

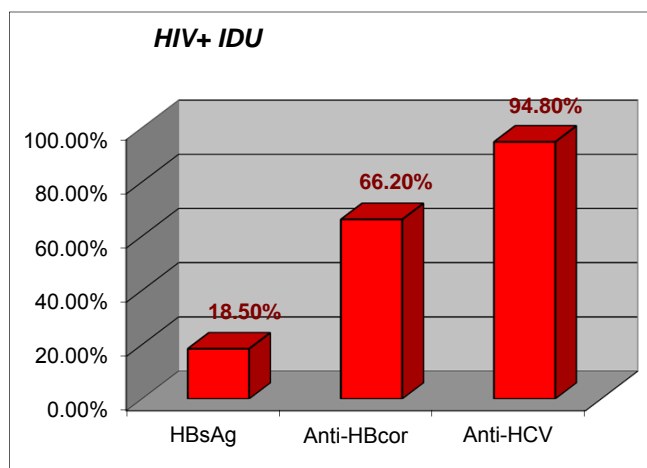



Access to HCV diagnostics and treatment for MARPs in Ukraine

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The highest HCV prevalence in Ukraine
is among MARPs (especially in IDUs)






2010



START UP

- high HCV prevalence
- low HCV awareness level
- high price for treatment (\$15 000-20 000)
- lack of political will
- absence of National Guidelines




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2010-2012 STEP 1:


Alliance was the first in Ukraine who provided large-scale HCV screening among MARPS:

84 700 tests (2010 -2012):
 67% HCV positive among IDUs
 91% HCV positive among HIV+



HCV integration in harm reduction programs:

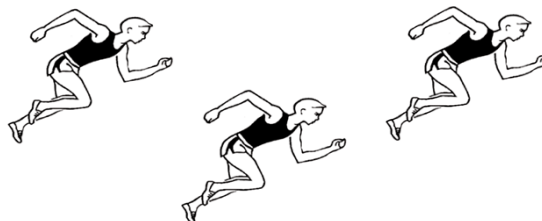
- trainings for social workers, medical professionals, patients
- HCV schools and trainings for HCV patients
- Informational materials



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2011-2013 STEP 2- Community national mobilization

- IDUs
- OST patients
- HIV+
- SW
- MSM
- Associations of health care workers



STEP 3 Alliance started HCV treatment in 100 HIV-positive SMT patients



Alliance was able to negotiate the procurement of drugs for the 48-week HCV treatment course (pegylated interferon and ribavirin) **with price reduced by 2.5 fold (\$5 000 per course)**, which has become an **incentive to decrease prices at national level** (starting from October 15, 2013 within GF program)

The goal of the project is effective treatment, increase of life length and quality in HIV-positive SMT patients, increase the level of adherence to ART and .



STEP 4 Alliance managed to decrease the price for HCV laboratory diagnostics by 50% for MARPs



In collaboration with the “Light of Hope” NGO and International Renaissance Foundation, Alliance Ukraine agreed on 50% discount for HCV lab diagnostics for MARPs in 2 commercial laboratory networks countrywide

If to convert into money, we saved over 3 mln UAH (about 300 thousand USD), and for most of the patients access to diagnostics made access to treatment possible



Step 5 Integration of HCV treatment into the package of comprehensive services for MARPs



Treatment is provided under Alliance’s coordination at 10 regional AIDS centers in Ukraine with medico-social support of local MDTs (social workers, psychologists, substance abuse professionals)





2014 Results:

- All-Ukrainian network of NGOs and advocates was developed
- HCV State Program was developed and approved
- \$ 4 mln were allocated from state budget
- HCV guidelines are on the final approval stage
- HCV treatment price was reduced by 2.5 times
- HCV diagnostics price was reduced by 2-fold



Results: local level

- 7 HCV programs are carried out in regions (oblast');
- \$2 mln were allocated from regional budgets
- Another 5 programs in regions are under development



Next steps:



- Local HCV programs development and approval
- Allocating more funds from local budgets
- Access of MARPs to treatment
- Expanding Alliance's treatment programs (GF)
- Further price reduction (peg-INF-riba)
- Launch of new treatment programs with DAA drugs



Alliance organized Operational research on the effectiveness of HCV treatment for HIV+ SMT patients

Research is carried out under Alliance's coordination at 7 regional AIDS centers in Ukraine

Overall goal: to define and develop the most effective model of HCV treatment for HIV+ SMT patients



Thank you!

