

## HIV/STI Prevention among Uniformed Services in Ukraine



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Ukraine

**Project implementing partners:**

- United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
- United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)

**Key Project Partners and Beneficiaries:**

- Ministry of Defence of Ukraine
- Ministry of the Internal Affairs of Ukraine
- Internal Forces of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Ukraine
- State Border Guard Service of Ukraine

*"We are happy that this Project applies a systematic, not episodic, approach to the technical assistance."*

*Volodymyr Kohan, Major General,  
Head of HR Department of the State Border Guard Service of Ukraine*

### Project's Objectives and Tasks:

#### Overall objective:

To support the development of effective mechanisms for comprehensive HIV/STI (sexually-transmitted infections) prevention measures in the uniformed services in Ukraine.

#### Purpose of the project:

To significantly reduce incidences of HIV/STI and other health risks, such as drug abuse and sexually transmitted infections among uniformed personnel.

#### Specific objectives:

- To establish and implement comprehensive educational programs for uniformed personnel on HIV/STI prevention, safe behaviour and healthy lifestyle promotion and link to social and healthcare services;
- To improve and promote HIV/STI diagnostics and treatment, including Voluntary Counselling and Testing (VCT), in uniformed services;
- To increase capacities of sectoral leaders for effective partnerships between all relevant services of the uniformed services and non-governmental organizations to provide effective outreach to young recruits, uniformed personnel and their families.

#### Project's achievements:

- A set of educational programs on HIV/STI prevention, development of leadership and commitment to healthy lifestyle developed.
- 35 training sessions on leadership carried out for more than 1,000 officers of partner-ministries.
- 3 trainings on leadership specifically designed for the senior ministerial staff of the Central Directorates of partner organisations conducted – 75 high-ranking ministerial staff, including five generals, have been trained.
- On the basis of the Dragomanov's National Pedagogical University, courses on formation of leadership and commitment to healthy lifestyle designed for the heads of academic departments and senior faculties of partner higher education institutions have been organised. Starting from 1 September 2008, a designated course has been introduced into the curricula of 24 higher education institutions.
- Three manuals produced by the Project: 1) Strategic Planning and Policy of Forming of Commitment to Healthy Lifestyle among Military and Law Enforcement Personnel; 2) Forming of Leadership and Commitment to Healthy Lifestyle among Military and Law Enforcement Personnel of Ukraine; 3) Informational Guidebook on Forming of Commitment to Healthy Lifestyle and Safe Behaviour of Military and Law Enforcement Personnel of Ukraine.
- Introduction of publications into the system of professional education of personnel will cover up to 300,000 of employees of law enforcement authorities of the Ministry of Internal Affairs and up to 300,000 of military personnel of the Armed Forces, Internal Troops of the Ministry of Internal Affairs and the State Border Guard Services of Ukraine.
- A new educational program "Development of motivation to healthy lifestyle among uniformed services in Ukraine" has been designed and a series of trainings is carried out for the respective staff responsible for work with these categories.

**More information about the Project:** <http://www.zdorovavarta.org.ua>

*"Since the Project started, no HIV cases were registered among the internal military forces. . . The Project's results and relevance of the approach applied are obvious."*

*Colonel Georgiy Fedorchuk, Ministry of Internal Affairs of Ukraine*

*"Today it is high time for secondary healthcare reforms. . . The Ministry also hopes that the Project implementation in the pilot regions will produce models to be used for large-scale reforming of the healthcare sector all over Ukraine."*

*M.P.Zhdanova, Director of the Chief Department of Organisation and Development of Medical Aid to Population, Ministry of Health of Ukraine*

### Project's Objectives and Tasks:

#### Overall objective:

To support the establishment of an effective, cost-efficient and equitable health care system in Ukraine, which will be supported by introducing systematic secondary health care (SHC) reform.

#### Project's tasks:

- To increase government capacities in relevant Ministries for the preparation and implementation of healthcare sector reform;
- To promote better hospital care through creating opportunities for Ukraine–EU institutional twinning and exchanges;
- To increase local government capacities for the management of health care services in selected oblasts;
- To demonstrate improved financial management models of secondary care aiming at improved coverage, quality and efficiency in three pilot regions: Zhytomyr, Poltava and Kharkiv oblasts;
- To improve performance, accountability and enhance equity of access of hospital facilities validated by healthcare information and monitoring system;
- To establish and initiate sustainable hospital infrastructure planning at the oblast level;
- To develop an institutional framework for training on hospital management and hospital infrastructure planning and offer a training program for health service managers and representatives of relevant medical organization/institutions.

#### Facts about the Project:

- Project is implemented in 3 pilot regions: Kharkiv (7 hospitals), Poltava (7 hospitals) and Zhytomyr (6 hospitals) oblasts.
- The overall approach of the project is to demonstrate, through experimental models set up in partnership with oblast authorities in three pilot regions, more efficient and effective ways of reforming SHC services both at oblast and local facility level.
- The project uses the experience of the three previous EU projects in healthcare: "Preventive and Primary Activities of Health-care", "Health Financing and Management in Ukraine" and "Support to the Development of System of Medical Standard System in Ukraine."

#### Project's achievements to date:

- The project supports the Ministry of Health in the reviewing of the Ukrainian system of quality management within health facilities and systems of accreditation.
- Methodology Manual for Developers of Medical Standards, Clinical Guidelines and Clinical Protocols developed and approved by the Ministry of Health and the Academy of Medical Sciences.
- Memorandum of Understanding between the City Hospital of Baden Baden, Germany and the City Childrens' Hospital of Poltava to create an international hospital partnership that supports mechanisms of exchange and peer support signed.
- Twinning initiatives – memoranda of cooperation between hospitals in Kharkiv and Poltava.
- A series of Training the Trainers teaching sessions launched on the topic of the methodology for developing national standards, guidelines and local clinical/organisational protocols in line with modern European and international practices.
- 3 seminars launched for administrators of health care authorities from 18 oblasts on "Modern Methods of Health Care Management and a Possible Model of Sector Reform" to inform health care management about possible ways of optimizing the organizational structure of healthcare provision system and the latest trends in healthcare systems development in the countries of the EU.
- 2 study tours arranged: to Italy, Slovenia and Austria to look at different hospital systems, and to Belfast, Northern Ireland, to look at integrated health and social care and health organisation system in UK.

**More information about the Project:** <http://www.eu-shc.com.ua>

*"The range of issues covered in the lectures and practical workshops couldn't be more focused for healthcare managers and administrators."*

*Yu.M.Kondratiev, Deputy Head of the Healthcare Department  
of the Kharkiv Regional State Administration*

## Support to Secondary Healthcare Reform in Ukraine



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