

# ON PUBLIC HEALTH POLICY

# Annual Report 2017



## **Annual Report 2017**

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#### **SUMMARY**

- In order to carry out its mission, the team of the **Charitable Organization "Ukrainian Institute on Public Health Policy" (UIPHP)** has set out to implement three strategic goals for the years 2017-2019:
  - **GOAL A**: Ensure the quality of research and analytical products.
  - **GOAL B**: Increase the accessibility of analytical products for stakeholders.
  - **GOAL C**: Ensure the organizational capacity of UIPHP.
- In 2017, the emphasis was placed on the implementation of Goal B, that is, **to increase the accessibility of analytical products for stakeholders**. At the same time, significant results were achieved for all the goals according to the planned performance indicators.
- Support of foreign donors (CDC, NIH), as well as receiving sub-grants from Ukrainian partners (ICF "Alliance for Public Health") has remained the main source of funding for the organization. It should be noted that in 2017 UIPHP concluded agreements with three new donors: Johns Hopkins University, Fogarty International Center and Center for AIDS Research, Boston University Brown University Collaboration.
- In 2017, the Institute staff launched 7 new research projects, which is 3 projects more than in 2016; 5 projects continue. In total, in 2017, 14 projects were being implemented. Also, 2 projects were completed in 2017; based on their results, scientific papers and analytical notes in international peer-reviewed journals were written or are now being prepared for publication.
- The Institute team participated in international and national scientific conferences, such as IAS 2017, CROI 2017, NIDA / CPDD-2017, BEARR Trust Conference, where UIPHP experts delivered oral presentations based on their own research.
- While 4 articles were planned to be published in 2017, 11 scientific papers appeared in international peer-reviewed journals.

#### **SUMMARY**

- In 2017, UIPHP experts took an active part in workgroups at the Ministry of Health. The purpose was to deliver the results of own research and overall modern evidence-based information to the main target audience, those who make decisions in the area of public health. Thus, S.Dvoriak joined the Workgroup to Prepare the Development Concept of the Mental Health System in Ukraine until 2025. The Round Table of Stakeholders titled "Health of Prisoners: A Scientific Approach for the Safety of Society" generated a major public interest. For two days, national and international experts were discussing risks and problems associated with the limited access of prisoners to the prevention and treatment of socially dangerous diseases (HIV, Hepatitis C and TB) in Eastern Europe and Central Asia.
- Thanks to the work of the communications manager, who joined the UIPHP team in 2016, the efficiency of the UIPHP's external communication improved significantly. In 2017, the UIPHP website was fully updated, with a refreshed look and a range of features; the website content is receiving regular updates. The Facebook page reflects not only the priorities of the Institute's activities but it also highlights important topics and events in the area of public health. At the same time, we are not using all the possible resources, and it is worth starting the conversation with such analytical resources as voxukraine.org, texty.org.ua.
- Despite lacking an approved staff development plan, the staff members are active in their desire to study, and the organization's management supports such requests. Over the year, 14 staff members of the institute attended topical workshops and trainings, including ones abroad. The trainings allowed the staff to enhance their professional level. For instance, Iryna Zaviriukha, who was trained in "HIV Data Quality Improvement, Program Quality Improvement and Data Use" uses this knowledge in the HPTN project by developing QI tools and improving the existing tools, as well as for doing own QI. Iryna hopes to develop in this direction in her future project activity. Myroslava Filippovych and Iryna Pykalo, who were trained in Barcelona in "Transdisciplinary Approach to Identify and Overcome Social Determinants of Healthcare Inequalities" noted three major outcomes of their training that would help them with their future work at the Institute: 1. Enhancing knowledge on critical analysis of constraints in public health research and planning future research based on the knowledge gained. 2. Use of comprehensive paradigms in research to monitor, implement and evaluate policies to reduce inequalities and injustice in public health. 3. Identification of key social determinants of inequality (politics, social class, instability, geography) in health care through a transdisciplinary approach to systematic research.

#### **SUMMARY**

- 2017 saw the piloting of the staff assessment system. After evaluating its implementation and results, one can recommend the following: to inform assessment persons of whom they will be assessing at least 6 months prior to the evaluation; add to each point in the assessment scale the criteria for which the corresponding point is given.
- It is worth noting that the key staff of the organization was actively involved in the search and preparation of new project applications. In 2018, the possibility of obtaining funding from additional sources (other universities and US NGOs, EU grants, state funding, private investors) should be explored deeper to ensure the institutional sustainability of the organization.
- It should be mentioned that some tasks of the strategic plan were not implemented in 2017, partly due to the fact that they became irrelevant or less important compared to other tasks. The staff of the institute will return to implementing them in 2018. For instance:
  - 1. Task A.1.1. Implement procedures for monitoring the quality of research protocols (responsibility of K. Dumchev and project managers). The task is irrelevant as each project has its own research protocol, which is evaluated and approved by the donor and the IRB.
  - 2. Task B.1.1. Develop a funding search strategy for future projects (responsibility of K. Dumchev, O. Zeziulin, T.Kiriazova). The strategy is being developed while the report is being submitted.
  - 3. Task B.1.2. Develop a research funding procedure (pilot research, etc.) through overhead (responsibility of S.Ustymova, K. Dumchev, T.Kiriazova). The procedure has been been completed at the time of report submission.
  - 4. Task B.2.1. Create a system for identifying the needs and create an annual staff development plan (responsibility of T.Kiriazova, G. Morozova). Identification of the development needs is based on the results of staff assessment. Because the first staff assessment took place in 2017, the staff development plan was not formed for 2017. Such a plan will be created for 2018.

## **UIPHP Project Activity in 2017**

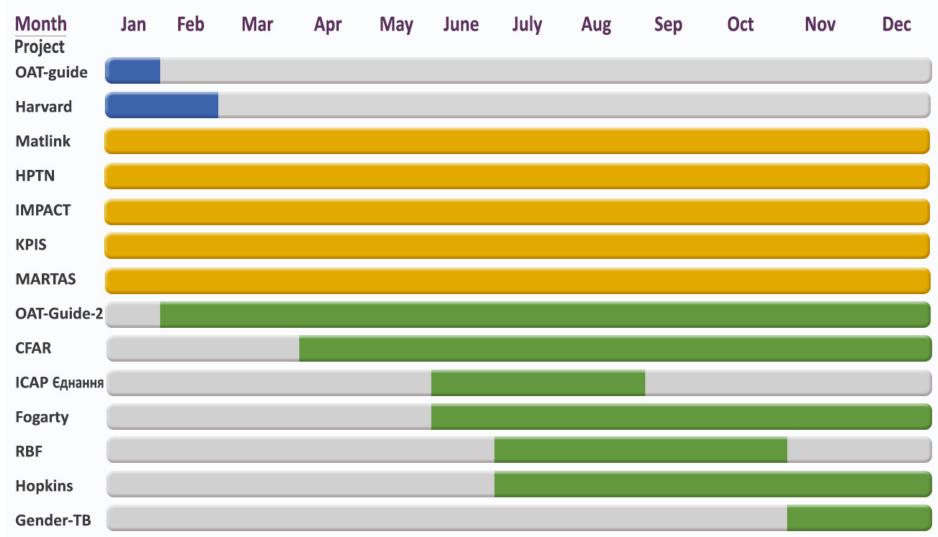
#### In 2017, UIPHP implemented 14 projects:



- 7 new projects launched
- 5 projects from the previous year
- 2 projects completed

## **UIPHP Project Activity in 2017**

**Project duration dynamics (monthly)** 



## **UIPHP Project Activity in 2017**

#### List of projects implemented in 2017

Project abbreviation	PROJECT NAME	DONOR	PROJECT STARTS (dd.mm.yyyy)	PROJECT ENDS (dd.mm.yyyy)	TOTAL BUDGET (USD)
OAT-guide	Improving Quality of Medication Assisted Treatment in Ukraine	Alliance for Public Health	01.08.2016	31.01.2017	32,264.30
Harvard	Integrated Discovery and Development of Innovative TB Diagnostics	NIH through The President and Fellows of Harvard College, a Massachusetts nonprofit educational corporation	01.03.2016	28.02.2017	12,649.00
MATLINK	Prison Interventions and HIV Prevention Collaboration	Yale University. New Haven, USA	01.08.2015	31.07.2018	212,743.24
HPTN	HIV Prevention Trials Network (Project HPTN 074)	National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) and US National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA)	01.06.2014	30.11.2018	1,645,871.00
IMPACT	Integrating Addiction Treatment and HIV Services into Primary Care Clinics in Ukraine	Yale University. New Haven, USA	15.09.2016	30.06.2021	444,940.00
KPIS	Improving Treatment, Engagement and Adherence for People Who Inject Drugs in Ukraine	Alliance for Public Health	01.06.2015	31.03.2018	324,740.32
MARTAS	Enhancing linkage to HIV care for newly detected HIV-positive persons in Ukraine	Center for Disease Control and Prevention CDC/ATSDR, Atlanta, USA	30.09.2013	29.03.2018	494,477.00
OAT-guide-2	Improving Quality of Medication Assisted Treatment in Ukraine	Alliance for Public Health	01.02.2017	31.01.2018	115,530.67
CFAR	Double stigma as barrier to integrated HIV treatment among HIV infected PWID in Ukraine	Center for AIDS Research, Boston Univercity - Brown University Collaboration	01.04.2017	31.03.2018	23,446.00
ICAP Ednannia	International Consultation on HIV and associated infections in prisons	PACT, Inc.	20.06.2017	10.08.2017	9,800.00
Fogarty	Ukraine HIV Research Training Program	Fogarty International Center	01.06.2017	31.05.2018	33,960.00
RBF	Implementation Assessment of the Funding Model based on Results of Opioid Substitution Therapy in Ukraine	Alliance for Public Health	03.07.2017	25.10.2017	17,167.42
Johns Hopkins	Using Activity Spaces to Examine the Social Network and Place- based Context of HIV/HCV Risk among People Who Inject Drugs in Ukraine	Johns Hopkins University	01.07.2017	30.06.2019	81,867.00
Gender TB	Operational Study of Assessment of Gender Barriers and Data To Identify the Vector of Actions about Key Populations in TB Context in Ukraine	Alliance for Public Health	01.11.2017	31.12.2017	18,402.79

Analytical products developed by UIPHP employees or with their participation



- 3 study reports
- 1 guideline
- 11 articles in peer-reviewed scientific journals
- 3 mentoring program

#### **Reports and guidelines**

#### **Study reports:**

- 1. Evaluation of the behavioral intervention "Steps towards Health" for people living with HIV and using injection drugs. T. Kiriazova, Y. Sereda, R. Yorick, I. Shvab, S. Dvoriak. USAID RESPOND Project, 2017
- 2."Perceived quality of HIV care across different service providers: Understanding what drives client satisfaction with HIV/AIDS services in three oblasts of Ukraine". This evaluation of perceived quality of HIV services was conducted by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) HIV Reform in Action (HIVRiA) Project as part of the larger Investment Case Phase II study and in collaboration with the Ukrainian Institute on Public Health Policy (UIPHP) and the Public Health Center of the Ministry of Health of Ukraine.
- 3. Boci A., Dedajic D., Otiashvili, D., [...], Kiriazova T., Dvoriak S. **Drug-treatment systems in prisons in Eastern and South-East Europe** / Eds. H. Stöver, R. Teltzrow. Council of Europe, 2017

#### **Guidelines:**

1. Guidelines to Develop the "Diagnostics" Section of the Local Protocol of Medical Care "HIV Infection Among Adults" for Pretrial Detention Facilities and Penitentiary Institutions of the Criminal Executive Service of Ukraine. / Kharkiv: Unisoft, 2017. - 64 pp.: illustrated. Approved by the acting head of the Department of Medical Supplies of the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine on Feb. 20, 2017



#### **Articles in peer-reviewed scientific publications**

1. Why People Who Inject Drugs Voluntarily Transition Off Methadone in Ukraine.

Rozanova J, Marcus R, Taxman FS, Bojko MJ, Madden L, Farnum SO, Mazhnaya A, **Dvoriak** S, Altice FL. Qual Health Res. 2017 Nov;27(13):2057-2070. doi: 10.1177/1049732317732307. Epub 2017 Sep 23. PMID: 28942704

2. <u>Patient preferences and extended-release naltrexone: A new opportunity to treat opioid use disorders in Ukraine.</u>

Marcus R, Makarenko I, Mazhnaya A, Zelenev A, Polonsky M, Madden L, Filippovych S, **Dvoriak** S, Springer SA, Altice FL.

Drug Alcohol Depend. 2017 Oct 1;179:213-219. doi: 10.1016/j.drugalcdep.2017.07.010. Epub 2017 Aug 5. PMID: 28806638

3. The science of Durban, AIDS 2016.

Beyrer C, Shisana O, Baral SD, Milsana K, Mayer KH, Pozniak A, Walker BD, Mboup S, Sohn AH, Serwadda D, Rees H, **Dvoriak** S, Warren M, Thiam S, El-Sadr WM, Hospital X, Ryan O, Thomson N, Bekker LG.

J Int AIDS Soc. 2017 Jun 30:20(1):21781. doi: 10.7448/IAS.20.1.21781. PMID: 28692209

4. Willingness to pay for opioid agonist treatment among opioid dependent people who inject drugs in Ukraine.

Makarenko I, Mazhnaya A, Marcus R, Bojko MJ, Madden L, Filippovich S, **Dvoriak** S, Altice FL. Int J Drug Policy. 2017 Jul;45:56-63. doi: 10.1016/j.drugpo.2017.05.037. Epub 2017 Jun 16. PMID: 28628853

5. <u>Primary healthcare-based integrated care with opioid agonist treatment: First experience from Ukraine.</u> Morozova O, **Dvoriak S**, **Pykalo I**, Altice FL.

Drug Alcohol Depend. 2017 Apr 1;173:132-138. doi: 10.1016/j.drugalcdep.2016.12.025. Epub 2017 Feb 21. PMID: 28242537

6. <u>Using nominal group technique among clinical providers to identify barriers and prioritize solutions to scaling up opioid agonist therapies in Ukraine.</u>

Madden L, Bojko MJ, Farnum S, Mazhnaya A, Fomenko T, Marcus R, Barry D, Ivanchuk I, Kolomiets V, Filippovych S, **Dvoryak** S, Altice FL.

Int J Drug Policy. 2017 Nov;49:48-53. doi: 10.1016/j.drugpo.2017.07.025. Epub 2017 Sep 26. PMID: 28957756







#### **Articles in peer-reviewed scientific publications**

7. Retention in medication-assisted treatment programs in Ukraine-Identifying factors contributing to a continuing HIV epidemic.

Dumchev K, Dvoryak S, Chernova O, Morozova O, Altice FL.

Int J Drug Policy. 2017 Oct;48:44-53. doi: 10.1016/j.drugpo.2017.05.014. Epub 2017 Aug 8. PMID: 28800420

8. <u>Patterns of harm reduction service utilization and HIV incidence among people who inject drugs in Ukraine: A two-part latent profile analysis.</u>

Ompad DC, Wang J, **Dumchev K**, Barska J, Samko M, **Zeziulin** O, Saliuk T, Varetska O, DeHovitz J. Int J Drug Policy. 2017 May;43:7-15. doi: 10.1016/j.drugpo.2016.12.008. Epub 2017 Feb 1. PMID: 28160736

9. Global, regional, and country-level coverage of interventions to prevent and manage HIV and hepatitis C among people who inject drugs: a systematic review.

Larney S, Peacock A, Leung J, Colledge S, Hickman M, Vickerman P, Grebely J, **Dumchev** KV, Griffiths P, Hines L, Cunningham EB, Mattick RP, Lynskey M, Marsden J, Strang J, Degenhardt L.

Lancet Glob Health. 2017 Dec;5(12):e1208-e1220. doi: 10.1016/S2214-109X(17)30373-X. Epub 2017 Oct 23. PMID: 29074410

10. Global prevalence of injecting drug use and sociodemographic characteristics and prevalence of HIV, HBV, and HCV in people who inject drugs: a multistage systematic review.

Degenhardt L, Peacock A, Colledge S, Leung J, Grebely J, Vickerman P, Stone J, Cunningham EB, Trickey A, **Dumchev** K, Lynskey M, Griffiths P, Mattick RP, Hickman M, Larney S.

Lancet Glob Health. 2017 Dec;5(12):e1192-e1207. doi: 10.1016/S2214-109X(17)30375-3. Epub 2017 Oct 23. Erratum in: Lancet Glob Health. 2017 Nov 15;:.PMID: 29074409

11. <u>Evolution of Monitoring and Evaluation of AIDS Response in Ukraine: Laying the Groundwork for Evidence-Based Health Care.</u>

**Dumchev** K, Varetska O, Kuzin I.

AIDS Behav. 2017 Jul;21(Suppl 1):72-82. doi: 10.1007/s10461-016-1571-y. PMID: 27714524

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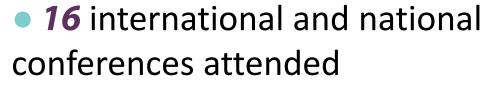
#### **Mentoring programs**

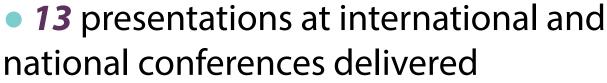
3 scientific studies were conducted by Yale university students, with UIPHP providing scientific and technical assistance:

- Investigating Discriminatory Biases of Physicians and Deferral of Anti-Retroviral Therapies for High Risk Population in Ukraine (Taylor Ottesen, Medical Student, Yale School of Medicine)
- Assessing Physician Perspectives on Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) in Ukraine's Shifting HIV Epidemic (Britton Gibson, MPH, Medical Student, Yale School of Medicine)
- Healthcare Student Correlates of Attitudes Toward Patients Living with or at High Risk for HIV/AIDS in Ukraine
  - (Juliana Lawrence, Medical Student, Yale School of Medicine)

## Yale school of medicine

Conferences, workgroups, and trainings attended by UIPHP specialists





- 1 international event organized
- 10 Ministry of Health and Ministry of Justice workgroups included UIPHP experts
- 4 online courses on drug treatment, HIV infection and hepatitis developed and uploaded to the Center for Public Health website.



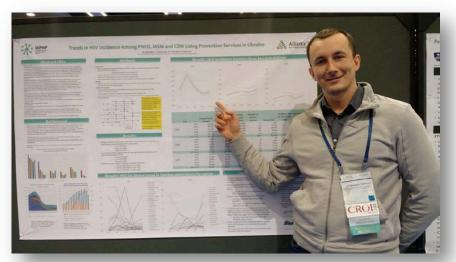
#### International and national conferences attended by UIPHP specialists

Event title	Organizer	Participants	Location	Dates
Conference on Retroviruses and Opportunistic Infections	CROI Foundation	K. Dumchev	Seattle, USA	February 12-16 2017
Training "Assessment of Regional Programs to Combat HIV / AIDS"	METIDA project (Alliance for Public Health)	O. Neduzhko	Lviv	March 21-24, 2017
2017 Urban ARCH Annual Meeting (Alcohol Research Collaboration on HIV/AIDS)	Boston Medical Center	T. Kiriazova	Boston, USA	March 29-31, 2017
"Best Practices and Approaches to Combat the HIV Epidemic": a workshop on evidence-based analysis and practical experiences	Center for Public Health, I-TECH	O. Neduzhko	Kyiv	April 3-7, 2017
The American Society of Addiction Medicine's (ASAM) 48th Annual Conference	The American Society of Addiction Medicine's (ASAM)	S. Dvoriak	New Orleans, LA, USA	April 6-9, 2017
HPTN annual meeting	HIV Prevention Trials Network	K. Dumchev, S. Dvoriak, T.Kiriazova, O. Zeziulin, I.Zaviriukha, O. Makarenko	Washington, DC USA	April 8-14, 2017
Trainings "Organization and Effective Implementation of Opioid Substitution Therapy" for leaders of drug addiction organizations and "Providing Opioid Substitution Therapy for Opioid Dependent Persons" for medical personnel (narcologists) of OST sites of narcological organizations	Republican state enterprise with the right of economic management "Republican Center for Prevention and Combatting AIDS" of the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Kazakhstan	Training specialist: S. Dvoriak	Almaty, Kazakhstan	April 18-21, 2017

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Event title	Organizer	Participants	Location	Dates
National consultation on the development of the mental healthcare system in Ukraine	Ministry of Health of Ukraine	S. Dvoriak, O. Karagodina	Kyiv	April 25-26, 2017
Adherence 2017 Conference: Actioning the Vision.	International Association of Providers of AIDS Care (IPAC)	T. Kiriazova	Miami, USA	June 4-6, 2017
2017 NIDA International Forum/ CPDD Conference	The National Institute on Drug Abuse; Canadian Centre on Substance Abuse	K. Dumchev, S. Dvoriak, T.Kiriazova, I.Pykalo	Montreal, Canada	June 16-22, 2017
"Best Practices and Approaches to Combat the HIV Epidemic": a workshop on evidence-based analysis and practical experiences	Center for Public Health, I-TECH	O. Neduzhko	Kyiv	June 12-16, 2017
9th IAS Conference on HIV Science (IAS 2017)	IAS	K. Dumchev	Paris, France	July 23-26, 2017
International round table "Health of Prisoners: A Scientific Approach for the Safety of Society"	Ukrainian Institute on Public Health Policy	S. Dvoriak	Kyiv	July 28-29, 2017
The SAA's 40th Anniversary Conference on Addiction Medicine	Society of Alcoholism and other Addictions	S. Dvoriak	Reykjavik, Iceland	October 2-4, 2017
Conference "HIV/AIDS in the BEARR region – bucking the trend"	BEARR Trust	S. Dvoriak	London, UK	November 10, 2017
IAS Governing Council Retreat	IAS	S. Dvoriak	Cape Town, South Africa	December 11-13, 2017

#### **Events at which UIPHP research results were presented**





WASHINGTON STATE CONVENTION CENTER

February 13-16, 2017

Participant s	Presentations, reports
, ,	Poster presentation "Patients' Attitudes toward Opioid Agonist Therapy in Primary Health Care Settings in Ukraine". I.Pykalo, O.Morozova, S.Dvoryak



Participants	Presentations, reports
Kostyantyn Dumchev	"HPTN 074" project results presentation.

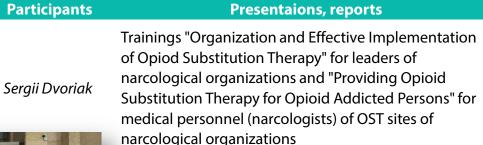


#### **Events at which UIPHP research results were presented**



Republican Center for the Prevention and Control of AIDS

Organization and Effective Implementation of Opioid Substitution Therapy
Kazakhstan, Almaty
April 18-21, 2017









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National Consultation on the Development of the Mental Healthcare System in Ukraine April 25-26, 2017

Participants	Presentations, reports
	Oral presentation "The Experience of
Sergii Dvoriak	Introducing Evidence-Based Practices in
	the Area of Psychiatry of Addictions"

#### **Events at which UIPHP research results were presented**

#### 2017 NIDA INTERNATIONAL FORUM JUNE 16–19, 2017 I MONTRÉAL, CANADA

Participants	Presentations, reports
Iryna Pykalo	Poster presentation "Patients' Attitudes toward Opioid Agonist Therapy in Primary Health Care Settings in Ukraine". I.Pykalo, O.Morozova, S.Dvoryak
Kostyantyn Dumchev	Poster presentation "Correlates of retention in Opioid Agonist Treatment of opioid dependence in Ukraine".  K.Dumchev.
Tetiana Kiriazova	Oral presentation "Assessment of the behavioral intervention "STEPS TOWARDS HEALTH" for HIV-positive persons who inject drugs in Ukraine". T.Kiriazova, S. Dvoriak.





# Adherence 2017 Actioning the Vision

JUNE 4-6, 2017 • MIAMI

Participant	Presentations, reports
	Oral presentation "Improving retention in care: What do we know and what can we do now?"

#### **Events at which UIPHP research results were presented**





#### **Participants**

#### Presentations, reports

Kostyantyn Dumchev

Oral presentation "HIV treatment cascade analysis for people who inject drugs in Ukraine: identifying the correlates of HIV care outcomes". K. Dumchev, O. Varetska, T. Salyuk, Ch. Vitek





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HIV/AIDS TRENDS IN THE COUNTRIES OF OUR REGION, POLICY RESPONSES FROM GOVERNMENTS, INTERVENTION AND SUPPORT FROM NGOS AND THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY, STIGMA AND PUBLIC AWARENESS.

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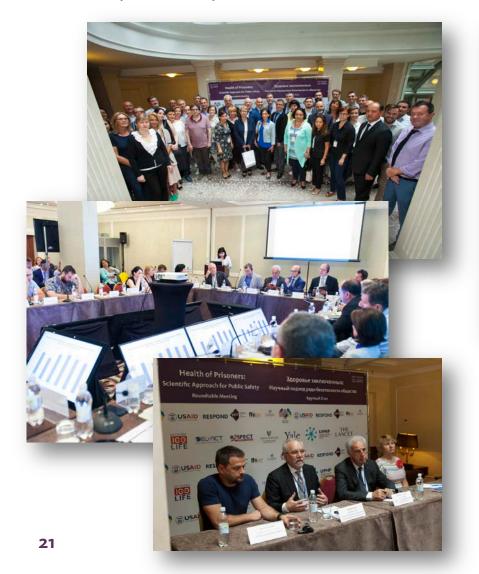




**Presentations, reports** 

Oral presentation "Policy responses, and understanding drug use and HIV"

The International Round Table "Health of Prisoners: Scientific Approach for Public Safety" (July 28-29, Kyiv, Ukraine)





The discussion of the highest level in Kyiv was initiated by the editorial staff of The Lancet medical journal, and organized and conducted by the Ukrainian Institute on Public Health Policy

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#### **UIPHP staff members participated in workgroups and other meetings**

Workgroup title	Participants
Interdepartmental workgroup of the Ministry of Health of Ukraine on OST	S. Dvoriak, K. Dumchev, I. Pykalo
MOH Workgroup on Monitoring and Evaluation	K. Dumchev, T. Kiriazova
Workgroup of the Ministry of Health of Ukraine on counseling and testing for HIV infection	O. Neduzhko
Multidisciplinary workgroup on the development of medical standards (unified clinical protocols) of health care based on evidence based medicine in 2015-2016 on the topic "Mental and Behavioral Disorders due to the Use of Opioids".	S. Dvoriak
Technical workgroup on the preparation of the regulatory and legal base for the implementation of uniform guidelines and the protocol on assistance to HIV / AIDS patients in the areas of "Counseling and Testing", "Link to Services" and "Diagnostics and Monitoring of HIV Treatment"	O. Neduzhko
Public Council under the jurisdiction of the State Penitentiary Service of Ukraine in Odesa Oblast	O. Neduzhko (deputy head)
Workgroup to prepare the development concept of the mental health system in Ukraine until 2025	S. Dvoriak
Workgroup of the state institution "Center for Public Health of the Ministry of Health of Ukraine" on improving the services of HIV testing	O. Neduzhko
National workgroup on monitoring the implementation of bio-behavioral research among the key population groups in 2017	T. Kiriazova
Workgroup within the framework of the national counselling "Accelerating the Rate of HIV Prevention to Achieve the Millennium Development Goals by 2020"	I. Trofimchenko

## **External Communication in 2017**

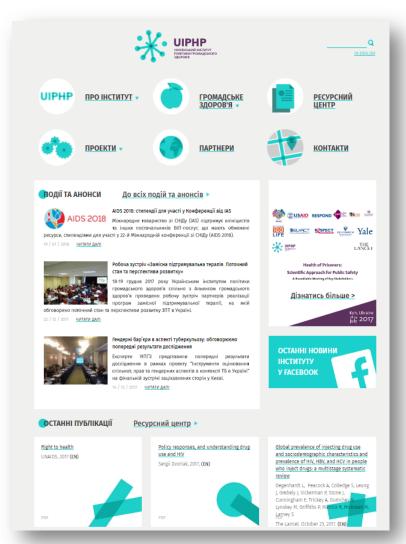
**UIPHP** communication capacity improved in 2017



- 2 websites are regularly updated
- 2 communication platforms work in Facebook
- 33 news updates and 18 articles on the UIPHP website
- 95 posts on the UIPHP Facebook page
- 56 mentions of UIPHP/key speakers in the Ukrainian media

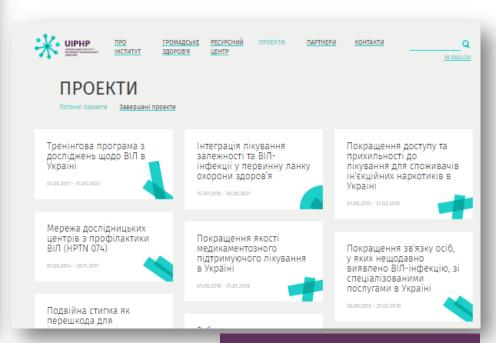
## **External Communication in 2017**

#### **New corporate UIPHP website**



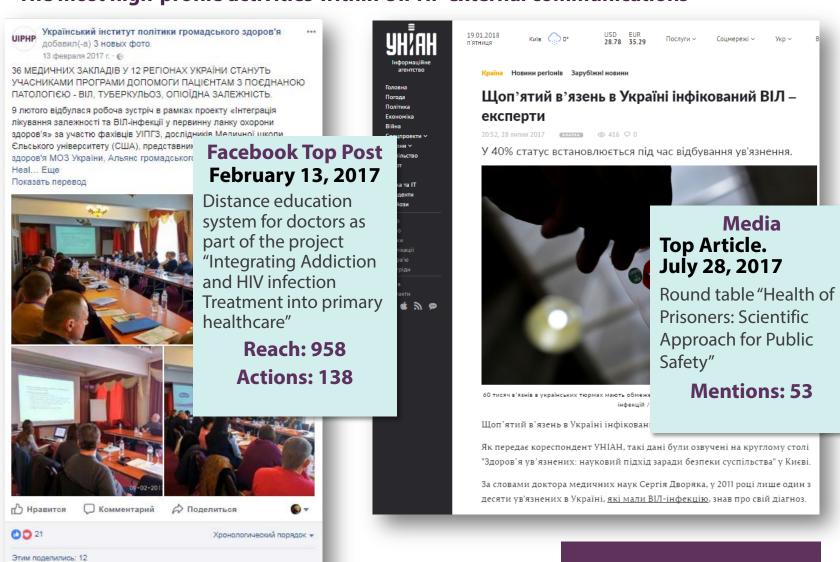
In 2017, a new corporate UIPHP website was developed, tested, filled with content and went live, in line with the new corporate style of the organization as well as with the current technical requirements.

www.uiphp.org.ua



### **External Communication in 2017**

#### The most high-profile activities within UIPHP external communications



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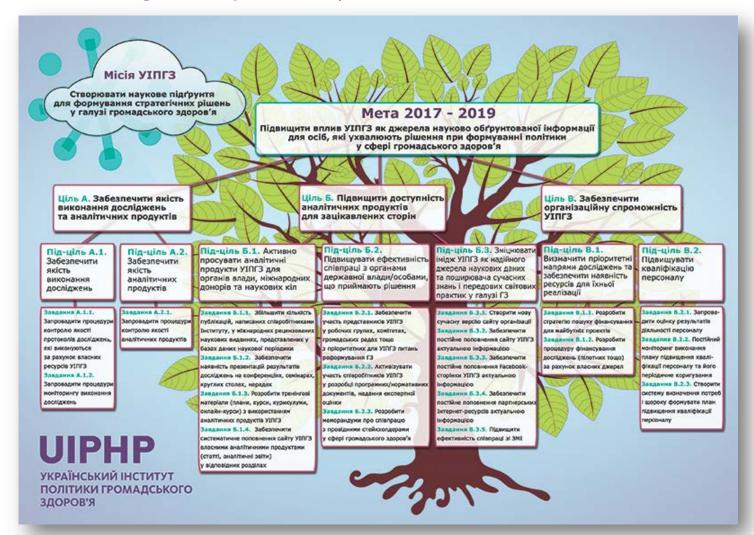
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#### Strategy, management, and finances

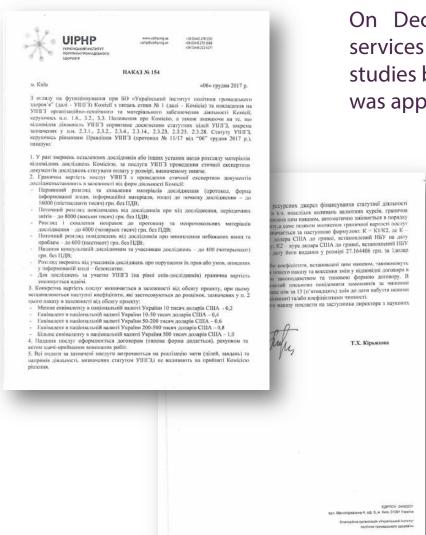


- UIPHP Strategic Plan was updated for years 2017-2019
- Introduced payment for UIPHP services to conduct an institutional review of scientific studies by the Institutional Review Board
- The financial and administrative procedures of the Institute were updated
- The organization successfully passed the financial audit
- In 2017, the Institute team increased by 1 employee
   and now counts 27 persons
- 14 staff members received advanced training at 22 training sessions and workshops
- UIPHP took part in the National Charity Provider Rating for the first time and took the *5th* place out of 89 rating participants

**UIPHP Strategic Plan updated for years 2017-2019** 



#### **Approved payment for UIPHP IRB services**



On December 6, 2017, payment for UIPHP services for the institutional review of scientific studies by **the Institutional Review Board (IRB)** was approved.

Since this decision, the Board has already received

14 applications
for review, and
7 of them
are subject to payment.

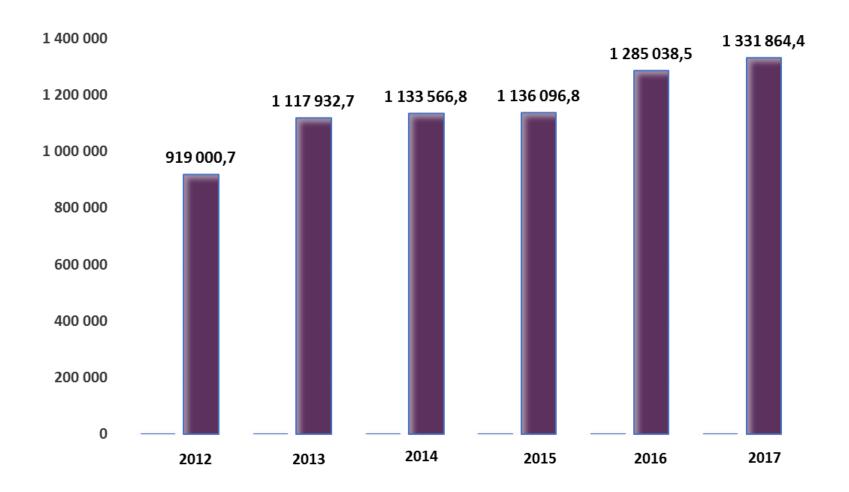
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Event title	Organizer	Participants	Location	Dates
Introduction to Epidemiology for Global Health	Departments of Global Health and Epidemiology University of Washington	O. Neduzhko	online	January 10 - March 27, 2017
Training "Processing, analyzing and visualizing data using MS Excel"	ICF "Alliance for Public Health"	T. Kiriazova, I. Trofimchenko, D. Sergiyenko	Kyiv	January 16-18, 2017
Online workshop "Non-Profit Organizations: Accounting and Returns in 2017"	TOV "Kyiv Accounting Service"	E. Satyrenko, A. Palamarchuk	online	February 2, 2017
Visualization and data presentation training	METIDA Project (ICF "Alliance for Public Health")	I.Zaviriukha	Yaremche, Ivano- Frankivsk region	06 - 10 February 2017
Online workshop "Non-Profit Organizations: Questions and Answers"	TOV "Kyiv Accounting Service"	E. Satyrenko, A. Palamarchuk	online	February 22, 2017
Training "Assessing the Impact of the HIV / AIDS Regional Program, which has been Implemented at the Regional Level since 2014, on the HIV / AIDS Epidemic in Regions of Ukraine"	METIDA Project (ICF "Alliance for Public Health")	O. Neduzhko	Kyiv	February 28 - March 03, 2017
Training "Using the R Program for Public Health Data Analysis"	METIDA Project (ICF "Alliance for Public Health")	I. Zaviriukha	Kyiv	March 13-18, 2017
Training "Improvement of Epidemiological Surveillance and Laboratory Monitoring for HIV in Ukraine"	SI "Center for Public Health of MOH of Ukraine"	O. Neduzhko	Kyiv	March 14-16, 2017
Training Course in Writing Up Results of Research Studies	METIDA Project (Alliance for Public Health)	I. Pykalo	Lviv	March 20-24, 2017
Training course "Bio-Behavioral Study among MSM"	Alliance for Public Health	O. Neduzhko	Kyiv	June 14-16, 2017
Regional consultations on planning the development of human resources of healthcare in the area of combatting HIV / AIDS / AIDS in Odessa region	Deloitte	O. Neduzhko	Odesa	June 22-23, 2017

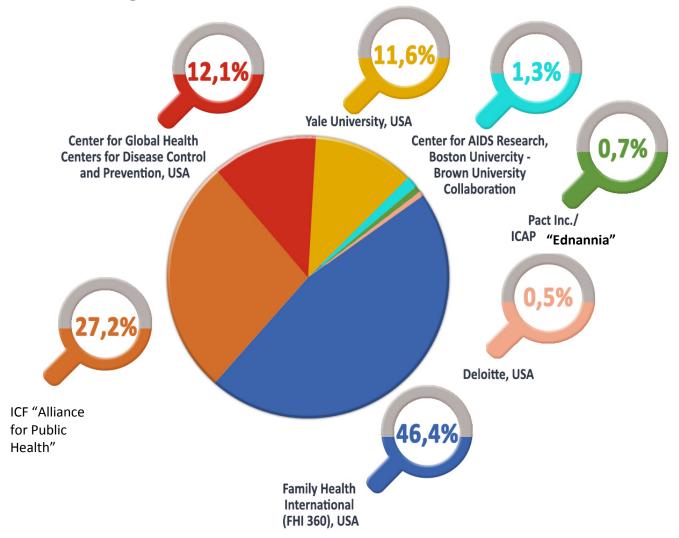
#### 14 employees received advanced training at 22 training sessions and workshops

Event title	Organizer	Participants	Location	Dates
Summer school on modelling in Spectrum software	CPH of MOH of Ukraine", CDC in Ukraine office, ICF "Alliance for Public Health"	O. Neduzhko	Kyiv	August 21-23, 2017
Workshop "Non-profit organizations: analyzing the latest legislative changes, summing up the results of 2017. The main focus of the accounting policy for non-profit organizations - as the basis for taxation."	"Professional" Business Center	S. Ustimova, A. Kamarali	Kyiv	October 11, 2017
Training course "HIV Data Quality Improvement, Programme Quality Improvement and Data Use"	WHO	I. Pykalo, I. Zaviriukha	Zagreb, Croatia	October 20-27, 2017
International Certification Program "Financial Management for NGOs"	Audit and Consulting Group "Compass"	S. Ustimova, A. Palamarchuk	Kyiv	October 29, 2017, December 4-6, 2017, December 12-13, 2017
International Certification Program "Financial Management for NGOs"	Audit and Consulting Group "Compass"	A. Kamarali, E. Satyrenko	Kyiv	October 29, 2017, December 4-6, 2017, December 12-13, 2017
Workshop on RDS-A	CDC in Ukraine Representative Office and the Alliance for Public Health	O. Neduzhko	Kyiv	November 6-10, 2017
Training course "The Political Economy of Social Inequalities and Its Consequences for Health and Quality of Life"	Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, Fall Institute	M. Fillipovych	Барселона, Іспанія	November 20-22, 2017
Training course "A Transdisciplinary Systems Approach to Addressing Social Determinants of Health Inequalities"	Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, Fall Institute	I. Pykalo, M. Fillipovych	Барселона, Іспанія	November 23-25, 2017
Training course "Crisis Response in Public Health Practice: International Perspectives"	Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, Fall Institute	I. Pykalo	Барселона, Іспанія	November 27-28, 2017
5th Annual Conference of Analytical Centers	International Renaissance Foundation	D. Sergiyenko	Kyiv	31 November-1 December 2017
Postgraduate PhD study. Scientific paper on the topic "The Possibilities of Using Internet Technologies to Overcome Internal HIV-Related Stigma"	Academy of Labor, Social Relations and Tourism	A. Taroyants	Kyiv	2017-2020
Postgraduate PhD study. Scientific paper on the topic "The Impact of Stigma and Discrimination by Nurses on Access to Opioid Substitution Therapy, Antiretroviral Therapy and Other Medical Services for Patients with Opioid Addiction."	Academy of Labor, Social Relations and Tourism	I. Pykalo	Kyiv	2017-2020

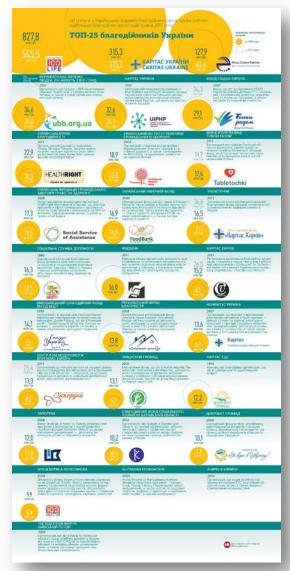
Financing dynamics of the UIPHP project activity in 2012-2017, USD



**Organization budget revenue structure in 2017 (donors)** 



**The National Charity Provider Rating 2017** 



In 2017, UIPHP took part in the National Charity Provider Rating for the first time

and took

the 5th place
out of the 89 rating
participants





#### **Our Partners**























**МІНІСТЕРСТВО ЮСТИЦІЇ**— УКРАЇНИ







	MATLINK (PRIDE) «Prison Interventions and HIV Prevention Collaboration»
Partners	Ministry of Justice of Ukraine, Department of State Executive Service of Ukraine
Name of Donor	Yale University. New Haven, USA
Start and end dates	01.08.2015 - 31.07.2018
Ukrainian PI	Sergii Dvoriak
Project description/ Objectives	To study the spread of socially dangerous infectious diseases, including HIV, viral hepatitis B and C, syphilis; injecting drug use, the use of other psychoactive substances and mental disorders not related to the use of PS among prisoners in Ukraine.
Main Results	Study protocol was finalized, a survey and training for MATLINK in Moldova were conducted. A pilot study was conducted in Kyrgyzstan and Ukraine. The piloting of MATLINK tools in Kyrgyzstan has been completed. Analysis of PUHLSE data in Kyrgyzstan and Azerbaijan has been completed. Prepared 5 publications on the materials of research. In December 2015 a seminar was held for the employees of State Penitentiary System of Ukraine. In 2016, a Memorandum on cooperation with the Center for Public Health of Ukraine was prepared and agreement was reached with the main narcologists on the unimpeded reception of patients on MAT. Nine research sites were opened in Kyiv, Mykolaiv, Dnipro and Sumy.  As of December 31, 2017, 1269 participants were screened, 194 were included to the study, 31 completed a 6-month follow-up. 32 participants started the MAT program: 17 in Kyiv, 12 in Mykolaiv, 3 in Dnipro.
Publications	<ol> <li>Azbel L., Wickersham J.W., Wegman M., Polonsky M., Suleymanov M., Ismayilov R., Dvoryak S., Altice F.L. "Burden of substance use disorders, mental illness, and correlates of infectious diseases among soon-to-be-released prisoners in Azerbaijan." <i>Drug and Alcohol Dependence</i>.</li> <li>Polonsky, M.; Rozanova, J.; Azbel, L.; Bachireddy, C.; Izenberg, J.; Kiriazova, T.; Dvoryak, S.; Altice, F.L. "Attitudes toward addiction, methadone treatment, and recovery among HIV-infected Ukrainian prisoners who inject drugs: Incarceration effects and exploration of mediators." <i>AIDS and Behavior</i>.</li> <li>Azbel L., Grishaev, Y., Wickersham J.W., Chernova O., Dvoryak S., Polonsky, M., Altice F.L. "Trials and tribulations of conduction biobehavioral surveys in prisons: Implementation science and lessons from Ukraine." <i>International Journal of Prisoner Health</i>.</li> <li>Polonsky M, Azbel L, Wickersham JM, Marcus R, Doltu S, Grishaev E, Dvoryak S, Altice FL. Accessing methadone within Moldovan prisons: Prejudice and myths amplified by peers. Int J Drug Policy. 2016; 29: 91–95.</li> <li>Azbel L, Grishaev Y, Wickersham JA, Chernova O, Dvoryak S, Polonsky M, Altice FL. Trials and tribulations of conducting biobehavioral surveys in prisons: implementation science and lessons from Ukraine. Int J Prison Health. 2016; 12(2)</li> </ol>

## KPIS «Improving Treatment, Engagement and Adherence for People Who Inject Drugs in Ukraine»

Partners	AIDS Centers and Regional Narcological Dispensaries in 7 oblasts of Ukraine
Name of Donor	ICF "Alliance for Public Health"
Start and end dates	01.06.2015 – 31.03.2018
Ukrainian PI	Oleksandr Zeziulin
Project description/ Objectives	Project objectives:  1. Evaluation of the effectiveness of two strategies – Community-Initiated Treatment Intervention (CITI) and Medication-Assisted Treatment – and their impact on the rates of involvement of patients to HIV treatment programs and ART programs compared to Standard Care.  2. Identification of barriers associated with the client and the service provider, which impede the involvement of IDUs to HIV treatment programs, ART and also affect the rates of retention.  3. Determination of the costs for each participant in the program, taking into account the breakdown of cost components within the cascade model, reflecting the results of ART for CITI and MAT.
Main Results	<ul><li>1. The field phase of the study is ongoing:</li><li>a. There are 9 regional research sites currently operating;</li><li>b. As of December 31, 2017, 786 participants with a level of retention in the study about 90% were recruited;</li><li>c. In October 2017, the interim analysis of data was conducted.</li></ul>
Publications	Abstract "Improved frequency of ART initiation and use of harm reduction services among HIV-positive PWID in Ukraine" was accepted for NIDA International Forum 2018.

## MARTAS «Enhancing Linkage to HIV Care for newly Detected HIV-Positive Persons in Ukraine»

Partners	Regional Departments of Health of Dnipropetrovsk, Mykolaiv and Odesa State Regional Administrations
Name of Donor	Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
Start and end dates	30.09.2013 - 29.03.2018
Ukrainian PI	Oleksandr Neduzhko
Project description/ Objectives	Objective 1 (Modifying ARTAS) - modify the ARTAS intervention protocol for using it with patients recently diagnosed with HIV in Ukraine based on the results of a formative study conducted in specialized healthcare facilities of the Dnipropetrovsk oblast.  Objective 2 (Piloting MARTAS) – explore feasibility, acceptability and quality of intervention through a pilot study conducted in three specialized healthcare facilities in the city of Mykolaiv for a group of up to 30 patients recently diagnosed with HIV.  Objective 3 (Evaluating MARTAS) – using the design of a randomized controlled study, evaluate the effectiveness of intervention at nine sites (specialized healthcare facilities) in three oblasts of Ukraine (Odesa, Mykolaiv and Dnipropetrovsk) by comparing the observed rates of engagement and retention in care of HIV positive participants from the intervention and control groups.  Objective 4 (Studying the perception of MARTAS) – study the perception of MARTAS by the recipients to determine the feasibility of its implementation and its future dissemination in the healthcare facilities of Ukraine.

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#### **Main Results**

- •Formative research was conducted (Stage 1): In-depth interviews with patients who recently received positive HIV test result (n = 20), and focus groups with health workers (n = 14) were conducted.
- •Based on the results of the formative study, the ARTAS intervention was modified and named MARTAS after modification.
- •MARTAS was piloted in patients who recently received positive HIV test results (n = 23) in three specialized healthcare facilities in the Mykolaiv oblast.
- •20 patients started receiving MARTAS intervention (they had at least one session with a Linkage Coordinator). 14 patients (64% of those recruited for the study and 70% of those who received the MARTAS intervention) have been enrolled in care at the AIDS Center and started receiving specialized services three months after being recruited for the study.
- The results of this stage of the study demonstrated the feasibility and acceptability of the MARTAS intervention in the context of Ukraine. As a result of piloting, relevant amendments were made in the Study Protocol.
- •In October 2015 October 2017, MARTAS effectiveness was evaluated among patients who received positive HIV test result (n=274) in nine specialized healthcare facilities in Dnipropetrovsk, Mykolaiv and Odesa oblasts. The analysis included 135 members of the intervention group and 139 members of the control group. There was no statistically significant difference observed between the groups (gender p = 0.855, age p = 0.679, drug use p = 0.118). Retention in the study: 124 (91.9%) members of the intervention group and 124 (89.2%) members of the control group completed 3-month follow-up assessment; 121 (89.6%) members of the intervention group and 120 (86.3%) members of the control group completed 6-month follow-up assessment.
- •A statistically significant increase in the proportion of the members of the intervention group (vs the control group members) who, according to medical records, visited AIDS Center within three months after the date of their recruitment for the study (89.6% vs. 42.4%, Crude OR = 11.72 (6.13-22.39) Crude RR = 2.11 (1.73-2.58).
- •A statistically significant increase in the proportion of members of the intervention group (vs the control group members) who, according to medical records and self-reports, were linked to HIV care within three months after the date of their recruitment for the study (84.4% versus 33.8%, Adjusted OR = 13.05 (6.43-26.46) Adjusted RR 2.82 (1.85-4.29).
- •The National Conference 'Enhancing linkage to HIV care for newly detected HIV-positive persons in Ukraine. Study results and best practices' took place in Kyiv to disseminate the results of 5-year Project.

#### **Publications**

1. Kiriazova T, Postnov O, Bingham T, Myers J, Flanigan T, Vitek C, Neduzhko O. <u>Patient and provider perspectives inform an intervention to improve linkage to care for HIV patients in Ukraine.</u> BMC Health Serv Res. 2018 Jan 30;18(1):58.

HPTN		
«HIV prevention trials network (	pro	ject HPTN 074)»

Partners	Clinic of the State Institution "L.V. Gromashevsky Institute of Epidemiology and Infectious Diseases of the Academy of Medical Science of Ukraine" NGO "Club Eney", Kyiv
Name of Donor	NIH, USA through FHI360
Start and end dates	01.06.2014 - 30.11.2018
Ukrainian PI	Kostyantyn Dumchev
Project description/ Objectives	The aim of the study is detection of possibility of implementation of further randomized clinic research, which will evaluate if the level of HIV transmission to uninfected partners might be reduced as a result of using integrated approach. Such approach includes psychological consultations and referring to ART and drug abuse treatment for HIV-infected people who inject drugs comparing with standard services, which were developed according to national standards of treatment and preventive measures for HIV-infected people who inject drugs.
Main Results	As of December 31, 2017: The main part is completed and an additional study phase is started. 188 participants participated in the main phase (out of a planned 167) and 296 partners. A high level of retention is provided - 88% among the indices and 83% among partners 52 weeks after registration. In the additional phase of the study, 132 participant-indexes were registered.
Publications	William C. Miller, Irving Hoffman, Brett Hanscom, Tran V. Ha, Kostyantyn Dumchev, Zubairi Djoerban, Scott M. Rose, Kathyrn E. Lancaster, Vivian Go, Sarah Reifeis, Estelle Piwowar-Manning, Carl A. Latkin, David Metzger, David Burns, for the HPTN 074 Protocol Team. Impact of systems navigation and counseling on ART, SUT and death in PWID: HPTN 074 Poster 1097, presented at CROI 2018.

## ECHO (IMPACT) «Integrating Addiction Treatmnet and HIV Services into Primary Care Clinics in Ukraine»

Partners	Public Health Center of Ukraine, Shupyk National Medical Academy
Name of Donor	Yale University, New Haven, USA
Start and end dates	15.09.2016 - 30.06.2018
Ukrainian PI	Sergii Dvoriak
Project description/ Objectives	<ul> <li>The aim of this project is to study the effectiveness of the integrated model of health care services in primary care clinics and the interventions for quality improvement of health care services by means of training of physicians and their financial motivation Aims and objectives:</li> <li>Introduction opiate agonist maintenance treatment in primary healthcare facilities;</li> <li>Setting up a system of tele-education for physicians of primary care clinics - "Improving the effectiveness of community-based health services" (Intervention with Proven Efficiency - Extension for Community Healthcare Outcome);</li> <li>Working out of the model of increase of payment for quality (P4P);</li> <li>Assess of cost-effectiveness of treatment based on comparing the cost of treatment and its efficacy in specialized institutions and in primary care clinics using a modern methodology of cost-effectiveness calculation.</li> </ul>
Main Results	The project activity started in December 2016. There was held a meeting with representatives of the Public Health Center of Ukraine and the Association of Family Medicine. Two speeches were made at national conferences to disseminate information about the project. The strategy of receiving support from the Ministry of Health was developed. The proposal on Integrated Care Quality Indicators is developed. 2 trainings for family doctors were conducted, who passed the online course and 3-day training on HIV, TB and addiction and received certificates from the Shupyk National Medical Academy. A technical basis has been prepared in PHC-facilities for provision of MAT. Technical basis for on-line trainings (ECHO component) was prepared. Study tools are programmed into REDCap; they were piloted in Kyiv. Training of local research staff (interviewers and recruiters) was conducted.
Publications	n/a

OAT-Guide
«Improving quality of medication assisted treatment in Ukraine»

Partners	Ministry of Health of Ukraine
Name of Donor	ICO "Alliance for Public Health"
Start and end dates	01.08.2016 - 31.01.2018
Ukrainian PI	Sergii Dvoriak
Project description/ Objectives	The purpose of the project is to develop a coherent system of evaluation and quality improvement which can be used by institutions implementing opioid substitution therapy, as well as by national agencies responsible for the implementation and effectiveness of the program.  The tasks of the project include: development of the Adapted clinical guidelines and the Unified clinical protocol of healthcare services; development of the standard of healthcare services provision; development, recording and dissemination of video-trainigs for treatment of opioid dependence and comorbid diseases, provision of psychosocial support; development and piloting of the quality improvement system.
Main Results	During the project period, the Adapted Clinical Guideline, the Unified Clinical Protocol of healthcare services and the Standard of healthcare services provision "Treatment of Mental and Behavioral Disorders due to the Use of Opioids" were developed. The developed documents are submitted for approval to the Ministry of Health of Ukraine.  Quality indicators of Opiate Agonist Maintenance Treatment (OAMT) have been developed. The SIMS Project Evaluation Tool for PEPFAR projects has been complemented; the piloting of the modified instrument was carried out on 5 sites of PTAO.  In 2017 4 video courses for physicians, nurses, psychologists, and social workers were developed and recorded: 1. Treatment of opioid dependence; 2. Integrated care to people with mental and behavioral disorders due to the use of opioids; 3. Organizational aspects of providing integrated services to people with mental and behavioral disorders due to the use of opioids; 4. Psychosocial support for patients with opioid dependence in accordance with international recommendations and national standards. Two of four courses are posted on the online training platform of the Center for Public Health of the Ministry of Health of Ukraine; the other two will be opened to students during March 2018.  The concept of the quality assessment system, is developed. It consists of the following components:  1. Regular analysis of data obtained through centralized electronic reporting.  2. Periodic external evaluation of quality indicators.  3. Periodic sample evaluation of patient satisfaction.  Implementation of the first component was postponed due to delays in the implementation of electronic information systems. In the second component, an external assessment form was developed and piloted. In the third component, a customer satisfaction questionnaire was developed and piloted.
Publications	n/a

#### Fogarty «Ukraine HIV Research Training Program»

Partners	National University of "Kyiv-Mohyla Academy"
Name of Donor	Fogarty International Center, NIH
Start and end dates	01.04.2017 - 31.05.2022
Ukrainian PI	Tetiana Kiriazova
Project description/ Objectives	The aim of this project is to strengthen UIPHP research and training capacity in the areas that are relevant to HIV epidemics in Ukraine. Some topic areas may be in HIV and infectious disease epidemiology; biostatistics; and implementation science, which may include program evaluation and health behavior as relates to HIV/HCV/TB/substance use.
Main Results	During the first year of project implementation, the following tasks were performed:  1. was started development of a training program on specialty "Public health" for students of the National University "Kyiv-Mohyla Academy";  2. was started development of a certified program of training on specialty "Research methods in the field of HIV/AIDS" for Ukrainian specialists;  3. two candidates were selected to participate in the Fogarty program for 2017-2018 academic year.
Publications	n/a

## CFAR «Double stigma as barrier to integrated HIV treatment among HIV infected PWID in Ukraine»

Partners	Regional narcological dispensaries in 6 oblasts of Ukraine
Name of Donor	CFAR (Center for AIDS Research), Boston University
Start and end dates	01.04.2017 - 31.03.2018
Ukrainian PI	Tetiana Kiriazova
Project description/ Objectives	<ul> <li>Project objectives:</li> <li>To study the aspects of stigma as a barrier to HIV treatment which can be changed by the development and implementation of interventions.</li> <li>To evaluate the association of internal stigma related to HIV and drug use experienced by HIV-positive PWIDs, and its association with access to HIV treatment and quality of HIV services.</li> <li>To assess the association of integrated HIV-services with internal stigma related to HIV and drug use as a barrier to HIV-services access.</li> </ul>
Main Results	The research was conducted on 6 sites of integrated and non-integrated HIV-care in Lviv, Dnipro, Cherkassy, Odesa, Mykolaiv and Kyiv (2 sites). The study collected qualitative information (focus groups with clients and interviews with staff of MAT sites) and quantitative information (cross-sectional surveys among clients of MAT sites). Data analysis and analytical report preparation are carried out.  As of December 31, 2017 data collection was completed; All planned quantitative interviews (190), 6 focus groups, and 13 qualitative interviews were conducted. Data analysis and analytical report preparation are carried out.
Publications	The abstract «Double stigma among HIV-positive PWID in Ukraine and care integration» was accepted for poster presentation at NIDA International Forum 2018.

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«International Consultation on HIV and associated infections in prisons»

Partners	Yale University, Johns Hopkins University, The Lancet, All-Ukrainian Network of PLWH
Name of Donor	PACT, Inc. through the Initiative Center to Support Social Action "Ednannia"
Start and end dates	20.06.2017 - 10.08.2017
Ukrainian PI	Sergii Dvoriak
Project description/ Objectives	A two-day meeting in Kyiv (28-29 July, 2017) explored the range of possibilities to improve health services access for people who use drugs at three distinct time periods: pre-incarceration, incarceration and immediately post incarceration. The meeting focused on aligning current advocacy, policy directions and future research in EE&CA towards enhanced health and criminal justice outcomes for key stakeholders working across the interface of drug use, health service provision and criminal justice systems in the region. The meeting included a formal press event to cast a Ukrainian and EE&CA lens on challenges and opportunities in responding to the dual issues of drug policy and health in the criminal justice system in the region.
Main Results	The conclusions of the international conference are given by the following link: <u>Summary of conclusions of Roundtable Meeting 'Health of Prisoners: Scientific Approach for Public Safety'</u> (ENG) <u>Выводы Круглого стола «Здоровье заключенных: научный подход ради безопасности общества» (RUS)</u>
Publications	1. The perfect storm: incarceration and the high-risk environment perpetuating transmission of HIV, hepatitis C virus, and tuberculosis in Eastern Europe and Central Asia, Lancet. 2016 Sep 17; 388(10050): 1228–1248

#### Hopkins

«Using Activity Spaces to Examine the Social Network and Place-based Context of HIV/HCV Risk among People Who Inject Drugs in Ukraine»

Partners	NGO "Synergy of Souls", Dnipro, Ukraine
Name of Donor	Johns Hopkins University (NIDA/NIH)
Start and end dates	01.07.2017- 30.06.2019
Ukrainian PI	Tetiana Kiriazova
Project description/ Objectives	The proposed research project will explore the social and place-based context of injection drug use and HIV and HCV risk among people who inject drugs (PWID) in Ukraine. Study participants will include men and women 18 years of age and older in Dnipro, Ukraine.
Main Results	During 2017, field staff was selected to work with respondents. The tool for collecting qualitative data has been finalized.
Publications	n/a



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