

# WHO Update

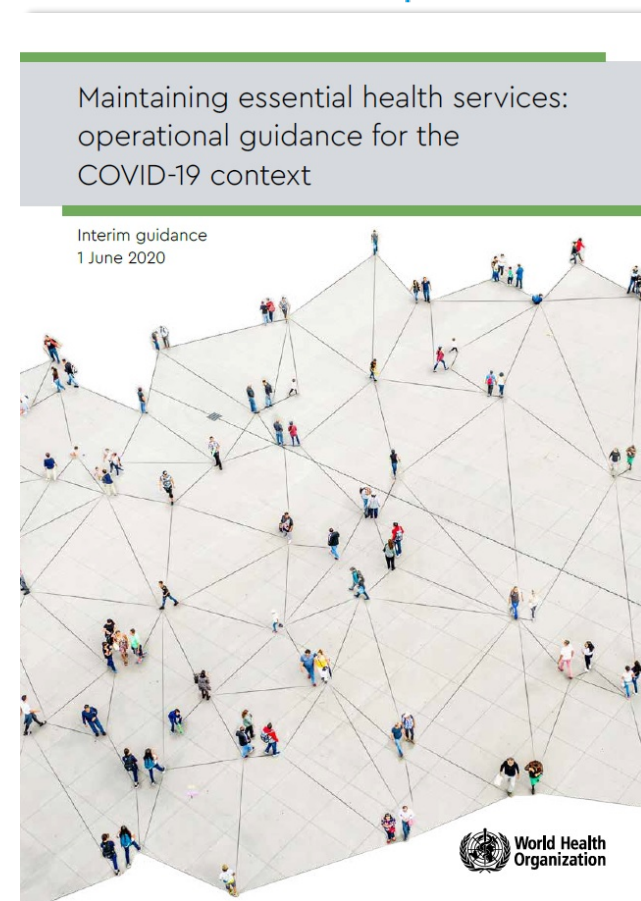


## EU Civil Society Forum on HIV/AIDS, viral hepatitis and TB, 18<sup>th</sup> November 2020

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# WHO support to countries during COVID-19

- Guidance on maintaining essential services →
- Regional Collaborating Committee TVH call to action to ensure equity-based approaches in provision of care and support to vulnerable communities and key populations
- UNODC, WHO and UNAIDS Webinars for OST providers and prison health managers in EECA countries in May
- Assessment on disruption of HIV services in EECA (HIV tracking tool)
- Joint WHO-ECDC HIV, hepatitis and TB PM/ National focal points and partners meeting on addressing TB, HIV and hepatitis during COVID-19, 23-24 Sep
- Call for compendium of good practices to maintain HIV, hep and TB services during COVID-19 be submitted by **31 December 2020**  
<http://virtuallibrary.euro.who.int/index.php/vl/CallForSubmissions>



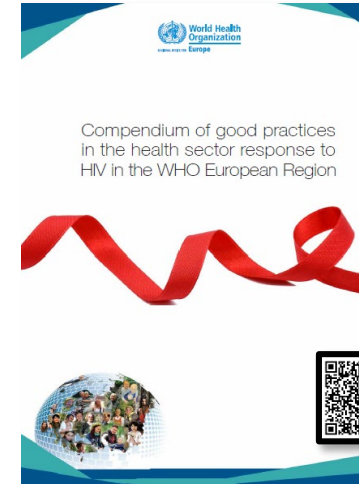
<https://www.who.int/publications-detail/10665-332240>

# Collecting and promoting good practices in HIV, TB and hepatitis response in Europe (Virtual library)

**Compendium of good practices in the health sector response to HIV (2018):** <https://www.euro.who.int/en/health-topics/communicable-diseases/hiv-aids/publications/2018/compendium-of-good-practices-in-the-health-sector-response-to-hiv-in-the-who-european-region>

**Compendium of good practices in the implementation of the TB Action Plan (2019):** <https://www.euro.who.int/en/health-topics/communicable-diseases/tuberculosis/publications/2019/compendium-of-good-practices-in-the-implementation-of-the-tuberculosis-action-plan-for-the-who-european-region-2016-2020>

**Compendium of good practices in the health sector response to viral hepatitis in the WHO European Region (2020):** <https://www.euro.who.int/en/health-topics/communicable-diseases/hepatitis/publications/2020/compendium-of-good-practices-in-the-health-sector-response-to-viral-hepatitis-in-the-who-european-region-2020>



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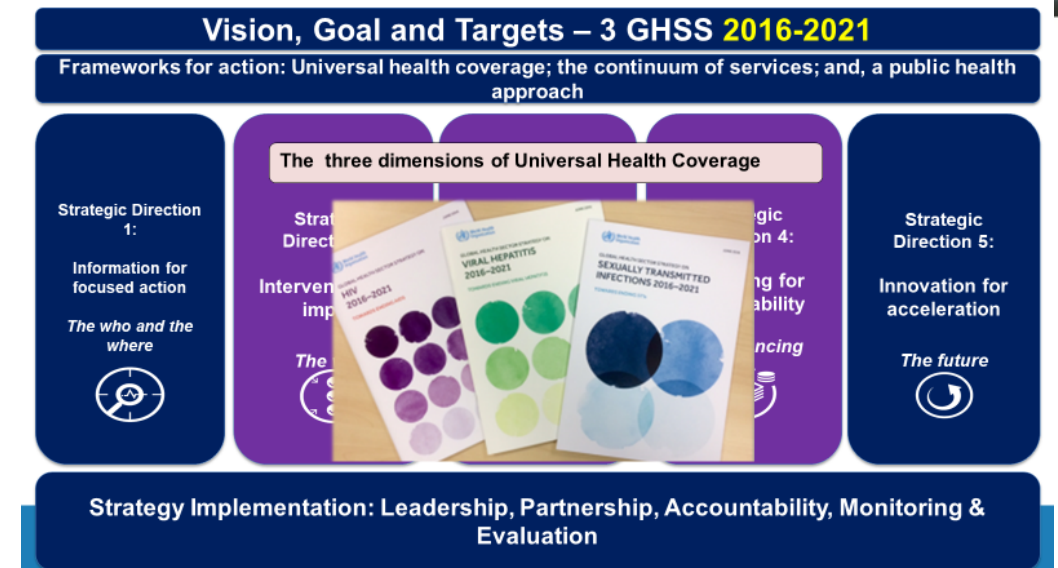
Compendium of good practices in the health sector response to viral hepatitis in the WHO European Region

# WHO Strategic and Technical Advisory Committee (STAC) on HIV and Hepatitis, 28-30 October 2020

STAC Chairs and Co-Chair covering the three disease areas



- Discussed and advised WHO on:
  - identification of key themes and principles that should be foremost in **global health sector strategies for HIV, hepatitis and STI 2022-2030** (with 2025 interim targets)
  - implications of the COVID-19 pandemic for WHO's work to address HIV, viral hepatitis and STIs;
  - maintaining appropriate disease-specific focus areas while also advancing universal health coverage and integrated approach
  - the challenge of reviving the global response to STIs
  - Is there a need for updating regional action plans?**



# Pre-STAC civil society and community consultation feedback on four questions

During the 16 October discussion WHO was encouraged to:

- Highlight countries where progress is unacceptably slow
- Urgently prioritize key populations for all three disease areas
- Re-focus on prevention, including primary prevention
- Include HTLV1 as a sexually transmitted infection and strengthen focus on SRHR and HIV including for women living with HIV

More details online: <https://www.who.int/news/item/16-10-2020-strategic-exchange-with-representatives-from-civil-society-and-communities>

# New and incoming WHO Guidelines

## Latest disseminated guidelines:

- Consolidated HIV Strategic information guidelines
- EMTCT hep B: guidelines on use of antiviral prophylaxis in pregnancy
- HIV testing services (*on App since Dec 2019, pdf full version Nov 2020*)

## Key Guidelines in the pipeline (2021–2022)

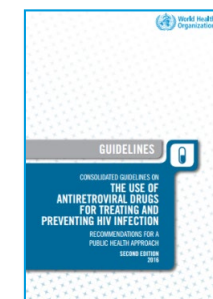
- Consolidated guidelines on viral hepatitis prevention, testing and treatment
- Guidelines on comprehensive HIV and hepatitis services for Key Populations
  - Person-centred broader healthcare focus, equal focus on HIV, hepatitis and STI
  - Modules by population, behavioural interventions, innovatives service delivery models
- STI guidelines
- Consolidated guidelines on ARV use for prevention and treatment of HIV infection *\*revision of 2016 & added recommendations per latest evidence*



# New consolidated HIV guidelines (ART)

KEY HIV GUIDELINES UPDATE ACTIVITIES	PLANNED TIMELINES
Update of clinical recommendations (use of PoC EID&BH, update of BH algorithm, use of Dapivirine vaginal ring and timing of ART initiation in TB/HIV coinfection)	Virtual GDG meeting (28 September-02 October 2020)
Update of recommendations on service delivery (frequency of clinical visits & ART dispensing; approaches for reengagement to care, approaches for measure adherence, specimen collection by lay providers; diagnostic integration across HIV, TB Hep and STIs; integration of HIV/NCD care; integration of HIV/family programme; psychosocial interventions for adolescents with HIV, TB/HIV treatment linkage interventions)	Virtual GDG meeting (05-09 October 2020)
Peer review of new clinical and service delivery recommendations	October-November 2020
Submit new recommendations to WHO Guidelines Review Committee (GRC)	<b>mid-December 2020</b>
Update of the narrative text, tables, annexes and references of 2016 guidelines and inclusion of previously approved 2018/2019 recommendations (i.e., update of 2016 guidelines' chapters on HIV diagnosis, prevention, ART, management of comorbidities & coinfections, SD and M&E)	October 2020 – December 2020
GRC approval of updated 2020 clinical and service delivery recommendations	mid-January 2021
Consolidation of all HIV recommendations (i.e., final copy editing, layout and executive clearance for publication of the updated version of Consolidated HIV guidelines)	early February 2021
Release of a updated Consolidated HIV Guidelines	<b>Q1 2021 (TBD)</b>

Sep  
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# Changes at WHO EURO

- New Regional Director and reorganisation
  - European Programme of Work 2020-25: United actions for better health
  - Revised organogram to achieve the 3 billions globally
- Masoud Dara moved as Special Representative of WHO Regional Director to Belarus
- Looking into existing regional Platforms (HIV, TRG, EMTCT RVC, ELI, RCC-TVH)
  - HIV Treatment Reference Group: EATG representation
  - RCC-TVH: Any feed back on RCC and how to improve usefulness





# WHO-ECDC WAD webinar, 30 Nov

The theme for World AIDS Day 2020 is “**Global solidarity – shared responsibility**”, seeking to demonstrate solidarity and efforts to maintain essential HIV services as part of the urgent response to COVID-19

WHO-ECDC Webinar 30 Nov :

- Key results of 2020 WHO-ECDC HIV/AIDS surveillance report
- Results of EuroTEST survey on testing during COVID-19

# Thank you for your attention

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