

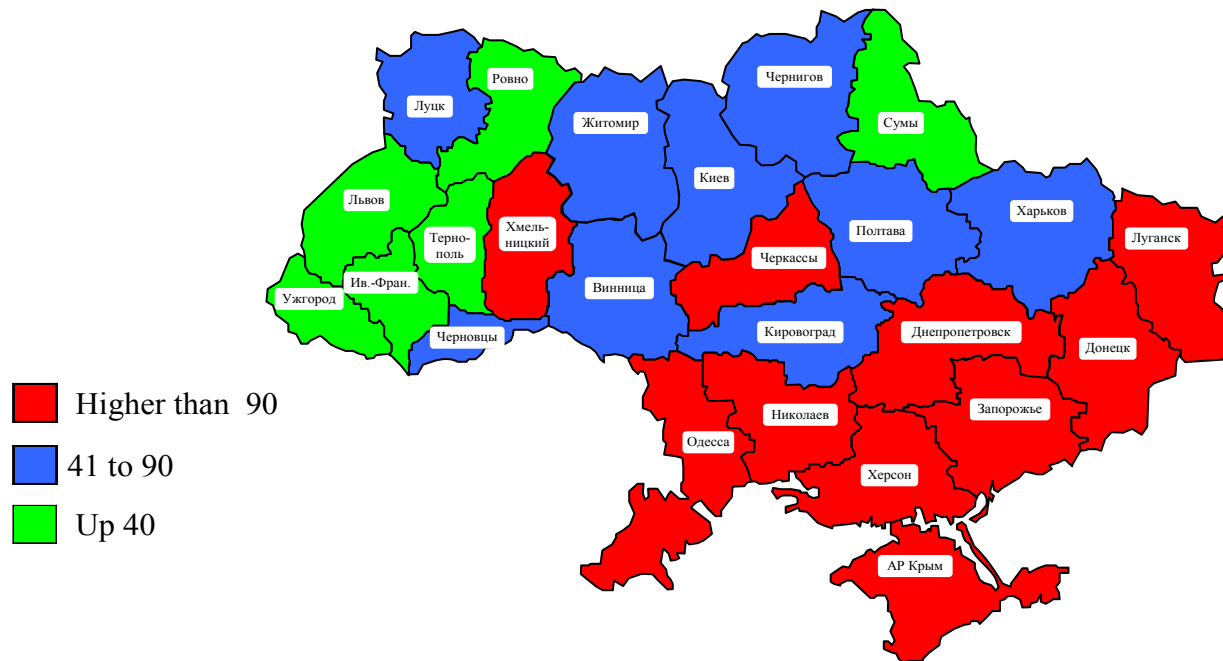
# From activist to professional service provision

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# Country Background

## HIV Prevalance (1987 – 2004 pp., per 100 thouthends population)



Last statistic data. As for 01.10.2006 there 70 155 HIV infected people clinically registered at AIDS Centers. Amongst them there are 5868 children (1288 with confirmed diagnosis)  
National Estimates of number of PLWA – 377 600

## **MISSION OF THE ORGANIZATION**

**Based on humanistic ideas to enhance the quality of life of people living with HIV/AIDS by means of joint efforts of all concerned in order to offer psychological, social, counseling and legal support and to advocate accessibility of treatment and diagnostics for people living with HIV/AIDS in Ukraine.**

## **STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS**

- 1. To promote access to prevention, treatment, care and support.**
- 2. To lobby and advocate rights of people living with HIV/AIDS.**
- 3. To promote a tolerant attitude towards people living with HIV/AIDS.**
- 4. To enhance the All-Ukrainian Network's organizational capacity.**

**The organization works on the all-Ukrainian level, it is the biggest and most developed Network of people living with HIV/AIDS in the former Soviet states**

**The activities of the organization are carried out in 22 out of 25 regions of Ukraine, the total number of members is about 300 members**

**Currently organization is starting to work at international level in regards of creating Regional Network of PLWH that will include representatives from the New Independent States.**



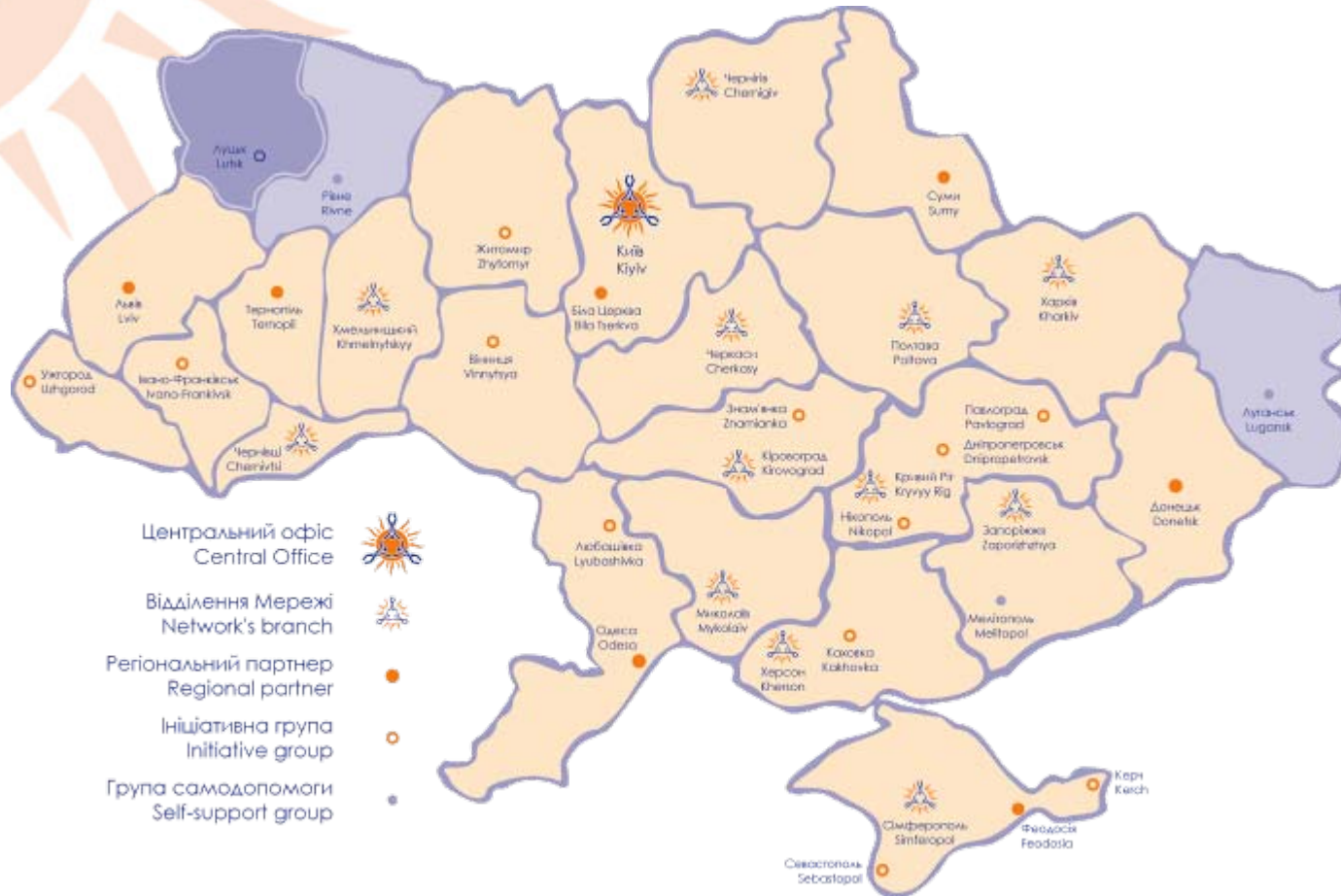
**PLWA activities started in 1999 from first self support and initiative groups**



**In 2001 the Network received official registration and started its activity by conducting an action devoted to World AIDS Memorial Day in 9 regions of Ukraine.**

**Since that time Network run advocacy activities and campaigns in order to promote accesses to adequate medical services, ART treatment**

# Network's Regional Representations and Initiative groups



## Regional Representations of the All-Ukrainian Network of PLWH

- 14 branches of the Network: Cherkasy, Kirovograd, Poltava, Kherson, Mykolayiv, Chernivsti, Crimea, Kharkiv, Chernygiv, Zaporizhzhya, Kryvyi Rig, Khmelnytskyj, Kyiv, Kakhovka
- 3 regional representations: Odesa, Donetsk, Sumy
- 15 initiative groups: Vinnytsya, Dnipropetrovsk, Yevpatoriya, Zhytomyr, Ivano-Frankivsk, Kerch, Lviv, Pavlograd, Sevastopol, Ternopil, Feodosiya, Uzhgorod, Lubashovka, Bila Tserkva, Nikopol





## International Partners of the All-Ukrainian Network of PLWH

- Elton John AIDS Foundation (EJAF) Great Britain
- The International HIV/AIDS Alliance in Ukraine (Ukraine/Great Britain)
- The European Commission (EU/Tacis)
- The US Agency for International Development (USAID)
- The Netherlands Agency on International Development (N(o)VIB)
- Doctors of the World-USA (DOW)
- The Norwegian Church Aid (NCA)
- The United Nations Office UN Agencies in Ukraine (UNAIDS, UNICEF, UNDP)
- The British Council (Great Britain)
- The AIDS Foundation “East-West”
- The World Bank

# Projects

**To professionalize the All-Ukrainian Network of People Living with HIV and AIDS with financial support of ECPP and EJAF**

**Aim:** Consolidation of the capacity of the Network to become a self-sustaining network, professionalize it and enable it to become a fully independent organisation

**Providing care and support for PLWH** with the financial support of the International HIV/AIDS Alliance in Ukraine in the framework of implementation of the National program “Overcoming HIV/AIDS epidemic in Ukraine” which was supported by the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB and Malaria. 1<sup>st</sup> Round.

**Aim:** Increasing access to care and support for PLWH.

**«SUNRISE» Project - «Strengthening the response to HIV/AIDS epidemic in Ukraine by means of providing services and information»** - the joint project of the All-Ukrainian Network, International HIV/AIDS Alliance in Ukraine and Program of Advanced Technologies in Health (PATH), which is implemented with the financial support of the US Agency for International Development (USAID)

**Aim:** decreasing pace of HIV spreading among vulnerable groups of population, including injection drug users, commercial sex workers and people living with HIV/AIDS.

# Projects

**«Equal opportunities for People Living with HIV/AIDS»** - the joint project of the AUkN and the UKC with the financial support of EU/TACIS in the framework of IBPP program “Supporting society and local initiatives”.

**Aim:** lobbying and advocating rights of people living with HIV/AIDS.

**„Regional Development”** with the financial support of the Netherlands Agency for International Development (N(o)VIB)

**Aim:** development of self-support movement of PLWH and capacity building of regional representative offices of the Network.

**«Care and support for positive people»** - with the financial support of the Norway Church Aid.

**Aim:** provision of assistance to people on terminal stage of AIDS, HIV-positive children and their families.

**“Prevention of Abandonment of Children Born to HIV+ mothers”** joint project of the Network and Doctors of the World-USA with the financial support of USAID

**Aim:** to build Ukrainian systems, capacity, and commitment to keep children born to HIV+ mothers within the biological family environment.

# Representation of interests of HIV-positive people nationally



**Volodymyr Zhovtyak**, the Head of Coordination Council of the All-Ukrainian Network was appointed as **the Deputy head of the National coordination council on prevention of spreading HIV-infection/AIDS and the Committee on protection of rights of HIV-positive and vulnerable groups.**

**14 regional representatives** became members of regional councils on HIV/AIDS issues.

## Representation of interests of HIV-positive people nationally

Network's Representatives work in all Committees of the National coordination council on prevention of spreading HIV-infection/AIDS (CCM):

- Committee on strategic planning, budget, monitoring and evaluation
- Committee on healthy way of life
- Treatment, care and support Committee
- Committee on work with vulnerable group
- Regional policy Committee
- Committee on protection of rights of HIV-positive and vulnerable groups

## Advocacy at the national level



Meeting of the members of the Network with the President of Ukraine

## Advocacy at the national level

The All-Ukrainian Network's of PLWH representatives had 3 meetings with the President of Ukraine Victor Yushchenko in November 2005. The following measures became the results of these meetings:

- President Yushchenko took fight against HIV/AIDS and Tuberculosis in Ukraine under his personal control.
- Each regional capital is obliged to create **a cabinet** for anonymous free of charge HIV/AIDS testing by the end of 2006 and each oblast center should provide with **minimum 20 beds** for HIV-positive patients treatment.
- **Cancelled the results of non-transparent tenders** on the purchases of antiretroviral therapy drugs.

# Advocacy at the national level

- **A Committee on HIV/AIDS and other socially dangerous diseases** overcoming should be created as the Ministry of Health's structural body.
- The Government was charged to create by the 15th March 2006 **all-Ukrainian clinic for children**, suffering from HIV/AIDS.
- Local authorities should **accommodate with appropriate apartments** charity organizations, which provide support and care for PLWH.
- The President apportioned **additionally 17 million UAH** to strengthening HIV/AIDS activities, namely strengthening of clinics, ARV drugs purchase, including those for HIV+ children, and the purchase of drugs for the treatment of opportunistic infections and hepatitis.



## Rights protection activities



*A precedent of protecting rights of HIV-positive people in courts was made – rights of HIV-positive citizen of Ukraine who was fired because of HIV-positive status were protected*

## Promotion of tolerant society's attitude towards people living with HIV/AIDS

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The action **“*Understanding is the real action!*”** devoted to the Day of Solidarity with HIV-positive people was conducted in 42 cities of Ukraine in December 2005

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Six annual action

*«Stop AIDS. Keep promise!»*

devoted to the World AIDS Memorial Day took place on May 2006.

43 cities participated in this action

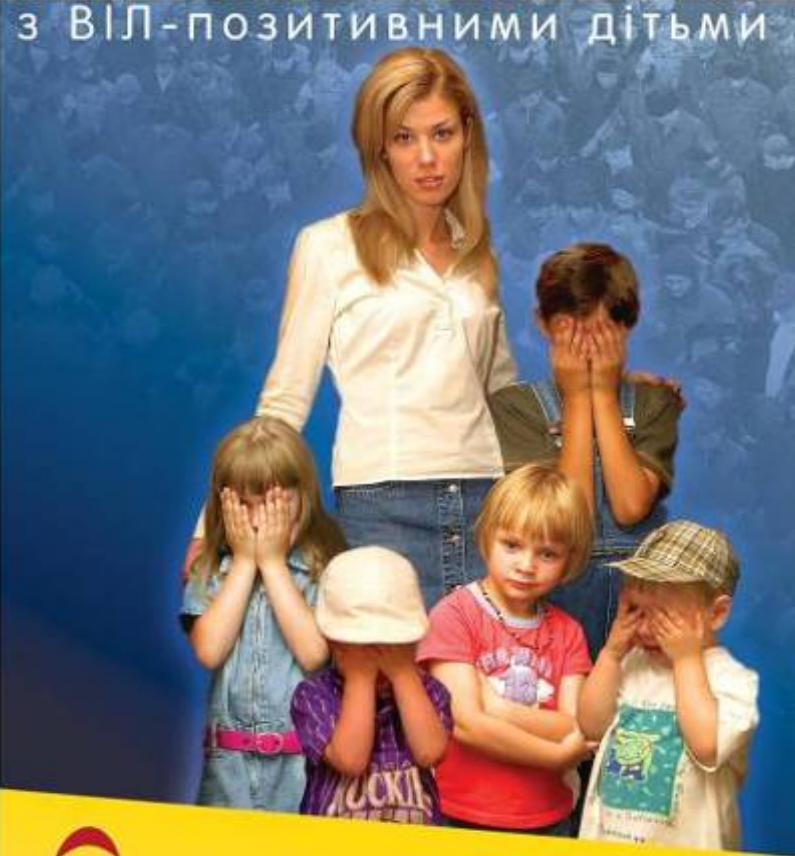
# Informational Campaigns



**The National Media Campaign „*Your Health – In Your Hands!*” –  
(All-Ukrainian Network of PLWH and AFEW (AIDS Foundation  
East-West) – on access to ARV therapy for people living with  
HIV/AIDS in Ukraine**

# Informational Campaigns



**КАМПАНІЯ СОЛІДАРНОСТІ  
з ВІЛ-ПОЗИТИВНИМИ ДІТЬМИ**



**Відкрий своє серце,  
щоб діти відкрили свої обличчя!**



Текст написаний ВОО "Всеукраїнська мережа ЛЖВ".  
All content is in Ukrainian. It is a campaign for solidarity with children living with HIV/AIDS.  
The main aim of the campaign was to change attitude of staff members of preschool educational institutions towards HIV-positive children in Kyiv.



Informational campaign on solidarity with children living with HIV/AIDS

**“Open your heart”**

with the financial support of UN Children Fund (UNICEF)

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# Charitable Auction “Children in Need”



The first charitable auction for the benefit of “**Children in Need**” who are living with HIV/AIDS was conducted on February 22 2006 . as the result, the **219 826** UAH raised at it and were passed to Day care centers for positive children

# Supporting UNAIDS initiatives

About 120 PLWA participated in National wide consultations on preparing Road Map on Scaling-up Towards Universal Access to HIV\AIDS Prevention, Treatment, Care&Support in Ukraine by 2010

Road Map on Scaling-up Towards Universal Access to HIV/AIDS Prevention, Treatment, Care and Support in Ukraine by 2010

April 2006

Report prepared by the Multi-Stakeholder Working Group on Universal Access, based on the results of three national consultations, with technical assistance from the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS)

*"How do we ensure universal access in Ukraine? I know some of you doubt whether we will even reach 60% coverage of treatment... but in the gap between 60% and 100% is my life, and the lives of thousands of people living with HIV and AIDS."*  
– a community activist in Ukraine living with HIV



# Network's current status

- Representatives of Network and its members actively participated in preparation of National Proposal for GFTATM Round 6
- International HIV/AIDS Alliance in Ukraine and Network were approved by CCM to be Principal Recipient of Grant
- Network is prepared for assessment of its capacity to be PR



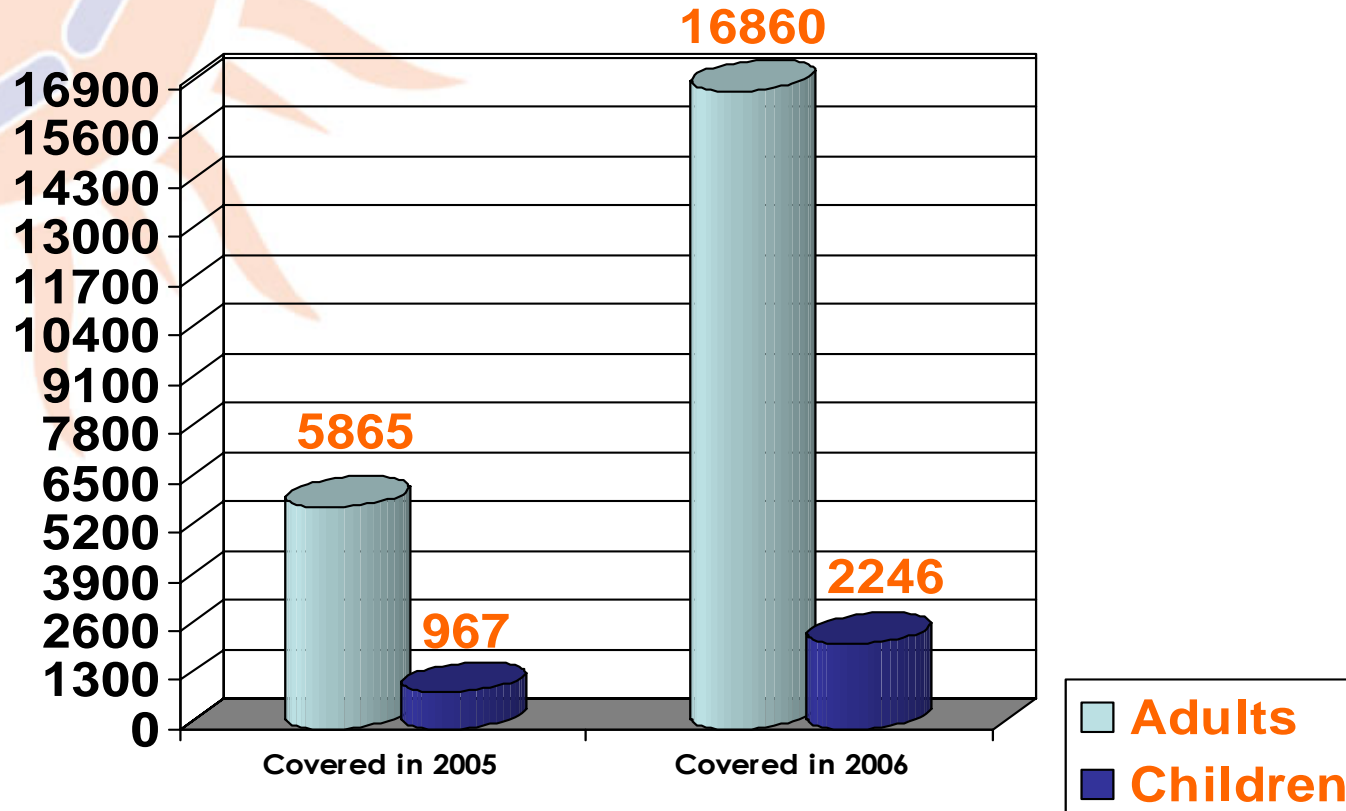
## European Central Asian Association of PLWH organizations



- The first established conference of European Central Asian Association of PLWH organizations was conducted in September 23-24, 2005 in Foros
- The representatives of PLWH society of Ukraine, Moldova, Azerbaijan, Estonia, Lithuania, Latvia, Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan are members of this Association



# Coverage PLWH with care&support services (‘GF Grant’)



Practically all Networks' Regional Representations are implementing care and support .

# Activities and Achievements

Community Centers provide wide range of services for HIV-affected people in **14** regions

Children Centers provide support for HIV-positive children and their relatives in **nine** regions

Self-help groups work in **43** cities

None-medical care and support for PLWH is implemented in **nine** regions

Care and support for PLWH in prisons are available in **8** regions of Ukraine

Medical-social patronage (adherence) for children and adults is implemented in **14** oblasts(regions)

Medical-social patronage of prevention of mother-to-child transmission, care for pregnant and recently confined women and children under the age of 18 months is implemented in **six** oblasts (7 sites)

Social enterprise of PLWH and for PLWH was created and is working now in Kyiv

Human Rights protection activities (*legal counseling, participation in law suites*)

Lobbying and Advocating Rights of People living with HIV/AIDS (*national and local levels*)

# Network's M&E System

- Was established in 2003-2004 in order to track the achievement of Network's strategic goals and implementation of first mini grant programs. First monitoring Tool was designed
- 2004 – Network approved M&E procedures (currently – part of our Policy). M&E Tools for N(o)VIB and GF projects were designed

# Network's M&E System

System of Monitoring and Evaluation (further SME) is created for timely monitoring and measuring of results, consequences and outcomes of projects implemented by Network as well as program activities of strategic goals of Network as a whole.

Every project of Network is provided with Monitoring and Evaluation Plan, developed jointly by project managers and Senior M& Officer and approved by Program Director.

Plan of Monitoring and Evaluation of project includes detailed description of expected results in accordance with set goal and objectives and indicators, which are basis for measuring of expected results. For each indicator detailed definition is developed, as well as unit of measurement, methods of collection, registration and accumulation of data, and also necessary instruments of collection of data

# Network's M&E System

Just as project indicators, Network has developed basic indicators for measurement of outcomes and results of its program activity and fulfilment of strategic objectives.

Multi-step (from project to general program to strategy) provides timely and effective multi-step management and makes easier project and program reporting.

Regional representations of Network report about their activities on quarterly basis in two forms – statistical and descriptive (See Policy of Network).

Main procedures of data collection on project activities are quarterly reports of subgrantees and monitoring visits

# Network's M&E System

Data collection is performed by project managers and specialist for monitoring and evaluation, registration and accumulation of data is performed by Senior M&E Officer

For registration there used electronic data bases MS Office (Excel). Accumulation of data is performed in form of project and program reports both in e-copies and hard copies

Network prepares annual program reports on outcomes of realization of project to donor; report is based on data of monitoring and evaluation of program activities of Network of fulfilment of strategic plan.

# Monitoring of 'GF Care&Support Project'

- **Monitoring of Projects' Work Plan**
- **Quarterly based reporting on C&S indicators + narrative**

Reporting is based on unified system of data collections in projects - *Projects' registrations and reporting forms, clients records, data base of clients and services they benefited*

- **Field visits – twice per grant year – feedback to sub grantees**
- **TA visits**



# Usage of M&E data

- M&E data provide opportunity to:
  - 1. monitor fulfilment of strategic plan of Network and particular projects.
  - 2. use monitoring data for current correction of grant program realization,
  - 3. data of site visits are used during Technical assistance to organization on management of their activities and implementation of grant programs.
  - 4. data of monitoring and evaluation are used in operational planning in frames of projects implemented by Network and strategic planning of Network's activities.

# Prospective

- It is planned that in frames of realization of project of GF (6th round) system of monitoring and evaluation would become part of national system of monitoring and evaluation of response to epidemics, which should be established in accordance with National Program to Ensure HIV Prevention, Care, and Treatment for HIV-infected and AIDS Patients (ratified by resolution of Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine from 4th of March 2004, # 264)

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