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# World AIDS Day: accelerating HIV response during the war

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**1000** Medical facilities have been destroyed or damaged



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1st of December 2022 is different from any other World AIDS Day. In Ukraine we are summing up HIV response during russian war against Ukraine. These 9 months of war caused the largest population move in Europe since WW2 ep – **15 mln Ukrainians left their homes** as internally displaced people (IDPs) or refugees; over **1000 Ukrainian medical facilities** have been destroyed or damaged, about **20% of the Ukrainian territory occupied by russian invaders** - committing war crimes against civilians, cutting access to essential services and treatment, torturing and killing people with HIV and TB.

Since the first days of war Alliance for Public Health (APH) has been working with other civil society and community organizations, medical facilities, governmental organizations and Ministry of Health to **sustain HIV response**.

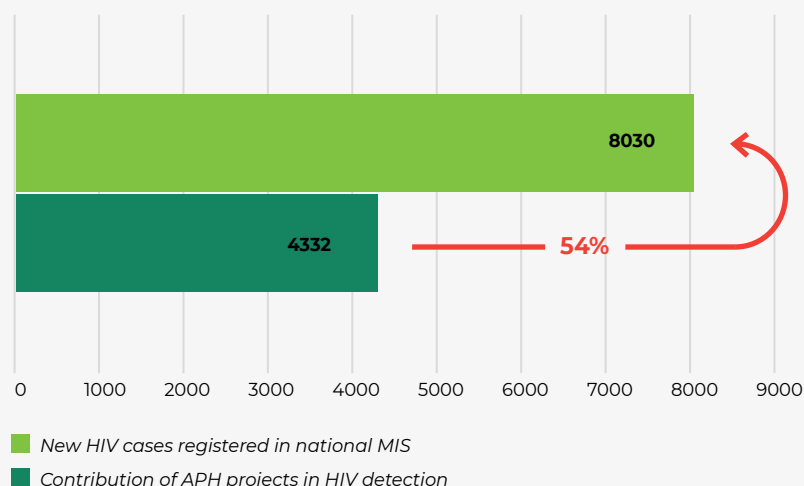
## 1. DURING THE WAR ROLE OF CIVIL SOCIETY IN THE COUNTRY HIV RESPONSE SUBSTANTIALLY INCREASED:



**54%** of all new HIV cases in Ukraine were detected within APH implemented programs.

From February to November 2022 **over 104,000 people** representing most-at-risk populations have been tested by APH. During the war **every 2nd person newly diagnosed with HIV was identified within APH projects: 4032 newly diagnosed HIV+ people out of 8030** according to the Public Health Center of the Ministry of Health data.

**Contribution of APH into new HIV cases detection during the war (February-November 2022), SYREX and PHC MOH of Ukraine**



## 2. ENSURING UNINTERRUPTED PREVENTION AND TREATMENT PROVISION



**216,015**

During 9 months of war APH and partners provided core HIV services to 216,015 representatives of the most at risk populations.

As the war undermined government's payment capacity, APH with Global Fund's support in partnership with Public Health Center of the Ministry of Health ensured uninterrupted service provision to the most at risk populations. Over the period from 24th of February to 23 of November the **core services**

**were provided to 216,015 representatives of key populations, namely to 136,236 people who inject drugs (PWID), 38,617 sex workers (SW), 40,354 men having sex with men (MSM) and 3,145 trans\* people (TG).**



### 3. EXPANDING HIV PRE-EXPOSURE PROPHYLAXIS (PREP) DURING THE WAR WITH CIVIL SOCIETY AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT

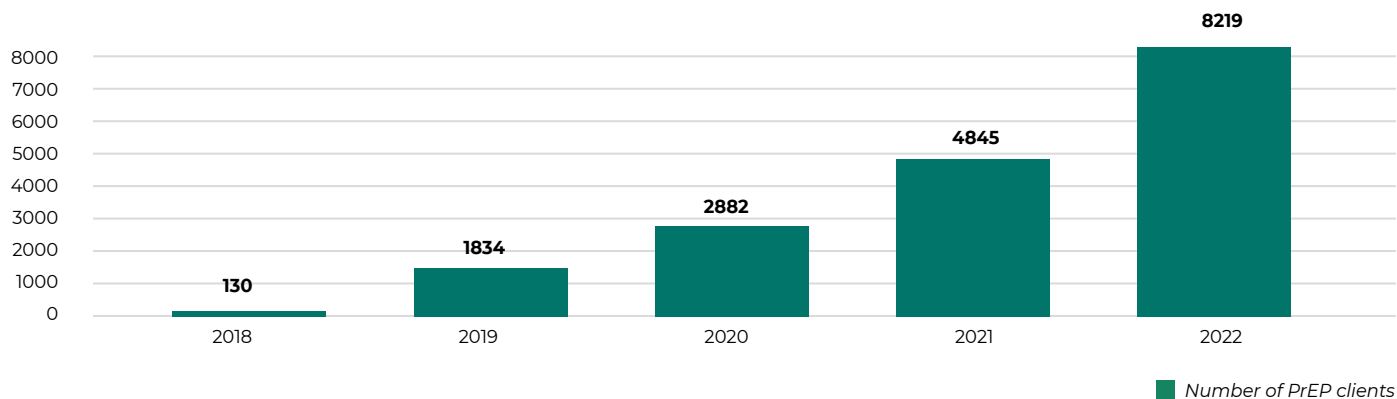
PrEP has almost doubled in Ukraine in 2022 compared to 2021.



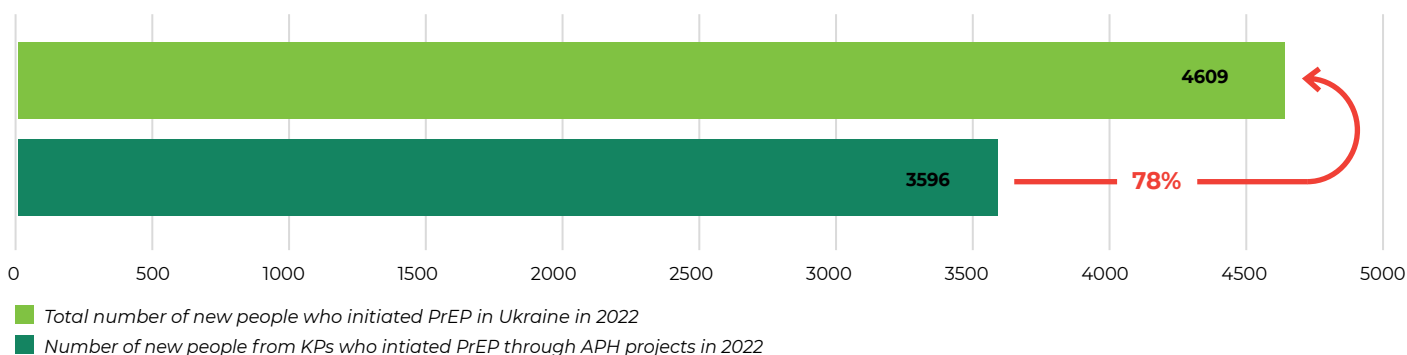
**78%**

of new people who initiated PrEP during 2022 were engaged through APH program interventions.

#### Scaling-up PrEP program in Ukraine



#### Contribution of APH in PrEP program implementation in Ukraine during 2022 (as of November), SYREX and PHC MOH of Ukraine



**4. MODIFICATION OF SERVICES USING MOBILE AMBULANCES. “WHEN YOU CLIENTS ARE MOBILE, YOUR SERVICES SHOULDN’T REMAIN STATICAL”. APH DEPLOYS 40 MOBILE AMBULANCES TO MAINTAIN ESSENTIAL SERVICES ADDRESSING THE REALITY NEEDS:**



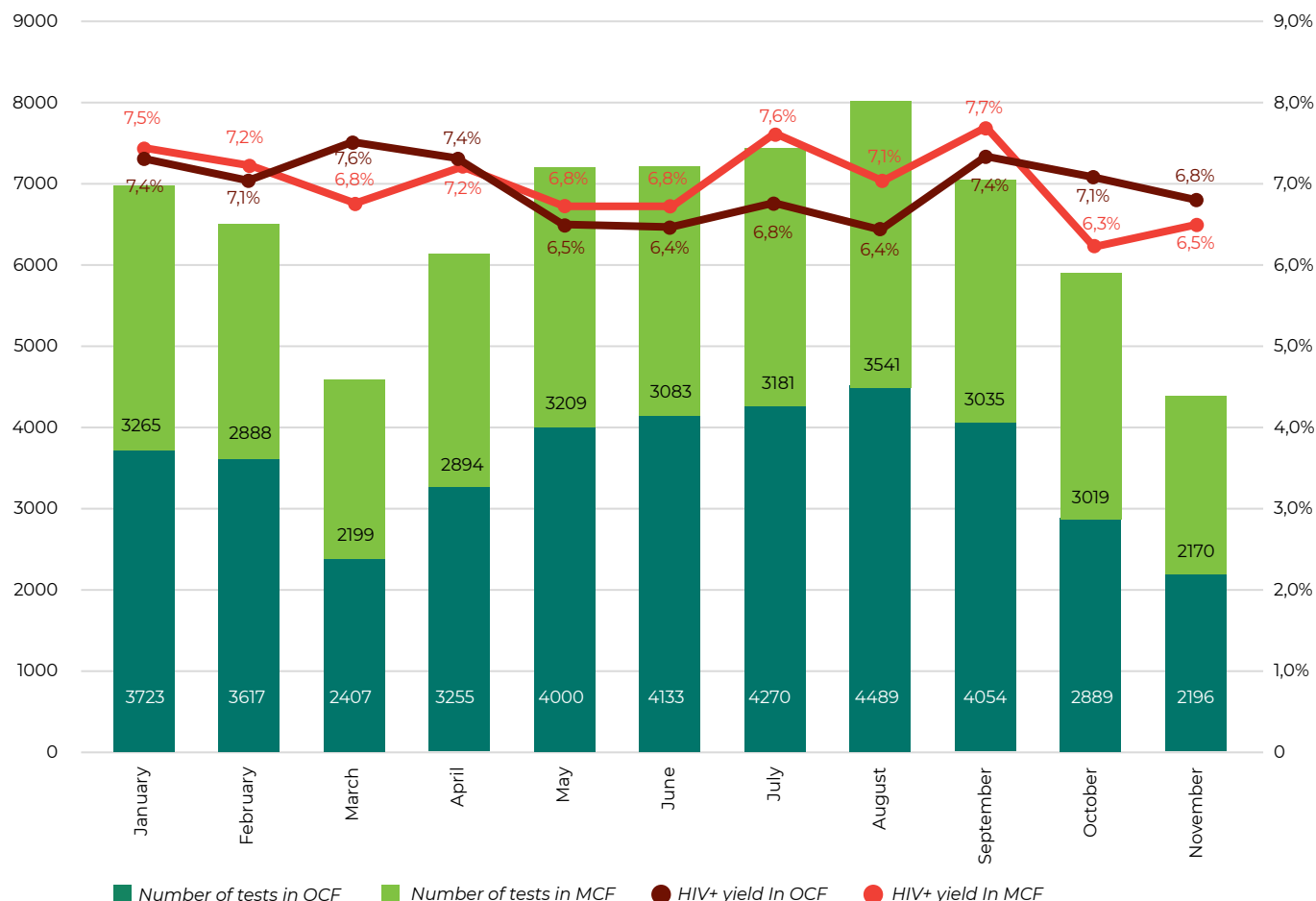
**90 000**  
visits

22 mobile ambulances provided more than 90,000 outpatient care contacts (substantially more than planned). Apart from regular services, MA provide evacuation of clients and staff of NGOs, delivery of ART, OAT, humanitarian assistance, clients and doctors to medical facilities in areas of active hostilities, etc.



Another 14 mobile units deployed within CDC-funded project to do mobile case finding managed to maintain HIV detection yield (average 7%) on the pre-war level during the war.

### HIV detection in the OCF and MCF projects. January-November 2022, OCFa database



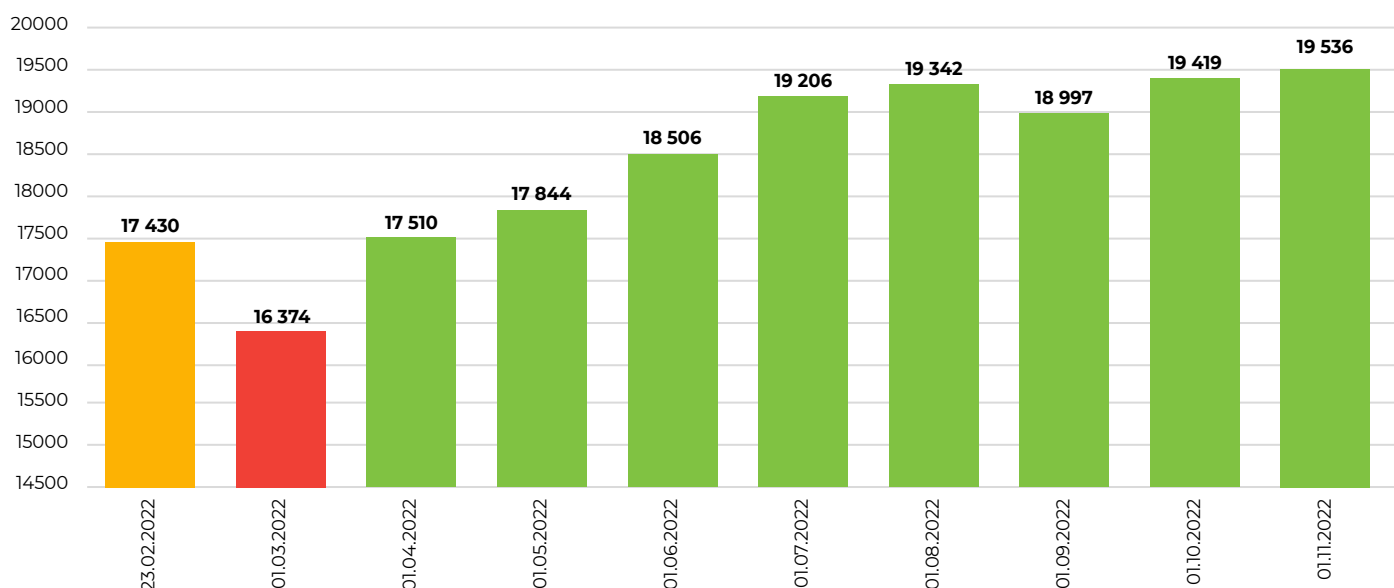
The case management intervention shows its effectiveness in linking to care key groups – during the war, 4,522 people from KPs started ART with the help of social support (95% of those who visited HCFs after a positive test result).



## 5. ACCESS TO TREATMENT

- Despite the risks of daily rocket fire, migration of clients, destruction of hospitals and a decrease in the number of doctors, the Alliance projects managed to have **520** HIV-positive clients to receive ART (**86.4%** of those accompanied).
- Thanks to Optimized HIV case finding, treatment and retention project connection with **40% of “lost-to-follow-up” clients** after de-occupation of Kyiv region was restored, the number of PWID referred to OAT program doubled.
- **Opioid Agonist Treatment (OAT).** Due to the cooperation of APH and partners, it was possible to save and expand the OAT program in war conditions. The number of patients in the state program has increased by 10, 8% from 23.02.2022, and as of 01.11.2022, it is 19 536 people. Key highlights of OAT program are:
  - 96,2% of HIV+ OAT patients receive ART.
  - 90,6% of patients taking home dosage and APH is providing PAS testing for those patients to continue take home dosage.
  - Around 2000 OAT patients on the move continued treatment in Ukraine or abroad during the war.
  - The retention rate (at least six months in the program after start) remains at a high level and is 78,6%.
  - We ensured continuity of OAT programs in prisons. Around 150 people receive OAT in 7 prisons as of 01.11.22.

**Number of OAT patients**



## 6. ADDRESSING EMERGING NEEDS:



**5300**  
packages

In response to a request from the trans\* community APH was the first in Ukraine to purchase 150 annual courses (5,300 packages) of transfeminine and transmasculine therapy. As by now 37 trans\* people from 10 cities received the necessary medications

## 7. OVERDOSE PREVENTION

The demand for the overdose prevention service after the start of the war increased by almost **30%** (**32 800** ampoules issued compared to 25 480).



Nearly **26 500** IDUs received counseling and naloxone to prevent overdose deaths.

As the production of naloxone in Ukraine stopped due to missile attack on the production factory in Kharkiv, Alliance initiated an additional purchase of 28 000 ampoules.



## 8. DIGITAL SOLUTIONS

- **HIV-self-testing chatbot:** people who have no access to regular prevention services can use services of self testing.
- **Development of online services:** the LGBTQ+ community actively ordered Safe Box (a preventive kit consisting of oral HIV test, a box of condoms, lubricant, informational materials and stylish souvenirs - <https://oraltest.org.ua>). Since April 2022, the rate of distribution of Safe Boxes among representatives of target groups has increased by **272%**.
- Innovative approaches, including the “Video-Doctor” program to improve index testing and “Helper Dan” telegram bot were used as an online outreach or online navigation that leads customers to online consultations with friendly doctors, psychologists and lawyers.

## 9. HELP NOW

APH developed and launched a unique service HelpNOW to support IDP and refugees from among PLHIV and KPs that have faced difficulties in accessing HIV, OAT, TB and HCV treatment and other necessary services in receiving sites or countries. The service includes online platform, treatment linkage service, face-to-face support in Poland, Moldova and Germany and well as online doctors' consultations and has provided support up to 13,000 cases to link to treatment and/or other related crucial services in new location.



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## 10. HUMAN RIGHTS PROTECTION

- National Hotline on drug addiction and OAT has **235%** growth of numbers of calls compared to the corresponding period of 2021), **89%** of them are on war topics (algorithm of admission to another site in Ukraine and abroad, suspension/interruption of OAT the possibility of treating patients of private OAT centers closed due to the war).
- Paralegals who provide assistance to women living with drug addiction report **203%** of increase of calls regarding rights violations or the need to obtain legal assistance.

## 11. HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE



In the framework of the new humanitarian project funded by Christian Aid, 77 applications were funded from initiative groups of various communities on the most urgent problems in various fields. The main support included creation of heating points, the purchase of heated devices, the insulation of premises, assistance to IDPs, children, people in difficult life circumstances and from risk groups. A total of **52 250** people were supported.

Since March 1, more than **1,2 mln kg** of humanitarian goods (medicines, including OAT drugs, medical products, including resuscitation and rehabilitation equipment, food products, protective equipment, etc.) have been transported to more than **200 medical centers** throughout Ukraine, including zones of hostilities and newly liberated territories. The total mileage of humanitarian transport is more than **1,1 mln km**. More than 500 civilians were evacuated from dangerous areas by the Alliance's humanitarian transport in March.



The Alliance donated 2 sanitary cars for military doctors, the funds for which were collected for #AIDS2022



## TOGETHER WE ARE STRONG!

Alliance for Public Health expresses admiration and appreciation of the incredible work of all our partners, Network 100% Life, Public Health Center, Ministry of Health of Ukraine, all implementing partners, community and civil society networks, NGO staff and social workers, doctors and nurses! You are amazing! **All the great things we have achieved, we have achieved together!** Big appreciation to governmental institutions, UN agencies and other international organizations.

We express sincere gratitude for critical support from our donors, your funding is critical for sustaining HIV and TB response in Ukraine as well as to addressing emerging needs caused by war! BIG THANKS to The Global Fund, US Government and PEPFAR, CDC, USAID, US NIDA, Yale University, FRONTLINE AIDS, Christian Aid, International AIDS Society (IAS), Stop TB Partnership/UNOPS, WHO, UNAIDS, FIND, EATG, Aidsfonds, International Renaissance Foundation, The Foundation to Promote Open Society, Elton John AIDS Foundation (EJAF), Irish Emergency Alliance, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH, to all other donors and individuals provided private donations! **Your support saves lives!**

GREAT THANKS to **Ukrainian Army defending not only Ukraine but also all fundamental principles of peace, freedom, sovereignty and dignity!**

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