

**Public organization**  
**"ALLIANCE.GLOBAL"**

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# Introduction

Public Organization “ALLIANCE.GLOBAL” specializes in providing services for HIV/AIDS, viral hepatitis and sexually transmitted infections (STIs) among men who have sex with men (MSM), focused on the progress and consolidation of LGBTIQ+ community; protection of human rights and promoting the reduction of homo-, bi- and transphobia in Ukrainian society.

Legally, the PO “ALLIANCE.GLOBAL” was registered in October 2002. Since then, the organization has conducted over 130 projects and research among LGBTIQ+. Today, the organization’s main activities are focused on providing priority humanitarian and financial assistance during war, operating shelters for LGBTIQ+, providing public health services for MSM and LGBTIQ+, developing community centers and other “safe spaces” for LGBTIQ+, protecting human rights, and conducting national advocacy for LGBTIQ+ access to rights and health.

Educational, informational, entertainment, and thematic events in community centers are aimed at developing the individual potential of each MSM/LGBTQ+ representative. The physical health and psychological well-being of all MSM/LGBTQ+ are key principles of “ALLIANCE.GLOBAL”.

Our advocacy work is focused on the health and rights of MSM/LGBTIQ+ people at the national and local levels, mobilizing and strengthening LGBTIQ+ leadership and organizational capacity, which has been implemented since January 2018 within the framework of the National LGBTIQ Consortium. The activities of this Consortium are carried out by four public organizations that work on the basis of meaningful participation of LGBTIQ+ people. The main priority advocacy tasks of the Consortium to date are the introduction of registered civil partnerships (RCPs) in Ukraine, amendments to the Criminal Code to prevent hate crimes, in particular in the context of SOGI, allocation of budget funding for MSM/LGBTIQ+ health care, and development of regional leadership.

As part of our organization’s human rights advocacy, we have a national network of LGBTIQ+ paralegals and work with other communities, such as injecting drug users, PLHIV, former prisoners, people with tuberculosis, etc. Specially trained paralegals provide primary legal assistance in cases of violations of rights based on sexual orientation and gender identity (SOGI), HIV status, age, etc., engage in media monitoring of the attitude of decision-makers towards LGBTIQ+ people, as well as responding to hate speech. Paralegal networks cooperate with a number of human rights organizations, such as the Ukrainian Helsinki Human Rights Union, KyivPride, etc., and also conduct information and educational activities for MSM/LGBTQ+ and others.

Since 2016, the organization’s creative team has launched the “GETTEST” information campaign about free HIV and STI testing for MSM, which has become nationwide since 2018.

Since 2018, the organization’s creative team has launched the 2nd information campaign about the nationwide innovative HIV prevention program – PrEP in Ukraine.

In 2019, the organization launched the Shelter project for MSM/LGBTQ+ people in Kyiv. The project is focused on people who are in difficult life situations or suffer from persecution and discrimination due to SOGI (sexual orientation and/or gender identity).

Since the beginning of large-scale military operations in Ukraine, caused by the Russian attack on February 24, our organization has been providing priority humanitarian assistance to LGBTQ+ IDPs (internally displaced persons) and their families who found themselves in a difficult military situation. This assistance consists of individual financial support (including for moving from active combat zones), provision of temporary shelter on the basis of our organization or other public organizations, as well as humanitarian assistance with food, hygiene kits, necessary medicines, etc. In addition to the Kyiv shelter, which we restored in early 2022, our organization opened new shelters in Dnipro and Lviv in 2022 for LGBTQ+ people and their families.

# The strategic plan of the organization

***January 2024 to December 2027 (four years)***

***Approved in November 2023***

The main principles of the strategic plan:

## **1. Values of the organization:**

Values of the PO "ALLIANCE.GLOBAL": equality, diversity, security, tolerance.

## **2. Vision and mission of the organization:**

2.1. Mission: We defend the rights and interests of key population groups in the areas of health, rights, and humanitarian needs, and strive to ensure they have a decent standard of living.

2.2. Vision: PO "ALLIANCE.GLOBAL" is a leading LGBTQI+ organization in Ukraine, which is created, managed and works to meet the needs and interests of the community, which contributes to the formation of a society where every person, regardless of any of their characteristics, is respected, accepted, and receives equal opportunities in all areas of life.

## **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

## Support for sustainable recovery and rehabilitation, increasing the organisational capacity of Alliance.Global and LGBTIQ+ communities during and after the war in Ukraine

**Project implementation period:** January 2023 - December 2024

**Donor:** Center of Disaster Phylantropy

**Project goal:** To support sustainable recovery and rehabilitation through improved mental health, as well as to strengthen the organisational capacity of Alliance.Global employees and volunteers and representatives of LGBTIQ+ communities, during and after the large-scale war in Ukraine.

### *Project activities*

Activity 1: Creation, cooperation and work of a network of friendly mental health professionals (psychologists/psychotherapists, psychiatrists, and other mental health professionals) to work with representatives of LGBTIQ+ in the regions, to reduce the consequences for mental health during the war and after its end (minimisation of PTSD, chronic stress states, etc.). In total, up to 1,380 individual consultations and 138 psychotherapeutic groups are planned).

Activity 2: Conducting 8 (eight) team-building supervision activities aimed at preventing professional burnout of employees and volunteers of our organisation during a large-scale war and after its end, in order to preserve the staff and volunteers of the organisation, support their psycho-emotional state, and ensure the continuous work of the organisation.

Activity 3: Organizational systems strengthening and institutional capacity building

- o Involvement of 1 (one) professional consultant for fundraising and other resources (for example, humanitarian and technical) to build the capacity and networks of the ALLIANCE.GLOBAL Team, which will significantly strengthen the organisational capacity and long term potential impact of our NGO by improving the longer-term funding prospects and pipeline, and thereby ensure the stability, sustainability and continuity of its work during the war and during post-war recovery and reconstruction.

- o Provision of technical assistance (HR and systems capacity strengthening) to ALLIANCE.GLOBAL representative offices in order to ensure improved stability, quality and impact of its work through improving monitoring and evaluation of the organisation's activities during the period of large-scale military operations and during post-war reconstruction (conducting 8 (eight) technical assistance visits).

## Project results for 2022 year

In the process of implementing the project, the project team restructured and significantly expanded the system of work in the area of psychological assistance to LGBTIQ communities, which had been in place before the start of the current project. At the same time, a mechanism for coordinating the area for several regions was tested and implemented, along with the development of reporting forms and monitoring and evaluation of project indicators.

Thanks to the project, the team was able to build a network of online psychologists throughout Ukraine, reaching the national level. At the same time, the organisation was building offline work in the offices and representative offices of the organisation in the four most populated LGBTIQ cities of Ukraine. These cities within the project are: Kyiv, the capital; the frontline cities of Dnipro and Kharkiv; and Lviv, which is located in the west of the country and has seen the largest migration of people since the beginning of the aggressor's full-scale military invasion.



In the context of the information campaign, the project team posts news from around the world on topics related to psychology and LGBTIQ communities on the project website and on Facebook and Instagram. A total of 37 posts were made on Facebook and 37 posts on Instagram during the campaign.

To attract clients to the project, the team used: referrals from prevention projects, social media accounts of the project, reposts and live broadcasts on

social media of related projects of the organisation, such as the LGBTI Consortium, social media accounts for HIV testing of MSM/LGBT representatives - [GETTEST.com.ua](https://www.gettest.com.ua) and accounts of the project of pre-exposure prophylaxis of HIV infection for most-at-risk populations - [PrEP.com.ua](https://www.prep.com.ua).

The coverage for the period January-December 2023 was 104258 users on Facebook and Instagram. The maximum surge in social media activity occurred during the promotion of advertising posts in August-December 2023.

Data on project implementation statistics in the area of client counselling for the period from 01 January 2023 to 31 December 2023.

A total of 560 applications for psychological services were received. The project psychologists provided services to 343 clients, which amounted to 807 consultations for the year of activity (this is 58% of the planned two-year plan for the number of consultations provided).

Among the selected psychologists, there are two men and three women, which ensures a gender approach and inclusion. According to the gender distribution, among the clients who received psychological counselling services from the project, 13% were women, 3.2% were transgender people, and 84.5% were men. Clients' self-identification was based on a self-declared principle.

The main topics of the calls were: high anxiety, depression, panic attacks, PTSD, dissociation, trust in relationships, feelings of loneliness, defending one's own boundaries, the effects of bullying, emotional exhaustion, etc.

The project's psychiatrist was consulted by 58 clients, 54 of whom were recommended for treatment.

Some clients were able to pay for their medicines on their own, and the number of clients who received prescription support from the project with the purchase of medicines is 13 people who received payment for 19 prescriptions (this is due to the long-term therapy of some clients).



In the area of group psychological work, 26 group events were held for clients (19% of the two-year project plan). A total of 166 participants took part in the events (130 clients were unique).

In the area of supervision groups and support for psychologists, one of the team's psychologists with relevant skills was selected to conduct supervision groups for project psychologists. Such events are scheduled and take place on a monthly basis.

In the area of anti-burnout, we combined anti-burnout measures and held a five-day team-building supervision event aimed at preventing professional burnout of our employees. The event was held in a safe place in the Ukrainian Carpathians (Yaremche) with the participation of two psychologists to preserve the staff and volunteers of the organisation and support their psycho-emotional state. The event was attended by 22 employees of the organisation from 5 regions (cities: Uzhhorod, Kyiv, Dnipro, Lviv, Chernivtsi).

Activities of the NGO ALLIANCE.GLOBAL to attract resources to increase organizational capacity.

During the first quarter of 2023, in order to increase the organizational capacity of ALLIANCE.GLOBAL and attract more donors and partners, a fundraising specialist was hired as

part of this project, who officially started his work in April. As of the end of 2023, he secured

additional resources to fund a number of national processes for MSM/LGBTIQ+ people in Ukraine. This included securing resources to provide humanitarian and financial assistance to LGBTIQ+ people and their families who found themselves in difficult life circumstances due to the large-scale war in Ukraine (including those who lost their jobs, lost their homes, moved from the temporarily occupied or de-occupied territories or from the frontline regions, became victims of domestic or gender-based violence, etc.) finding additional resources to provide psychological assistance, support the activities of shelters for LGBTIQ+ communities, funds to build the leadership capacity of LGBTIQ+ people and help them resocialize in new places of residence (for IDPs), obtaining material and technical assistance in the regions, using the resources of partner organizations to train our clients in community centers, etc.



# 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 2023

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

**Project goal:**

Ensuring a decent standard of living, health and rights of MSM/LGBTQ+, in particular by preserving the organizational and leadership capacity of organizations that are members of the National LGBTI Consortium, ensuring the priority humanitarian needs of communities under martial law and the continuity of the provision of quality public health services; strengthening partnerships with allies and authorities in new realities; overcoming legislative barriers related to ensuring human rights on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity (SOGI), inclusive consideration of LGBTI needs within the European integration track of Ukraine.

## PROBLEM THAT THE ACTIVITY IS AIMED TO ADDRESS

Describe the situation and problems in the region and districts that the activity within the framework of the program component will be aimed at solving.

As of December 2022, having analyzed the current situation with the provision of MSM services and rights regarding MSM/LGBTQ+ communities and the impact of large-scale military operations in Ukraine, we observe the following systemic barriers and challenges to increasing access to public health services in the field of HIV/AIDS for MSM and existing legislative barriers that violate human rights, in particular LGBTQI+, on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity (SOGI), which the activity within the framework of this program component will be aimed at solving:

- 1). LGBTQI+ communities continue to be legally unprotected under the SOGI and do not have equal rights with others, therefore they cannot count on fair justice, which encourages violent actions by right-wing radical movements and groups in the future.
- 2). A high level of stigma, self-stigma, and discriminatory attitude towards MSM/LGBTQ+ remains even during a large-scale war; many cases of discriminatory treatment and violations of LGBTQ+ rights by the National Police, the Security Service, the Security Service of Ukraine, and right-wing radical groups have already been recorded, especially at the beginning of the war.
- 3). Although with the beginning of the large-scale war in Ukraine, the Global Fund took over the financing of the basic package for HIV prevention among MSM and basic packages for other groups, there is a systemic problem in the delay in receiving funding for local NGO-implementers from the Central Health Center of the Ministry of Health of Ukraine and the State Treasury, which slows down work and leads to frequent staff turnover.

- 4). The interaction of LGBT organizations with local authorities on establishing cooperation and advocating for the allocation of resources from local budgets has almost completely stopped, since the priority is currently issues related to ensuring our Victory and financing critical infrastructure and social payments.
- 5). LGBT organizations are currently unable to meet absolutely all the priority humanitarian problems of their communities, in particular refugees, IDPs and LGBTIQ+ who are in the zone of active hostilities. The biggest problem remains assistance to communities that have found themselves under temporary occupation.
- 6). Amendments to the basic law on HIV/AIDS have not yet been adopted, which, in particular, provide for simplifying the procedure for conducting HIV testing with the possibility of doing so for non-medical personnel on a community basis (currently, the draft law was adopted in the first reading and did not contain these norms). Also, legislative changes are required for the possibility of issuing PrEP and ART on an NGO basis, clear criteria for key and vulnerable groups have not been defined, etc.
- 7). Regional and local coordination mechanisms for combating HIV/AIDS and TB in a number of regions operate only in a few regions due to the war in Ukraine, and do not significantly solve the tasks assigned to them. Representatives of MSM in the new military realities need to rotate during 2023 in many regions.
- 8). The community still does not have material/financial resources for the development of centers in the regions, the creation of representative offices of national organizations, resources for the development of national expertise, especially in the new conditions of migration waves. LGBT organizations need to conduct systematic fundraising activities for LGBTIQ+, especially to meet the humanitarian needs of communities and to maintain the organizational and leadership potential of NGOs.

#### Project objectives:

- Strengthening the leadership and organizational capacity of MSM/LGBTI+ at the national and local levels in conditions of large-scale military operations, in particular, ensuring the priority humanitarian needs of the community affected by the consequences of the war.
- Raise awareness among representatives of the MSM/LGBTI community to improve the situation and ensure priority humanitarian needs in conditions of martial law through information and consultation, and communication with allies.
- Representatives of the key group of MSM to participate in advisory and consultative structures of state authorities and local governments in order to strengthen their potential and leadership in the field of health care, as well as human rights and freedoms.
- National policy and advocacy in the interests of MSM/LGBTI+ in conditions of martial law and strengthening international partnerships.
- Contribute to ensuring the sustainability and continuity of public health services for MSM under martial law.
- Establish fair accountability for HCC (crimes motivated by intolerance), including homophobia and transphobia.
- Advocate for the introduction of registered civil partnerships (RCPs) in Ukraine.
- Participate in advocacy and adoption of other legislative initiatives at the national level that take into account the interests of MSM/LGBTQ communities.

- Monitor legislative initiatives for non-discrimination on the grounds of SOGI and provide reasoned advocacy requirements for the rejection of draft legislative acts with homophobic (transphobic) content.
- Strengthen the Consortium's international cooperation under martial law.
- Development of organizational and leadership potential of MSM/LGBT+.
- Reformat the national expertise on MSM/LGBT issues and strengthen the activities of the EGZP-Ukraine in wartime.
- Conduct national events in the interests of LGBTI during wartime and provide technical assistance.
- Provide information support for the Consortium's reformatted work.
- Search for and attract additional resources (fundraising).
- Involve regional community leaders in participating in the national paralegal hub.
- Organizational events with the participation of ALLIANCE.GLOBAL consultants and members of the National MSM Consortium #MSM\_PRO.

**Since the finalized report for this project exceeds 120 pages, for more detailed information on the indicators or activities of the Organization, please contact the email address [inf@ga.net.ua](mailto:inf@ga.net.ua) or [achernyshev@ga.net.ua](mailto:achernyshev@ga.net.ua) (Head of the Project)**







**ЦЕНТР ГРОМАДСЬКОГО ЗДОРОВ'Я**

### Заклади охорони здоров'я, які надають послуги ДКП станом на 01.10.2023

Область	Кількість закладів АРТ станом на 01.10.2023	Кількість ЗОЗ, які надають послуги з ДКП станом на 01.10.2023
Волинська	0	0
Рівненська	0	0
Житомирська	16	28
Київська	6	4
Чернігівська	7	1
Сумська	27	4
Львівська	11	24
Тернопільська	10	6
Хмельницька	39	22
Вінницька	22	21
Черкаська	10	0
Полтавська	9	7
Харківська	11	2
Луганська	11	0
Донецька	7	6
Закарпатська	10	0
Івано-Франківська	1	1
Чернівецька	16	16
м. Київ	11	9
Всього	208	182

Область	Кількість закладів АРТ станом на 01.10.2023	Кількість ЗОЗ, які надають послуги з ДКП станом на 01.10.2023
Дніпропетровська	25	19
Луганська	7	0
Миколаївська	38	34
Херсонська	0	0

Всі заклади АРТ надають послуги ДКП  
 Для надання послуг ДКП залучено 90-100% закладів АРТ  
 Для надання послуг ДКП залучено 80-90% закладів АРТ  
 Для надання послуг ДКП залучено 70-80% закладів АРТ  
 Для надання послуг ДКП залучено 60-70% закладів АРТ

**Захисти себе від ВІЛ!**

**ЧАС ОБИ ЗДОРОВ'Я**

# The national network of paralegals

**Project implementation period:** January 2023 - December 2023

**Donor:** 100% Life (PLHIV Network), The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria

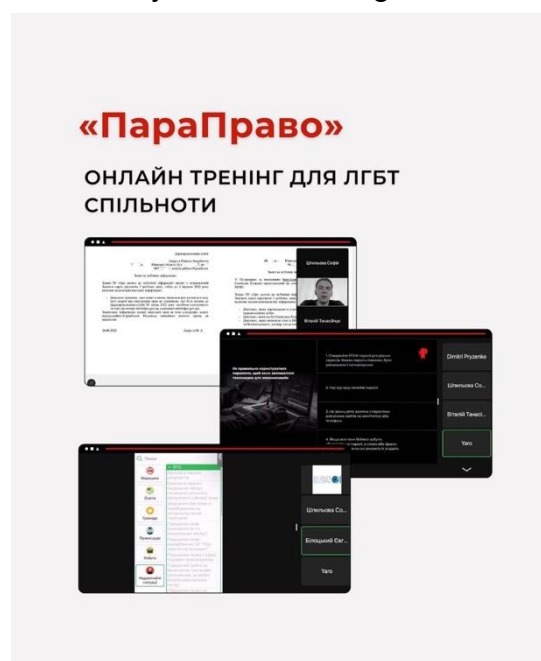
## Project description:

The National Network of Paralegals is a human rights project of ALLIANCE.GLOBAL, the main purpose of which is to provide free legal aid to the community of MSM, people who inject drugs teach activists the basics of human rights, human rights training, media coverage of discrimination and violation of key communities.

The network of paralegals is represented in all regions of Ukraine, except for territories not controlled by the Ukrainian government. The network had more than 200 paralegals trained in basic legal aid for the communities.

In the 2023 as part of the educational component, which serves to deploy the activities of Paralegals hub, the project team during the year:

1) The project team conducted *an online training for the LGBTQ+ community*. The team developed a detailed training plan that includes various forms of learning aimed at developing the necessary paralegal knowledge and skills among the LGBTQ+ community. Online training was held for LGBTQ+ representatives on practical issues of

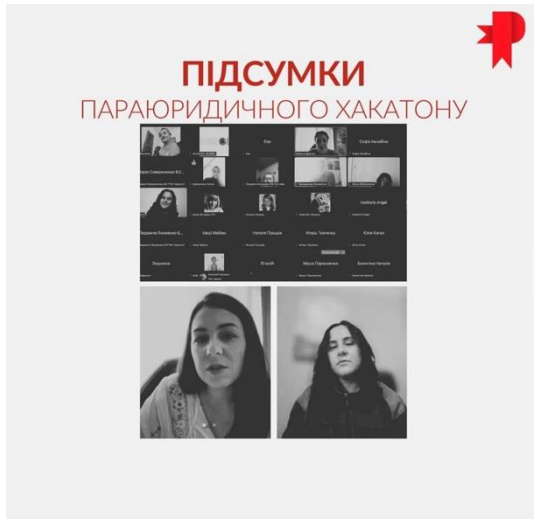


documenting appeals and responding to human rights violations through the "DATACHECK UKRAINE" IT system. A corresponding training program "ParaRight" for the LGBTQ+ community was developed. During the training for paralegals and community representatives, the focus was on: familiarization and immersion in the project's issues, changes for communities during the war; violations of community representatives' rights, with practical tools highlighted on how to protect one's rights; the innovative DATACHECK system for documenting rights violations; a Q&A session with the "Paralegal Network" team. The training featured professional trainers, invited representatives, and thought leaders among the LGBTQ+ representatives, professional lawyers, and attorneys. Participants had the opportunity to

receive answers and professional legal assistance from practicing lawyers during live communication, with the chance to obtain practical tools for the protection and restoration of violated rights. The trainers' reports were accompanied by instructional and introductory presentations for clarity.



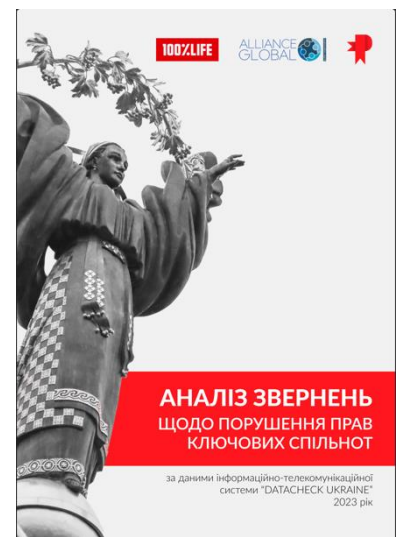
2) A nationwide *two-day paralegal hackathon* was conducted for leaders, representatives, and paralegals of key communities. The hackathon served as an event where teams tackled legal issues within a limited timeframe, utilizing personal experience



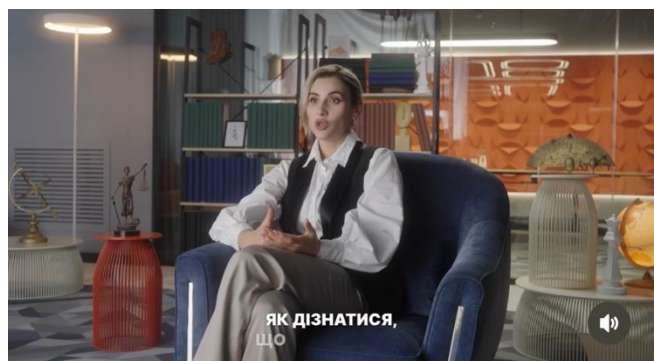
in providing paralegal assistance, professional knowledge, and skills available to the paralegal participants of the training on the topic of paralegal assistance and working with the DataCheck system. Participants learned to intensively work on a legal problem in a limited period, using methods and techniques such as analysis and deconstruction of situations/cases, creating projects and presentations, brainstorming, parametric workshops, and performing individual and group exercises. Additionally, the platform of the National Hackathon, gathering a large audience of paralegals, providers of paralegal assistance, and

involved representatives of key communities and public opinion leaders, became the venue for an online webinar for representatives of paralegal networks on developing skills to use DataCheck, within which participants processed the DataCheck information and telecommunications system.

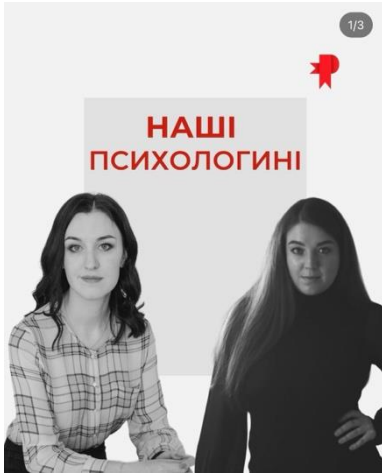
3) The project created an [annual public report](#) on the analysis of rights violations of key communities vulnerable to HIV. This document thoroughly examines the situation, identified trends, and issues throughout 2023, and also provides recommendations for further actions. The report contains an analysis of the rights situation of key communities in the context of HIV and AIDS, pointing out areas where rights violations occurred most frequently. It highlights important aspects such as access to medical and social services, property damage, and demeaning treatment due to status, among others.



4) To enhance legal awareness among representatives of vulnerable groups, work began in the second half of the year to create educational videos aimed at improving the legal literacy of key community representatives. Specifically, the most relevant topics in demand among community representatives were selected, and scripts were created for these topics to shoot informational and legal videos. The work was successfully completed with the creation and distribution of informational and legal videos "ParaVideo" among key communities and the audiences of the Paralegal Hub's social networks.



5) The project actively contributes to overcoming the consequences of the war in Ukraine by providing access to psychological consultations and the ability to offer psychological support to those who have experienced trauma due to the war. During the reporting period, 314 psychological consultations were provided. The main issues that clients addressed during this period include: accepting HIV status; disclosing HIV status to close contacts; accepting the diagnosis of HIV in the list of specialties subject to military registration; initial psychological assistance after shelling; accepting one's sexual orientation; relationship crisis; high anxiety; panic attacks; apathy; depression; chronic stress; and relationships with parents. The main outcomes of the consultations: All clients report a relief in their emotional state and a reduction in psycho-emotional stress at the end of the consultations. They manage to discuss and outline their concerns in a safe, non-judgmental, and accepting space. With some clients, it was possible to work through a strategy for exiting a stressful situation, develop new strategies that help build resilience.



6) A key element in spreading the opportunities for legal protection among community representatives has become the development and distribution of a [unified database of legal aid providers](#) from among lawyers, attorneys, legal associations, university legal labs, Free Legal Aid bodies, and non-governmental organizations, including the UHHRU. This database is shared on the social networks of the Paralegal Hub and is available in open access on the officially launched website "ParalegalHub" and is already accessible to community representatives. The database includes human rights defenders who have had or have positive experience in defending the rights of key communities vulnerable to HIV and Free Legal Aid centers across Ukraine.

**Media activities:** the project has more than 32,000 followers on TikTok, 10,000 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 of priority humanitarian aid to representatives of LGBTIQ communities

**Project implementation period:** January 2023 - December 2023

**Donor:** Fondation de France, Outright International, Campaign against Homophobia Germany, UNAIDS, AIDS Action Europe, 100% LIFE, Railway Railroad, Embassy of Luxembourg

ALLIANCE.GLOBAL is a national public organization that has been operating since 2002, created and managed by representatives of LGBTIQ+ communities to improve the quality of life and health of LGBTIQ+ people.

**For more than 2 years of the armed conflict, ALLIANCE.GLOBAL has been providing the following types of services for LGBTIQ+ people who have found themselves in difficult life circumstances as a result of the war:**

- ❖ shelters for LGBTIQ+ people in Kyiv, Kharkiv, Dnipro, Lviv and Chernivtsi;
- ❖ services based on "safe spaces"/community centers for LGBTIQ+ people in difficult life circumstances due to the war in Lviv, Poltava, Cherkasy, Kharkiv, Dnipro, Chernivtsi, and Odesa;
- ❖ multi-purpose emergency cash assistance in all non-occupied territories;
- ❖ wide range of humanitarian aid: food and hygiene vouchers or kits, clothing/ shoes, communication equipment, etc;
- ❖ individual and group psychological assistance, as well as psychiatric consultations and assistance in purchasing medications that improve mental health;
- ❖ professional development/retraining courses for those LGBTIQ+ people who have lost or are looking for a job;
- ❖ legal/paralegal assistance and medical consultations;
- ❖ "peer-to-peer" counseling and social support to other resocialization programs to social and medical institutions, HIV/AIDS, viral hepatitis and STI prevention and treatment programs based on our organization, etc.

During 2023, **24,275** LGBTIQ+ people and their families received assistance through ALLIANCE.GLOBAL, and a total of **27,595** different services were provided.

Of these:

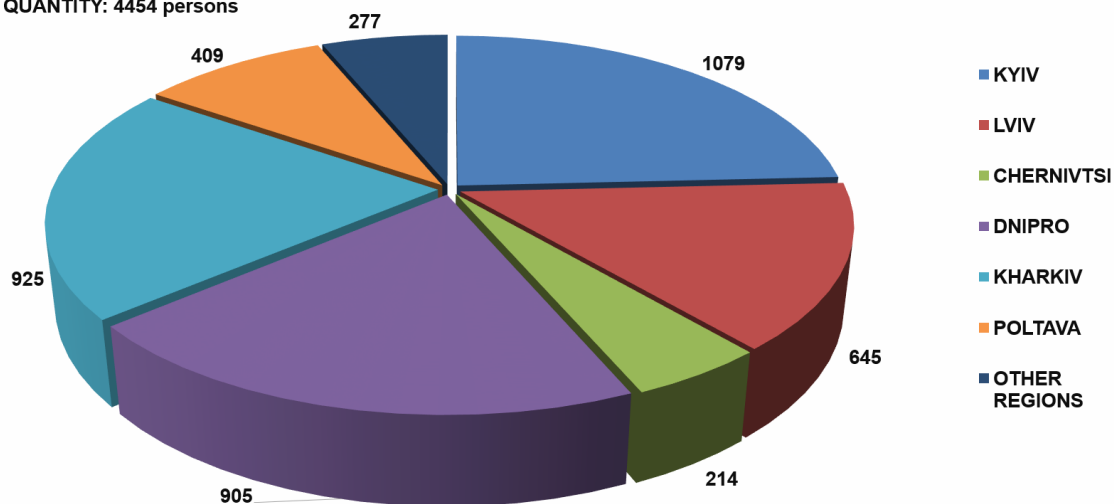
- ❖ 9,833 LGBTIQ+ people and their household members received various types of cash assistance;
- ❖ 169 people received temporary shelter in our shelters;
- ❖ 4,454 LGBTIQ+ people received food packages or vouchers;
- ❖ 3,370 people received hygiene kits or vouchers;
- ❖ 874 people received psychological assistance;
- ❖ 674 people received clothes/shoes;
- ❖ 82 persons received emergency medical consultations;
- ❖ 4,562 persons received paralegal or legal aid;

- ❖ a total of 565 different group awareness-raising events were held in community centers and/or shelters;
- ❖ 257 people received means for connection and light (power banks, flashlights) during this period.

## Number of people who received food vouchers during 2023



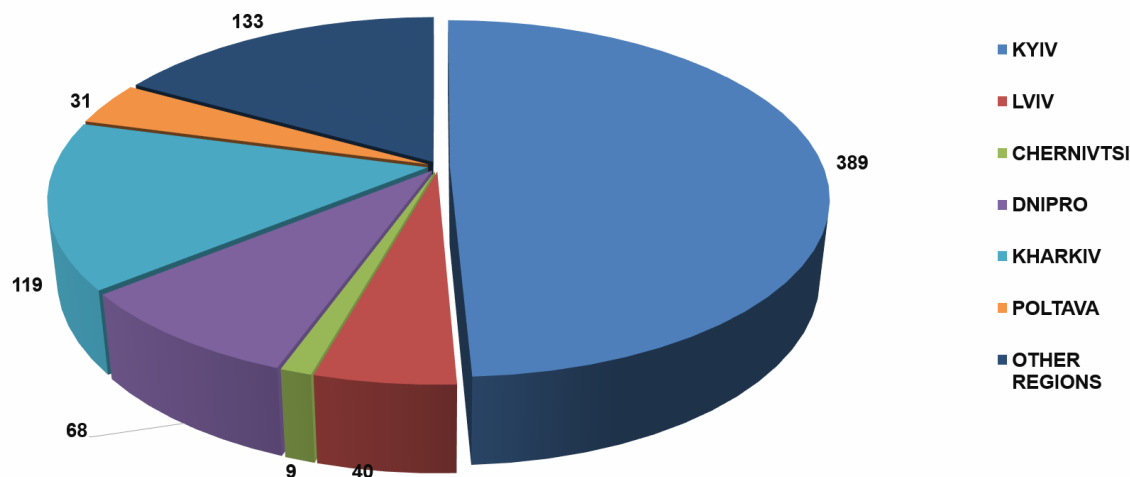
TOTAL QUANTITY: 4454 persons



## Number of people who received psychological consultations during 2023



TOTAL NUMBER: 874 persons



# National information campaigns

## www.gettest.com.ua & www.prep.com.ua

**Project implementation period:** January - December 2023

**Donor:** Public Health Center (PrEP) and ViiV Healthcare (GETTEST)

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

### 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](http://www.gettest.com.ua) and [www.prep.com.ua](http://www.prep.com.ua).

The campaign utilizes various tools, including:

Engaging online platforms to advertise services for Men who have Sex with Men (MSM) and redirect clients to the Get Test and PrEP campaign website.

Coordinating and developing informational materials/articles/messages on web resources.

Creating short informational messages and videos for social networks and YouTube.

Promoting prevention program services through informational and educational events.

Monitoring the effectiveness of the campaign.

Get Test and PrEP are platforms designed to involve MSM in testing, providing updated information on:

MSM sexual and reproductive health.

Current information on PrEP (Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis).

Aspects and features of HIV self-testing.

Maps for testing services.

Entertaining and educational content about LGBT people.

The main goal of these platforms is to gather MSM audience, including hard-to-reach subgroups such as bisexuals and MSM who use drugs, on the website to encourage HIV and STI testing. Additionally, the platforms offer online screening tests for Tuberculosis (TB). The webpages facilitate registration for HIV and STI testing in regions where prevention programs are available.

Effective communication has been established with regional HIV service organizations working with MSM. This communication (via email, telephone conversations) aims to gather operational information for posting on campaign webpages, including MSM testing locations, schedules, services provided, and contact persons for service applications and PrEP.

Advertisements have been placed on various MSM/LGBT-targeted resources, including:

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).

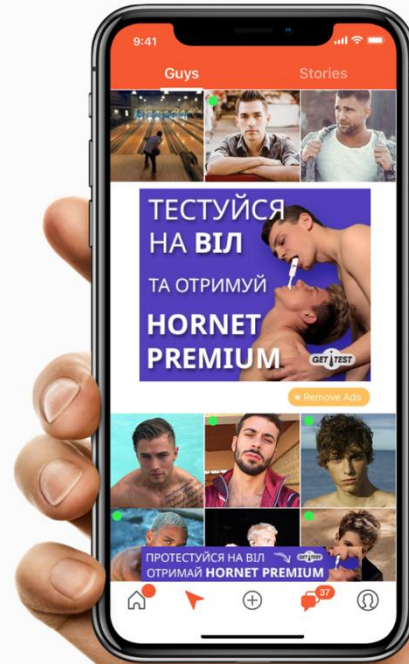
Google contextual advertising.

The intensity of advertising placement on these resources varies and will be adjusted based on the analysis of indicators such as attracting real customers and the allocated financial resources.

Web resources for the media campaign feature a special online registration form for

receiving services.  
Upon registration, an electronic application form is automatically generated and sent in real-time to the relevant NGO's contact email address in the selected region. Copies of these applications are also sent to the communication manager's email address to monitor the process of involving MSM and transgender individuals in testing.

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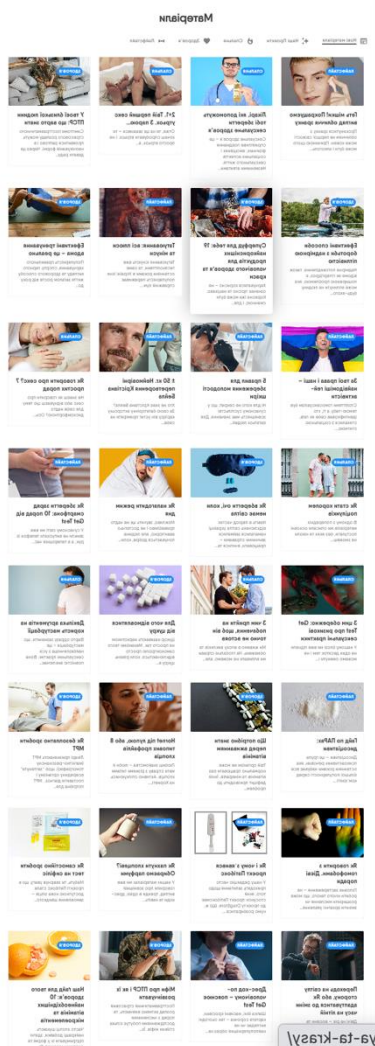
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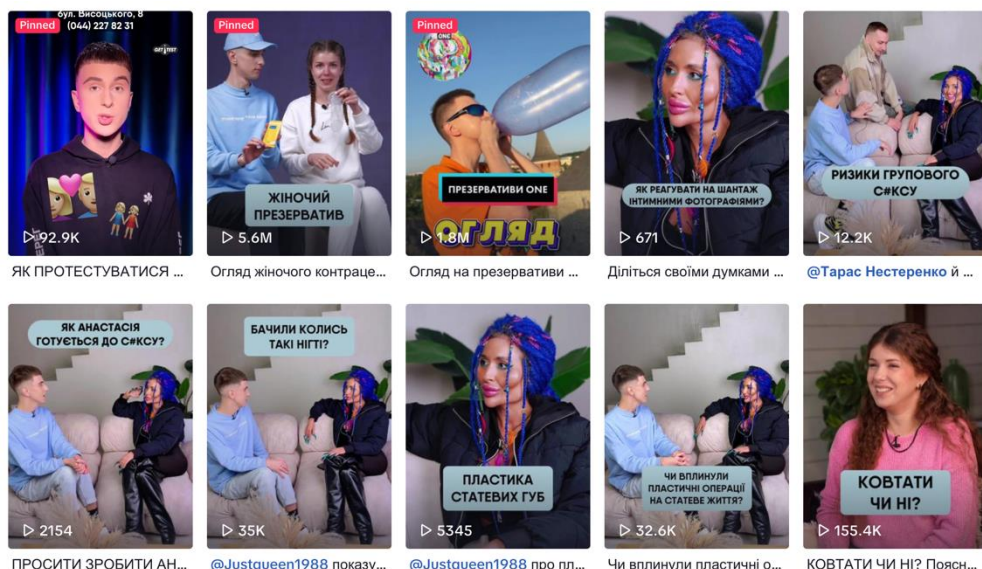
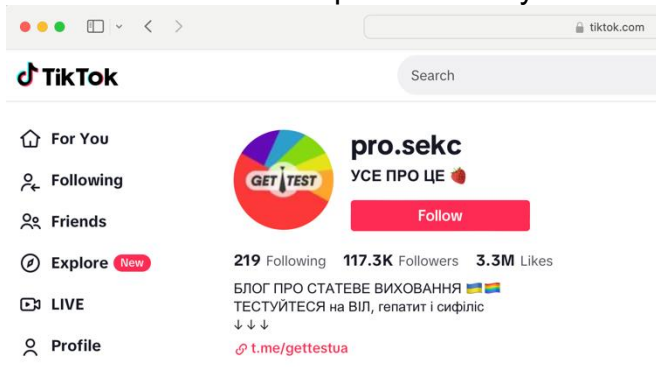


Throughout the year, journalistic materials were crafted and published on the website [www.gettest.com.ua](http://www.gettest.com.ua) covering various topics including HIV/AIDS, Syphilis, Hepatitis, other STDs, health, beauty, Chemsex, and LGBT topics.

## General results of GETTEST.COM.UA:

- During the reporting period, the site's audience was viewed 665 604 unique views pages with an average session duration of 01:09, of which site visitors viewed 1.14 pages per session.
- In 2023, around 2000 MSM used the recording service for testing.

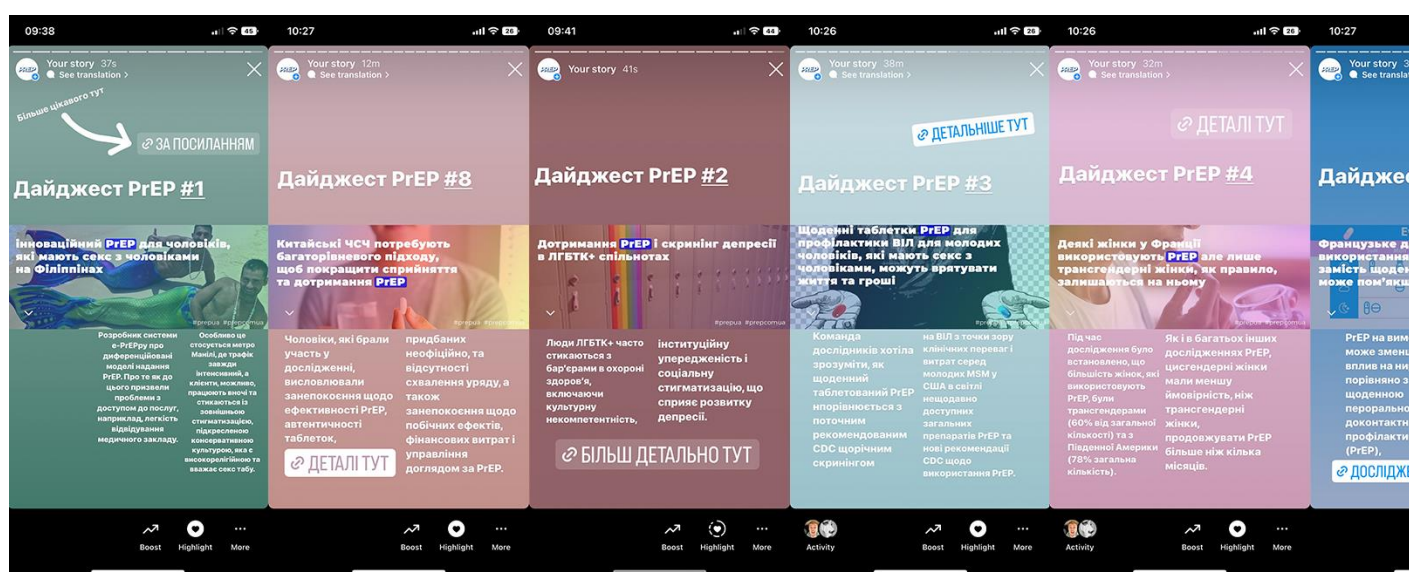
In 2023, the information campaign of GETTEST.com.ua predominantly targeted the social networking platform Instagram, Instagram Reels, advertising on the dating application Hornet, advertising on the website Gayua.com, and notably emphasized the video-based social network TikTok. This effort amassed an audience of 15.3 million people in Ukraine, setting a unique record for information campaigns. Leonid Polishchuk, a well-known blogger in Ukraine collaborating with the GETTEST project, can be regarded as the representative figure for HIV prevention services in Ukraine.



## General results of PrEP.COM.UA:

During the reporting period, the website attracted almost 60,000 unique views, with an average of 1.32 pages viewed per session. More than 2000 MSM utilized the recording service for testing with PrEP consultation.

In 2023, PrEP.com.ua's informational campaign primarily focused on publishing materials and news on the website, engaging with the Instagram social network, and conducting extensive advertising on the Hornet dating application. The dissemination of news on social networks emphasized evidence-based information and the validation of PrEP efficacy, often citing the experiences of other countries.



News section of the web-site [www.prep.com.ua](http://www.prep.com.ua)

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

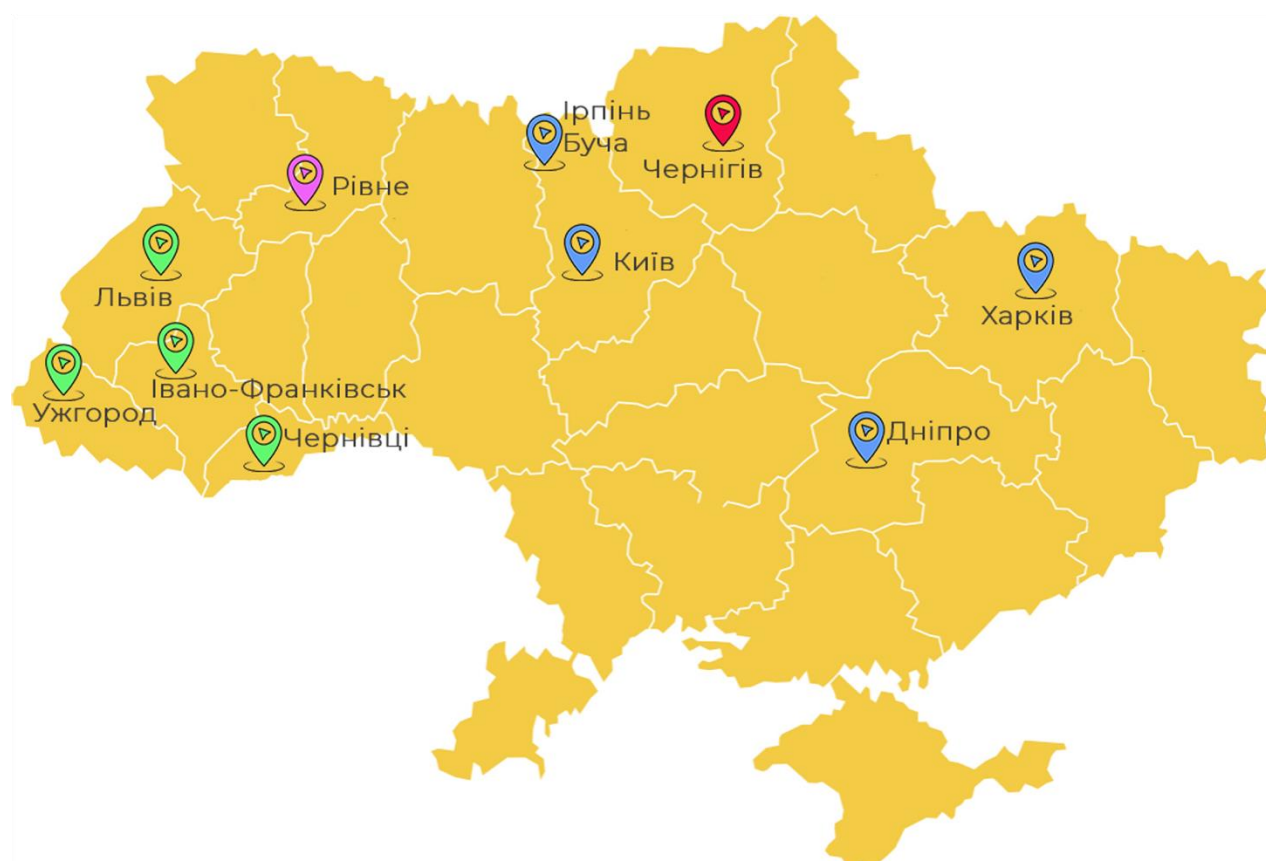
## Accompaniment

**Project implementation period:** January - December 2023

**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:



Actual regions of activity in 2023 ( Blue – based regions from 2018, green – additional regions from 2022, pink – the regions for telemedicine case, red – the regions where the services were stopped)

During the project a social workers recruit clients, counsel them about PrEP and sexual behavior, provide assistance in obtaining the medication and follow-up. In 2023 the organization has get partnership agreements with 8 health care facilities in 8 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:**

In 2023, the project management maintained the pace of the previous year, continuing to provide services in the base regions where the organization operated before the war, as well as in the western regions of Ukraine, where work began since the onset of full-scale invasion.

In the first half of year the project's main direction, PrEP, the project team attracted 1305 clients to receive Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) in 8 regions of Ukraine and identified 15 cases of HIV infection across various project streams. 100% of the identified clients in all cases of HIV infection were motivated, enrolled in medical monitoring, and started ART treatment.

As part of volunteer activities, the project team organized and facilitated the vaccination of key populations at risk of HIV transmission in the city of Kyiv against Monkeypox. Project case managers recruited, motivated, and brought 86 key populations to the vaccination center for initial and subsequent revaccinations as part of pre-exposure prophylaxis initiation in 2023.

The results of the first half of the year show continued client migration, with the presence of clients maintained both in western regions of Ukraine and the return of clients to cities in the Kharkiv region, indicating migration from southern Ukraine.

During project implementation, new staff underwent training in the cities of Chernivtsi, Kharkiv, and Kyiv, who would start working in the second half of 2023.

In the second half of year project's main direction, PrEP, the project team attracted 1285 clients to receive PrEP in 8 regions of Ukraine in the second half of the year and identified 5 cases of HIV infection across various project streams. 100% of the identified clients in all cases of HIV infection were motivated, enrolled in medical monitoring, and started ART treatment.

The results of the second half of the year show moderate client migration, with the presence of clients maintained both in western regions of Ukraine and the return of clients to cities in the Kharkiv region, indicating migration from southern Ukraine.

In total 2590 MSM received PrEP in 2023

Kyiv - 1007 MSM received PrEP.

Kyiv Oblast - 354 MSM received PrEP.

Lviv Oblast - 381 MSM received PrEP.

Chernivtsi Oblast - 6 MSM received PrEP.

Ivano-Frankivsk Oblast - 29 MSM received PrEP.

Zakarpattia Oblast - 83 MSM received PrEP.

Kharkiv Oblast - 514 MSM received PrEP.

Dnipropetrovsk Oblast - 216 MSM received PrEP.



# Accompaniment and support for pre-exposure HIV prevention (PrEP) Accompaniment (Additional components during COVID-19)

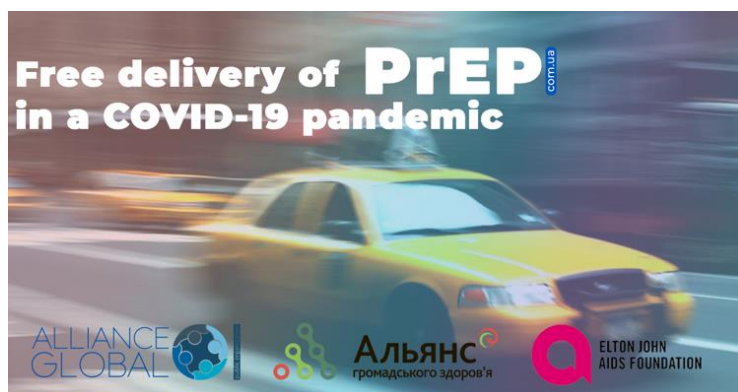
**Project implementation period:** January- December 2023

**Donor:** Alliance for Public Health

**The project aims** is to help MSM to safely receive PrEP under COVID-19 conditions using taxi and postal services provided by the project.

## Project description:

The project involves using the website [prep.com.ua](http://prep.com.ua) to facilitate medication delivery services for clients through postal and courier delivery. Additionally, new clients are



escorted by taxi to the AIDS center and back home, with a social worker providing assistance during the service provision. The organization manages logistics, including taxi arrangements, monitoring, and route planning.

To mitigate the risk of COVID-19 infection, clients are provided with sterilium, masks, respirators, and gloves for their safety during the trip to the PrEP issuing points. The implementation of this project took place in the largest Ukrainian cities: Kyiv, Kharkiv, and Dnipro.



## Project Implementation Results:

During the project January-December 2023 the taxi service of the project was used by 1749 unique clients in 7 regions:

Kyiv - 936 clients use the service.

Lviv Oblast - 354 clients use the service.

Dnipropetrovsk Oblast - 94 clients use the service.

Kharkiv Oblast - 278 clients use the service.

Ivano-Frankivsk Oblast - 21 clients use the service.

Zakarpattia Oblast - 61 clients use the service.

Chernivtsi Oblast - 5 use the service.

# Involvement to HIV services and humanitarian services the MSM clients living or displaced to Western and Central regions of Ukraine accompanying by [GETTEST.com.ua](http://GETTEST.com.ua) informational campaign.

**Project implementation period:** July - December 2023

**Donor:** ViiV Healthcare

**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:

On February 24, 2022, as a result of the emergency situation triggered by the outbreak of hostilities in Ukraine, population migration, including the MSM key population, commenced and continued. Wealthier community members migrated to relatively safe western regions, primarily from central regions. Less affluent representatives of the MSM key population migrated from eastern and southern regions, including territories previously occupied, to central regions. This shift in residency placed MSM key population representatives at increased HIV risk, necessitating heightened attention from preventive programs.

Given the specific HIV transmission dynamics among MSM key populations, the large influx of migrants heightened HIV transmission risks for local MSM key population representatives. Consequently, it was imperative to continue and reinforce informational and HIV service efforts among both local and migrant MSM.

The project entailed supporting a network of HIV and humanitarian service points in densely populated western and central regions of Ukraine, specifically Lviv, Uzhgorod in the west, and Kyiv and Kharkiv in the central regions. This was accompanied by an informational campaign by GETTEST, emphasizing the importance of regular testing and HIV prevention. Viewers were redirected to the website [www.gettest.com.ua](http://www.gettest.com.ua) for consultations and free HIV testing by social workers.

The informational campaign primarily utilized social media and video networks to achieve extensive audience coverage. The HIV and Humanitarian service points operated from the organization's offices or branches in respective regions, with six social workers involved, three in Kyiv, and one each in Lviv, Kharkiv, and Uzhgorod.

In Kyiv, Lviv, and Kharkiv, social workers operated from the organization's offices, while in Uzhgorod, they worked from a public health center office, conducting outreach and serving clients at convenient locations.

Social workers acted as consultants, informing clients about project and organization services through social networks and servicing requests for HIV services via [www.gettest.com.ua](http://www.gettest.com.ua). Their tasks included researching client needs, providing pre-test and post-test counseling for HIV and STI/Hepatitis, conducting testing, motivating clients for PrEP and ART programs, and referring clients to psychological and legal aid programs. Additionally, they distributed food certificates or packages and conducted lectures at universities.

The informational component of the project aimed to launch an informational campaign with the objective of motivating and engaging clients in telephone consultations with social workers of the PROJECT.

The information campaign delivered messages and reminders to the community regarding HIV, STIs, and viral hepatitis. It emphasized the importance of condom use, pre-exposure prophylaxis, and regular HIV testing for key risk groups in HIV prevention. This information was disseminated to viewers through specially created video and digital content across social networks such as Instagram, Facebook, TikTok, and Instagram reels. Thanks to the dedicated efforts of the team, the GETTEST campaign reached over a million viewers monthly across Ukraine.

The campaign content encouraged viewers to visit the project's website ([www.gettest.com.ua](http://www.gettest.com.ua)) for further information on HIV/AIDS. The website also offered a convenient mechanism for registering for telephone consultations and subsequent HIV testing by a PROJECT social worker. Visitors to the website could select their region in Ukraine to schedule appointments with social workers for consultations and HIV testing.

This aspect of the project involved a creative team including a Designer, Creative Manager/SMM Specialist, and Video Content Creator. Additionally, there was a website maintenance team and coordination staff in the PROJECT's regional offices and other regional organizations, comprising a Web-master and Regional Coordinator.

This phase of the project commenced from the third month, as the initial two months were covered by another project. Below are the links to the project's website and representatives on the video social network:

Video social network account: <https://www.tiktok.com/@pro.sekc>

Website address: [www.gettest.com.ua](http://www.gettest.com.ua)

### **Retreat part of the project.**

The permanent stress of war had affected team members, leading to gradual burnout of both social workers and health center representatives, which had impaired communication between social workers and clients.

To reduce the effects of war stress and prevent potential work conflicts, short-term supervision meetings were held with social workers. As a result of these meetings, it had become clear that communication with representatives and in-depth group work were also necessary to work out problematic points. Such a goal had been achieved with the help of a larger-scale intervention by holding an interregional meeting with the team and involving representatives from different regions (including representatives from the western regions of Ukraine, where the organization's work had begun in 2022) and inviting representatives of health centers. Such an intervention had allowed creating conditions for discussing successes and problematic moments during the implementation of the project and developing tools for coordinated work in the future. It had also been



important to add sessions with psychologists and mentors to the meeting to work out deeper problems, develop stress resistance, and prevent employee burnout in wartime conditions.

This part of the project provided a 5-day anti-burnout event in a safe place between the mountain in the Carpathian region. The event held place in October for project employees, employees of the organization from different regions of activity (Kyiv, Lviv, Uzhhorod, Chernivtsi, Dnipro), and representatives from health centers from the city of Kyiv and the city of Lviv. The project covered accommodation and food for the period of the activity of the anti-burnout event and transportation of the participants to the venue of the event. It was 24 participants from different regions who take part in the event and would receive a comprehensive program on reducing stress caused by war and a comprehensive approach to anti-burnout.

The organization had attracted the resources of another project to invite two specially trained psychologists to participate in the anti-burnout event, who had provided group and individual sessions for the participants of the event according to the developed program.



### **Project Implementation Results:**

During the project a 1846 MSM were involved to HIV preventive services in the project regions. 595 MSM were involved in the humanitarian direction where local MSM and migrants has been provided a food certificates. 24 representatives of the organization has participated in anti-burnout event in the Carpathian region.

# Accompaniment and support for pre-exposure HIV prevention (PrEP) Accompaniment (Additional components - CHEMSEX)

**Project implementation period:** January- December 2022

**Donor:** Alliance for Public Health

**The project aims** the goal of this component of the project is to reduce harm among MSM practicing CHEMSEX and redirect them to pre-contact HIV prevention. The end result is that 1400 clients will receive Party-Box harm reduction kits twice (in total 2800 reduction kit have to be issued), counseling, oral HIV tests and questionnaires. Another component of the goal is the "early" detection of cases of HIV infection among sexually active MSM and, accordingly, further ensuring the achievement of the 90/90/90 indicators.

**Project description:** The project envisages the formation of an information space around the topic of CHEMSEX and informing about the services of the project, which aims at the development and further recognition among the audience and the further expansion of the project. Establishing contact with techno clubs, rave events, party organizers, and opinion leaders among the relevant community practicing "CHEMSEX" is planned.

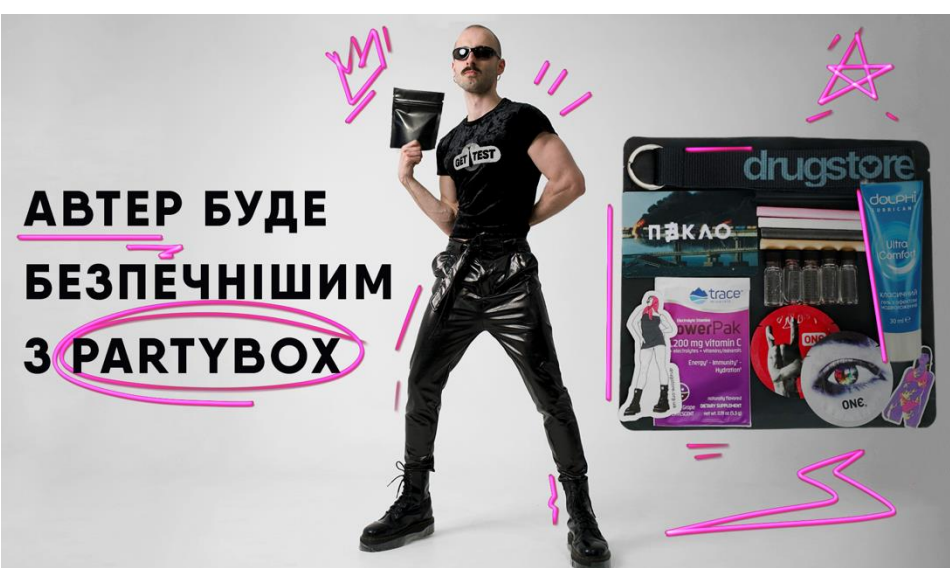
Several routes of reaching the audience were tested and the most effective were determined. Activities in the project are divided into several directions: club work, online outreach work and work through public opinion leaders.

First of all, a client recruitment scheme was launched, both online and offline. The project staff (social worker, communication manager), each

through their own routes, looked for exit points for organized events with "CHEMSEX" in order to reach out to their participants and invite them to participate in the project. Each new project client received counseling services, assisted testing services, referrals to other prevention projects, a Party-Box harm reduction kit, and questionnaires. In the process of surveying the client who has joined the project, new potential routes for reaching new clients are studied. Routes are analyzed and added as a tool for project staff to find new customer entry points.

The distribution of information about the existence of the project also took place with the assistance of the communication manager through Instagram and Telegram channels of public opinion leaders to reach the audience of men who practice "CHEMSEX".

## Project Implementation Results:

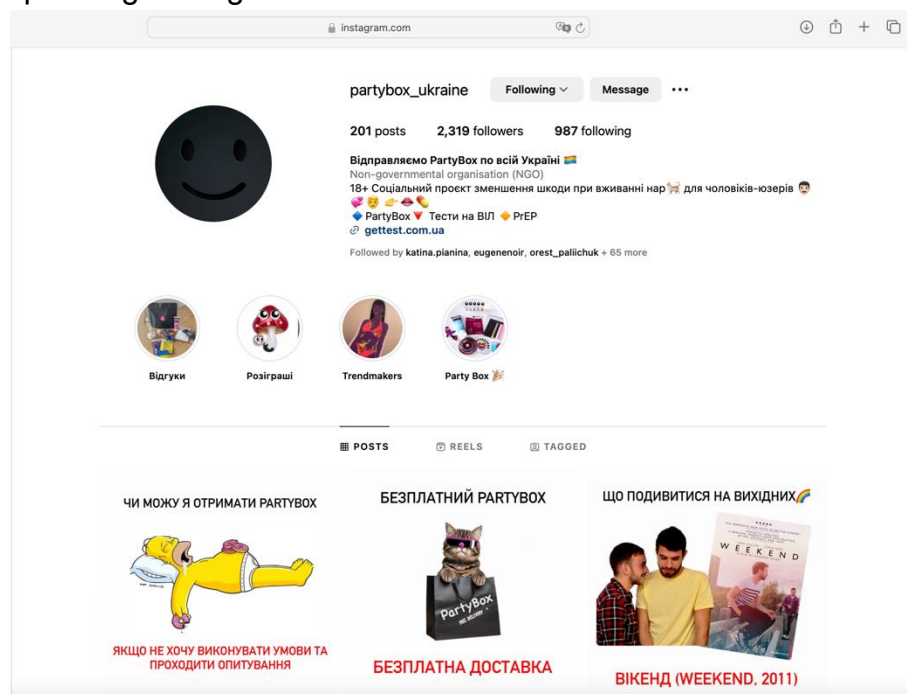


In 2023, work was carried out under the direction of CHEMSEX to create and expand the information field around the project. For this purpose, the project management utilized two new sources to attract clients to the project - TikTok for project journalist coverage and dissemination of project service information through the social networking site for encounters, Hornet. Additionally, project clients in 2023 were provided with the opportunity to receive harm reduction kits.

A specialized channel named "Don't Overdo It" was created on the video-social network TikTok to serve as the project's journalist, and the creation of a series of specialized thematic videos began, featuring experts on substances, psychologists, lecturers, and opinion leaders among the CHEMSEX community. The videos disseminated information regarding substances and harm reduction practices, along with information on HIV prevention and barrier methods during chemsex.

A specialized advertisement was created on the "Hornet" social network, redirecting potential clients to a landing page with information about the project and explanations of the next steps to avail of the project's services.

Both client acquisition channels, operating through the creation of an information field around the project, directed clients to the project's Instagram account @partybox\_ukraine, where a specially developed methodology was used to select applications for services. This ensured service provision for the project's target audience and redirected other groups to other projects or organizations. For example, representatives of non-target groups were redirected to the Drugstore project, while representatives of the key group residing in the Odessa region were redirected to the "Partner" public organization.



In the second quarter of 2023, the number of visitors and applications significantly increased, leading to the implementation of a CRM system in the project. This system facilitated client management and helped automate email communications. Additionally, the system identified some issues with service request registration and client errors in creating personal codes when requesting a second service in the year. This issue will be resolved in the future through the use of the CRM system and client card management, where a verification code will be recorded.

### Performance statistics:

In the first half of the CHEMSEX direction, service packages were provided to 600 clients with the issuance of party box 1, and 186 clients received the second service package in the year along with party box 2.

In the second half of 2023, the number of visitors and applications significantly increased. The coverage through communication channels reached 3,348,662. Requests were filtered both by selection criteria within the project and by criteria set by the Drugstore survey monkey questionnaire. Performance statistics: In the second half of the CHEMSEX direction, service packages were provided to 938 clients, who received services and a motivational party box 1, and 1050 clients received the second service in the year and a motivational party box 2. The service package included: HIV testing, harm reduction consultations, risk reduction consultations, Drugstore questionnaire survey, provision of party box kits to project clients who completed the survey and testing.

During the project execution in 3-4 quarters of the year, 6 cases of HIV infection were identified among the hard-to-reach CHEMSEX subgroup, with 2 cases of old HIV infection and 4 cases of new HIV infection. Two out of four clients with newly diagnosed HIV infection were redirected to other case management directions; the clients were enrolled in OST and ART within these projects. One client with newly diagnosed HIV infection was conscripted into the armed forces and could not access social support.

The total coverage of all video materials in the TikTok social network audience amounted to 3,348,662 views (calculated by adding the views of each published video).



# HealthLink in Dnipro

**Project name:** HEALTHLINK: Strengthening efforts to fight HIV / AIDS in Ukraine

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

**Project implementation period:** October 1, 2022 - September 30, 2023

**Project goal:** : expanding access of representatives of the highest-risk groups, namely MSM, their sexual partners to high-quality, "friendly" counseling and testing services for these groups

**The purpose of the project/area:** Dnipropetrovsk region

**Project activities/description:** Dissemination of HIV self-testing tests among MSM

**The results of the project:**

Indicator name	Plan for the project year	Completed in the project year
(HTS_SELF) Number of oral HIV tests distributed for self- and/or assisted testing of project clients and their sexual partners	5000	4828
(KP_PREV) Number of representatives of the GNR who received services within the framework of the HIV prevention intervention	2000	1917

During the project year, a total of 4,828 oral tests were distributed, of which 1,165 were oral tests distributed by social workers at the organization's office, 3,663 were safe-box kits sent by mail or handed out at the office.

2,392 applications were received through the website [oraltest.org.ua](https://oraltest.org.ua) (safebox).

Out of 1,165 oral tests distributed by social workers at the office of the organization "For Yourself", 730 were issued. Of these, 706 were "negative results";

21 were "unknown" and 3 were "positive"; 435 tests were issued "for a sexual partner".

Three tested clients tested positive. The clients contacted the community, where they were tested with the help of a social worker. The test results showed the presence of HIV infection. When





testing in the community, pre-test and post-test consultations are conducted. Consultations are conducted on HIV prevention, tuberculosis, HIV treatment, hepatitis, and safe sexual behavior.

Of the 3,663 issued safe boxes, 1,917 were issued “For Yourself”; 1,746 were issued “For Sexual Partner.”

For the reporting period (from 10/01/2022 to 9/30/2023), the Feedback statistics on the results of self-testing with oral tests are as follows:

- Unknown result – 757, which is almost 15.68%
- Negative result – 4,067, which is 84.24%.
- Positive result – 4, which is 0.08%.

Among the means of feedback is and remains sending a photo of the test result

in private messages on social networks, messengers. A service provider is involved in the implementation of the direction

who maintains contact with clients, processes orders,

provides online consultations and collects feedback.

The result regarding the age group of representatives of the MSM community: 2970 tests were taken/ordered by clients aged 15 to 30; 1858 test systems were distributed among clients aged 31 to 73. Among all the distributed test systems, 2 pieces were distributed among women, partners of MSM.

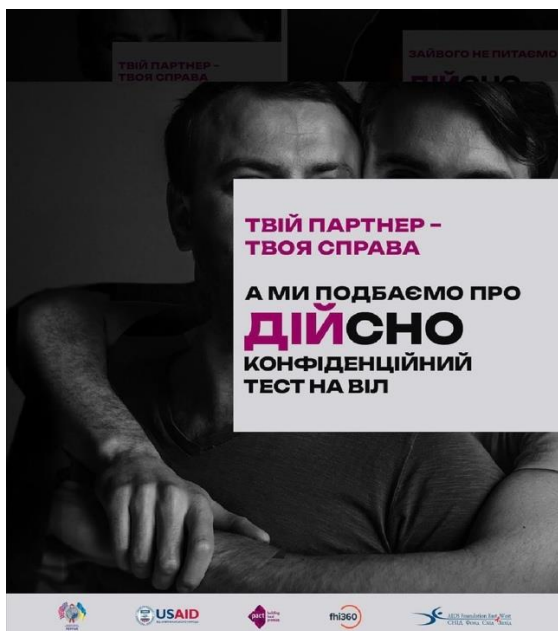


# Community Action for HIV Control

**Donor:** Pact Inc., USAID

**Project implementation period:** January 2023 - September 2023, October 2023-December 2023.

**Project goal:** strengthen Ukraine's efforts to achieve control of the HIV epidemic by 2030 by improving programs for prevention, testing and placing representatives of key and priority groups under medical supervision. The project focuses on introducing a flexible approach to the provision of HIV services using differentiated service delivery (DSD) models, strengthening the capacity of regional subgrantee organizations and updating the regulatory framework to expand access to HIV services.



## Project activities/description

**Task 1. Implementation of rapid HIV testing among MSM to identify new HIV cases outside of medical facilities, including the distribution of free oral HIV tests for self-diagnosis of index partners of HIV+ MSM.**

**The task involves the following activities:**

1. Involvement of MSM in prevention and testing services, through the use of advertising on the Internet (social networks, dating sites, mobile dating applications, etc.).
2. Motivating MSM to test for HIV through online consultations, during personal meetings, and group consultations.
3. Provision of HIV testing services using rapid tests to new clients on the basis of a consulting office with further support at all stages from testing to registration and prescribing ART.
4. Provision of HIV prevention services among MSM, including consultation of the project's social/medical worker.
5. Involvement of sexual partners of MSM-PLHIV (both those identified thanks to the project's efforts and those who turn to the Organization for other services) to HIV testing services, with further support at all stages from testing to registration and prescribing ART.
6. Conducting pre-test information and training of the client by a social/medical worker in the procedure of self-testing.

7. Providing testing results to clients (positive, negative, unknown result) to further refer clients who reported a reactive result for retesting, status confirmation and treatment.
8. Distribution of free oral HIV tests for self-diagnosis of index partners of HIV+ MSM.

**Task 2. Ensuring the navigation process, which includes confirmation of a positive result of a rapid test for HIV in a healthcare facility, registration in a dispensary record in connection with HIV infection, assistance in ensuring diagnosis and timely referral for treatment, start of HIV-treatment .**

**The task involves the following activities:**

1. Motivational counseling of a social/medical worker regarding the client's preservation of his own health, informing about the benefits of being placed on the medical record and timely appointment of treatment. The social worker conducts at least two face-to-face consultations and maintains regular telephone contact with the client;
2. Providing the client with a clear scheme of visiting and the work schedule of the AIDS Center ("Trust" office). All necessary information is provided regarding the possible location of confirmatory tests. The project operates a system of redirecting clients with a positive result of a rapid test to AIDS centers or "Trust" offices. The client is given a completed "Referral" with the stamp of an PO or health care provider, which issues a referral to the AIDS Center (or the "Trust" office at a medical institution) for the purpose of confirming the result of a rapid test by the ELISA method, establishing a diagnosis of HIV infection and further medical observation.
3. Facilitating community support – involving the client in activities such as support groups, educational structured sessions on living with HIV, supportive online counseling, etc.

**Task 3. Providing support for MSM who are at high risk of HIV infection to receive pre-contact HIV prevention (PrEP)**

**The task involves the following activities:**

1. Provision of PrEP counseling services among HIV-negative index partners and MSM.
2. Conducting non-medical screening of potential clients who wish to receive PrEP, which includes screening for compliance with the criteria for inclusion in the project and the presence of signs in which the use of PrEP is recommended;
3. Accompaniment of the client to the medical center of issuing PrEP and laboratory diagnosis of serum creatinine level for prescribing PrEP.

## БЕЗОПЛАТНЕ ТЕСТУВАННЯ НА ВІЛ



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БЕЗОПЛАТНА ДОСТАВКА ОРАЛТЕСТУ  
ПО ВСІЙ УКРАЇНІ

### Progress in numbers for the 2023:

- 6,262 people** were tested for HIV in Kyiv and Kyiv region(Irpin, Bucha, Bila Tserka), Dnipro and Dnipro region(Novomosovk, Pyatihatky), Lviv, Poltava;
- 3,215 people** were given preventive materials (condoms and lubricants);
- 104 people** found out about the positive result;
- 103 people** confirmed HIV+ status;
- 102 people** received the necessary support and started treatment(ART);
- 1,841 people** received an oral HIV test by post;
- 81 people** received the necessary accompaniment to start PrEP and started it

The project is implemented with the support of the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) within the framework of the Emergency Initiative of the President of the United States to provide assistance in the fight against HIV/AIDS (PEPFAR). The executors of the project are a consortium of three organizations: Pact, FHI 360 ("Family Health International") and AFEW-Ukraine ("AIDS Fund East-West").



# Support of HIV-positive MSM in Kyiv

**Project implementation period:** January 2023 - December 2023

**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 is based on the principle of "peer-to-peer" (all group members and the facilitator 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 to choose a place for meetings (participants discuss together and choose a place for the next meeting). The group is held once a week (Saturday or Sunday).



Participation in the support group meetings allows HIV positive MSM in Kyiv:

- get the necessary moral support;
  - communicate with people who face the same problems;
  - discuss support or partnerships;
  - prepare for the possible consequences/risks of disclosing your 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 from a psychologist;
  - a good time with peer people.

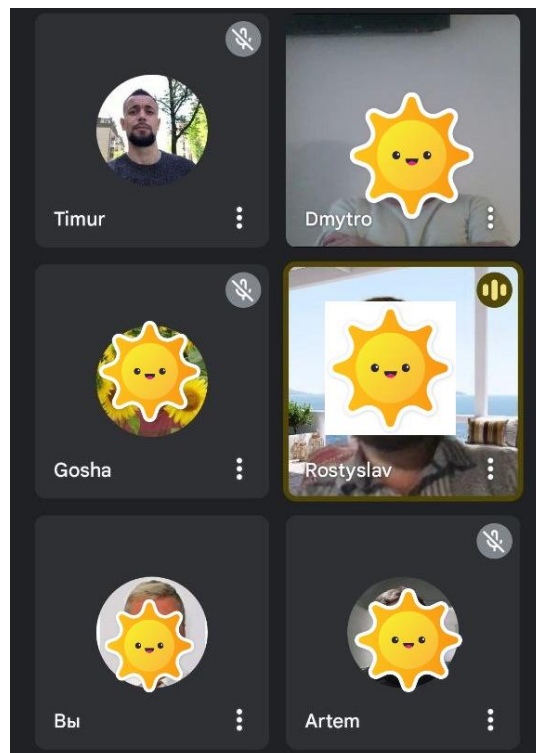
In 2023, due to the continuation of military operations of the Russian Federation and constant missile attacks on the country and the city of Kyiv, certain consultations and provision of services were transferred to the online format. Including the format of mutual support groups, they took place both online and offline.

Also, some of the current projects were reformatted into humanitarian projects, which provided for the provision of one or another charitable/humanitarian aid to the organization's target group, including HIV+.

With the help of the grant, it was possible to hold **36 meetings** of the mutual support group in the reporting period, **18 of which involved the project psychologist**. In 2023, a combined format of both offline and online meetings was used. Thus, **19 meetings** were held **offline** and **17 online**. **208 HIV+ MSM** were covered by these measures. Also, in the period from April to December 2023, **108 individual** consultations of the project psychologist were conducted, which covered **55 HIV+ MSM**.

Almost half of group meetings are held online to ensure the safety of participants and to increase outreach.

"Psychological support" became one of the important directions of the project in 2023. After the full-scale invasion of Russia into Ukraine, the psychologist of the project left the country for security reasons and provided psychological consultations online, without the possibility of face-to-face consultations and conducting face-to-face events in the city of Kyiv. In April 2023, a new psychologist Taras Shevchenko was recruited. The facilitator, together with the project psychologist, developed a list of topics for group activities of the mutual support group in 2023 and conducted a survey among group participants. Thus, in accordance with the results of the survey, the planning of the next meetings was made. An analysis of the request for individual psychologist consultations was also conducted.



# PHC (Public Health Center) - project

**Donor:** PHC (Public Health Center)

**Project implementation period:** January 2023 - December 2023

**Project goal:** HIV prevention among MSM

## Project activities/description

The project has two testing points in Kyiv and one testing point in Dnipro, which are equipped and prepared according to the SOPs for the provision of assisted testing services.

The project in Kyiv is implemented within the framework of a subcontract with the organization "100% Life Kyiv", in Dnipro 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 clients 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 start a 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).

## The results of the project

In Kyiv, in 2023, the project's services were used by 9,960 people. Social workers of the project provided 24,512 consultations and preventive materials, conducted 18,709 HIV tests, 3,118 HCV tests, 669 HBV tests, 1,319 Syphilis tests. 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.

In Dnipro, in 2023, the project's services were used by 6,816 people. Social workers of the project provided 13,792 consultations and preventive materials, conducted 10,816 HIV tests, 589 HCV tests, 595 Syphilis tests. 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.



# Creation of an indomitable point for LGBTIQ communities on the basis of a PrEP clinic for the autumn-winter period of 2023/2024

**Project implementation period:** September- November 2023

**Donor:** Alliance for Public Health

**The project aims** is to creating a safe space with a street generator in an integrated street noise-insulated casing equipped with additional office furniture, high-capacity power banks to ensure comfort for LGBTQ+ clients during their stay and receipt of services.

## Project description:

In July 2023, representatives of the Ukrainian government and an advisor to the President's office urged Ukrainian citizens to prepare for autumn and winter, including possible power outages in Ukraine. According to statements from high-ranking officials, the electricity supply conditions for the autumn-winter period of 2023/2024 could be worse than those of 2022/2023, so they advise purchasing mini power stations and generators.



In light of this situation, the branch of the civil organization "ALLIANCE.GLOBAL" in Lviv, specifically the clinic office for pre-contact prevention and testing point for key populations, operating within the program "Strengthening the Capacity of Key Populations and Improving Access of Key Populations to HIV Services" supported by the Public Health Alliance Foundation and the Global Fund, required a series of urgent measures to enhance community energy security. The project envisioned establishing a resilience point for key populations/LGBTIQ+ communities and their relatives based on a PrEP clinic and testing point for the autumn-winter period of 2023/2024, where community representatives could warm up, charge their phones and devices, and receive uninterrupted HIV testing services and pre-contact

prevention at the Key Population Testing Point located at 35 Zelena Street, Lviv.

As the heating in the testing point is provided by electric heaters, the project budget allocated expenses for paying the electric company's services to ensure the point's functioning. To provide clients and staff of the point with faster access to charging



stations for their devices, the project entails the purchase of a charging station with a Lifepo4 battery, which will charge between periods of power outages.

The project included the procurement, installation, and setup of a generator and a special noise-insulated outdoor box in response to prolonged power outages. The presence of a generator will enable the supply of electricity to the office for heating electric heaters and charging a fast-charging station with a Lifepo4 battery.



To ensure the comfortable stay of clients in the office during heating and device charging, the purchase of furniture was planned. All preparations, procurement, and launch activities were carried out from September to November 2023. The creation of such

infrastructure for the resilience point provided and will continue to provide the LGBTIQ+ communities with a place for warming up and charging electric devices in Lviv in 2023, 2024, and beyond





# PrEP.com.ua information campaign about CAB-LA

**Project implementation period:** September-December 2023

**Donor:** Alliance for Public Health

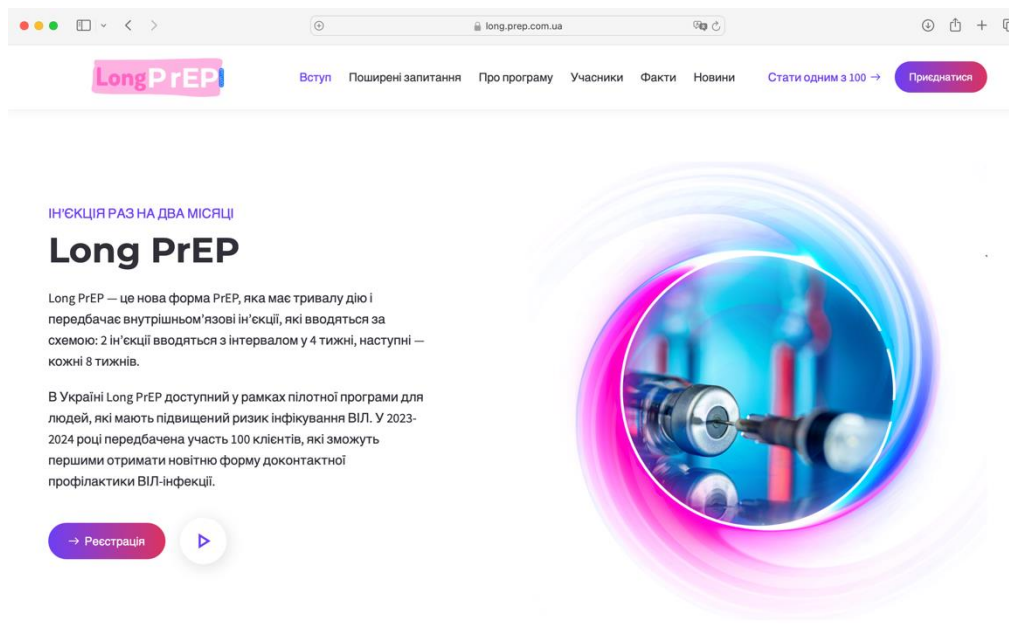
**The project aims** a twelve-month project aimed at creating an information field around innovative injectable PrEP (pre-exposure prophylaxis) in Ukraine.

The project will work on the basis of the web resource [www.prep.com.ua](http://www.prep.com.ua) and will be aimed at informing MSM in Ukraine about the drug and debunking myths in order to create trust among the risk group.

The project will help the work of social workers of the NGO "ALLIANS.GLOBAL", who are part of the implementation group in keeping clients on the program

**Project description:** Since CAB-LA was recommended by the WHO in 2021 and is currently registered in only five countries, including the USA, Australia, Zimbabwe, South Africa and Malawi, there is a gap in the information field of Ukraine regarding informing the risk group of MSM about other effective method of pre-contact prevention of CAB-LA. In order to overcome the existing information gap, there is a need for

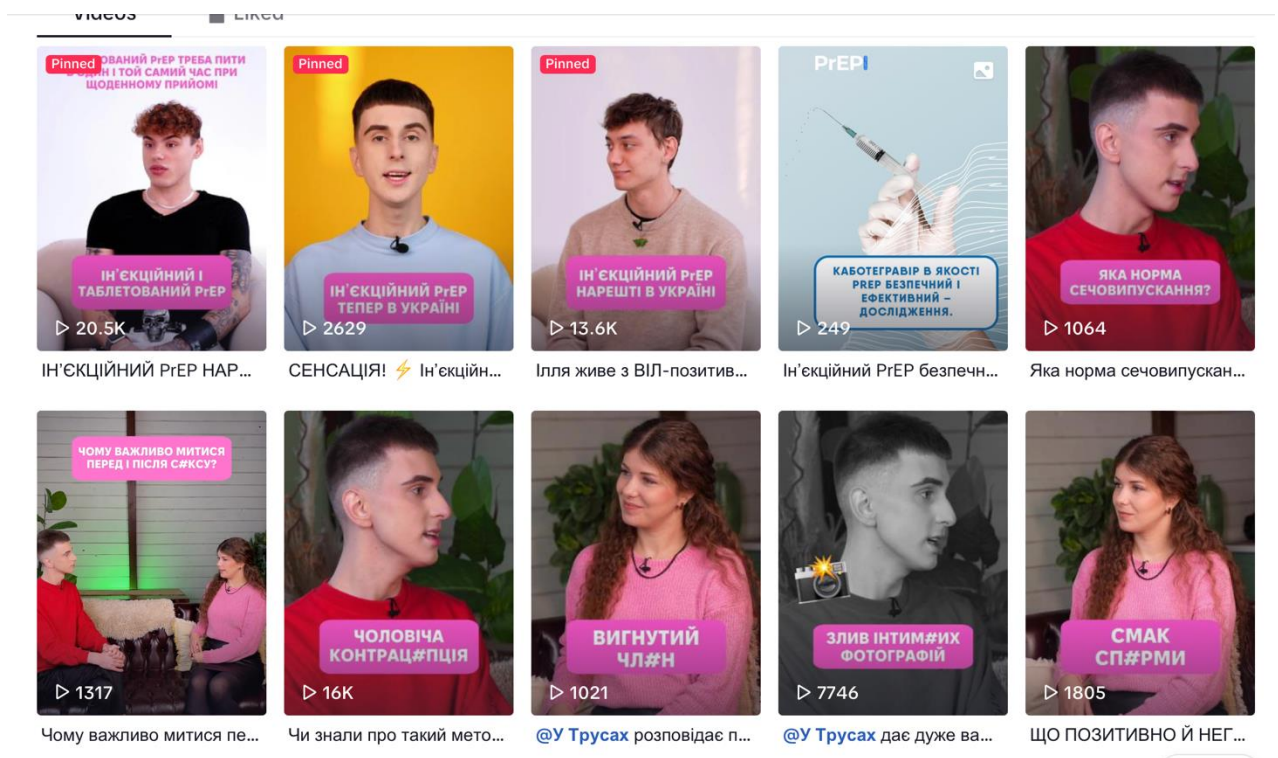
specialized materials and video productions so that the community learns true information, preventing possible myths, which are most often caused by a lack of knowledge, to prevent the implementation of the pilot program. The information campaign will provide an opportunity to create a positive information field around CAB-LA and promote the implementation of a pilot



program on injectable pre-exposure prophylaxis.

In order to achieve the goal of the project, a landing web page was created at the address [long.prep.com.ua](http://long.prep.com.ua) on the pre-contact prevention portal [www.prep.com.ua](http://www.prep.com.ua), on which information about CAB-LA will be gradually collected and accumulated, including its use as pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP).





Public opinion leaders among MSM are involved in the project and specialized videos are created, including viral videos and their subsequent placement in video social networks. During the implementation of the project, specialized "live broadcasts" with the participation of public opinion leaders, interviews with public opinion leaders, collaborations with public opinion leaders and experts are also planned. If the situation in the country allows to hold prides - participation in prides with coverage of the CAB-LA theme among the participants.

# "Supporting members MSM/LGBT community and their families during the war"

**Project implementation period:** May 01, 2023 - March 31, 2024

**Donor:** MERCY CORPS

During the project, four social workers from our NGO, who already had experience in implementing our first project with Mercy Corps, were involved in registering for multipurpose cash assistance; they conducted registrations according to the registration plan, which was updated every 2 weeks.

Thus, for the period from July 2023 to January 2024 inclusive, we registered 1969 households (HHs) or 5952 individuals from among LGBTIQ+ people and their relatives/close friends for multipurpose cash assistance. The largest number of registered HHs were located in Donetsk, Kharkiv, Dnipropetrovsk and Sumy regions. According to Mercy Corps, approximately 80% of all successfully registered people received cash assistance.

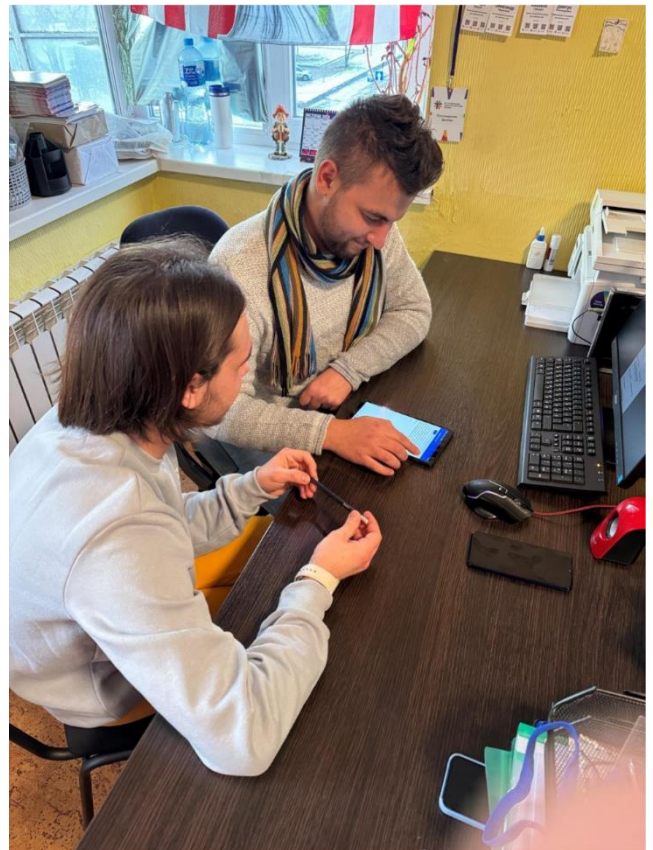
What was the most money spent on (according to the results of Mercy Corps post-distribution monitoring): food (36%), medicines (19%), rent (9%), debts (9%).

During the reporting period, 273 people received individual psychological consultations (the total number of consultations provided was 693. Psychological assistance was provided by five psychologists who have significant experience in providing such assistance to LGBTIQ+ people, are friendly to LGBTIQ+ communities, or are their representatives themselves. Consultations were provided both online (9 regions) and in person in our "safe spaces" in Dnipro and Kharkiv.

During the reporting period, temporary accommodation was provided for LGBTIQ+ people who found themselves in difficult life circumstances due to the war in our shelters in Dnipro and Kharkiv. We would like to note that accommodation in Dnipro was provided on the basis of a shelter that has been in place since 2022, and in Kharkiv, a shelter that can accommodate up to 16 people was opened with the support of the Lives 2.0 project (official the opening took place in early September 2023).

During the implementation of the project, the total number of unique people who used the services of the shelter in Dnipro was 37 people (of whom 30 are IDPs), in Kharkiv - 20 people (since September 2023, of whom 13 are IDPs).

During the period from August 2023 to February 2024, 77 people from among LGBTIQ+ people (or 77 cases) started advanced training or retraining courses, 8 of whom, for one



reason or another, dropped out of school and did not receive a document on the completion of the courses. The most popular courses are: a foreign language course Starter special English course, a UI/UX design course, a "Logistics" course, a "Universal Masseur" course, a "Theory" driving course and others.

On November 1-3, ALLIANCE.GLOBAL, together with many partner organizations, including with the financial support of Mercy Corps, organized and held the 16th National LGBTI Conference with international participation, which took place over three days in a hybrid format (in person in Kyiv - Hilton Kyiv Hotel, and online), which was attended by leaders and activists - representatives of LGBTIQ+ communities, representatives of international and donor organizations, national NGOs, state authorities, government officials, people's deputies of Ukraine, representatives of the academic sector and other interested persons. As part of the second day of the conference and the humanitarian track, two humanitarian sessions were held. The first was held in the format of a panel discussion with representatives of international and donor humanitarian organizations and clusters of the UN system with the participation of a representative from Mercy Corps Robert Dolan as one of the panelists, the second was dedicated to presentations of the experience gained, achievements and challenges in the humanitarian work of various Ukrainian LGBTIQ+ organizations, including ALLIANCE.GLOBAL. Both of these events were partially funded by Mercy Corps within the framework of this project.

In total, Approximately 125 unique individuals attended the conference, of which 88 did so in person and approximately 37 participated online through the platform, and as of December 10, 1,079 views of the conference sessions were recorded via the Conference page on YouTube.

# Conclusions

## **The main qualitative achievements of the organization in 2023:**

- The organization quickly changed strategic approaches and activities, taking into account the realities of war and a large-scale invasion
- The organization promptly responded to requests and needs of clients in wartime conditions and managed to provide support to clients in various formats (both financial and non-monetary support)
- The organization has significantly developed areas of activity for clients who find themselves in difficult life circumstances (psychological health, legal support, humanitarian aid)
- The organization maintained as much as possible (if possible) ties with European organizations in order to support the organization's clients who migrated abroad due to the war
- In the conditions of the war, the organization managed to maintain personnel support and promptly respond to regional movements inside of the country
- The organization maintains the status of the largest MSM/LGBT organization in Ukraine
- Emergency expansion of cooperation with international donors, especially in the field of humanitarian aid and services
- The organization has ensured constant communication with customers in wartime through experience and communication with customers through social media and through national media campaigns.
- The war and the constant migration of customers led to a significant expansion of the geography of the organization's activities
- The organization provided clients with access to innovative prevention tools and methods (PrEP, chemsex, STIs, etc.)
- Development and strengthening of social work on the Internet with the coverage of hard-to-reach MSM in war conditions (increase in the number of services of the organization and coverage of clients)
- There was constant monitoring and response to the needs of customers in wartime conditions