

UKRAINE

STRATEGIC FOCUS

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) office in Kyiv, Ukraine was formally established in August 2010. CDC develops the capacity of government and non-government organizations in Ukraine to respond to the HIV epidemic. CDC provides technical assistance to partners for developing in-country capacity and to assist in reaching the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) 95-95-95 targets. The UNAIDS 95-95-95 targets are, by 2030: 95 percent of all people living with HIV (PLHIV) will know their HIV status, 95 percent of all people with diagnosed HIV will receive sustained antiretroviral therapy (ART), and 95 percent of all people receiving ART will have viral suppression.

CDC's strategic focus includes:

- Increasing ART uptake, improving retention, and increasing the number of people who are virally suppressed.
- Strengthening the capacity of the National Public Health Center (PHC) of Ukraine to lead the HIV epidemic response.
- Advancing the availability, quality, and use of surveillance and program monitoring data for data-driven programming.
- Strengthening the HIV national laboratory network, especially in quality management systems.
- Enhancing HIV testing by introducing novel testing strategies including mobile testing units.
- Support for medication-assisted treatment (MAT) scale-up in line with National Strategy on countering HIV/TB to improve access and retention in care for HIV-positive people who inject drugs (PWID).
- Implementing the HIV Medical Information System (MIS) to optimize care and treatment services for PLHIV, enable data-driven decision making for healthcare providers.

KEY ACTIVITIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Under the U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR), CDC is supporting national partners to accelerate focused HIV testing and linkage to treatment. Multiple partners, including the National Public Health Center (PHC) and local and international non-governmental organizations, work together to improve data quality and use, and to build the PHC's capacity in the field of strategic information and laboratory and clinical management of HIV. CDC Ukraine has accomplished the following:

- Contributed to the development of comprehensive HIV treatment and prevention protocols and HIV testing, prevention, MAT, and treatment packages covered by the National Health Service of Ukraine (NHSU).
- Contributed to the implementation of ART optimization and transition to Tenofovir, Lamivudine and Dolutegravir (TLD).
- According to 2020 PEPFAR data, 90,000 PWID were tested for HIV, and 4,800 newly identified HIV-positive PWID were linked to care.
- Supported provision of pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) for 2,000 most-at-risk people in 2020.
- In 2020, supported initiation of ART for 14,500 new patients and provision of ART to 95,000 current patients, ensuring 95% HIV viral load suppression.
- Supported revision of National MAT scale-up targets aiming to cover with MAT 15% out of the estimated number of eligible PWIDs by 2025.
- Together with Government of Ukraine, international partners supported Strengthening Laboratory Management towards Accreditation program and accreditation of the National HIV Reference Laboratory in compliance with ISO 15189 and introduced Stepwise Process for Improving the Quality of HIV Rapid Testing assessment in 12 PEPFAR regions.
- Supported PHC in conduction of Bio-Behavioral Surveillance among PWID in 2020 and in the launching of Cyclical Acquired HIV Drug Resistance and HIV Recent Infection Surveillance activities.
- Supported the development of the TB, MAT modules, and launch of Laboratory Medical Information System.
- Supported continuous data quality assurance of HIV Management Information System in 12 regions of Ukraine

Key Country Leadership

President:
Volodymyr Zelenskyy

Minister of Health:
Viktor Lyashko

U.S. Chargé d' Affaires:
Kristina Kvien

CDC/DGHT Director:
Ezra Barzilay

Country Quick Facts

(worldbank.org/en/where-we-work)

Per Capita GNI:
\$3,540 (2020)

Population (millions):
44.13 (2020)

Under 5 Mortality:
8/1,000 live births (2019)

Life Expectancy:
72 years (2019)

Global HIV/AIDS Epidemic

(aidsinfo.unaids.org)

Estimated HIV Prevalence
(Ages 15-49): 1% (2020)

Estimated AIDS Deaths
(Age ≥15): 3,000 (2020)

Estimated Orphans Due to
AIDS: 143,833 (2020)

Reported Number Receiving
Antiretroviral Therapy (ART):
143,833 (2020)

DGHT Country Staff: 15

Locally Employed Staff: 12
Direct Hires: 3
Fellows & Contactors: 0

Our success is built on the backbone of science and strong partnerships.

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