HIV control in the Context of the Refugee Response in Moldova

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Refugees from Ukraine recorded across Europe

7,867,219
Last updated 22 Nov 2022

Source: UNHCR, Government

Refugees from Ukraine registered for Temporary Protection or similar national protection schemes in Europe

4,751,065
Last updated 22 Nov 2022

Source: UNHCR, Government
Ukraine HIV and AIDS estimates vs Moldova 2021

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<td>Women aged 15 and over living with HIV</td>
<td>120 000 [100 000 - 130 000]</td>
<td>5500 [4500 - 6700]</td>
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<td>Men aged 15 and over living with HIV</td>
<td>130 000 [110 000 - 140 000]</td>
<td>9600 [8100 - 12 000]</td>
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<td>Children aged 0 to 14 living with HIV</td>
<td>2700 [2100 - 3800]</td>
<td>&lt;200 [&lt;200 - &lt;500]</td>
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HIV burden in Ukraine (by region)

Source: UPHC
Impact of the war on the operation of ART sites

Non-operational ART sites as of 04.10.2022

Infrastructure:
- 6 buildings destroyed
- 28 buildings damaged
- 36 sites staffed with only one healthcare worker (18 – a nurse, 18 – a doctor)

Number of patients receiving ART in war-affected regions:

- Херсонська: 3,127, 4,010
- Харківська: 3,133, 3,905
- Миколаївська: 6,326, 6,839
- Луганська: 316, 1,910
- Донецька: 5,031, 11,193
- Запорізька: 3,983, 4,135

*stanom na 01.09.22*
Increased ART patients' movement across the country

**ART Patient Transfers as of August 1st, 2022**

- Almost 7,500 recorded transfers of ART patients to another oblast of Ukraine;
- Nearly 2,300 ART patients with recorded movement to another country.
## Estimate of PLH who left Ukraine because of the war

### April 2022

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<tr>
<th>Location name</th>
<th>Population</th>
<th>Female 15+</th>
<th>Children 0-14</th>
<th>Male 60+</th>
<th>Adults (rounded)</th>
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<th>Estimated people in need of ART</th>
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<td>Poland</td>
<td>2,187,592</td>
<td>1,421,935</td>
<td>503,146</td>
<td>262,511</td>
<td>16,845</td>
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<td>369,164</td>
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<td>242,830</td>
<td>85,924</td>
<td>44,830</td>
<td>2,880</td>
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<td>Romania</td>
<td>333,873</td>
<td>217,018</td>
<td>76,791</td>
<td>40,065</td>
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<td>174,834</td>
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Source: WHO/UNAIDS
National Response

• GFATM allocated EUR 1mln for HIV and TB prevention and support programs for refugees

• Ministry of Health issued the Disposition nr. 443-d, on active interventions for HIV and TB prevention in RACs with the involvement of specialized NGOs

• National program for prevention and control of HIV/AIDS an STIs provides free diagnosis and treatment

• UNAIDS supports the HIV community based emergency response implemented by 10 national and local NGOs
Results

More than 5000 refugees were covered with integrated services by NGOs:

- HIV
- TB
- Mental Health,
- Sexual and reproductive health
- PSEA

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2. AFI (Chișinău)
3. Inițiativă Pozitivă (Chșinău)
4. Miloserdie (Bender)
5. Genderdoc M (Chișinău)
6. PAS Cu PAS Cahul,
7. Grupul de inițiativă Puls (Bălți),
8. SMIT(Florești, Bălți),
9. Triniti (Ribnița),
10. Union for Health and Equity (Bălți)

Unite to end the inequalities holding back the end of AIDS