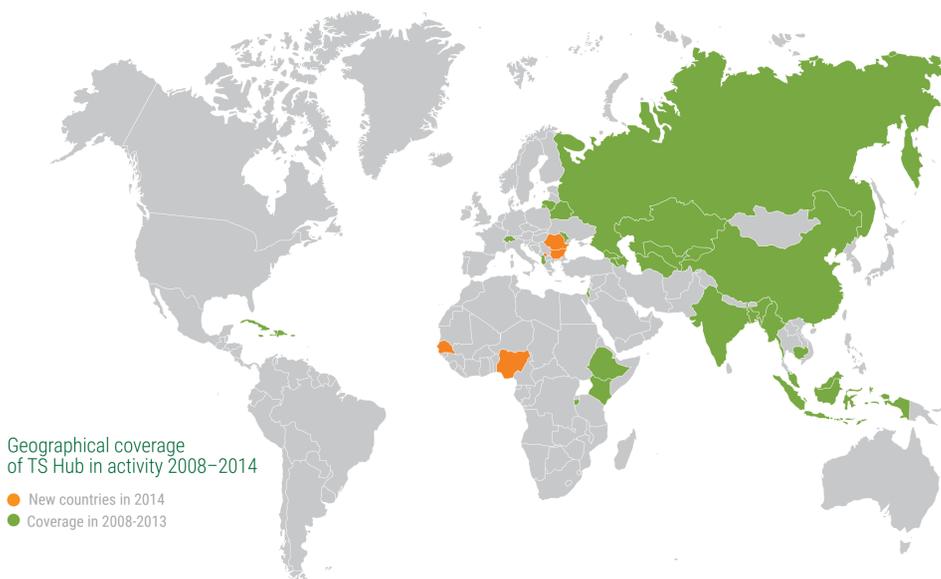


Annual Report 2014

Regional Technical Support Hub for Eastern Europe and Central Asia



5 new countries
Bulgaria, Kosovo, Nigeria, Romania, Senegal
/32 countries in total



2700 TS days
/9660 days in total in 2008-2014

TS Hub activity scale up dynamic in 2008-2014



14 new TS recipients in 2014
/49 projects in 2014

7 NGOs and **7** governmental bodies, working in the sphere of HIV/AIDS

/93 projects in 2008-2014

Global Fund – related projects



TS Hub has won the tendering process announced by the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (GF) and become a pre-selected TS provider within the CRG (Community, Rights and Gender) special initiative in EECA region until August 2017.

In 2014 TS Hub successfully implemented a project in Kyrgyzstan which resulted in a set of recommendations on effective harm reduction approaches taking into consideration the relevant epidemiological data and the available budget. TS was based on the needs of the Republic of Kyrgyzstan in the Concept Note (CN) development.



Participation in the development of 5 Concept Notes – for Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kosovo and Kyrgyzstan.

In 2014 TS Hub consultants were selected and successfully implemented Global Fund Concept Note development projects in Kenya and Kosovo.



CCM EPA

4 consultants

successfully trained in Country Coordinating Mechanism (CCM) Eligibility Performance Assessment (EPA).

5 EPAs

successfully implemented in Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bulgaria, Kosovo and Romania.

GMS

1 consultant

continued training and became a team leader in the field of financial management on GMS standards.

2 GMS projects

successfully implemented in Georgia and Kazakhstan.



Long-term projects

Community action on Harm Reduction



Donor: International HIV/AIDS Alliance; Ministry of Foreign Affairs (the Netherlands).

TS recipients: representatives of vulnerable groups and organizations and NGOs in China, India, Indonesia, Kenya and Malaysia.

2014:

- TS Hub consultants conducted 2 trainings for the project partners: *Employing people who use drugs in harm reduction; Access to Care and Treatment for People Who Inject Drugs (PWID)*; the participants developed country specific plans.
- Operational and end-line studies were implemented in a selection of countries.
- KANCO received assistance with the introduction of overdose prevention and management component which helped partners in Kenya to include it into the package of services; site assessment visits to Western and Central Kenya were conducted
- The project has been prolonged to 2015, one new country added – Myanmar.

LinkUp



Donor: International HIV/AIDS Alliance; Ministry of Foreign Affairs (the Netherlands).

TS recipients: partner organisations in 5 countries.

2014:

- The updated version of SyrEx was installed and started fully functioning in 4 countries on the basis of partner-organisations: Bangladesh (HIV/AIDS and STD Alliance Bangladesh), Myanmar (International HIV/AIDS Alliance in Myanmar), Ethiopia (Organization for Support Services for AIDS), Uganda (Community Health Alliance Uganda).
- The updated version of the program was adapted into French, installed and started functioning in Burundi on the basis of l'Alliance Burundaise contre le SIDA.
- TS visits were carried out to all of the project countries in order to set up the database, develop a general monitoring system and train the project partners to use SyrEx.
- International HIV/AIDS Alliance Secretariat assessment visit was carried out to the countries within the LinkUp project and showed high precision and reliability of the data input and the values of the indicators.

Broader Introduction of Effective HIV Prevention Strategies Targeting Populations at Most Risk in the ENPI-East Region



Project funded by the European Union

TS recipients: representatives of vulnerable groups (PWID, CSW, MSM) in Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, the Russian Federation and Ukraine.

2014:

- A publication on the comprehensive package of services for HIV-infected vulnerable populations (PWID, CSW and MSM) was finalized.
- The development of the «Service standards» began.
- The implementation of the “social order” mechanism for the ensuring of services stability for HIV-infected vulnerable populations continued.

Mapping of the access to ARV therapy programs and services in 10 selected countries of the EECA region

Donor: UNAIDS.

TS recipients: 10 countries.

2014:

- Unique country information collected and combined: 70 epidemiological indicators, treatment schemes and financial expenditures, connected with ART medicine costs.
- The analysis of treatment access and monitoring of its effectiveness was conducted.
- The “treatment cascades” were prepared and briefly reviewed.
- The assessment of the data, HIV epidemic monitoring system and treatment effectiveness was carried out.

ARV coverage, 2013



Innovations and development

Regional Strategy Project for EECA region



- TS Hub developed the methodology and conducted mapping of the HIV, HCV, TB situation among key populations at risk in all EECA countries.
- As a part of the mapping exercise desk review and key informants interviews were conducted.
- The collected information was further analyzed and a draft report was developed for another discussion with the key partners in the region.

GF Regional Platform



- A consortium was created for the implementation of «Regional Civil Society and Community Support, Coordination and Communication Platform – Eastern Europe and Central Asia (EECA)» within the GF Community Rights and Gender (CRG) special initiative.
- The consortium includes: Eurasian Harm Reduction Network (EHRN), East Europe & Central Asia Union of PLWH (ECUO), together with the TS Hub (Alliance Ukraine, Alliance Ukraine Initiative).
- Memorandums were signed with the key community based organizations (SWAN, ECOM, ENPUD, TB Europe coalition).

Rapid Testing



- On November, 20 the TS Hub started non-for-profit testing with rapid tests for HIV, Hepatitis B and C, and Syphilis of the general population of Ukraine.
- Actively used marketing channels included: underground (wagons and station) advertising, distribution of leaflets in the street, and some initial Facebook activity.
- During the first month of the project implementation about 200 tests were conducted.

Practice Centre

- In 2014 the International HIV/AIDS Alliance supported the start-up of 4 Practice Centres within the Alliance family of 40 organisations, including the one hosted by Alliance Ukraine. The Practice Centres aim to bridge the gap between evidence and practice in order to stop AIDS.
- In 2014 the conceptualising and consultation work was conducted to shape the Practice Centre focus.
- Full scale operation will start in 2015.

