



25 YEARS **OF LIFESAVING** **IMPACT**

LEADING *CHANGE.*
SAVING *LIVES.*
SHAPING *THE FUTURE.*

As we mark 25 years of the Alliance for Public Health (APH), we proudly reflect on the incredible results we have achieved together — even amidst the challenges of war.

We sincerely thank all our partners and donors, civil society and communities, volunteers, social and healthcare workers, nurses, and doctors who have worked tirelessly on the ground, ensuring that lifesaving services reach those who need them most. We are truly thankful to the Ukrainian army protecting us from russian invaders and allowing us to do lifesaving work.

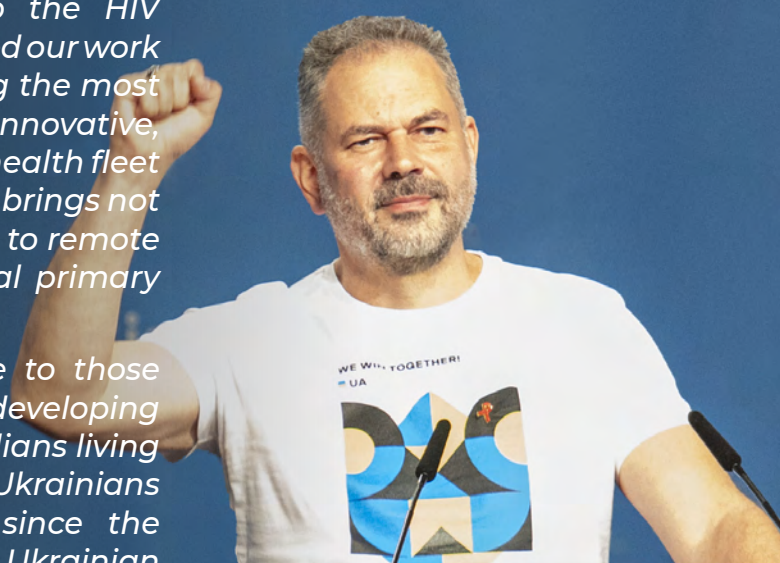
“Twenty-five years ago, we stood at the very beginning of Ukraine’s response to the HIV epidemic. Since then, we have expanded our work to tuberculosis and hepatitis, reaching the most affected communities and building innovative, community-led solutions. Our mobile health fleet — now sixty vans across the country — brings not only HIV, TB and viral hepatitis testing to remote and frontline areas, but also essential primary healthcare where it is needed most.

We provide humanitarian assistance to those most impacted by the war and help developing inclusive services for veterans and civilians living with war-related injuries. 1.6 million Ukrainians have received support from APH since the beginning of the full-scale war. Ukrainian expertise in preparedness, resilience, program solutions and innovations are highly demanded globally: during 25 years of work, we have provided expert technical assistance to over 60 countries!

*Our journey over these 25 years is based on our values, drive and professionalism. Our fundamental principle is **ultimate dedication to win the fight for the health and lives of our people!***

We have many things ahead of us: rebuilding Ukraine, transforming the health system to be more efficient and transparent, recovering and supporting those suffering the most, bringing innovations to life, ending HIV, tuberculosis and viral hepatitis, addressing any emerging challenges on our way!”

Andriy Klepikov,
Executive Director, Alliance for Public Health



ALLIANCE FOR PUBLIC HEALTH: 25 YEARS OF IMPACT IN NUMBERS

5 million

people have been reached and protected through our programmes over 25 years.



Over 1.6 million

people have benefited from APH support during the full-scale war.



7th

among Ukraine's Top 100 charitable organizations.



42%

of newly diagnosed HIV cases, and **one in two patients** starting ART receives care through APH programs in Ukraine.



4th

among humanitarian organizations by Forbes — proof of the trust and impact we have built.



Over 60

countries globally benefited from our expertise and support.



**OUR
CURRENT
STRATEGY**





OUR ACHIEVEMENTS

**CONTROLLED
MULTIPLE
EPIDEMICS:**
*INNOVATION,
SCALE,
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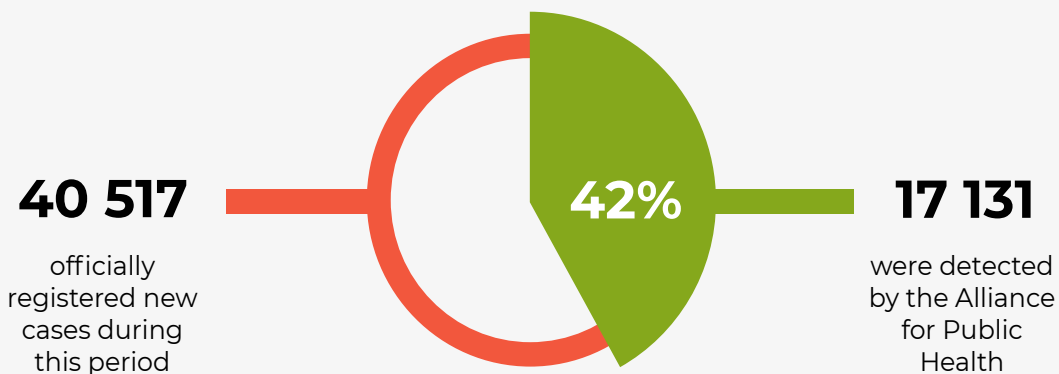


1. **PLAYING MAJOR ROLE IN FINDING NEW HIV CASES** *AND LINKING THEM TO CARE, INITIATING HIV TREATMENT PROGRAMS IN UKRAINE*

Over the past decade, the Alliance for Public Health's contribution to HIV detection has been growing steadily — from 11–12% of new cases in 2014–2015 to over 50% after 2019 — and today, during the full-scale war, almost half of the newly diagnosed HIV cases come from Alliance programs, and one in two patients

starting ART receives care through them. APH remains a leader in providing HIV testing and treatment for key populations, introducing machine learning tools to optimize detection and ensure early treatment initiation, thus achieving the most effective case finding among high-risk groups.

During the war, every second HIV-positive person in Ukraine was identified and tested by the Alliance and its partners.



*Source: Press Service of the Ministry of Health of Ukraine and SYREX database

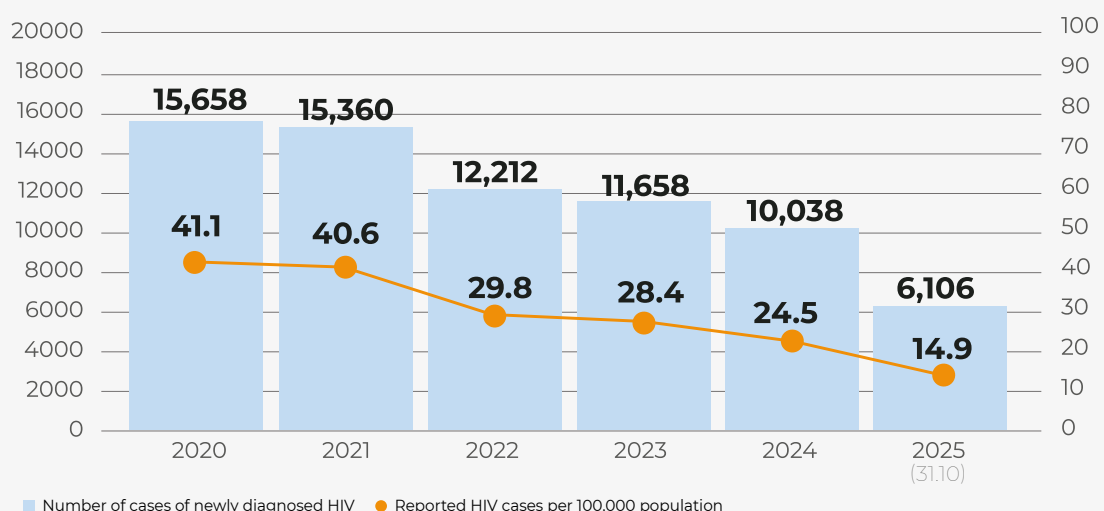
Back in 2004, APH played a key role in launching and scaling up ART in Ukraine: from 137 patients to 10,000 patients through the Global Fund program, further transferred to the government funding in 2008, and to 115,000 patients as of 2025.

Amidst the full-scale invasion, prevention programs and HIV care

cascade in Ukraine maintain a positive upward trend, with KP coverage models initiated by APH with donor funding, still being practiced through the government channels, in 2024 reached as many as 180,975 PWID, 57,824 MSM, 52,508 SWs, 5,731 TG people, while HIV care cascade in 2024 was at 79%-75%-95%.

HIV Epidemic Is Under Control in Ukraine

Every 2nd person diagnosed with HIV during the war tested within APH- supported programs.





2. TUBERCULOSIS DETECTED AND TREATED *AMONG THE MOST VULNERABLE POPULATIONS*

APH has built the largest community-based TB case-finding system in Ukraine, expanding access to diagnosis to more than 1 million people over the past decade. These efforts have resulted in 9,339 TB cases detected, with 98% of all diagnosed clients initiating treatment — a level of linkage rarely achieved in high-burden settings. Case detection among internally displaced people has increased sharply: in the first ten months of 2025 alone, 246 TB cases were detected — a 3.2-fold increase compared to 2023, reflecting the program's reach into populations most affected by the war. Since the beginning of 2023, APH has conducted mobile TB diagnostics among 32,487 military personnel.

In addition, APH has been implementing effective TB treatment-support programs. More than 40,000 people with drug-sensitive and drug-resistant TB have received comprehensive medical and psychosocial support, a

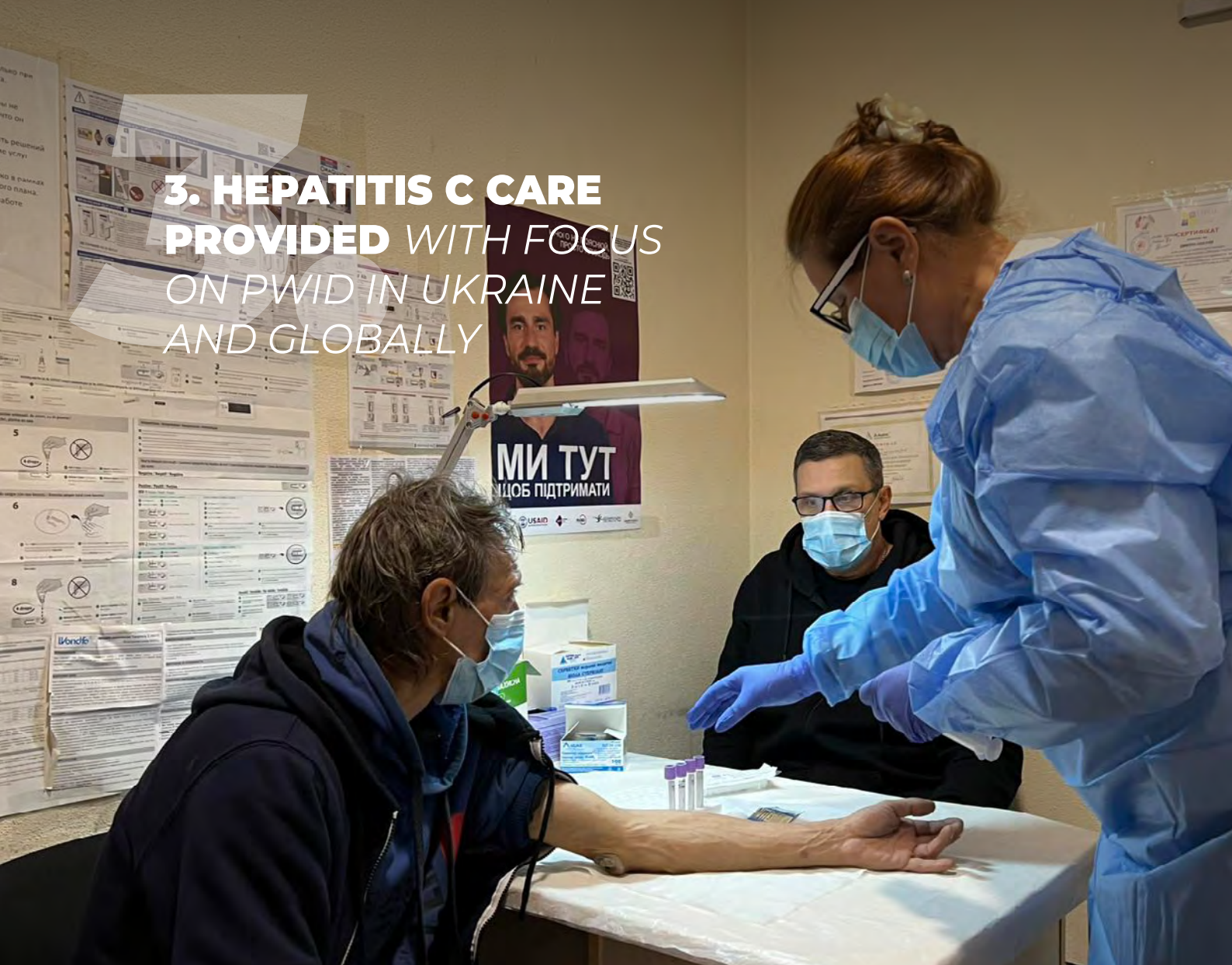
total of over 400,000 services. Treatment outcomes consistently exceed national averages, with ~90% success rate for drug-sensitive TB and 76% for drug-resistant TB. Even during the full-scale war — despite occupation, population displacement, destroyed infrastructure and disrupted care pathways — the program has maintained 82–87% success for treatment of drug-sensitive TB and 70–80% for treatment of drug-resistant TB, supporting over 13,000 patients in war-time alone.

Despite active hostilities in several implementation regions, the project rapidly adapted patient pathways, introduced remote counselling and crisis support, and ensured navigation and referral across facilities. This has enabled maintaining continuity of treatment and demonstrated the resilience of the medical-psychosocial support model as a critical tool in combating tuberculosis under crisis conditions.

**In 2024, out of all IDPs with TB diagnosed in Ukraine,
37% were diagnosed in APH projects**



3. HEPATITIS C CARE PROVIDED WITH FOCUS ON PWID IN UKRAINE AND GLOBALLY



Since 2015, Alliance has delivered integrated HCV treatment to 15,337 key-population clients on ART, OAT (Opioid Agonist Treatment), and anti-TB therapy, including 6,615 served during the war. APH introduced direct-acting antivirals in 2016, expanded the treatment to prisoners and TB patients, and implemented rapid diagnostics via rapid HCV test enabling treatment within an hour of diagnosis. We have decentralized care to 57 healthcare facilities (HCFs) across 16 oblasts with support from 14 NGOs and achieved 99% retention and 98% cure rate, complementing this with an NGO-led task-shifting cutting-edge initiative that has provided

on-site HCV care to HIV/HIV coinfect-ed PUD with 100% cure rate.

APH has introduced a simplified hepatitis C diagnostics and treatment algorithm for people who use drugs. The UNITAID-funded program implemented jointly with Frontline AIDS is reaching PWID in community settings in Egypt, Kyrgyzstan and Nigeria, and will treat some 1300 persons, while APH will be providing technical support — becoming the model for PWID interventions on hepatitis C.

4. COVID-19 MITIGATED FOR SUSTAINED HIV AND TB RESPONSE IN 10 EECA COUNTRIES



In March 2020, when the COVID-19 pandemic began and caused a critical deficit of personal protective equipment, APH was able to organize a delivery of 200,000 masks to support prevention programs during the period of highest demand. With the support of the Global Fund, APH installed oxygen concentrators at healthcare facilities of the Ministry of Defense of Ukraine. Throughout the entire pandemic response, APH continued procurement efforts and purchased a total of 24.5 mln units of personal protective equipment, valued at approximately 4.24 mln USD.

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, APH also ensured the continuity of services for key populations across EECA countries. In 2021–2022, over

200,000 rapid SARS-CoV-2 tests were procured for 10 countries. To minimize contact, contactless solutions were implemented: 13 vending machines for distributing COVID-19 and HIV prevention supplies were installed in Moldova and Montenegro, and a telemedicine mHealth platform for online consultations was supported in BiH. Crisis services were established for women using drugs and experiencing violence, as well as flexible shelters for LGBTQ+ people in 9 countries. Support combined test deliveries, digital solutions, low-threshold services, and protective mechanisms for key populations, adapting HIV prevention to the pandemic.

5. PREP INITIATED IN UKRAINE INTRODUCING THE MOST INNOVATIVE LONG-ACTING OPTIONS, EECA PILOTS LAUNCHED

The Alliance for Public Health has been a key driver of HIV prevention in Ukraine. Over the past five years, Alliance programs have reached 52–66% of all new PrEP patients in Ukraine, meaning every second person starts prevention through APH. In 2024, APH successfully advocated for the launch of long-acting PrEP (CAB-LA), making Ukraine the only country in the EECA region offering it. Over 100 patients have already received their second injection, with plans to scale up to 500+, supported by an awareness campaign.

In 2021–2024, North Macedonia (214 clients), Bosnia and Herzegovina (69 clients) and Montenegro (65 clients) successfully piloted PrEP services among MSM with APH support, purchasing PrEP drugs at prices 10 times lower than commercial ART. In Kazakhstan, an APH-led project initiated a new model to improve access to PrEP for migrants (57 clients), ensuring confidential NGO-based testing, providing pharmacy vouchers, and integrating data into the national system.



6. HARM REDUCTION BROUGHT TO SCALE TO ACHIEVE IMPACT IN UKRAINE AND INSPIRE GLOBAL PROGRAMMING

APH was among the pioneers of the harm reduction approach in Ukraine and the region. It supported nationwide scale-up of needle and syringe programmes with annual reach exceeding 200,000 PWUD, introduced innovative outreach solutions, ensured universal availability of Naloxone — a lifesaving medicine that reverts opioid overdose. APH also introduced individualised online ordering and postal delivery of sterile syringes, and other harm reduction and HIV prevention and testing products. APH is tailoring harm reduction services to specific needs of various sub-groups of people who use drugs, developing medically assisted programmes for people who use stimulant drugs and new psychoactive substances, actively engaging younger PWUD, distributing drug checking reagents and collecting real-time operational data for further harm reduction developments.

APH was among the initiators of harm reduction programs development and expansion in East Africa and Asia. Back in 2011, with Dutch government

funding and a Frontline AIDS-led project, it supported the initiation of the first needle-syringe program in Kenya, expanding it and supporting the transition to the Global Fund funding, with the program becoming a regional best practice.

The Harm Reduction Academy is a global training platform established by the Alliance for Public Health in 2016, bringing together expertise from Europe, Asia and Africa, and promoting Ukraine's best harm reduction practices worldwide. The Academy has trained over 100 specialists from 25 countries, including community members, government officials and civil society leaders. In 2020, the Academy launched strategic partnerships with leading universities — Kyiv-Mohyla Academy in Ukraine and University of Malaya in Malaysia to — deliver academic modules and secure international accreditation. Today, the Academy remains a unique global hub for learning, experience exchange and skills development, strengthening harm reduction programs across the world.



7. OAT FLAGSHIP PROGRAMMING IN THE REGION

Watch the video "Changing the Lives of Women on OAT"



APH has contributed to developing the largest EECA region OAT program in Ukraine, which continued to expand even during the challenging years of the war, and today covers more than 25,000 people. APH supported opening of the OAT sites in the penitentiary system — now operating in more than 40 prisons and detention centers — enabling access of hundreds of incarcerated people to this lifesaving treatment. Capacity building for the OAT community, together with large-scale trainings for law enforcement officers (more than 5,000 trained), has helped to reduce stigma and discrimination toward people who use drugs.

APH was also the first in Ukraine to launch mobile OAT clinics, providing integrated services to more than

2,000 people across six regions. In addition, five 'Mother and Child Rooms' were opened at OAT sites — the first initiative of its kind — offering comprehensive, gender-sensitive support for women. As a result of these efforts, the national OAT program has shown remarkable progress: HIV prevalence among OAT clients decreased from 42% to 27.8%, and ART adherence among HIV-positive OAT patients increased from 58.3% to 98.1%.

APH funded psychosocial support for OAT patients using Buprenorphine in Ukraine. APH is providing technical support for the introduction of long-acting depot buprenorphine in Egypt and Kyrgyzstan, aiming to reach 200 patients in 2025-26, and through study to provide data for WHO global recommendations for LMICs.

Watch the video "20 years of OAT in Ukraine"





8. MENTAL HEALTH CHALLENGES ADDRESSED *FOR KEY POPULATIONS INCLUDING AT WAR*

The war and associated humanitarian crisis have significantly worsened the mental health of Ukrainians with HIV, key populations, and severely affected vulnerable youth. APH utilises professional screening tools to identify and address mental health needs of affected people through psychological counselling, psychotherapeutic and psychiatric assistance. More than 25,000 young people and 7,000 people from Mental Health Challenges Addressed for Key Populations Including at War have accessed such services through APH digital platforms.

In September 2021, Alliance launched the intervention in three regions of Ukraine aimed at addressing depression issues in DR-TB patients. Medical professionals or social

workers screen all DR-TB patients, with all patients referred who screen positive referred to psychologists. In case of confirmed depression, treatment was administered based on severity. According to programmatic data concerning patients who were screened with PHQ2/9, as many as 499 out of 1389 had depression. Antidepressant therapy (Escitalopram or Duloxetine) was administered to 15 patients (3.1%), CBT to 122 patients (25.1%), and combined treatment to 349 patients (71.8%).

Mental health care of
people with tuberculosis:





9. SHRH NEEDS ADDRESSED FOR THE MOST UNDERSERVED: *KEY POPULATIONS, RESIDENTS OF FRONTLINE TERRITORIES, AND VULNERABLE YOUTH*

APH has launched the first-ever study in Ukraine to assess the acceptability and feasibility of using doxycycline for the prevention of bacterial STIs — syphilis, gonorrhea, and chlamydia — among MSM and transgender women with the aim of understanding how Doxy-PEP could work in the Ukrainian context, and how it might be integrated into national HIV/STI prevention practice and policy. The research was conducted among stakeholders across Kyiv, Lviv, Odesa, and national-level institutions.

Three gynecological mobile clinics were specifically designed to serve vulnerable women, including those involved in sex work, in frontline areas. By incorporating discreet and non-stigmatizing sexual and reproductive health services, such as HIV, HBV, STI testing, gynecological counseling, and treatment initiation (PrEP, ART), APH creates a low-threshold access point for care. The mobile clinics were launched in December 2024 and operate in Donetsk, Kharkiv, and Zaporizhia oblasts.

APH also delivers sexual health counselling and products to Key Populations and vulnerable young people through high-risk venue outreach and the digital platforms

Help24 and Drugstore. 37,474 young people have received sexual health-related counselling and products, and since 2018, more than 1.5 million Ukrainians have accessed SHRH information via APH web platforms and related social media channels.



10. APH PROMOTES UHC2030 AS A SUSTAINABLE SOLUTION FOR HEALTH

APH is an official member of UHC2030, reinforcing its commitment to advancing Universal Health Coverage (UHC) and promoting equitable access to health services worldwide. Moreover, APH has been serving at CSEM (Civil Society Engagement Mechanism for UHC2030) nearly since its establishment, conducting advocacy and awareness-raising activities, contributing to policy discussions, and strengthening both national and international dialogue on UHC. In 2025, advocacy in Ukraine continues as part of the global #HealthCostsHurt

initiative, which highlights how excessive healthcare costs create barriers to access and push people into poverty. The Ukrainian campaign is adapted to local realities, including the war, economic instability, and the needs of the military, internally displaced persons, patients with chronic diseases, and those unable to afford treatment. The campaign is ongoing and focuses on collecting real-life video stories from Ukrainians whose access to care has been impeded by healthcare costs.

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TWENTY-FIVE YEARS OF TRANSFORMATIVE SOLUTIONS



11. SUPPORTED COMMUNITY VOICES FROM THE FIRST DAYS

From its earliest days, APH has supported the voices, formation, and growth of communities affected by HIV and TB in Ukraine – ensuring their meaningful engagement in programming, decision-making, and monitoring of the quality of services. APH supported revolutionary change in the partnership between government, civil society and key communities. APH successfully advocated the inclusion of separate voting seats for the PWUD, SWs and MSM at Ukrainian Cabinet of Ministers' National Council on HIV and TB, which opened a new era of the community-led responses, and collaboration with all community constituencies remains a core principle of our work today.

APH also directly supported the creation and institutional development of key community-led organizations which today act as national voices: VOLNa (the All-Ukrainian Association of People Who Use Drugs), VONA (the All-Ukrainian Association of Women Who Use Drugs), and Kohorta (a national organization representing the rights and needs of trans* people). These organizations were founded with

APH's support and now play a central role in policy dialogue, community-led monitoring, and protection of rights.

APH was the first in the country to begin systematic community-strengthening work among women who use drugs and trans* people. APH administered the first rights-focused projects, including the pioneering work of women paralegals supporting women who use drugs, long before these approaches became a national trend. APH also initiated the first paralegal work led by members of the trans* community, laying the foundation for the current national systems of community-led rights protection.

Since 2017, APH has also systematically strengthened regional and country networks of key populations as influential actors in HIV advocacy and response. Organisations such as ENPUD, EHRA, ECOM, EKPC, EWNA, REG and SEE RCN have received sustained support to advance community-led action, amplify regional and national voices, and drive policy change across Eastern Europe and Central Asia.



12. HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS OF KEY POPULATIONS SYSTEMATICALLY MONITORED AND ADDRESSED

From the very beginning of its work, APH has regarded the protection of human rights as a fundamental pillar of an effective HIV, TB and hepatitis response. Ensuring dignity, safety, and equitable access to services for all affected communities has remained central throughout the organization's 25-year history.

Since 2019, Alliance for Public Health, in partnership with 125 civil society organizations and 214 REActors, has been implementing the REAct system for documenting and responding to human rights violations in Ukraine. In total, more

than 14,000 cases of rights violations of key populations have been documented, and in 96% of cases clients have received essential legal and psychological support, as well as timely linkage to critical health services.

REAct has been implemented in 13 other EECA countries, having documented over 30,000 cases, serving as the largest CLM tool used to track human rights violations among key populations to support efforts to eliminate stigma and discrimination.

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13. POLICY INITIATIVES RAISED FROM THE COMMUNITY TO THE HIGHEST POLITICAL LEVEL IN UKRAINE AND EECA

Over the years, APH has built a strong and sustainable area of human rights-related activities that empowered key communities to defend their rights and influence national policies. APH established the first advocacy schools for community activists, launched the national OAT Hotline that provides legal and crisis support, and systematically responded to complex rights-violation cases together with community paralegals. APH contributed to national law- and policy-making processes, helping to introduce progressive changes in HIV, TB, and harm-reduction regulations. The organisation delivered regular training programs for police, health-care workers, and social services to reduce stigma and ensure a respectful attitude to PWUD, MSM, SWs, and trans* people. APH also ensured the visibility of community voices in public discussions and created practical tools — guidelines, informational materials and training modules — now independently used by the communities. Many of these mechanisms initiated by APH have evolved into community-led structures that continue to protect rights nationwide with APH's ongoing technical support.

APH has supported the establishment of the Eastern and Central European and Central Asian Commission on Drug Policy



(ECECAD), promoting liberalized drug policies aligned with EU accession goals and supporting reforms in Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan, Moldova, Montenegro, and Ukraine. Since its institutionalization in 2021, the Commission has carried out high-level political visits, resulting in abolition of compulsory treatment in Kyrgyzstan, OAT in Kazakhstan, and development of new drug strategies in Ukraine and Moldova. The Commission also strengthens the region's voice on international platforms, including the UN Commission on Narcotic Drugs, through side events, advocacy, and key policy papers such as Guiding Principles Towards Effective and Humane Drug Policies and What is Harm Reduction? APH collaborates with the European Union Drug Agency, Public Health Centre of the Ministry of Health of Ukraine and other stakeholders on further development of the monitoring and early warning system on drugs and associated harms.

14. KEEPING DISEASE RESPONSES UP-TO-DATE THROUGH DIGITALISATION AND USE OF AI

APH has rapidly expanded its portfolio of digital and innovative solutions. A key milestone was the launch of TWIIN, an AI-powered virtual consultant that has provided more than 54,000 consultations since 2024, connecting clients to testing, telemedicine, and local services. It has attracted over 10,000 users.

APH also applies machine learning across its programs to enhance HIV case-finding, improve testing efficiency in high-risk networks, and accelerate early treatment initiation through predictive algorithms.

Beyond Ukraine, APH is advancing digital monitoring and data systems across the EECA region through DHIS2, strengthening accuracy, efficiency, and cross-country comparability of HIV programs.





15. DEVELOPING TELEMEDICINE AS A POWERFUL TOOL FOR UNINTERRUPTED ACCESS / TO SERVICES

APH utilises digital platforms to ensure continued access to essential services in the context of mass migration, a damaged healthcare system, and limited availability of qualified service providers.

APH has developed national telemedical standards for HIV care, created three field telemedical units in Kyiv, Dnipro, and Khmelnytsky, launched innovative telehealth platform Help24 (help24.org.ua) aligned with Ukraine's National Telemedicine Strategy to expand

access to HIV, STI, and mental health care for people living with or vulnerable to HIV infection. 39,000 people affected by HIV have registered on the platform and accessed telehealth services and many more accessed telehealth counselling without registration. 127,000 telehealth services have been provided since the beginning of the full-scale war. APH has also developed and field-tested an algorithm for fully remote initiation of PrEP.

16. RESEARCH AND PUBLICATIONS

Read more:



For over two decades, the Alliance has built one of the strongest evidence-generation systems in the EECA region, consistently transforming data into action. Our research portfolio spans large-scale national studies, rapid crisis assessments, operational and behavioural research, and advanced data-driven tools that reshape programmatic responses in real time.

The Alliance was one of the first in the region to embed research into HIV, harm reduction, and public health programming. Since 2007, we have led multiple national IBBS rounds among PWID, SWs, and MSM, setting Ukraine's standards for data quality and methodology. Over time, our role expanded from implementation to providing methodological and technical leadership for the national IBBS system, which is now delivered by the Public Health Center of the MoH of Ukraine. We also pioneered key population size estimation in Ukraine and were the first in EECA region to successfully implement the Network Scale-Up Method (NSUM), contributing to the advancement of international methodology.

Beyond surveillance and size estimation, APH has designed and implemented over 100 operational and behavioural studies, including program evaluations, access and barrier assessments, cost-effectiveness analyses, geographic service-availability mapping, and mixed-methods research. Our teams are recognized for their ability to reach highly marginalized and hard-to-access populations through ethical community-engaged methodologies — even in the most challenging environments, from

political instability to a full-scale war. A vivid example of this approach is the first-ever PWID population concentration mapping, conducted in Ukraine in 2020. Implemented in close partnership with the PWID community, the study mobilized 162 peer volunteers across 12 cities, identified 1,001 unique PWID locations, and directly reached more than 23,000 members of the community — setting a new benchmark for community-led research in the country.

Since 2022, the Alliance has led the most comprehensive research response to the war's impact on HIV, harm reduction, and public health services in Ukraine. This includes the country's first national assessment of mental health needs among key populations, groundbreaking research on how the lack of identity documents blocks access to HIV and OAT services, and a cutting-edge GIS-based national analysis of service availability across all regions — now used nationally for planning and crisis response.

Our commitment to scientific excellence is demonstrated by publications in leading international peer-reviewed journals, including *The Lancet HIV*; *The Lancet Regional Health – Europe*; *Journal of the International AIDS Society (JIAS)*; *Addiction*; *Harm Reduction Journal*; *PLOS ONE*; *AIDS and Behavior*; *International Journal of Drug Policy*; *BMC Public Health* / *BMC Infectious Diseases*.

Today, the Alliance is a trusted research partner for governments, donors, and global health organizations.

Read more: <https://hivdata.org.ua>



17. REDUCED HIV AND HEPATITIS C TREATMENT PRICES TO LOWER COSTS AND ENABLE PROGRAM SCALE-UP

At the beginning of HIV treatment programs in Ukraine, the costs of ART medicines in Ukraine were unreasonably high, and the governmental procurement process was inefficient and non-transparent. In 2004, APH procured some ARVs with the Global Fund resources, paying 27 times (!) less than government did for the same medications. APH set a clear example of transparent procurement, which led to a reduction in ARV prices and the introduction of generics, thereby increasing access to lifesaving medications.

Total savings on ARV procurement in EECA countries (Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Tajikistan, Ukraine, Uzbekistan) during 2019-2021, resulting from APH-supported advocacy and negotiations with pharmaceutical companies, as well as from introduction of generics, exceeded

15 mln USD. The average treatment cost per patient in the region decreased from 264 USD in 2018 to 190 USD in 2021.

APH was a pioneer in introducing hepatitis C treatment with direct-acting antivirals (DAAs). Following the introduction of Sofosbuvir, the first branded DAA, which could cure patients within 3 months, the major barrier to access was the price: 86,000 USD per treatment course. APH managed to procure DAAs at just 1% of the US price — 900 USD per course (300 USD per pack). This enabled the supply of generic drugs to the market, further reducing the price to 75 USD in Ukraine starting in 2019. In 2024, APH secured the price for Sofosbuvir/Daclatsvir for patients in Nigeria at 64.44 USD per treatment course. APH established a price benchmark for Ukraine, which was later used by the Ministry of Health for large-scale procurement.

18. GLOBAL ADVOCACY FOR HIV AND TB FUNDING SECURED MILLIONS IN ADDITIONAL FUNDING

Drawing on 25 years of experience in Ukraine and the EECA region, the Alliance has actively mobilized efforts to secure and sustain funding for lifesaving HIV and TB programs, even amid global shrinking of civil society space and program budgets. APH has strengthened its role as a trusted regional and international advocate, influencing donor priorities, policy decisions, and global funding allocations, ensuring continued support for critical prevention, treatment, and care initiatives.

Brussels, June 18, 2025

To: Jozef Sikela, Commissioner for International Partnerships

Cc: Ursula von der Leyen, President of the European Commission;
Marco Kos, Commissioner for Neighbourhood and Enlargement;
Hadjia Labidi, Commissioner for Equality, Preparedness and Crisis Management

The European Commission's support to the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria

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Dear Commissioner Sikela,

We, 251 community and civil society organizations from all over the world, write to express our deep gratitude for the European Commission's decades-long leadership in the fight to end HIV, tuberculosis, and malaria. Your role is profoundly appreciated. We have not forgotten how, three years ago, as COVID-19 threatened to reverse hard-won gains, the European Commission stepped up with decisive leadership by pledging €715 million. That commitment was a lifeline.

Since its inception, the Global Fund has saved over 6.5 million lives. Behind this number are our friends, family members, and colleagues. Through its continued investment in the Global Fund, the European Commission invests in thriving, resilient communities. It enables people to live without the constant fear of preventable diseases. Children can stay in school, young people can be change-makers, and adults can work, innovate, and contribute to stable, prosperous economies.

These are just some of the reasons we advocate for a fully-funded Global Fund. Its investments have ensured access to critical prevention and treatment interventions including in war-torn places, like DRC or Ukraine. Its strong commitment to gender equality and human rights has helped ensure that people who might otherwise be excluded from healthcare can access life-saving services.

These efforts go beyond global health. They also reinforce democracy and social stability. By supporting stronger health systems and pandemic preparedness, the Global Fund has become a cornerstone of global health security - our collective shield against future health threats. Its work is not only critical to saving lives but also represents a smart investment in economic stability. For every \$1 invested, the Global Fund generates \$19 in health and economic returns, driving long-term economic growth.

There's no sugar-coating the impact of recent U.S. foreign aid cuts is devastating. At a time when the world should be scaling up efforts, we are slipping backwards. At a time when engagement is growing, the European Commission must protect human rights by making sure no one is deprived of the right of health because of their sexual orientation, sex, gender identity, origin, beliefs, or any other reason.

Today, the fear is back. We urge you to stand with us once again - and to protect the progress your leadership has helped make possible in the fight against HIV, TB, and malaria. **We call on you to step up the EU's commitment to the Global Fund with a pledge of €800 million.**

Thank you for your attention and continued commitment.

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DEAR EUROPEAN COMMISSION,
PLEASE PLEDGE 715
TO THE GLOBAL FUND
MILLION
Ukrainian CSOs

19. PROMOTING BEST PRACTICES INTERNATIONALLY TO FEED GLOBAL DISEASE RESPONSES



APH has engaged with over 60 countries globally to support the sharing of best practices on HIV, TB and hepatitis response. Through the GF-funded EECA technical support platform, regional grants, technical support hub, practice center, and the Harm Reduction Academy, we made a difference in many countries. In 2011, with Frontline AIDS and Dutch government funding, we initiated the first needle-syringe programs on Kenya's east coast, where heroin trafficking had fueled drug use,

needle sharing, and rapid HIV spread. This harm reduction work later transitioned to Global Fund financing and scaled nationally, and is now considered a regional best practice. We launched a UNAIDS-funded hepatitis C project with Frontline AIDS to procure long-acting depot buprenorphine for Egypt and Kyrgyzstan, and have created a simplified community-based hepatitis C testing and treatment model implemented in Egypt, Nigeria, and Kyrgyzstan.

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RESPONDING TO EMERGING THREATS *BROUGHT BY GLOBAL EPIDEMICS, SECURITY CHALLENGES AND FUNDING CRISES*



20. HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE IS CRITICAL TO ENABLE HEALTH PROGRAMS IN CRISES

During the war, APH, together with regional partners, quickly launched a large humanitarian program across all regions of Ukraine. This program included the distribution of humanitarian aid, including multipurpose cash assistance based on the 'Assess and Assist' approach, psychosocial, medical and legal counselling, navigation and referrals, supporting evacuations and resettlement to safer areas, and improvements in shelters. Through 923 small and medium-sized grants, the Alliance reached people affected by the war, as well as key populations impacted by HIV and TB. About 1,000,000 people

have received lifesaving support — equal to the population of cities like Brussels or Copenhagen, or a country such as Cyprus. These are real lives saved, real families protected, real hope restored.

During the war, the APH team delivered over 2,000 tons of humanitarian and medical supplies to more than 200 healthcare facilities across Ukraine, including deoccupied areas in Kherson, Kharkiv, Kyiv, Sumy, and Chernihiv oblasts. This volume is comparable to that provided by international health and humanitarian organizations.

21. MOBILE CASE-FINDING AND PRIMARY HEALTHCARE DELIVERY IN HARD-TO-REACH AREAS

Watch the video
“Dmytro and Yulia Face
the Frontlines of War to
Deliver Lifesaving Care
in Ukraine”.



APH operates a fleet of more than 60 mobile clinics across Ukraine. During the war, these mobile services have accounted for detecting approximately 40% of all new HIV cases nationwide.

Since December 2022, twenty specially equipped Mobile Treatment Clinics have delivered primary healthcare, humanitarian support, and mobile dental and gynecological services to over 28,000 people in 434 hard-to-reach frontline locations — villages and small towns across Donetsk, Dnipropetrovsk, Kharkiv, Kherson, Mykolaiv, and Zaporizhzhia oblasts.

The mobile clinics combine medical, diagnostic, and protection services, ensuring that people living in or near active conflict zones receive uninterrupted support.

Core services provided by APH mobile clinics include:

- Primary healthcare and basic diagnostics
- HIV and TB testing with linkage to treatment
- Mental health support
- Sexual and reproductive health services
- Dental care (via specialized mobile units)
- Humanitarian assistance and referrals to protection services

The mobile clinic model ensures continuity of care, especially for people who cannot reach health facilities due to hostilities, destroyed infrastructure, or displacement. It remains one of APH's most effective wartime innovations for safeguarding access to essential healthcare.

22. VETERANS AS A NEW KEY POPULATION AND FOCUS ON COMMUNITY INCLUSIVITY

APH promoted inclusiveness for people with disabilities resulting from the war. A specialized HAB habilitation center (habilitation.com.ua) was opened in 2024 to support veterans and civilians who sustained injuries or trauma during the war in regaining independence and reintegrating into daily life. The 660 m² center features 9 rooms and 27 beds, operating as a transitional, barrier-free model that helps residents rebuild essential living skills and social functioning. Since its launch, it has reached 774 persons with disabilities and their family members, while its broader training and community programs have engaged more than 15,000 participants across Ukraine.

APH also created a special course for family doctors to support veterans, reaching over 36,000 medical practitioners through its online format.





23. SUPPORTING VETERANS AND CIVILIANS WITH WAR-RELATED VISION LOSS

Together with the Ministry of Education and Science, the World Health Organization Office in Ukraine, as well as the partners — The Plenipotentiary Advisor to the President of Ukraine on Accessibility; deputies of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine; Blind Veterans UK; Educational and Rehabilitation Center “Levenya” (Lviv); Public Union “All-Ukrainian League of Organizations of People with Visual Impairments “Modern View”; and NGO “Trinity Hub” — APH has developed a training and adaptation program and conducted sessions for 27 veterans and a civilian woman with complete sight loss, and

28 accompanying persons. APH’s development of basic services for training people with sight loss and a tool for costing these services formed the basis of the Ministry of Veterans Affairs’ pilot project on state funding of services for veterans with sight loss, already being successfully implemented in Ukraine. Given the lack of necessary modern training manuals for training specialists, together with the project experts, two unique methodological recommendations were developed: one on spatial orientation and another — a “Psychological Guide” — for multidisciplinary teams.



24. MIGRANTS' NEEDS ADDRESSED, INCLUDING IN CONFLICT

The Alliance has ensured HIV prevention and treatment across borders, even amid conflict. Through HelpNOW, an online navigation service for Ukrainians living with HIV and key populations fleeing the war, over 50,000 cases were connected and supported in 50

countries during 18 months in 2022-23. APH also facilitated the establishment of remote diagnostics and treatment for HIV, TB, hepatitis, and hormone therapy for Ukrainian migrants throughout the EECA region.



25. SUPPORTING VULNERABLE CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS

During the war, children and adolescents in Ukraine have become one of the most vulnerable groups—exposed to violence, displacement, loss, and overwhelming stress. These experiences disrupt their development, affect mental health, and undermine their sense of safety and stability.

Over the past years, and especially during the full-scale invasion, APH has

provided support to 70,323 children and adolescents across Ukraine. Through psychosocial services, protection activities, provision of essential supplies, and safe spaces, we help children regain stability, cope with trauma, and continue their path to recovery.

For 25 years, supporting those most at risk — especially children — has remained a core commitment of APH.



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THE ROAD AHEAD: *REBUILDING UKRAINE*

Ukraine's fight is not over yet. The war has inflicted immense damage, but our determination to rebuild is stronger than ever.

Together, we stand strong for Ukraine's resilience and a just peace.