV result (**3,3%**),
- **19 clients** were under medical supervision (**100%**) and **19 clients** started taking ART (**100%**).



Project results for 2021 year (October 2020 - September 2021)



	Received rapid HIV test	Received a positive RT result for HIV	Received support to the hospital	Taking on the Dispensary Register	Started taking ART
Kyiv region	569	19 (3,3%)	19 (100%)	19 (100%)	19 (100%)

All clients who were identified by social workers as a result of a quick test were asked to bring their sexual partners. Work in the direction of IT continues, in the format of involving all partners in motivational counseling, involving close associates (permanent and casual partners).

Regarding additional motivation for clients, namely HCV testing and syphilis: **100 clients** received HCV assisted testing services, all CT results were negative. Assisted testing for syphilis was received by **99 clients**, all CT results were negative.

In the reporting quarter, **750 oral tests** were distributed, of which **200 Oral tests** and **550 Safe boxes** were distributed.

When issuing oral tests to the client, a consultation is held regarding the need to contact the health center in case of a "Positive" result of self-testing with oral tests.

Direction "**Ensuring support for the reception of pre-contact prevention for the target groups of the project**": During the reporting period, the project involved **30 cases**.

Regarding customer engagement: models, it is advertising on social networks (Facebook, Instagram, Bluesystem, Hornet). Advertising campaigns are focused on attracting customers to the site www.gettest.com.ua where the client can independently choose the services that interest him, sign up for free, convenient time.

Support of HIV-positive MSM in Kyiv

Project implementation period: January 2021 - December 2021

Donor: Solidarite SIDA

The aim of the project is the provision of support and conduction of support and self-acceptance group meetings for HIV positive gay and bisexual man, and other MSMS in Kyiv.

Project description:

The group is aimed at people living with HIV and those who have recently been diagnosed, and works on a peer-to-peer basis (all group members and the host are HIV-positive). The main slogan of the UAGuys + group is "HIV: life goes on!"

The main advantage of participating in this particular group is the comfort and freedom of choosing a place for meetings (participants discuss and choose a place for the next meeting together). The group is held once a week (Saturday or Sunday).

Participation in support group meetings allows HIV-positive MSM in Kyiv to:

- get the necessary moral support;
- communicate with people who face the same problems;
- discuss support or partnership;
- prepare for the possible consequences/risks of disclosing one's HIV status;
- learn about adherence to ARV therapy and why it is important to adhere to it;
- how to take care of your health and protect your partner;
- find new friends and like-minded people;
- receive, if necessary, individual consultations of a psychologist;
- spend time well with peers.

In addition to support groups, there are individual peer-to-peer consultations, as well as psychological consultations.

This year, these consultations were in even greater demand than usual due to the long quarantine restrictions. That is why one of the most "popular" topics was emotional burnout against the background of mass restrictions on attending events, traveling and even on the opportunity to work in offices.

Peer-to-peer support, psychological support was provided mainly online. Support group meetings were held in a mixed format.

During the warm season, most meetings were held outdoors to ensure safety and reduce the risk of COVID-19 for group members. All other group meetings were held online to ensure safety and adhere to strict quarantine restrictions.

It is because of quarantine restrictions that support groups have gained more importance and popularity, both among regular visitors and among new group members. Many of them note that the existence of such a support group is necessary and important for them, because it is the only place and space where they can feel completely safe and protected in society, where they can share their thoughts and worries and gain knowledge.

Mutual support and solidarity, as well as the acquisition of knowledge and experience between group members, are among the key achievements and achievements of support groups.

During the implementation of the project, a total of 42 online and offline group meetings were held between January 1, 2021 and December 31, 2021, and 162 psychological consultations were provided.

Project name: A Peer-Driven Intervention to Increase HIV Testing with Linkage to Prevention, Care, and Support for Ukrainian Men who have Sex with Men with Elevated Risk for HIV in Kyiv City

Project implementation period: April 2021 - December 2021

Donor: IAPAC

Study objectives:

1. To explore unmet needs, preferences, facilitators, and barriers of MSM
2. To develop and field test a PDI for hard-to-reach groups of MSM in Kyiv (a Fast-Track City), Ukraine
3. To assess reach, acceptability, appropriateness, and adoption of the PDI
4. To evaluate the uptake of HIV testing, PrEP, and ART among the PDI participants
5. Disseminate the results of the study to key stakeholders and translate findings for future PDI for different MSM groups across Ukraine

According to the study objectives and project timeline, the study protocol and data collection instruments were developed, and received **IRB** approval on May 21, 2021.

To explore unmet needs, preferences, barriers and facilitators of MSM to inform a peer-driven intervention (PDI) to improve uptake of HIV services, 2 focus group discussions with 12 participants were held online on June 01 and June 03, 2021. Participants of these groups were MSM who represented and had access to the hard-to-reach groups: MSM who practice “chemsex” (sex under the influence of drugs), MSM who provide sex services, bisexual MSM, older (45+) MSM, MSM military, bears, and MSM with risky sexual practices.

We developed a PDI for hard-to-reach groups of MSM in Kyiv, Ukraine, based on this formative study results, and guided by the Consolidated Framework for Implementation Research (CFIR).

Of the 12 FG participants, 8 MSM representing different “hard-to-reach” groups were chosen who were willing to be trained as Peer Leaders for MSM in their social circle - to serve as recruiters, peer-educators, and PDI interventionists in their communities.

2-day training for peer interventionists took place in Kyiv on July 7-8, 2021. The training curriculum included elements of motivational interviewing, HIV information delivery, HIV counseling and testing, assisted testing for HIV, hepatitis B, C and syphilis, information on PrEP and HIV treatment, and referrals of eligible MSM to services, such as PrEP or HIV care (ART). Peer interventionists were also trained to provide information on viral hepatitis, STIs, risk behaviors and prevention, and to distribute condoms, lubricants, oral HIV tests for partners.

Enrollment of the study participants started on July 21, 2021. PDI delivery includes: in-person meeting with the peer interventionist; anonymous (under individual participant

ID) online survey; delivery of the HIV-related information and promoting HIV testing; assisted testing for HIV, hepatitis B, C and syphilis; support in accessing PrEP or ART for those who are eligible.

The PDI delivery takes place in safe places convenient for the participants, including at participant's or peer leader's place. All data are confidential. Linkage of the various data components is done through non-identifying unique study codes.

Enrollment rates: in line with the enrollment plan, 100 MSM of the planned 100 participants enrolled in the study and received intervention between 21 July and 01 November, 2021. They represented the following groups: bisexual MSM, MSM who practice chemsex, MSM with risky sexual practices (BDSM, fetish, fisting etc.), MSM - sex workers, older (45+) MSM, bears, and MSM – military. More than 25% of people associated themselves with ≥ 2 groups.

Preliminary results based on the baseline survey data analysis were presented at the **Fast Track Cities Conference 2021** on October 20-22, 2021 in Lisbon.

Primary outcome (HIV testing uptake among MSM) and secondary outcomes have been evaluated based on the results of the follow-up 3-month survey.

Study enrollment period was about four months (21.07.2021 – 01.11.2021).

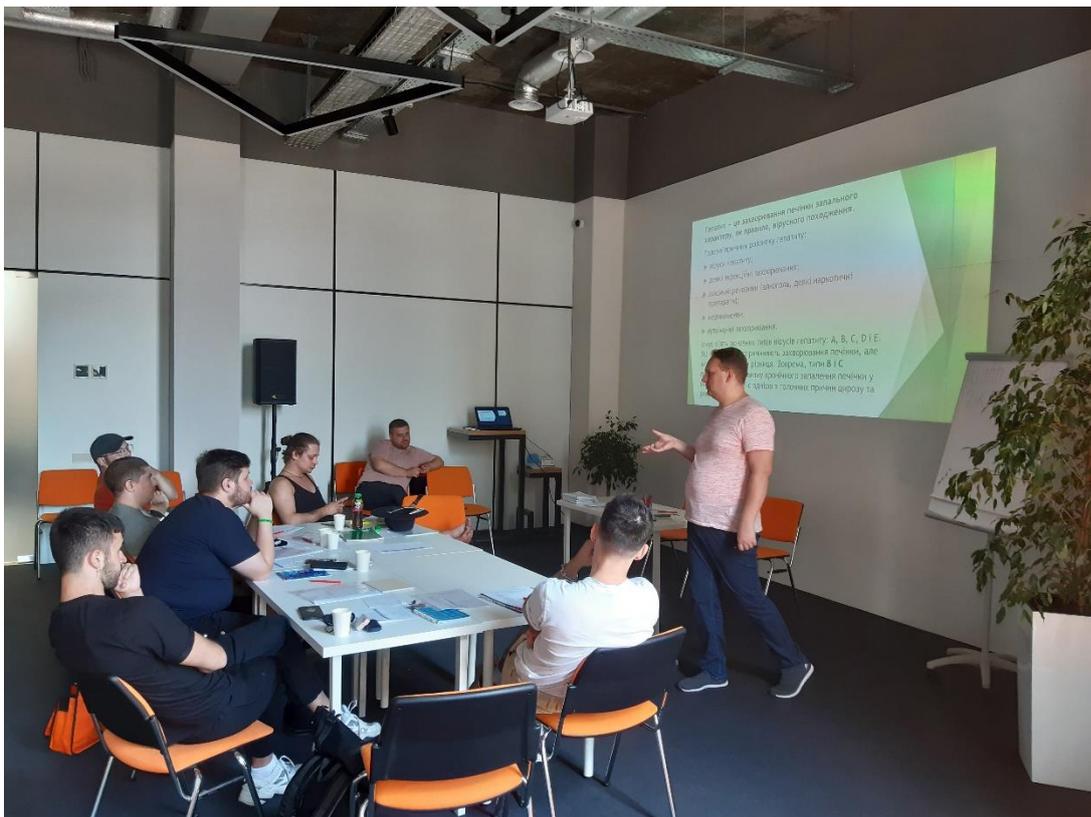
Ninety-eight of 100 participants completed the 3-month follow-up online survey, attrition rate being 2%.

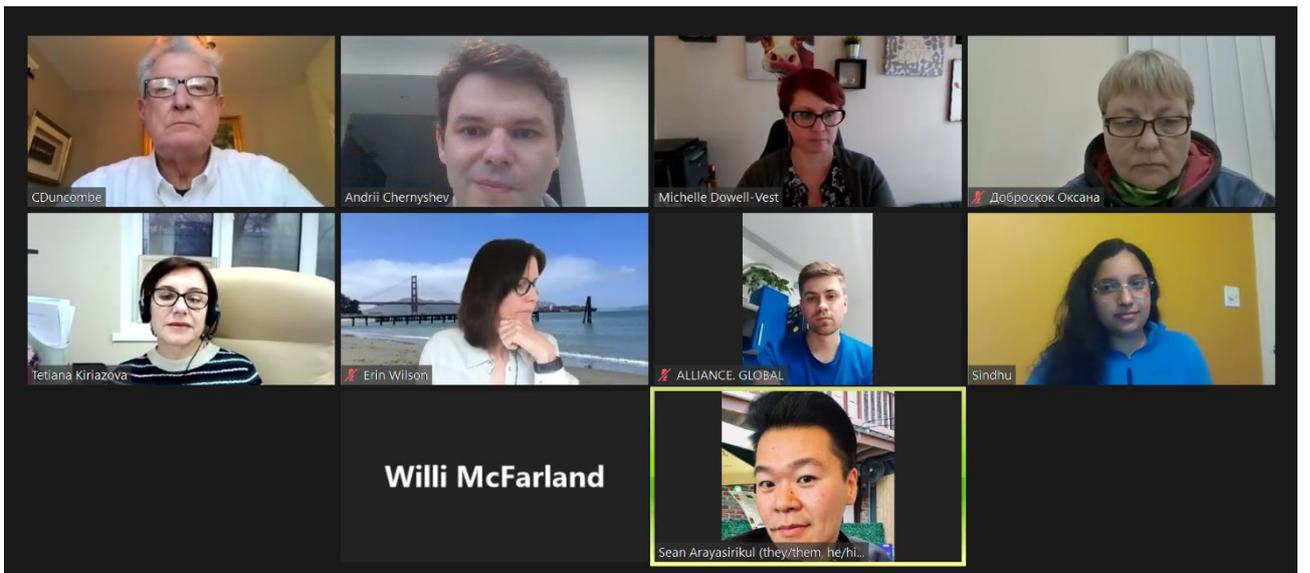
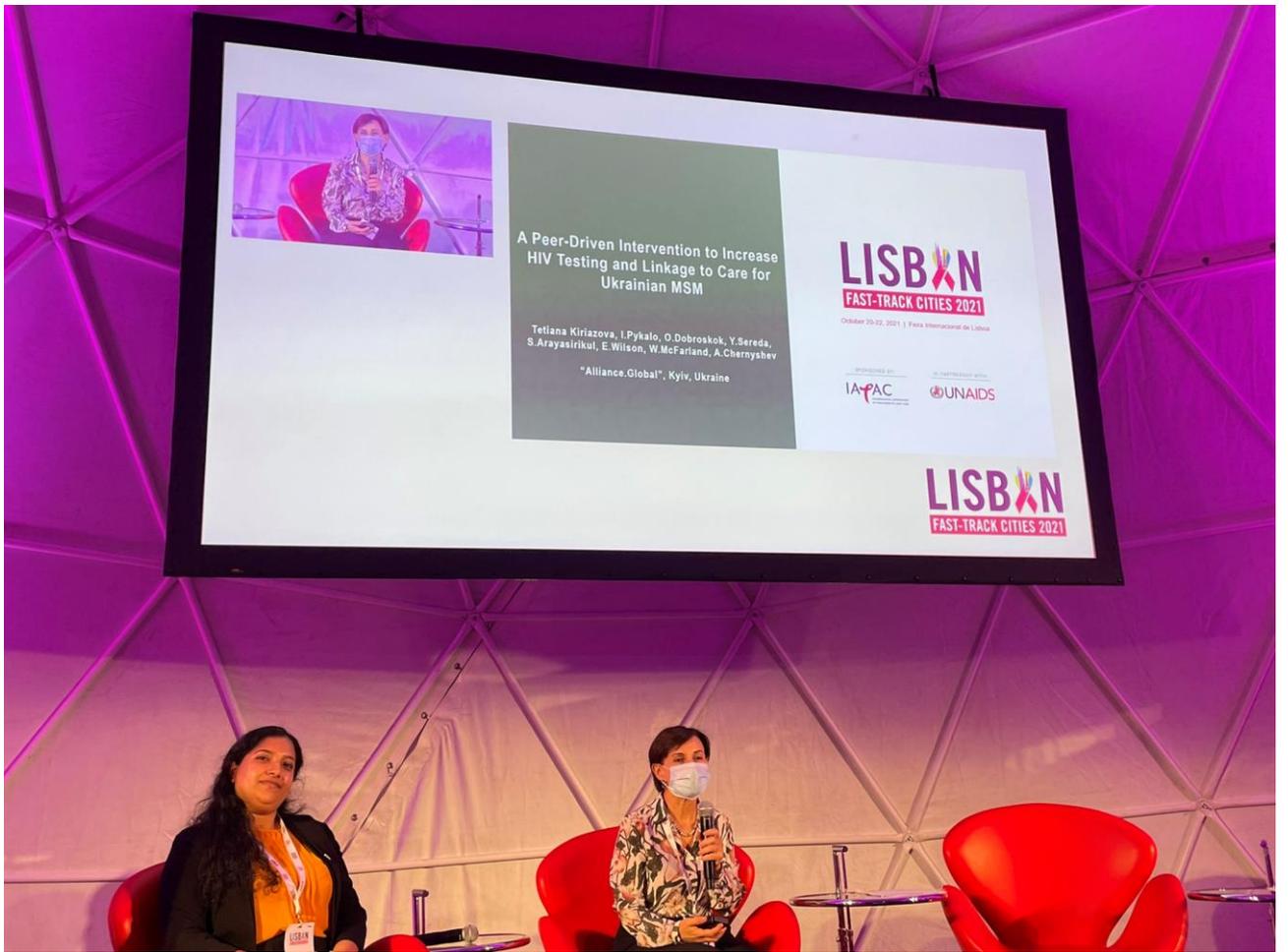
The statistical analysis was conducted in R, version 4.0.5 (Copyright (C) 2021 The R Foundation for Statistical Computing) (see Annex 1).

Project results as of the end of 2021:

- Study protocol and study instruments developed;
- IRB approval for the study protocol and instruments received on May 21, 2021;
- 2 focus group discussions (FGD) with representatives of the hard-to-reach MSM held online on June 01 and June 03, 2021;
- PDI developed and adjusted based on the FGD results;
- 8 MSM from different “hard-to-reach” groups trained to serve as recruiters, peer-educators, and PDI interventionists in their communities; 2-day training took place on July 7-8, 2021;
- local Project Advisory Board (PAB) established and had a kick-off meeting for the project;
- enrollment of the study participants started on July 21, 2021;
- as of November 01, 2021, 100 MSM from “hard-to-reach” groups were enrolled in the study. Overall, 107 participants were screened for the study (Figure 1). Of them, 101 (94%) were eligible. Four participants did not meet inclusion criteria because they received HIV testing in the past 6 months. Two participants were not included in the study based on HIV status attestation. They did not indicate negative or unknown HIV status. Of 101 eligible participants, 100 MSM provided informed consent for the study and completed baseline assessment;

- preliminary results of the study presented at the Fast Track Cities Conference 2021 in Lisbon;
- ninety-eight of 100 participants completed the 3-month follow-up online survey, retention rate being 98%. The study enrollment period lasted about four months (21.07.2021 – 01.11.2021).





PHC (Public Health Center) - project

Implementation period: May-December 2021

Donor: PHC (Public Health Center)

The project has several testing points in two cities - Kyiv and Chernihiv, which are equipped and prepared according to the SOPs for the provision of assisted testing services.

In Kyiv, the project is implemented within the framework of a subcontract with the organization "100% Life Kyiv", in Chernihiv directly with the Public Health Center.



Social workers involved in the implementation of the contract are engaged in recruiting clients on the basis of the most popular resources among representatives of the MSM community (Hornet, Bluesystem, Grindr, Instagram, closed Telegram channels and public). From where potential customers are invited and motivated to use the services.

The organization provides an internal system for redirecting clients to the services of other projects that are not provided for in the framework of the state order (psychological services, consulting a dermatovenereologist doctor, support for obtaining PrEP and additional motivations that are provided in the direction of support, obtaining a saliva test, etc.). The client who has used the services provided for in the implementation of the contract could apply for relevant services to other projects of the organization.

As part of the organization's activities, the organization has a successful experience of including a representative of the community and the organization in the coordination councils on combating the HIV/AIDS epidemic (both regional and city in different regions of Ukraine).

In 2021, the project's services were used by 7637 people. Clients receive assisted self-testing for HIV, informational consultations, tuberculosis screening and condoms with lubricants. Clients who received services and have a high level of possibility of HIV infection were redirected to receive accompaniment services to start PrEP.

Conclusions

The main qualitative achievements of the organization in 2021:

- The organization has become the largest MSM / LGBT organization in Ukraine
- The gradual expansion of cooperation with international donors
- The organization became the main provider for MSM/LGBT national media campaigns in Ukraine with huge experience
- Significant expansion of the geography of the organization
- Organization of clients' access to innovative means and methods of prevention (PrEP, chemsex, STIs, etc.)
- Mobility of the organization - change of places and routes of service provision depending on the availability and needs of MSM
- Development and strengthening of social work on the Internet with coverage of hard-to-reach MSM (increase in the number of social workers and clients covered by HIV / STI prevention projects)
- There was a constant monitoring and response to the needs of clients in the organization of group events
- The organization provided a wide range of services, which led to a constant and stable increase in customer coverage
- Creating a strong basis for further development of the organization and diversification of grant activities