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AFEW Mission Statement

AIDS Foundation East-West (AFEW) is a Dutch, non-governmental, humanitarian, public health organisation, whose mission is to make a major contribution to the reduction of the impact of HIV/AIDS in Eastern Europe and Central Asia (EECA) by:

- Taking an innovative and pro-active approach to developing, implementing and promoting tools for effective HIV/AIDS prevention, treatment, care and support, designed for and appropriate to the specific conditions of EECA;
- Targeting the younger generation of the region, in particular those engaging in risky behaviour;
- Co-operating closely with national governmental and non-governmental structures to boost local coping capacities and to advocate for appropriate action;
- Strengthening East-West engagement by exchanging knowledge and people via programme activities and stimulating a committed response.

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Introductory Remarks

AFEW: Prisons and Injecting Drug Use Remain Important

In 2005, the three main issues dominating *AFEW*'s agenda were HIV/AIDS prevention and health promotion in prisons; harm reduction for injecting drug users IDUs; and access to essential services, a common theme in all our activities.

Although the largest projects are being implemented in Russia, there is significant activity spread throughout the Central Asian Republics, Ukraine, Moldova and Belarus. In Russia, the GLOBUS project, implemented with the financial support of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (GFATM), was launched in 2005 with activities in all three of the abovementioned fields. In Central Asia, the Dutch government has helped fund client management projects focusing on increasing access to essential HIV/AIDS services for injecting drug users, sex workers and HIV-positive inmates. One of the project aims is to improve the continuity of care for prisoners when they are released back into society, a situation in which access to care is often unstable. In Ukraine, the government is starting to scale up for antiretroviral treatment, but access to this treatment is still an issue. An *AFEW* mass media campaign has addressed the lack of awareness about the existence of free treatment in Ukraine.

The general health perspective in Russia is not better than in other regions where *AFEW* is active. The World Bank report 'Dying Too Young' documents the decline in life expectancy in Russia from 68 in 1970 to 65 in 2000. Among men, it is predicted that life expectancy (currently at 58) will drop to 53 within a matter of years. In comparison, the life expectancy in the countries of the European Union rose from 72 in 1970 to 79 in 2000. The epidemic at the heart of *AFEW*'s mission will only worsen these trends.

Among the biggest health threats in the world – Malaria, HIV/AIDS and tuberculosis (TB) – TB is endemic in Eastern Europe and Central Asia and HIV/AIDS is also on the rise. The latest scientific literature focuses a great amount of attention on the converging of the HIV and TB epidemics in Russia[1]. A study among Russian prisoners with TB showed that prisoners with TB were more likely to be IDUs and HIV-positive than people with TB outside of prisons[2].

Even more alarming is the follow-up study published in the British Medical Journal on 14 January 2006[3]. The study was conducted among residents with TB living in Samara (a city 700 miles southeast of Moscow) and was aimed at identifying risk factors for pulmonary TB in Russia. The main risk factors were determined to be poverty, illicit drug use, and history of incarceration both in pre-trial detention centres and prisons. These results are proof of how important it is for *AFEW* to remain focused on the health risks associated with injecting drug use, with a particular emphasis on prisons as they are high-risk sites for both TB and HIV infection.

Recently, another problem emerged in Russia: an increase in drug-resistant TB cases and the association of multi-drug-resistant TB with more severe diseases. The most extensive study, to date, points again to prisons as the place where multi-drug-resistant TB is most often spread[4]. Therefore, it is crucial for *AFEW* to find innovative ways to reduce the risk, not only of HIV/AIDS, but also of TB as a co-infection among HIV-infected individuals and as an opportunistic infection among people suffering from AIDS. Prevention of symptomatic TB might be one of the more significant contributions to reducing morbidity and mortality among HIV-positive individuals.

Next, I would like to pay tribute to two of our founders, Rian van de Braak and Wim Landman. *AFEW* owes its existence and its explosive growth to these two pioneers. *AFEW* is very pleased to announce that, in 2006, they have decided to explore new frontiers for implementing the *AFEW* philosophy.

Lastly, I would like to welcome our new Executive Director, Joost van der Meer, and *AFEW*'s new Programme Director, Robin Montgomery. *AFEW*'s board is extremely thankful that such highly skilled individuals, with in-depth know-how and experience in the region, have decided to join *AFEW*. I can't think of a more suitable team than Joost and Robin to take on the challenge of continuing the fight against the spread of HIV/AIDS in EECA, particularly among the most vulnerable and disadvantaged layers of society.

[1] F.A. Drobniewski et al., The 'beartrap': the colliding epidemics of tuberculosis and HIV in Russia, *International Journal of STD & AIDS* 15 (2004): 641–646.
[2] F.A. Drobniewski et al., Tuberculosis, HIV seroprevalence and intravenous drug abuse in prisoners, *The European Respiratory Journal* 26 (2005): 298–304.
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Executive Message

Joost van der Meer

Executive Director

A New Face of the Epidemic: 2005

'There can't be any progress until HIV has a face and a voice', said Svetlana Izambaeva, 'Miss Positive' 2005. The first beauty contest for HIV-positive women in Russia drew the attention of national and international journalists on World AIDS Day 2005. It was co-organised by *AFEW*, the magazine for and about HIV-positive people *Shagi* ('*Steps*'), and the Russian NGO AIDS Infoshare. The contest helped highlight progress in a country where ignorance and stigma feed the epidemic as much as injecting drug use, human trafficking, sex work and migration.

That face, and the voice of people living with HIV, is badly needed. In 2005, the number of people living with HIV in Eastern Europe and Central Asia increased by 33 percent compared to 2003 and has reached an estimated 1.6 million people. The number of new infections has jumped 20-fold in less than 10 years, reaching 270 000 in 2005. Most of these new infections are among young people (UNAIDS, 2005). The fact that within those 10 years the number of people who died of AIDS doubled to 62 000 indicates a need for treatment and access to services. Now there are new high-risk groups emerging, such as men who have sex with men (MSM) and street children, which have, thus far, been neglected in the region. The position of vulnerable groups is not improving.

'Many people are concerned about this problem, including those in governmental structures, public organisations and in the general public, and they are right to be concerned,' said president Putin in addressing the HIV/AIDS epidemic in Russia. He went on to announce a 20-fold increase in Russia's budget for HIV/AIDS for 2006, bringing the total budget for HIV/AIDS for 2006 to about 105 million USD. There is more good news: In Kazakhstan, the Clinton Foundation will enable Kazakhstan to purchase high-quality AIDS medicines and diagnostics at the lowest available prices. Even religious and conservative Moldova has sprouted political incentive to tackle HIV/AIDS and to allow *AFEW* to start the first ever, nationwide 'Safer Sex' mass media campaign. *AFEW*'s ambition to address the problems of HIV-positive pregnant women and their families and, more generally, to develop care and support activities in the face of a changing epidemic are reflected in two new programme streams: the Prevention of Mother-to-Child Transmission of HIV programme in Russia and the Client Management programme in Central Asia. Client management is designed to ensure co-ordinated access to appropriate health and support services for recently released inmates, IDUs and sex workers (SW) with an HIV and/or IDU history. Particularly innovative and important is the fact that one of the client management centres is located on the premises of a TB hospital. The link between HIV and TB is strong and often neglected in a region where the organisation of the healthcare system is more disease-driven than stemming from the needs of the patient.

Together with *AFEW*'s motivated and skilled staff, I will take up the many challenges that lie ahead in this region, where 10 years after the start of the steep rise of new HIV infections, we can now expect a steep rise in the number of people in need of treatment. Providing access to essential drugs to treat HIV/AIDS and opportunistic infections such as tuberculosis is one of these challenges, along with providing access to clean needles, condoms, information, food, shelter, and other services.

And, of course, *AFEW* will continue to address the fundamental issues in the fight against HIV/AIDS: increasing skills and knowledge that will provide the power to overcome stigma, ignorance and neglect.

Message from the Founders

Rian van de Braak

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Affairs

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Director
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'Our lives begin to end
the day we become silent about things that matter.'

Martin Luther King

Having worked together in the field of HIV/AIDS for the last 10 years, we have had many discussions about the epidemic, its causes, effects and, of course, the possible role that we, as *AIDS Foundation East-West (AFEW)*, could play.

When thinking about the devastating effects of the HIV/AIDS epidemic on societies worldwide, and knowing that there are methods for preventing it from spreading further, we have always found it hard to believe that the world's political leaders don't take more action to stop this pandemic. Of course, there are many explanations for this lack of action, but it is unacceptable nonetheless.

In fact, it is exactly this lack of action that has mobilised so many people all over the world to get involved in the fight against HIV/AIDS. It has also been our motivation for creating *AFEW*: after all, how could we accept that a region like the former Soviet Union would ignore such a unique window of opportunity for preventing this epidemic from hitting its newly independent states? This is especially puzzling considering these societies are so well equipped with the infrastructure necessary to channel knowledge and skills effectively and efficiently to the right people.

But an idea can only be put into action with everyone's involvement: it is only because we have found so many other people who shared our drive that *AFEW* has been able to develop and grow the way it has. Our donors, partners, board members and – especially – our staff have made *AFEW* into what it is today: a strong and healthy organisation, playing a key role in all of the countries it is active in. We refuse to 'become silent about things that matter'. It has been a privilege to lead such an organisation.

The initial phase of setting up and developing *AFEW* has been completed and we are very proud of its many achievements in all the countries it works in today. We felt like this was the right moment to hand over leadership to a new generation of capable and dedicated leaders, all of whom we truly believe in.

The fact that we will have the opportunity to explore new horizons for *AFEW*, moving further east, will be a very exciting new challenge, which we are looking forward to.

Highlights of 2005

● In February, the GLOBUS project was launched with the signing of contracts with 10 regions of Russia. GLOBUS (Global Efforts Against AIDS in Russia) is currently the largest NGO-led HIV/AIDS project in the country. *AFEW* is one of five NGOs making up the GLOBUS consortium. For *AFEW*, the project launch signified the start of HIV prevention, education and treatment programmes for HIV-positive pregnant women; capacity building trainings for medical profesionals; the scaling-up of harm reduction projects; building coping capacities among health and security personnel in prison facilities; and holding awareness activities for the general public (see page 3).

● In February, *AFEW* initiated the first Client Management project in the Central Asian Republics (CAR). With financial support provided by Theme-based Co-Financing (TMF) of the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the project has helped enable vulnerable groups in Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan to gain access to essential health and social services (see page 9).

● In April, *AFEW* saw the start of its first Harm Reduction Training project in Belarus with support from the MATRA Social Transformation Programme of the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs (see page 6).

● In July, *AFEW* started its first project for men who have sex with men (MSM) in Ukraine with the aim of strengthening a local network of HIV/STI prevention health and community-based support services for MSM in Kyiv. The project receives financial support from the European Commission (EC), the Swedish International Development and Co-operation Agency (SIDA) and the Elton John AIDS Foundation (EJAF) (see page 6).

These goals could not be met without the help of donors who fund all of our activities, and whom we would like to thank for their continuing trust in AFEW.

● In 2005, *AFEW*'s office in Ukraine launched two large mass media campaigns in partnership with the Ukrainian Network of People Living With HIV. In January, we launched the 'Be Humane!' campaign, promoting solidarity with people living with HIV/AIDS (support provided by SIDA, GFATM* and Oxfam Novib). In September, we pioneered the first ever campaign to educate people about the availability of antiretroviral (ARV) therapy in Ukraine entitled 'Your Health – In Your Hands!', financed by GFATM* and Oxfam Novib (see page 6).

● In October, *AFEW* launched the first ever national 'Safer Sex' informational campaign in Moldova under the slogan 'Fashionable, Reliable, Safe' to promote condom use among Moldova's youth. The campaign received financial support from SIDA (see page 6).

● In December, the first ever Russian beauty contest for HIV-positive women 'Miss Positive' was initiated by *Shagi* ('*Steps*') magazine and supported by *AFEW*. The contest became a highlight of World AIDS Day 2005. Svetlana Izambaeva, the winner of the contest, appeared in media worldwide (see page 24).

● Throughout the year, the Pre- and Post-HIV Test Counselling project (financed by EC/IBPP) made a major contribution to enhancing voluntary counselling and testing (VCT) services in the Taraz and Aktobe regions of Kazakhstan. It also increased *AFEW*'s recognition nationally and internationally as a leading organisation in this field (see page 9).

* The projects are funded by the International HIV/AIDS Alliance within the framework of the 'Overcoming the HIV/AIDS Epidemic in Ukraine' programme, supported by GFATM.

I AFEW's Geographical Context

Belarus Kazakhstan Kyrgyzstan Moldova Mongolia Russia Tajikistan The Netherlands Ukraine Uzbekistan

Introduction

Photo by Adriaan Backer

The HIV/AIDS Epidemic in Eastern Europe and Central Asia

According to the latest 'AIDS Epidemic Update'[5], the steepest increases in the HIV/AIDS pandemic are in EECA.

There has been a significant increase in the heterosexual transmission of HIV, particularly in Russia and Ukraine. This means that HIV is no longer contained within the risk groups traditionally associated with the disease such as IDUs and SWs. According to the Russian Federal AIDS Centre, IDU-related HIV-infection has decreased from 96 percent in 2000 to 68 percent in 2004. The Federal AIDS Centre estimates that in 2005, heterosexual transmission was the reason for 33 percent of HIV cases. In the Central Asian Republics (CAR), the epidemic is in an earlier stage, but intensive migration, trade and human trafficking make those regions vulnerable to the spread of the disease.

Currently, an entire generation of people living with HIV are progressing into AIDS – especially in countries where the epidemic started in the mid-90s. Ukraine leads this sad trend in EECA: the number of people progressing into AIDS grew from 2907 in December 2001 to 6175 in December 2003, with a mortality rate of up to 50 percent (1473 deaths in 2001 and 3592 in 2003). The majority of patients who developed AIDS and died did not have access to ARV therapy[6].

Another discouraging trend is the convergence of HIV and TB. In Kaliningrad, Russia, there was a nearly 10-fold increase in the number of new cases of tuberculosis from 1997 to 2003 among people living with HIV/AIDS. Among the first detected cases of HIV, 8 percent were co-infected with tuberculosis[7]. Data from Ukraine suggests similar co-infection rates[8]. In 2005, the death rate from tuberculosis among HIV-infected people in Kaliningrad was 34.6 times that of the general population.

Some years ago, the HIV/AIDS epidemic in the region was perceived to be 'growing in silence'[9], but this is no longer the case, as the leaders of Russia, Ukraine and Kazakhstan have focused their attention on this problem. Moldova currently has a good combination of donors and stakeholders, while GFATM has provided Russia with a large grant for projects. Ironically, although this funding is much-needed, *AFEW* has observed that it discourages other donors from providing grants to fill the gaps not covered by the larger grant.

As time passes, measures that, at one time, seemed like groundbreaking initiatives, can no longer keep up with new trends in the epidemic. For instance, Ukraine – a country with a substantial GFATM grant – has to cope with the highest prevalence of HIV/AIDS in the region, with 1.4 percent of the adult population infected[10]. By the end of 2005, 17 000 people needed ARV treatment, while national funds for treatment only covered 2100. And in Kazakhstan, of the 1000 people who need it, only 65 are currently receiving treatment[11].

There are significant challenges and opportunities in the region – challenges and opportunities that require concerted and innovative approaches to prevention, treatment, care and support, to which *AFEW* strives to contribute.

[5] UNAIDS 2005. AIDS epidemic update 2005. Geneva: UNAIDS, 2005

[6] WHO 2005b. Fact sheet Ukraine. *http://www.who.int/3by5/support/EFS2004_ukr.pdf*. Accessed 2 March 2006

[7] Kuz'min O.A., Turkin E.N., Nikitina T.N., Sergeeva E.G. Tuberculosis and HIV infection in the Kaliningrad Region. *Probl Tuberk Bolezn Legk*. 2005;(10):37–40.

[8] Drobniewski F., Nikolayevsky V., Asmolov A., Bazhora Y., Servetsky S. Increasing trends in HIV and TB rates in Odessa and the Ukraine. *Int J STD AIDS*. 2005. May;16 (5):374–8.

[9] Ghys PD, Saidel T, Vu HT, Savtchenko I, Erasilova I, Mashologu YS, Indongo R, Sikhosana N, Walker N. Growing in silence: selected regions and countries with expanding HIV/AIDS epidemics. *AIDS*. 2003;17 Suppl 4:S45–50.

[10] UNAIDS 2004. Report on the global AIDS epidemic. Geneva: UNAIDS, 2004.

[11] WHO 2005. Country profile for treatment scale-up. http://www.who.int/3by5/support/june2005_kaz.pdf. Accessed 2 March 2006.

The Russian Federation

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Raising Awareness

In 2005, *AFEW* and its partners made remarkable headway in showing how HIV/AIDS advocacy can influence action at the highest levels. Strategic positioning of the GLOBUS project and visible action across the 10 regions, coupled with two additional GFATM awards aimed at increasing the availability of treatment, counselling and other harm reduction support services nationwide, ensured HIV/ AIDS a place on the political agenda at the upcoming G8 summit in July 2006. These advances also prompted the federal government to designate more than 100 million USD to HIV/AIDS from the 2006 annual budget (compared to 5 million USD in 2005).

'The number of people infected through unprotected sexual contact has increased from 6 percent in 2001 to 33 percent in 2005', said Dr. Vadim Pokrovsky, Head of the Federal AIDS Centre. In addition, the cost of ARV therapy remains among the highest in the world and no generics exist as of yet. In addition to establishing a high-level working group made up of stakeholders and treatment providers, *AFEW* developed a strategy for price reduction; hosted public awareness events; and regularly organised advocacy activities within each project.

An Expansive Approach

Implementing the GLOBUS project across Russia with four partner NGOs (Open Health Institute, Population Services International, AIDS Infoshare and FOCUS-MEDIA Foundation) has allowed *AFEW* to combine HIV prevention, education and treatment programmes for HIV-positive pregnant women, medical professionals, IDUs, prison staff and inmates, and the general public. For *AFEW*, 2005 was a year of action for project teams, which held over 70 comprehensive trainings for more than 1000 persons. *AFEW* also produced vital resources such as guidelines, brochures and prevention kits and distributed ARV medications.

Crucial components of all the projects included incorporating the voices and experiences of PLWHA in designing materials; creating multi-disciplinary teams of experts within AIDS centres; and establishing peer support. By creating a forum for those most affected to be directly involved, *AFEW* was able to maximise the effectiveness of its programmes.

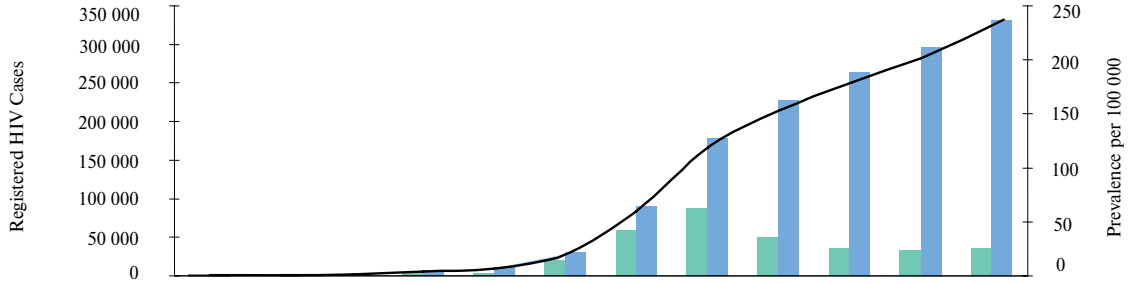
Training on pre- and post-HIV test counselling

With more than 300 000 people infected with HIV in the Russian Federation and a prevalence rate of over 225 per 100 000 of the population, the virus is threatening to become generalised throughout society rather than being isolated within the IDU community (as it largely is today). The decline in the incidence of HIV/AIDS cases in official statistics has been clouded by controversy as research suggests that the figures may be reflective of changing testing patterns – particularly reductions in the number of IDUs tested – rather than a shift in the trend of the epidemic itself[12]. Moreover, official statistics are considered to be a severe underestimation. According to the latest UNAIDS estimates, 860 000 people in the Russian Federation are living with HIV (range from 420 thousand to 1.4 million).

Officially Registered HIV Cases in the Russian Federation

1 January 1987 through
31 December 2005

(based on data from the Russian Federal AIDS Centre)



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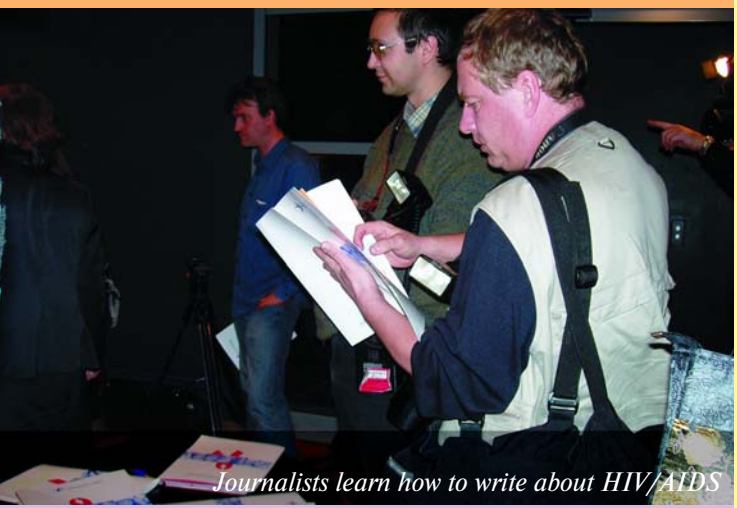
New Registered Cases	887	203	1 513	4 315	3 971	19 758	59 261	87 671	49 923	36 396	32 147	35 554
Cumulative Registered Cases	887	1 090	2 603	6 918	10 879	30 647	89 908	177 579	227 502	263 898	296 045	331 599
Prevalence per 100 000	0.6	0.5	1.4	4.2	6.7	19.8	59.5	118.9	152.7	178.4	201.4	226.0
Annual Incidence per 100 000	0.0	0.1	1.0	2.9	2.7	13.5	40.8	60.8	34.6	25.3	22.5	24.9

[12] Feshbach, M. and Galvin, C. (2005). HIV/AIDS in Russia: An analysis of statistics. Woodrow Wilson International Centre for Scholars, Washington D.C. p. 4.

Pre- and post-HIV test counselling training for medical professionals



Journalists learn how to write about HIV/AIDS

Doctors from 10 regions of Russia visit Training Centre in St. Petersburg

Highlights 2005: Russia

- The Counselling project established Regional Counselling Training Centres in St. Petersburg, Kazan and Krasnoyarsk to improve access to quality counselling during both mandatory and voluntary HIV testing.

- The Harm Reduction project visited 24 regional projects to conduct project monitoring and to provide on-site consultancy support and additional training on advocacy, project management and burnout syndrome prevention for project staff.

- The Prison project trained more than 300 personnel on methods of preventing HIV, stimulating adherence to treatment and creating a safe work environment. They also provided medical and non-medical staff with supply kits including condoms, bleach, syringes and gloves. Vitamins and condoms were also provided for inmates.

- The Care and Support project provided four regions with medications for HIV-positive pregnant women. The shipments included ARV medication, milk formula and co-trimoxazole syrup to prevent pneumonia among newborns.

- Materials for medical professionals and vulnerable groups were distributed in all regions of the GLOBUS project. The materials address a range of HIV and related health issues such as: tuberculosis; sexual health; birth control; adherence to highly antiretroviral therapy (HAART); training guides on VCT and harm reduction; prevention of mother-to-child transmission (PMTCT); HIV and children; HIV and pregnancy; hepatitis; care and treatment for IDUs; frequently asked questions for journalists; strategies for ARV price reduction; as well as several informational bulletins for specific target groups.

Ukraine, Belarus and Moldova

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This was an important year for the Kyiv regional office. The expansion of activities into Moldova and the launch of the new project in Belarus strengthened *AFEW*'s presence in the region and contributed to national strategic efforts.

The HIV epidemic continues to spread in all of the countries that the two offices serve, especially among women and children. The core of the epidemic, however, is still concentrated among the most vulnerable groups of the population.

In all of Europe, Ukraine has the highest growth rate of new infections with a nearly 20 percent increase in 2005. The new government pushed for the development of new national and regional structures that greatly improved co-ordination in the country. However, political instability and parliamentary changes caused ambiguity as to the distribution of responsibilities in regards to HIV/AIDS, leading to the delay of any decisions accordingly. *AFEW* was involved in advocacy, policy development and national co-ordination. For example, *AFEW*'s Kyiv office aided the Ukrainian Orthodox Church in developing a strategy for dealing with HIV/AIDS and represented the international NGO constituency at the Consolidation Group in Ukraine, which co-ordinated and compiled a successful GFATM grant extension application. In 2005, *AFEW* began working with a new target group MSM. Together with the Ukrainian NGO Gay Alliance and other stakeholders, *AFEW* designed a project targeted at improving access for MSM to adequate diagnostic and care and support services, as well as preventive means.

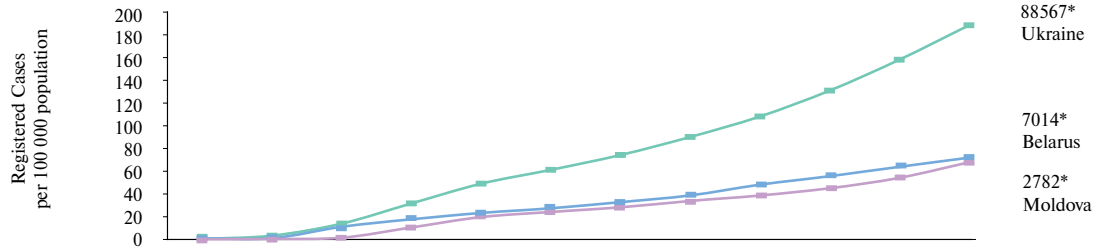
In Moldova, the parliamentary election strengthened the existing government, ensuring that HIV/AIDS remained high on the political agenda and that related activities not be disrupted. Fruitful co-operation between *AFEW* – Moldova and the country's Ministry of Health and Social Protection resulted in the launch of the first nationwide safer sex campaign.

A key development was the launch of a new project in Belarus, where the groups most at risk of contracting and spreading HIV continue to be young people and IDUs. Due to changes in legislation, many NGOs in Belarus had to downsise or terminate their activities. This development delayed project implementation and registration. According to official statistics, IDUs represent about 68 percent of all registered HIV/AIDS cases in Belarus[13]. Needle-sharing practices and potentially hazardous drug preparation techniques are still the main causes of contracting HIV. Answering to this challenge, *AFEW* launched the Harm Reduction Training project in April 2005 to improve HIV prevention among IDUs, thereby reducing the spread and impact of HIV/AIDS in Belarus.

[13] AIDS Department of the Republican Centre of Epidemiology, Hygiene and Public Health, 2005

Officially Registered HIV Cases per 100 000 Population in Ukraine, Belarus and Moldova

1987–2005
(based on data from National AIDS Centres)



	1987–1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Ukraine	0.4	3.3	14.0	31.7	49.1	61.2	74.3	90.1	108.2	131.0	158.1	188.4
Belarus	1.0	1.1	11.2	17.7	23.3	27.5	32.8	38.8	48.2	55.7	63.9	71.9
Moldova	0.2	0.4	1.5	10.6	19.7	24.1	28.3	33.9	38.7	45.0	54.2	67.9

* Cumulative number of officially registered HIV cases as of 31 December 2005

Ukraine, Belarus and Moldova are all in the midst of fierce battles with HIV/AIDS. In Belarus and Moldova, the epidemic is in its early stages with a prevalence rate of less than 80 per 100 000 population according to official statistics, which are believed to be a severe underestimation. Furthermore, the situation appears to be rapidly worsening. In Ukraine, the spread of the disease is more advanced, with a prevalence rate of almost 200 per 100 000 and a growing fear of the threats and challenges of facing a generalised epidemic. UNAIDS estimates 1.4 percent of Ukraine's adult population is infected with HIV.

This picture by David Gillanders received the 2005 UNICEF 'Photo of the Year' award.

Yana, a street child in Odessa, was originally from Moldova, the poorest country in Eastern Europe. A heavy drug user, Yana, who was also infected with HIV, died last Christmas – she was only 13 years old. Yana's fate is typical for a lost generation of children and adolescents in many Eastern European countries.

Photographer David Gillanders has worked closely with *AFEW* on the street children project in Ukraine, which is being implemented in co-operation with UNICEF. The co-funding for the project is provided by the Danish AIDS Fondet.

Highlights 2005: Ukraine, Belarus, Moldova

Ukraine:

- *AFEW* concluded a four-year cycle of media campaigns in Ukraine.
  - Completed one 'Safer Sex' campaign targeting youth; one 'Solidarity' campaign targeting the general population; and one 'Access to Treatment' campaign targeting the general population, as well as vulnerable groups, potential patients and health professionals.
  - Efforts by *AFEW* and its partners in advocating for social advertising over the past four years has paid off and four national TV channels broadcasted campaign ads free of charge.
  - Misconceptions about the main routes of HIV transmission decreased noticeably: after the campaign, 16 percent fewer people responded that HIV could be transmitted through coughing and sneezing, and 8 percent less said it could be transmitted through sharing an office.
  - Attitudes toward PLWHA improved: tolerance toward neighbours or fellow students living with HIV/AIDS increased by up to 18 percent compared to May 2004.

- *AFEW* helped the Ukrainian Orthodox Church develop its first strategy on dealing with HIV/AIDS, which was officially approved and widely disseminated.

Moldova:

- In Moldova, *AFEW* set up a national HIV/AIDS communication platform that served as the basis for the development of a national HIV/AIDS communication strategy. It was approved by the Ministry of Health in March 2005 and was integrated into the national HIV/AIDS programme for 2006–2010. The HIV/AIDS communication strategy is the first official document in health communication that was adopted in Moldova and, according to the Ministry of Health, has set a precedent for the development of similar documents in other fields of the health sector.

- *AFEW* also developed a pool of 16 national trainers on pre- and post-HIV test counselling in Moldova.

Press conference launching 'Safer Sex' campaign in Moldova

Central Asia

Nicolas Cantau

Regional Director
Central Asia

The HIV/AIDS epidemic in the Central Asian Republics (CAR) in which *AFEW* operates (i.e. Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, and Uzbekistan) is currently concentrated among highly vulnerable groups (primarily IDUs, SWs and prisoners). A study conducted by the U.S. Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) found that 25 percent of IDUs in Timertau, Kazakhstan are HIV-positive. In Yangiyul City, Uzbekistan, this figure is nearly 40 percent[14]. The number of officially registered HIV cases in the region has been rising rapidly over the last decade. In 1996, there were 96 registered cases in the region, whereas by January 2006 the figure rose to 14 712[15]. But, as stated earlier, HIV incidence and prevalence are estimated to be several times higher than reported in official statistics.

The Client Management Project

AFEW, in partnership with governmental authorities and NGOs from participating countries, began implementing an innovative HIV prevention and care project based on the HIV client management approach. The Client Management project aims to contribute to national HIV/AIDS programmes by enhancing access to and utilisation of health, socio-psychological and legal support services for IDUs, SWs, ex-inmates and people living with HIV/AIDS in Almaty (Kazakhstan), Chui (Kyrgyzstan), Navoi (Uzbekistan) and Soghd (Tajikistan).

The Drug Demand Reduction Programme

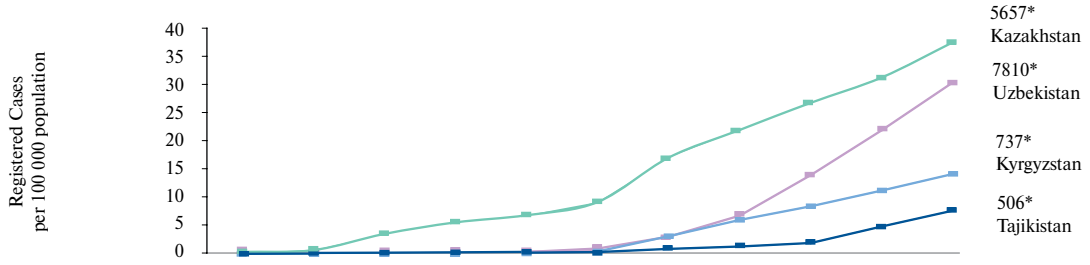
In 2005, *AFEW* continued to implement the prison and sex work component of the USAID-funded Drug Demand Reduction Programme (DDRP)[16] in Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, and the Ferghana Valley Region of Kyrgyzstan. The prison component includes technical support, development of training modules and organisation of trainings for heads of the penal system, inmates and medical and non-medical staff. Activities of the SWs component are aimed primarily at increasing the number and capacity of service providers in the target regions; changing the attitudes of law enforcement agencies and medical professionals through education; and strengthening co-operation between governmental and non-governmental structures on the municipal level.

Voluntary Counselling and Testing (VCT) Project

In Kazakhstan, the two-year Pre- and Post-HIV Test Counselling project has been completed. As part of the project, *AFEW* conducted three-level trainings for medical staff from hospitals and area clinics, psychologists, social workers and NGO staff. The main achievement of the project was the creation of a group of national and regional trainers, which continues to work on counselling issues.

Officially Registered HIV Cases per 100 000 population in CAR

1 January 1987 through 31 December 2005 (based on data from National AIDS Centres)



	1987–1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Kazakhstan	0.2	0.5	3.4	5.5	6.7	9.1	17.0	21.9	26.7	31.3	37.5
Kyrgyzstan	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.3	3.0	5.9	8.3	11.1	14.1
Tajikistan	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.7	1.2	1.8	4.7	7.6
Uzbekistan	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.8	2.9	6.7	13.9	21.9	30.4

* Cumulative number of officially registered HIV cases as of 31 December 2005

Potential HIV/AIDS epidemic can negatively influence economic and social conditions in the region

This graph makes clear the seriousness of the HIV/AIDS threat to Central Asia. Over the past five years, HIV has gained a foothold in Central Asia, from which it is now well-positioned to become a major social and economic burden. The rapid worsening of the prevalence of HIV/AIDS in Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan to between 30–40 per 100 000 of the population are indicative of a rapidly worsening situation. The fact that the form of the growth curve for Uzbekistan in 2005 resembles that of Russia up to the year 2000 is another indication of this negative trend (see page 4).

[14] USAID Central Asian Republics. 2006. HIV/AIDS: Development Challenge. USAID. Accessed 30 March 2006 (*http://centralasia.usaid.gov/page.php?page=article-45*).

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[16] The DDR programme is implemented by a consortium: Alliance for Open Society International (AOSI); Open Society Institute — Assistance Foundation (OSI-AF) – Tajikistan; Soros Foundation — Kyrgyzstan (SFKg); *AIDS Foundation East-West (AFEW)*; Population Services International (PSI); Accord, and Internews Tajikistan. *http://www.ddrprogram.org/*

Needle exchange programme in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan. (Photo by Adriaan Backer)

A visit to a doctor at the tuberculosis dispensary, Almaty, Kazakhstan. (Photo by Adriaan Backer)

A poster on a street in Almaty, Kazakhstan, calling on people to get tested for HIV

Highlights 2005: Central Asia

- The Client Management project established four regional training/resource centres in order to improve the capacity of AIDS centres in planning and monitoring the activities of the Client Management project. The centres also work to increase access to information and resources for organisations and/or individuals willing to gain knowledge on HIV/AIDS and related issues and provide the technical and material support necessary for carrying out capacity building trainings, workshops and seminars.

- The Client Management project set up a dozen social bureaus across the region to facilitate increased access and utilisation of socio-psychological services by CSWs, IDUs and people living with HIV/AIDS.

- The first drop-in centre for SWs in Central Asia – in the city of Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan – was established by the national NGO 'Tais Plus' with technical and financial support from *AFEW*. The drop-in centre provides a wide range of services including HIV counselling; informational support and training to reduce vulnerability; shelter; peer education and first aid services.

- More than 30 capacity building trainings, workshops and field trainings in drug demand reduction and HIV prevention have been developed and delivered, reaching more than 560 participants from 2003 to 2005.

- *AFEW* helped facilitate and increase the number of anonymous, socio-psychological counselling bureaus providing VCT services in Kazakhstan from one in each region to three in the Taraz region and four in the Aktobe region.

- 250 prison personnel, NGO staff, healthcare workers from AIDS centres, STI clinics, drug rehabilitation centres and maternity clinics have been trained on VCT services.

Mongolia

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In Mongolia, *AFEW* joined forces with the local NGO Focus. *AFEW* provided Focus with small grants for conducting a detailed SWOT (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, threats) assessment of the HIV/AIDS situation in Mongolia as it relates to street children, SWs and prison inmates. This information can then be used to develop proposals for research and/or intervention-focused projects.

Gaps in knowledge about Mongolia's high-risk groups inhibit governmental and non-governmental organisations from taking appropriate action for improving the situation. For this reason, *AFEW* and Focus decided to work together to identify and fill some of these gaps. Their main activities focused on attracting external funding to conduct more extensive investigations and/or interventions in key areas of concern.

Europe Office

Ilona van de Braak

Regional Director Europe

AFEW runs its International Office from Moscow from which all of its projects in the regions are monitored. Since *AFEW* is a Dutch organisation, it was decided that it needed a more prominent presence in the Netherlands and Western Europe in general. In answer to that need, the *AFEW* Europe Office was opened in October 2004, and by 2005 it became a full-functioning office run by one of *AFEW*'s founders, Ilona van de Braak.

The main task assigned to the Europe Office was to establish a more prominent *AFEW* presence in the Netherlands and the rest of Western Europe, thereby strengthening East-West interaction on a number of levels. In 2005, the *AFEW* Europe Office took on – as one of its main tasks – the role of a liaison between the *AFEW* International Office in Moscow and (potential) grant-giving organisations/entities in the West.

Contacts with Dutch governmental structures, grant-givers and partners have been successfully strengthened. *AFEW*'s presentation with Princess Mabel van Oranje on the necessity of HIV/AIDS prevention among IDUs at a Dutch Ministry meeting on the eve of World AIDS Day successfully drew more attention to the HIV/AIDS epidemic in EECA. It also built up *AFEW*'s profile in the Dutch HIV/AIDS community and among developmental organisations.

On the European level, strenghening working relations with organisations such as Danish AIDS Fondet resulted in the co-funding of a street children project in Ukraine. *AFEW* was also an active member of several European networks such as AIDS Action Europe and Share-Net[17]. Share-Net's 'Eastern Europe Day' was a success resulting in the creation of an Eastern Europe task force. This task force aims – among others things – to provide categorised information on HIV/AIDS and sexual/reproductive health interventions in EECA that have been undertaken by Dutch organisations, with hopes of improving information exchange and co-ordination among (inter)national parties.

For an entire year (2005), the organisation International AIDS Vaccine Initiative (IAVI) generously hosted *AFEW*'s newest office on its premises.

[17] Share-Net – the Netherlands network on sexual and reproductive health and AIDS – aims to raise (inter)national attention related to HIV/AIDS and sexual and reproductive health in developing and low-income countries.

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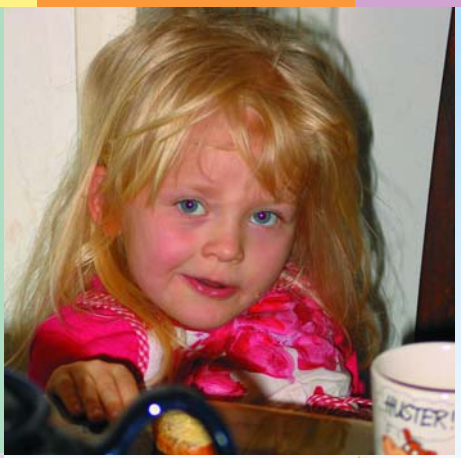
II Programme Development



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The AFEW Approach

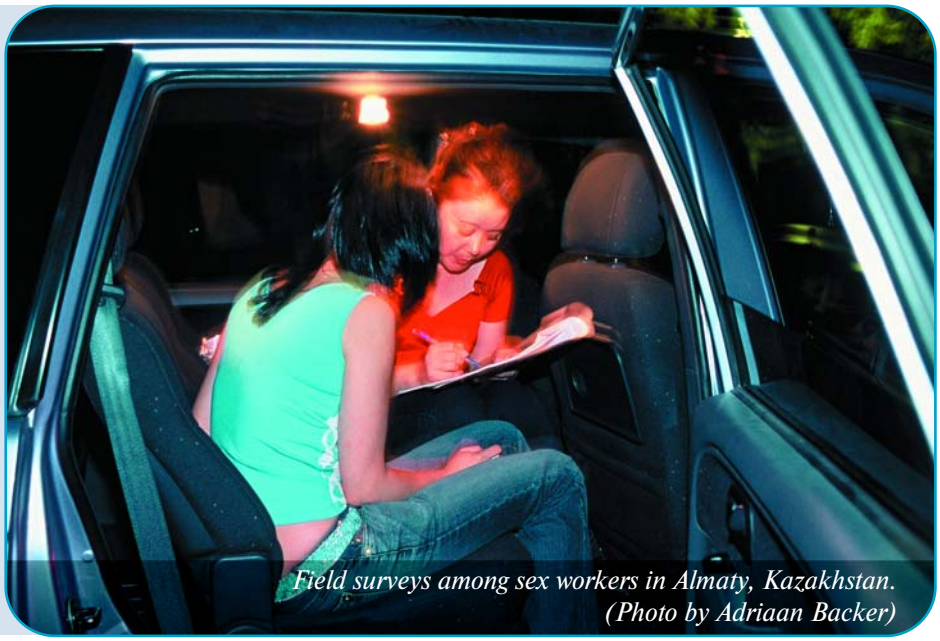
All *AFEW* projects strive to serve as models. Best practice experiences from elsewhere in the world are tailored to local contexts and turned into innovative and pragmatic hands-on projects. Working closely with affected communities, NGOs and governmental institutions – such as the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Justice – *AFEW* strives to share its knowledge and build lasting capacity.

Developing sustainable service models in HIV/AIDS prevention, treatment, care and support

AFEW encourages East-West engagement and promotes increased East-East co-operation in sharing valuable programme experiences, innovative service models, and lessons learned from EECA.

AFEW seeks to increase local capacity to effectively cope with the challenges brought on by the HIV epidemic. Capacity-building trainings, informational materials, on-site consultations and coaching remain central to *AFEW* activities. However, *AFEW* understands that it is equally important that the skills transferred be put into practice 'on the ground', in local settings.

Medical check-up in Pavlodar, Kazakhstan. (Photo by Adriaan Backer)



Field surveys among sex workers in Almaty, Kazakhstan. (Photo by Adriaan Backer)

In 2005, *AFEW* supported 27 organisations across seven countries in EECA with sub-grants to help build on and expand innovative service delivery models such as: a drop-in centre for female SWs in Bishkek (together with local partner organisation Tais Plus); three regional counselling training centres addressing VCT and ARV treatment adherence issues; four Russian NGOs working in prisons running comprehensive HIV prevention programmes among inmates; and a network of social bureaus where staff trained in client management help break down barriers to essential health and social services for marginalised groups in Kazakhstan, Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan.

Within the Client Management project in Central Asia, *AFEW* is involved in developing trainings and curriculum on collaborative TB and HIV activities in the penal service and in civil society. *AFEW* also supports 'Potential', an NGO based at the tuberculosis dispensary in Almaty. Aside from just TB patients, the dispensary houses all co-infected TB/HIV patients in the city. It also has a needle exchange point located at the entrance of the dispensary. Many of the patients are former prisoners and/or IDUs. The grant supports the implementation of collaborative HIV/TB activities and the establishment of a social bureau. Outreach work for patient education is carried out as part of the social bureau. A client manager is also responsible for developing and following up on individual client management plans for clients of the social bureau.

This approach keeps us in touch and responsive to the changing needs of local groups while empowering partner organisations, providing them with ownership over direct services. *AFEW* monitors the impact of its programmes on an on-going basis. Programme results are used to advocate at the policy-making level for countrywide implementation and to encourage the further rolling-out of lessons learned to other EECA countries.

AFEW's Programme Portfolio

Programme Streams and Target Groups

Over the last few years AFEW has developed the following programme streams:

- Media Campaigns
- HIV Prevention and Health Promotion in Prisons
- HIV/AIDS Counselling
- Care and Support
- Harm Reduction Trainings
- HIV Prevention and Health Promotion Among Sex Workers
- Prevention of Mother-to-Child Transmission (PMTCT)
- Mother-to-Child Transmission Plus Programme (MTCT+)
- HIV Prevention and Health Promotion Among Men who have Sex with Men (MSM)
- Client Management Training for Health and Social Service Providers

The following pilot projects are currently being developed:

- Treatment Preparedness (Treatment Education)
- HIV Prevention and Health Promotion Among Street Children

Media Campaigns

The approach of social learning used in HIV/AIDS related media campaigns is based on:

– raising awareness;

– educating the public about HIV/AIDS and related issues;

– motivating the target audience to initiate and maintain safer, healthier lifestyles.

HIV Prevention and Health Promotion in Prisons

The maxim 'prison health is a public health issue' underpins *AFEW*'s work within penal systems. *AFEW* continues to target NGO partners and prison personnel in boosting the capacity of national prison systems to provide inmates with high-quality HIV/AIDS prevention, treatment, care and support services.

HIV/AIDS Counselling

Linking prevention, treatment, care and support counselling is a cornerstone to HIV/AIDS programming. With the aim of imparting the information necessary for individuals to make informed decisions on personal health and wellbeing, the *AFEW* counselling programme seeks to strengthen skills on both the individual and group levels among healthcare practitioners and their clients.

Care and Support

Providing vulnerable groups in EECA with access to a wide spectrum of HIV/AIDS-related health and social services within a 'continuum of care' framework is central to *AFEW*'s Care and Support programming. Client management strategies strive to strengthen and maximise local service networks that help individuals navigate the healthcare system and obtain services according to their individual health needs.

Photo by Elena Katuntseva

AFEW and HIV/AIDS Treatment

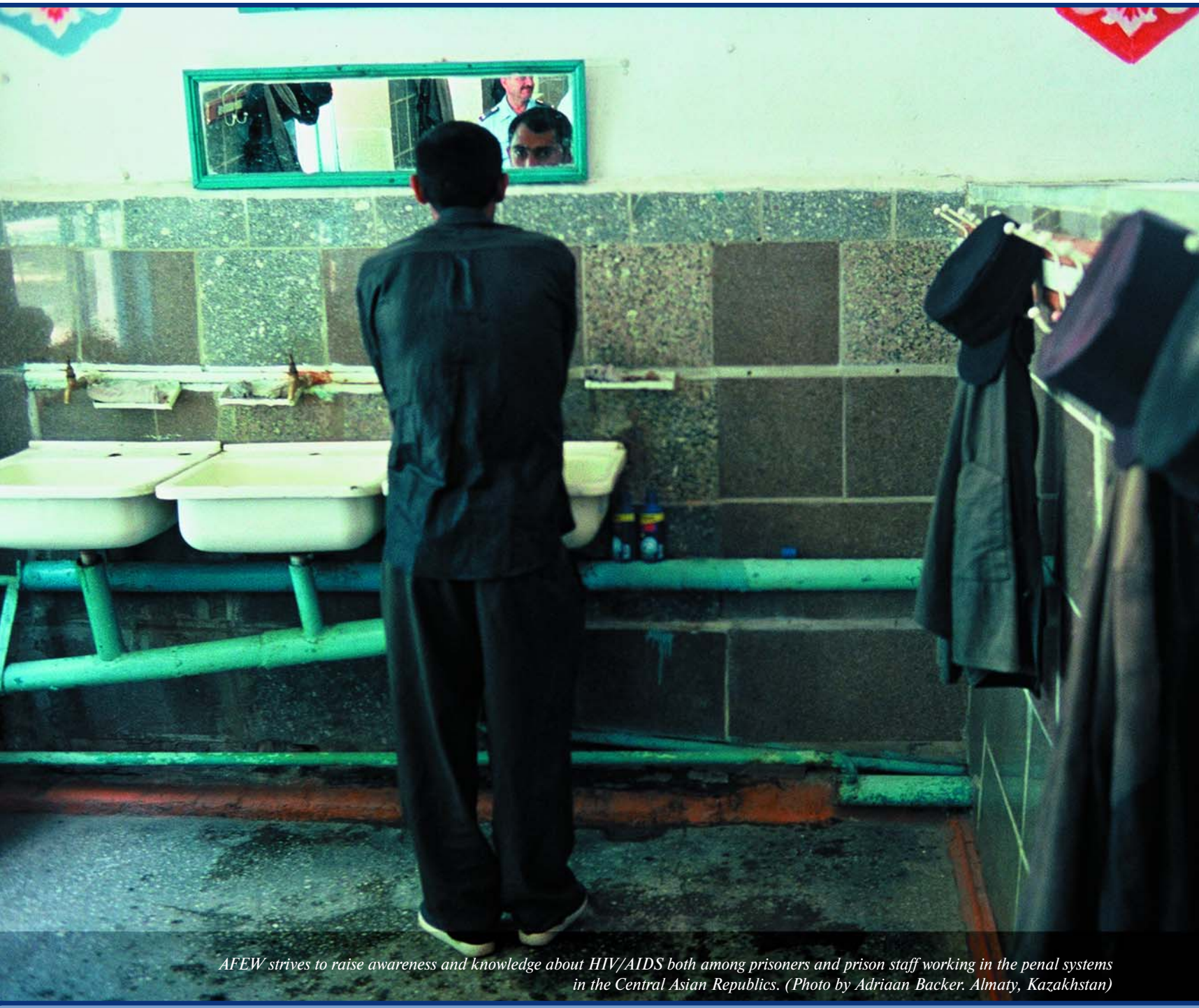
AFEW's involvement in HIV/AIDS treatment efforts continued in 2005 with our prevention of mother-to-child transmission (PMTCT) and mother-to-child-transmission plus (MTCT+) projects in Russia. Key activities continue to target the strengthening of existing infrastructure, including local laboratory capacity, building knowledge on HIV/AIDS treatment, and disseminating key information resources in the delivery of quality treatment, care and support services.

HIV/AIDS programming with bridging populations

HIV/AIDS prevention programmes targeting IDUs, SWs and their 'bridging populations' are crucial in helping slow the rapid spread of HIV and other sexually transmitted infections in EECA. But prevention services also act as important access points to a larger range of essential health and social services including prevention, treatment, care and support.

In 2005, *AFEW*'s prevention activities expanded and improved thanks to the client management approach in which outreach workers and peer counsellors acted as the lynch-pin between hard-to-reach groups and often perceived as hard-to-reach health services.

AFEW harm reduction activities began in Belarus with capacity building of local partners to provide sound public health programming to a growing population of IDUs. In Ukraine, *AFEW* – together with its local NGO partner Gay Alliance – initiated a pilot capacity building project to address the informational, health service and support needs of MSM.



AFEW strives to raise awareness and knowledge about HIV/AIDS both among prisoners and prison staff working in the penal systems in the Central Asian Republics. (Photo by Adriaan Backer. Almaty, Kazakhstan)

Monitoring & Evaluation

In 2005, a range of advancements were made in *AFEW*'s monitoring and evaluation (M&E) tools and practices, including the development of an online project management and M&E system; the implementation of a standardised training evaluation system; and the instigation of a number of procedural improvements. All of these have had a significant impact on the way M&E is conducted both within the organisation and with its partners.

Beyond this, *AFEW* has also made significant progress in improving the knowledge base available to HIV/AIDS practitioners within the EECA region through identifying and implementing a range of targeted research projects, including working with street children in Ukraine and target groups in Mongolia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan and Tajikistan. In addition, a harm reduction research capacity assessment was conducted in several Russian cities.

Knowledge and Quality Management

Ever since it was founded in December 2001, *AFEW* has proven its ability to function as a strong force in attracting major donors and partners to join the fight against the HIV/AIDS epidemic in the countries of the former Soviet Union.

As the dynamic of the epidemic changes, however, *AFEW* must change with it in order to help the countries in the region prevent and cope with the consequences of a growing problem. As a leader in this field, it is important for *AFEW* to stay at the forefront of the epidemic and develop new tools that focus not only on prevention, but also on treatment, care and support.

Through the Knowledge Centre and research unit, *AFEW* aims to increase involvement from the national, regional and local governments in the region in addressing the HIV/AIDS epidemic.

AFEW staff have accumulated significant experience in various programme areas over the last nine years, and so have worked to hand over well-established programmes to partners, tackling new pressing issues as they arise with the progression of the epidemic in the region.

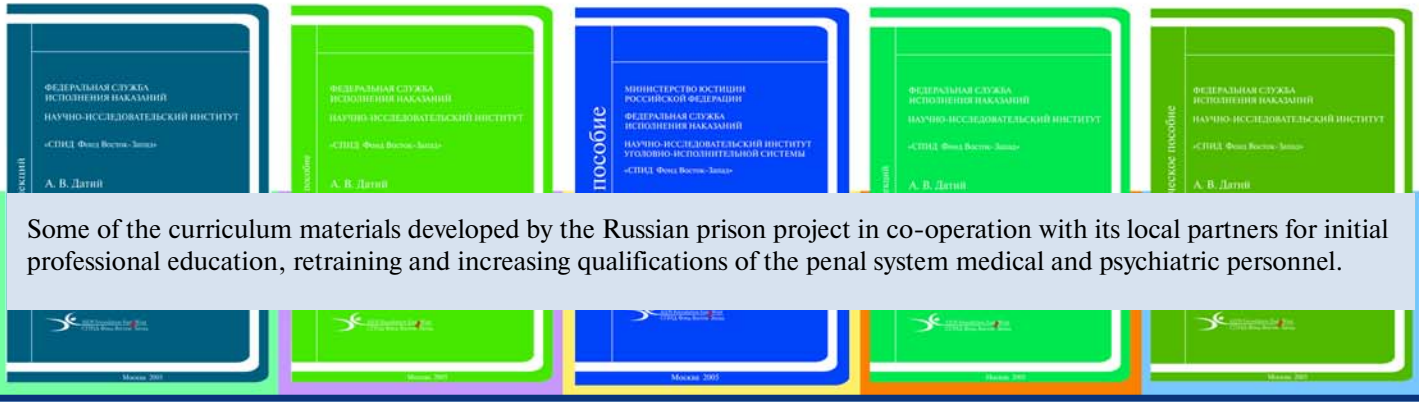
The quality management initiative was launched in 2004, and by 2005 it was rolled out in all offices. An analysis was conducted on the results and lessons learned from applying a business practice in the NGO setting.

A key benefit of implementing the quality management system in *AFEW* was establishing a consistent standard of excellence across all projects.

Other benefits include increased ability to: implement changes in a controlled manner; and increase transparency for stakeholders. In addition, it contributed to a sense of unity of purpose and direction within the organisation.

AFEW is now beginning to apply the knowledge gained through this experience to build the capacity of its partner organisations in order to enable successful handover of project activities.

Having realised the benefits afforded by the system, *AFEW* will work to further optimise it so as to continue to build and implement effective programmes in EECA.



Some of the curriculum materials developed by the Russian prison project in co-operation with its local partners for initial professional education, retraining and increasing qualifications of the penal system medical and psychiatric personnel.

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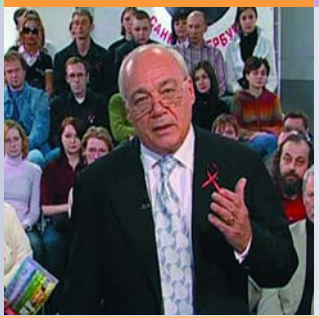

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Advocacy

AFEW conducts various advocacy activities to ensure that HIV/AIDS is given political priority, and to stimulate appropriate action: this is critical for the accomplishment of *AFEW*'s mission.

AFEW uses different forms of advocacy. For example, in 2005, *AFEW* organised a special rally to prevent stigmatisation towards the work of the Republican AIDS Centre in Dushanbe (Tajikistan) when the centre's neighbours expressed fear and reproach towards people living with HIV/AIDS. This event attracted a great deal of attention and helped influence positive change in the way people look at issues of HIV/AIDS and individuals affected by it.

In 2005, *AFEW*'s office in Ukraine – in partnership with the Ukrainian Network of People Living with HIV – launched the first ever campaign to raise public awareness on the availability of ARV therapy.

Moreover, *AFEW* inspired the cast of *The Vagina Monologues* to devote their performance on 1 December to World AIDS Day in Russia. This production, which has travelled to 53 countries, marked one of the first attempts in Russia to address the problem of HIV/AIDS through theatre. This was particularly effective as the show focuses on breaking down taboos about the social and psychological vulnerability of women in the modern world.

Working with Media in 2005

- *AFEW*, in partnership with local NGOs, organised eight press conferences on various topics in Russia, Ukraine, Moldova and Kazakhstan. The press conferences attracted the attention of national and international media.
- *AFEW* was mentioned in more than 160 publications worldwide. Commenting on the amendments to the Russian NGO bill, *AFEW* was quoted on Russian Federal Channel One, *The Lancet* and *The Wall Street Journal* as an expert source working in the region. *The Kyiv Post* published an editorial by David Veazey, who presented an expert opinion about the HIV epidemic in Ukraine. *Voice of America* broadcast interviews with Programme Director Robin Montgomery and Project Manager Saltanat Surtaeva on HIV and TB in EECA.

For more information, please visit the press centre at *http://www.afew.org*.

Public Relations

NGOs working in the field of HIV/AIDS in the region turn to *AFEW* as a PR expert for consultancy and support for their own events.

Using the 'two-stage' approach traditionally employed in *AFEW*'s programme activities, successful pilot PR and advocacy activities are employed in activities nationwide. These initiatives usually involve close collaboration with partner NGOs, media and governmental institutions and are conducted over an extended period of time. For example, the 'It's Time to Live!' telethon was initiated by *AFEW* in collaboration with nine national and international NGOs in 2004 and was successfully carried on through 2005.

Moreover, in the past year, several commercial entities have approached *AFEW* with the desire to organise joint projects to raise awareness about the social responsibility of Russia's business community in dealing with HIV/AIDS.

With *AFEW*'s support, the arts and crafts store Khelo held special sales on St. Valentine's Day highlighting the topic of HIV/AIDS.

Media House, one of Russia's leading computer game producers, created a new game entitled *Plasticine Kama Sutra* and included a leaflet on safer sex behaviour with the CD.

Photographic Archive

In 2005, *AFEW* worked closely with Dutch photographer Adriaan Backer and Scottish photographer David Gillanders.

Adriaan Backer has completed a series of photographs illustrating the lives of vulnerable groups (i.e. IDUs, SWs and prison inmates) in CAR. This photo-project was co-funded by Stop AIDS Now! – the Netherlands. The photos were used in a slide show as part of *AFEW* and Mainline's presentation 'Wake-Up Call' at the international plenary track at the 9th national STI/HIV/AIDS conference in the Netherlands.

David Gillanders completed a photo story on street children in Ukraine. One of David's photos from this series won first place (out of 894 entries) in the UNICEF 'Photo of the Year' contest (for details see page 7).

World AIDS Day 2005

AFEW organised dozens of events dedicated to World AIDS Day 2005, which is one of the most important dates in the year for the communications and Advocacy Department. All of the events aimed to promote human rights for people living with HIV/AIDS, raise public awareness and advocate for change. Below are some examples of events organised to mark the occasion.

'I learned about *AFEW* while participating in the 'Miss Positive' beauty contest. It was a pleasure to work with *AFEW*'s staff. They really helped me a lot in talking to the media. Currently, I conduct outreach work in my hometown of Cheboksary, trying to help people living with HIV to tune themselves into life in society.

AFEW provided me with informational materials that were very useful in my work. *AFEW*'s staff are always ready to assist in difficult situations.'

Svetlana Izambaeva
'Miss Positive' 2005

Russia

The first Russian beauty contest for women living with HIV/AIDS, 'Miss Positive', took place on the initiative of *Shagi* ('*Steps*') magazine and with support from *AFEW*. The winner, Svetlana Izambaeva, was awarded in Moscow on World AIDS Day.

Her award was presented at a press conference in which Svetlana, together with *AFEW*'s Care and Support Project Manager Vika Dollen and the editor of *Shagi* magazine talked about the various problems that HIV-positive people and their children face. More than 40 journalists from U.S., Canadian and European news outlets attended. As a result, more than 100 electronic and print media worldwide covered the event as a major step in fighting stigma and discrimination of HIV-positive people.

Care and Support Project Manager Vika Dollen gives an interview to journalists

World AIDS Day 2005

Kyiv Almaty Dushanbe Novosibirsk Tomsk Barnaul Omsk Irkutsk Moscow Chisinau Volgograd Tver Pskov St.Petersburg Novgorod Kazan

Ukraine

On 4 December, *AFEW* – Ukraine and the popular Kyiv nightclub PaTiPa held a party in hounour of World AIDS Day. More than 600 people attended the event. Guests received informational materials on HIV/AIDS and red ribbons as a symbol of solidarity with people living with HIV/AIDS. Many of the participants said that they would be glad to participate in such events in the future. The event was co-sponsored by Contex condom distributor MedCom.

Moldova

On 30 November 2005, *AFEW* – Moldova organised an artistic presentation dedicated to World AIDS Day. The event took place at the National Palace and was aimed at raising awareness about HIV/AIDS issues among youth by providing accurate information on HIV transmission and promoting safer sex. Free tickets were distributed in colleges, universities, boarding schools and NGOs. More than 1800 participants took part in the event. Every attendee of the presentation received a package with a red ribbon, condoms and printed materials on HIV/AIDS prevention. The event was well-received by an enthusiastic audience. There was also a concert, which was co-funded by The World Bank, *AFEW* and the International Committee of the Red Cross.

Kazakhstan

AFEW and the Almaty AIDS Centre joined forces for World AIDS Day, organising a series of theatrical performances devoted to HIV/AIDS held under the slogan: 'Stop AIDS – Keep the Promise'. Young artists found a variety of ways in which to address this issue, staging an interpretation of the folktale 'The Wolf and the Seven Little Kids', a musical entitled 'On Earth and in the Heavens', and a number of dances, songs and poems.

Tajikistan

AFEW, together with the Tajikistan Ministry of Justice, the Administration of Correctional Affairs, and the Republican AIDS Centre organised a joint event in the clubhouse of Dushanbe's juvenile correctional labour colony. As part of the event, adolescents from the colony were presented with information about HIV/AIDS, how the virus is transmitted, and available means of prevention. A drawing contest was also held as part of the event. *AFEW* gave prizes to contest winners and arranged a festive meal for them.

Kyrgyzstan

AFEW held an informational event at the Department of Medicine of the Kyrgyz-Russian Slavic University, where volunteers distributed informational materials and red ribbons and engaged students, teachers and technical staff in discussions about the global significance of World AIDS Day. In the evening, *AFEW*, together with other NGOs working on HIV/AIDS prevention in Kyrgyzstan, held an informational fair and charity concert.

The Netherlands

On 30 November, the Director of *AFEW*'s Europe Office, Ilona van de Braak, took part in a seminar organised by the ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands and STOP AIDS NOW! as a prelude to World AIDS Day. The participants of the event included directors of the Dutch development organisations, key HIV/AIDS specialists, leading NGOs and top civil servants. Dutch Princess Mabel van Oranje – who also serves as the Director of EU-Affairs of OSI London – kicked off the event with a presentation on scaling-up harm reduction efforts. Ilona followed with a presentation on harm reduction activities being carried out by *AFEW* in EECA.

Overview of *AFEW* Conference Participation

International Conferences and Public Events

Participation in international and regional conferences and events is an integral part of *AFEW*'s activity. *AFEW* encourages staff to participate in professional gatherings related to HIV/AIDS/STIs, where they can share their experiences in EECA with national and international audiences, increase their own knowledge and skills and network and fundraise on behalf of the organisation.

- 10th European AIDS Conference/European AIDS Clinical Society (Ireland)
- 10th German and 16th Austrian HIV Conference 'Social and Psychological Aspects of the HIV Infection in Central and Eastern Europe' (Austria)
- 36th Union World Conference on Lung Health (France)
- 3rd International AIDS Society Conference on HIV Pathogenesis and Treatment (Brazil)
- 8th European Conference on Drugs and Infections in Prison (Hungary)
- 'Eastern Europe and HIV/AIDS' lunch presentation at the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs (the Netherlands)
- Global Health Council's 'Building Health Systems: Putting Pieces Together' conference (USA)
- Go East: Meeting on Sexual and Reproductive Health, HIV/AIDS and TB in Central/Eastern Europe and Central Asia (the Netherlands)
- 'HIV/AIDS in Eastern Europe and Central Asia' lunch presentation at Rotary Club Zuidoost Amsterdam (the Netherlands)
- 'HIV/AIDS in Eastern Europe and Central Asia: A Crash Course' workshop at Capacity Building in Developing Countries (the Netherlands)
- 'HIV/AIDS and Injecting Drug Use: How to reach the most vulnerable' workshop at conference of Ministry of Foreign Affairs (the Netherlands)
- Intensifying HIV/AIDS Prevention: Challenges and Opportunities. What is the Dutch development agenda? (the Netherlands)
- International Conference on the Reduction of Drug Related Harm (Northern Ireland)
- International Plenary Track 9th Dutch National STI/HIV/AIDS Conference (the Netherlands)
- Pan Pacific Regional HIV/AIDS Conference 2005 (New Zealand)
- World AIDS Campaign Initiation Conference (Belgium)

Regional Conferences

- 14th International Conference on HIV/AIDS, Cancer and Public Health (Russia)
- International Conference on HIV/AIDS and Human Rights (Russia)
- Presentation and discussion session on the campaign to ensure access to essential HIV/AIDS treatment and diagnostics (Ukraine)

AFEW Affiliations

AFEW staff members also provide advice and assistance to programmes for, and are affiliates of task forces, networks and committees of the following organisations:

- AIDS Action Europe (AAE)
- Capacity Building in Developing Countries (PSO – the Netherlands)
- Central and Eastern European Harm Reduction Network (CEEHRN)
- Communications and Information Dissemination Working Group under the Civil Society Coalition on HIV/AIDS UNGASS
- Co-ordination Council on HIV/AIDS under the Ministry of Public Health and Social Development of the Russian Federation
- Dance4Life (the Netherlands)
- Experts Group for the Conference 'Prevention and Control of TB and HIV/AIDS in Prisons and Collaboration with Public Health Services' (Azerbaijan)
- External Expert Reference Group (EERG) of the Global Fund Civil Society Strategy (CSS)
- Global Health Council
- GLOBUS Project: Global Efforts Against HIV/AIDS in Russia
- Initiative group of the 'It's Time to Live!' telethon (Russia)
- International Harm Reduction Development (IHRD)
- Joint UNAIDS and Civil Society Planning Meeting on UNGASS Preparation (Brazil)
- Kazakh Union of PLWHA
- Mainline (the Netherlands)
- Mèdecins Sans Frontiéres – the Netherlands
- Royal Netherlands Tuberculosis Association (KNCV)
- Russian Harm Reduction Network (RHRN)
- Share-Net (the Netherlands)
- Share-Net Eastern-Europe Task Force (the Netherlands)
- STOP AIDS NOW! (the Netherlands)
- The committee of the National Co-ordination Council on HIV/AIDS Prevention (Ukraine)
- Trimbos Institute: Netherlands Institute of Mental Health and Addiction
- WHO European Health in Prisons Projects (HIPP)
- WHO International Working Group on TB in prison
- World AIDS Campaign (WAC)

IV The People Behind the Organisation

Irina Malneva

Head
of the Human Resources
Management Department

Balanced Mix of Staff

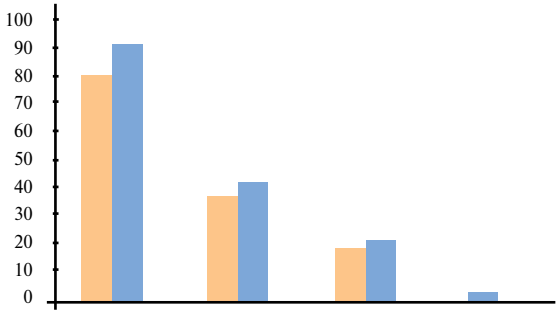
As of December 2005, *AFEW* employed 157 staff in eight countries of EECA and the Netherlands. *AFEW* works hard to start new projects and develop existing ones, and more and more specialists are joining the organisation to take part in fighting the HIV/AIDS epidemic in the region.

Although they share a common cause and set of values, *AFEW* staff come from a diverse range of backgrounds both professionally and geographically. The *AFEW* staff has representatives of 14 different nationalities from all over the world. The mix of staff from the East and the West reflects the principle of East-West engagement and allows for a real exchange of knowledge and skills.

Developing Human Capital

AFEW seeks to create a work environment that encourages commitment and provides career development opportunities. Training staff is a key component of this. *AFEW* trains its staff both internally and externally not only on issues related to HIV/AIDS, but also on management, communicating with the media, project planning, English language and so on. In 2005, *AFEW* began investing in health and management distance learning post-graduate education courses for its staff.

Staff Growth 2005



	Russia	CAR	Ukraine + Moldova	The Netherlands
Dec 2004	81	38	19	0
Dec 2005	91	43	22	1

Working with *AFEW* means contributing to a common goal and sharing the core values of the organisation. All staff have the additional responsibility of raising awareness and advocating for a better understanding of the growing HIV/AIDS epidemic in the region.

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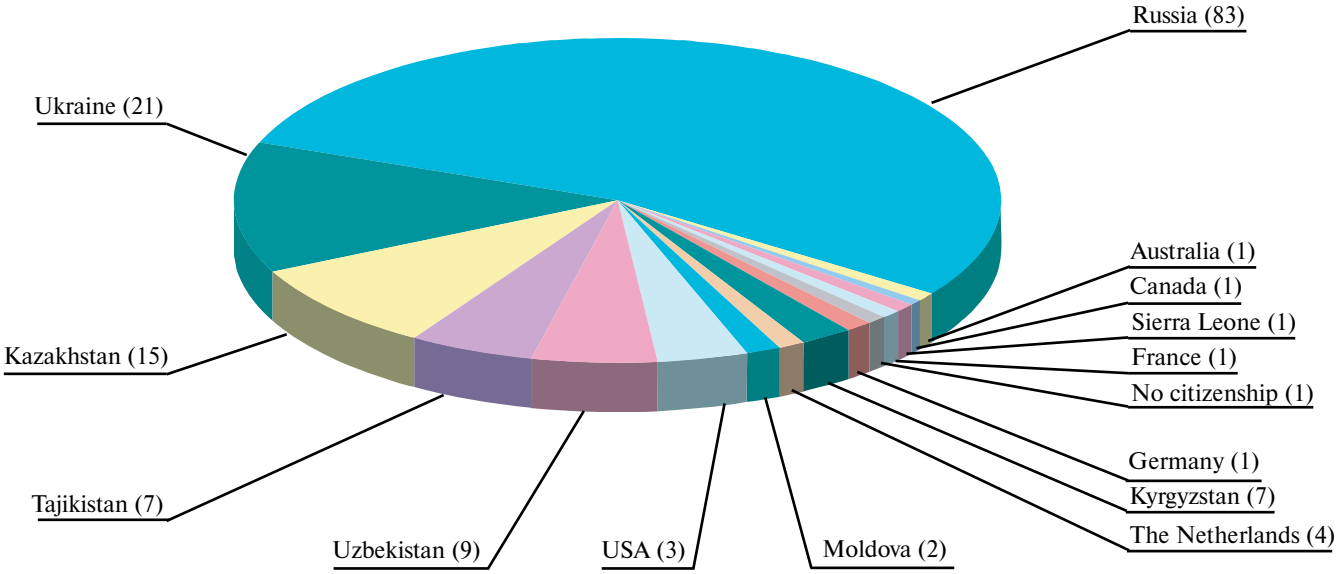
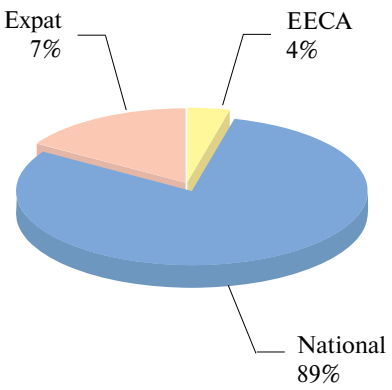
Citizenship of *AFEW* Staff in 2005

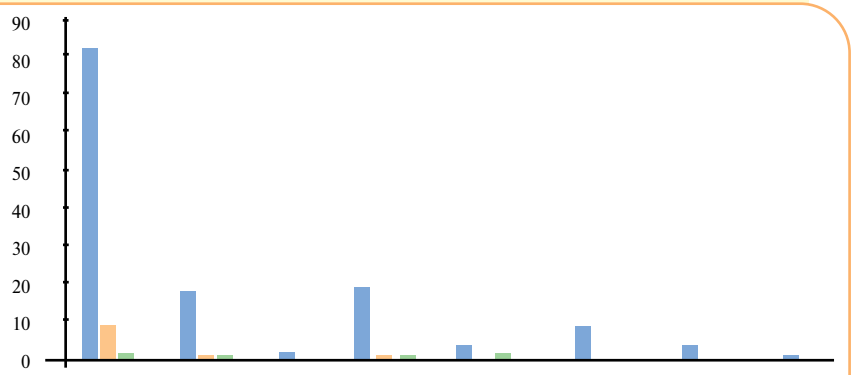


Internal training in AFEW's Moscow Office

Composition of Staff 2005



Composition of Staff by Country 2005



	Russia	Ukraine	Moldova	Kazakhstan	Tajikistan	Uzbekistan	Kyrgyzstan	The Netherlands
National	81	18	2	19	6	9	5	1
Expat	8	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
EECA	2	1	0	1	2	0	0	0

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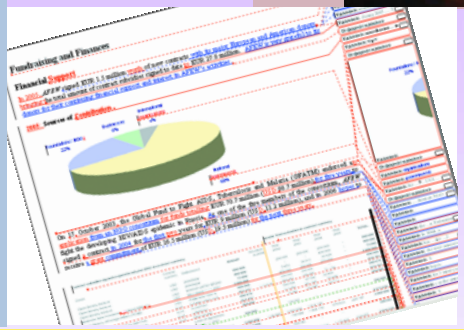
Finances and Fundraising



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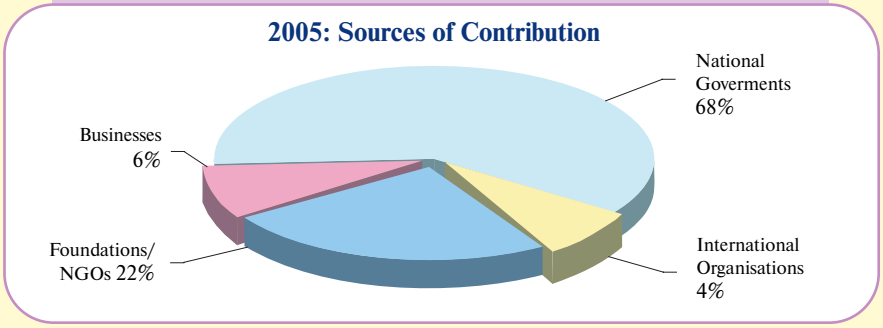


Financial Support

In 2005, *AFEW* signed 1.5 million EUR worth of new contracts with its major European and American donors, bringing the total amount of contract subsidies signed to date to 27.8 million EUR. *AFEW* is very grateful to its donors for their continuing financial support and interest in *AFEW*'s activities.

On 17 October 2003, the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (GFATM) endorsed an application from an NGO consortium for funds totalling 70.7 million EUR (88.7 million USD) for five years to fight the developing HIV/AIDS epidemic in Russia. As one of the five members of the consortium, *AFEW* signed a contract in 2004 for the first two years for 9 million EUR (11.2 million USD). In 2006, *AFEW* hopes to receive a grant commitment of 16.5 million EUR (19.5 million USD) for three more years.

Contract subsidies signed in operational year 2002 (in contract currency)					Income from subsidies (in contract currency)				
Donor	*Reference #*	*Contract currency*	*Amount*	*Reversed in 2004*	*2002*	*2003*	*2004*	*2005*	*Total*
Open Society Institute	20005684	USD	600 000		200 000	200 000	200 000	-	600 000
Open Society Institute	20009224	USD	400 000		-	-	400 000	-	400 000
Open Society Institute	40003912/I7501/B7200	USD	75 000		5 453	38 919	30 628	-	75 000
Mèdecins Sans Frontiéres – Holland (MSF–H)	MoU dated 11.11.2001	USD	1 080 000		450 000	360 000	270 000	-	1 080 000
Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs (POBB)	POBB-WW158814	USD	600 000		300 000	300 000	-	-	600 000
Cordaid	C/P 440 10021 H/S	EUR	453 317	(13 614)	202 263	166 266	71 174	-	439 703
Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MATRA)	RU007901	EUR	680 670		560 598	87 586	32 486	-	680 670
Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MATRA)	UA005301	EUR	651 197		313 991	261 308	75 898	-	651 197
Oxfam Novib	OER-02-445	EUR	204 000		10 342	103 945	89 713	-	204 000
Elton John AIDS Foundation (EJAF)	Letter of Agreement from 01.11.2001	GBP	100 000		100 000	-	-	-	100 000
Swedish International Development Agency (SIDA)	2001-003744-76001934	SEK	5 000 000	(24 990)	3 060 884	1 914 126	-	-	4 975 010
Swedish International Development Agency (SIDA)	2002-000767-565/02	SEK	3 000 000		190 844	1 904 178	679 883	225 145	3 000 000
UK Department for International Development (DFID)	Grant Letter from 01.12.2001	USD	568 043		568 043	-	-	-	568 043
US Agency for International Development (USAID)	122-A-00-02-00042-00	USD	4 389 097		92 914	919 839	1 172 429	629 057	2 814 239
Other minor		USD	79 760	(20 500)	-	23 100	36 160	-	59 260

Contract subsidies signed in operational year 2003 (in contract currency) / Income from subsidies (in contract currency)

Donor	Reference #	Contract currency	Amount	2002	2003	2004	2005	Total
UK Department for International Development (DFID)	Grant Letter 01.01.2003	USD	520 857		520 857	-	-	520 857
Mèdecins Sans Frontiéres – Holland (MSF–H)	MoU 29.04.2003	EUR	1 000 000		320 702	448 631	230 667	1 000 000
Dutch Ministry of Forein Affairs (MATRA)	RU5667, 0420S04	EUR	699 034		62 534	247 996	142 382	452 912
Oxfam Novib	OER-02-445	EUR	51 000		-	7 673	43 327	51 000
Elton John AIDS Foundation (EJAF)	Letter of agreement 01.11.2003	GBP	84 000		60 943	23 057	-	84 000
AIDS Fonds	01.01.2003	EUR	95 000		25 500	25 494	44 006	95 000
European Commission	EU 48724	EUR	200 000		108 493	91 507	-	200 000
European Commission	EU 062-211	EUR	193 004		4 000	92 619	96 385	193 004
European Commission	EU 062-167	EUR	195 217		-	118 892	76 325	195 217
Royal Netherlands Tuberculosis Association (KNCV)	01.06.2003	EUR	101 080		18 514	82 566	-	101 080
The Elizabeth Taylor AIDS Foundation	14.11.2003	USD	25 000		5 022	17 339	2 639	25 000
Other minor		USD	5 017		5 017	-	-	5 017

Contract subsidies signed in operational year 2004 (in contract currency) / Income from subsidies (in contract currency)

Donor	Reference #	Contract currency	Amount	Reversed in 2005	2002	2003	2004	2005	Total
Dutch Ministry of Forein Affairs (POBB)	POBB-11070	EUR	600 000				-	194 743	194 743
The Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs (TMF)	10540	EUR	3 200 930				-	963 268	963 268
Mèdecins Sans Frontiéres – Holland (MSF–H)	MoU 01.01.2004	EUR	45 000				20 146	24 854	45 000
Swedish International Development Agency (SIDA)	2004-000966/30	SEK	6 170 000				2 715 830	1 594 600	4 310 430
Swedish International Development Agency (SIDA)	2003-3548-7600315	SEK	6 000 000				56 528	1 800 416	1 856 944
The UK Department for International Development (DFID)	Form of Grant letter from 01.01.2004	USD	248 983				248 983	-	248 983
The UK Department for International Development (DFID)	Letter from 15.12.2004	USD	23 857				23 857	-	23 857
Open Health Institute (OHI)[19]	AgFEW01	USD	11 249 230				1 292 340	5 262 192	6 554 532
World Health Organisation (WHO)	EU/04/052363	USD	2 782				2 590	192	2 782
World Health Organisation (WHO)	EU/04/060459	USD	39 400				24 111	15 289	39 400
UCIMP TB/AIDS	TR/04	USD	123 204				-	97 843	97 843
Aids-Fondet Denmark	14.12.2004	USD	22 461				-	8 093	8 093
International HIV/AIDS Alliance[20]	68	UAH	1 838 218	(872 452)			502 589	463 177	965 766
International HIV/AIDS Alliance[20]	71	UAH	278 779	(106 512)			-	172 267	172 267
Other minor		USD	16 517				16 517	-	16 517

[19] The programme is implemented with financial support from GFATM.
[20] The International HIV/AIDS Alliance in Ukraine operates within the framework of the 'Overcoming the HIV/AIDS epidemic in Ukraine' programme supported by GFATM.

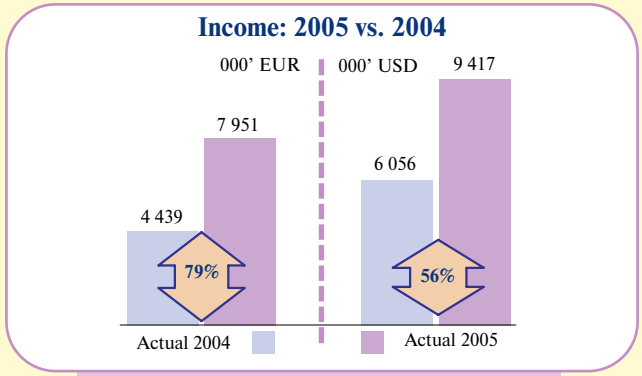
Contract subsidies signed in operational year 2005 (in contract currency)					Income from subsidies (in contract currency)				
Donor	*Reference #*	*Contract currency*	*Amount*	*Reversed in 2005*	*2002*	*2003*	*2004*	*2005*	*Total*
Global Ministries Protestant Church in the Netherlands (Kerkinactie)	Financial Agreement ENLA 05/001 ML/tr	EUR	15 000					15 000	15 000
Oxfam Novib	Project number: OEK-503623-0004527	EUR	114 835					94 722	94 722
European Commission	102398	EUR	148 139					19 174	19 174
Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MATRA)	DZO-UM/0816/2005	EUR	561 320					68 580	68 580
European Commission	Grant Contract 111-045	EUR	197 960					-	-
Royal Netherlands Tuberculosis Association (KNCV)	Contract from 07.03.2005	EUR	8 394					8 394	8 394
Elton John AIDS Foundation (EJAF)	Letter of Agreement from 01.08.2005	GBP	39 078					10 630	10 630
Swedish International Development Agency (SIDA)	76003542 ref: IMFOM/FEW004F	SEK	910 000					119 545	119 545
FOCUS-MEDIA on PoB conditions (OHI)	EU/05/043702	USD	72 584					49 530	49 530
World Health Organisation (WHO)	Project Co-operation	USD	40 600					35 088	35 088
UNICEF	Agreement dated 07.11.2005	USD	20 350					18	18
UCIMP TB/AIDS	Contract # TR/10/GF	USD	10 100					10 100	10 100
Johnson & Johnson	Letter of Agreement from 05.12.2005	USD	100 341	(2 455)				-	-
International HIV/AIDS Alliance[20]	102-GF-05	UAH	1 339 580					1 337 125	1 337 125
Other minor		USD	11 045					6 848	6 848

Financial Review

This financial review covers *AFEW*'s fourth operational year, which ended on 31 December 2005.

AFEW maintains its accounting records in accordance with the legislative requirements of the countries in which it operates. The financial statements on pages 33–39 have been derived from the official annual financial statement, a copy of which may be obtained from *AFEW*.

These statements were initially prepared in USD – the internal management currency of *AFEW* – and then converted into EUR. During 2005, the euro depreciated in value against the USD, which means that when comparing the income and expenditures to the previous year the actual euro-based growth percentages are higher than the corresponding dollar-based percentages.

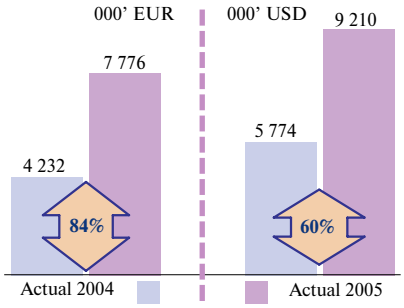


Income in 2005 was 7 950 640 EUR, which represents a growth of 3 511 762 EUR (79%) compared with 2004. The actual USD growth was 56%.

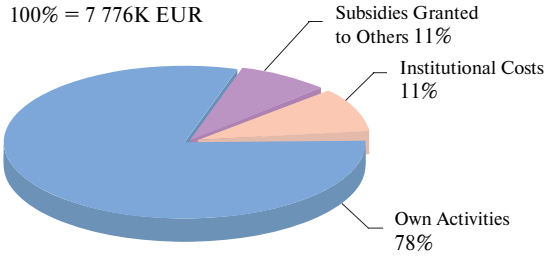
The total amount spent in 2005 on Foundation objectives was 7 775 897 EUR, which represents a growth of 3 544 157 EUR (84%), while the actual growth in USD was 60%.

Expenditures consisted of the cost of the organisation's own activities, subsidies granted to partners and institutional costs.

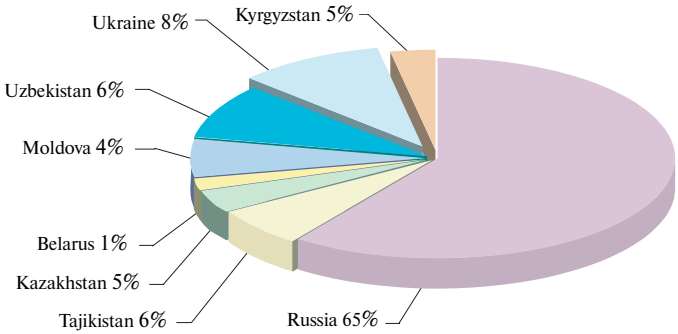
Expenditures: 2005 vs. 2004



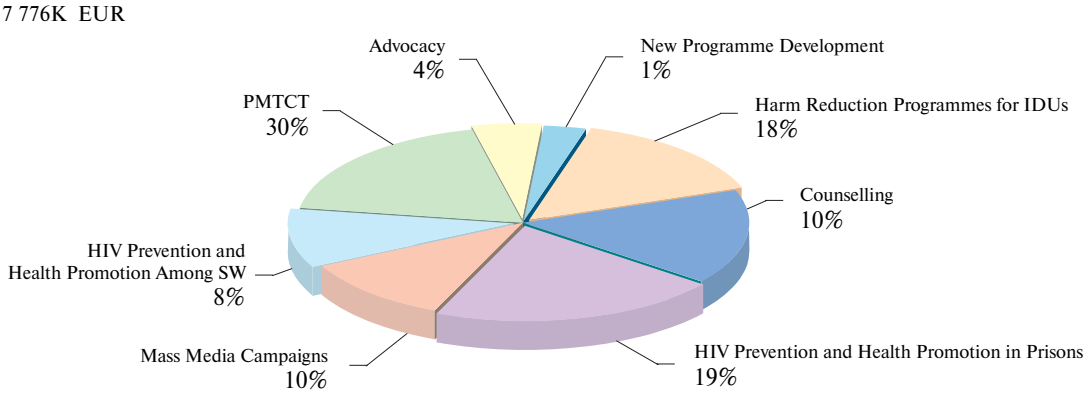
2005 Expenditures by Type



Spent on projects in 2005 per country of operation



Spent on Objectives



Balance Sheet as of 31 December 2005

Assets	*2005 (000' EUR)*	*2004 (000' EUR)*
Operating assets	78	85
Stocks directly available for Foundation goal	29	10
Subsidies receivable	9 050	13 414
Other receivables	37	34
Subtotal	9 194	13 543
Cash at bank and in hand	1 598	2 109
Total assets	10 791	15 652

Liabilities	*2005 (000' EUR)*	*2004 (000' EUR)*
Capital base		
Continuity reserve	685	426
Tied-up capital	78	85
Subtotal	763	511
Liabilities		
Subsidy commitments	9 947	15 053
Other liabilities	81	88
Total liabilities	10 791	15 652

Statement of Income and Expenditure as of 31 December 2005

	2005 000' EUR	*2004 000' EUR*
Income		
Income from own fundraising	17	49
Direct fundraising costs	-	(8)
Subsidies from government and other sources	8 023	4 433
Other income and expenses	(89)	(35)
Total available for Foundation goals	7 951	4 439
Spent on Foundation Goals		
Harm Reduction Programmes for Injecting Drug Users (IDU)	1 368	666
HIV/AIDS Prevention and Health Promotions in Prisons	1 479	909
Mass Media Campaign	790	462
Health Promotion Among Sex Workers (SW)	592	440
Prevention of Mother-to-Child Transmission (PMTCT)	2 366	799
Counselling	772	214
Advocacy	328	114
New Project Development	80	628
Total Spent on Foundation Goals	7 776	4 232
Surplus	175	207

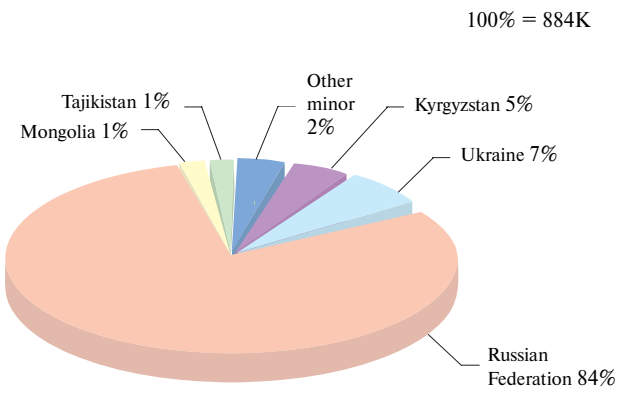
Note: In comparing figures from 2005 and 2004, the fluctuating exchange rates between the USD and EUR must be taken into consideration. The rate on 31 December 2004 = 1.3644; 31 December 2005 = 1.1845.

Cash Flow as of 31 December 2005

	2005 000' EUR	2004 000' EUR
Surplus	175	207
Depreciation on tangible fixed assets	137	35
Changes in working capital	(770)	822
Net operating cash flow	(459)	1 064
Net cash flow from investment activities	(129)	(86)
Net cash flow from financial activities	78	65
Change to cash and cash equivalents	(510)	1 043
Opening cash balance	2 108	1 066
Closing cash balance	1 598	2 109

AFEW strives to build the capacity of local partners by sharing outstanding knowledge and experiences. In 2005, *AFEW* provided sub-grants to partners in various countries in which it operates to support activities in line with its objectives.

Subsidies Sub-granted



Total Spent on Foundation Objectives

	Harm Reduction programmes for IDUs (000'EUR)	HIV/AIDS Prevention and Health Promotion in Prisons (000' EUR)	Mass Media Campaigns (000' EUR)	Health Promotion Among SWs (000' EUR)	PMTCT of HIV (000' EUR)	Counselling (000' EUR)	Advocacy (000' EUR)	New Programme (000' EUR)	Total 2005 (000' EUR)	Total 2004 (000' EUR)
Salaries and social security charges	527	621	196	310	425	279	62	21	2 441	1 880
Medicine	–	–	–	–	1 206	–	–	–	1 206	205
Office expenses	171	209	82	86	202	129	14	10	902	664
Sub-grants to third parties	320	97	82	32	4	81	238	29	884	239
Training and support	114	271	17	80	220	118	–	13	833	209
Travel and accommodation expenses	67	103	18	24	93	52	14	5	376	313
Media activities	–	–	326	–	–	–	–	–	326	77
Miscellaneous	169	178	68	60	216	13	0	3	808	645
Total Spent on Foundation Objectives	1 368	1 480	790	592	2 366	772	328	80	7 776	4 232

Auditors' Report

We have audited the abbreviated financial statements in the annual report of *AIDS Foundation East-West (AFEW)*, Amsterdam, the Netherlands, for the year 2005. These abbreviated financial statements (pages 33–39) were derived from *AFEW*'s official financial statements. In our auditors' report, dated 28 April 2006, we expressed an unqualified opinion on these financial statements. These abbreviated financial statements are the responsibility of the Foundation's Board. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these abbreviated financial statements.

In our opinion, these abbreviated financial statements are consistent, in all material respects, with the financial statements from which they have been derived. For a better understanding of *AFEW*'s financial position and results and of the scope of our audit, the abbreviated financial statements should be read in conjunction with the financial statements from which they have been derived and our auditors' report thereon issued on 28 April 2006.

Amstelveen, 28 April 2006
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Annex 1. AFEW's Partners

Russian Federation

- AIDS Infoshare
- American Red Cross
- Boston University Centre for International Health and Development (USA)
- Central and Eastern European Harm Reduction Network (CEEHRN)
- Columbia University (NY, USA)
- Community of People Living with HIV/AIDS (Russia)
- Cranstoun Drug Services
- European Network on Drug and Infections Prevention in Prisons
- FOCUS-MEDIA Foundation
- Imperial College of Science, Technology and Medicine (UK)
- Internews
- John Snow International
- Open Health Institute (OHI)
- PharmAccess International
- Population Services International (PSI)
- Republican Infectious Diseases Hospital
- Royal Tropical Institute (KIT, the Netherlands)
- Russian Federal Penal System
- Russian Harm Reduction Network (RHRN)
- Russian Ministry of Health and Social Development
- The World Bank
- Transatlantic Partners Against AIDS (TPAA)
- UN Agencies
- University Research Company

Ukraine

- American International Health Alliance – Kyiv
- Avante Charity Fund (Lviv)
- British Council (Kyiv)
- Central and Eastern European Harm Reduction Network (CEEHRN) – Lithuania
- Christian Children's Fund (Kyiv)
- City and Regional AIDS Centres
- City and Regional Social Services for Youth
- City Health Centre (Kyiv)
- Danish AIDS Fondet
- Delegation of European Commission in Ukraine (Kyiv)
- Elena Franchuk's ANTI-AIDS Foundation
- Gay Alliance (Kyiv)
- German Embassy
- GURT Resource Centre for NGO Development (Kyiv)
- International HIV/AIDS Alliance – Ukraine (Kyiv)
- International HIV/AIDS Institute – Ukraine (Kyiv)
- International Organisation of Migration (Kyiv)
- International Renaissance Foundation (Kyiv)
- Internews (Kyiv)
- Mèdecins Sans Frontiéres – Holland (Kyiv)
- Noah's Ark-Red Cross Foundation – Sweden
- Programme for Appropriate Technology in Health (PATH) (Kyiv)
- School of Social Work/Public Health, National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy (Kyiv)
- Substance Abuse & AIDS Prevention Foundation (SAAPF) (Kyiv)
- Swedish Embassy
- Swiss Embassy
- UK Embassy
- Ukrainian Harm Reduction Association (Kyiv)
- Ukrainian Ministry of Education and Sciences
- Ukrainian Ministry of Family and Sports
- Ukrainian Ministry of Health
- Ukrainian Network of People Living with HIV (Kyiv)
- Ukrainian Orthodox Church
- Ukrainian Republican AIDS Centre (Kyiv)
- UN Agencies

Belarus

- AIDS Centre (Minsk)
- Belarus Ministry of Health
- Christian Children's Fund
- Parents for the Future of Their Children (Svetlogorsk City)
- Positive Movement (Minsk)
- Red Cross – Belarus (Minsk)
- Republican Centre of Hygiene, Epidemiology and Public Health
- UN organisations
- WHO – Belarus (Minsk)

Moldova

- Association of Young Trainers of Moldova
- Atis Youth-Friendly Centre (Balti)
- Community-based governmental and non-governmental AIDS service organisations
- Co-ordination Unit of TB/AIDS Project in Moldova of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria and The World Bank
- Credinta, organisation of people living with HIV/AIDS
- Future Generation (Tiraspol)
- 'Gender-DocM' Resource Centre
- Health Communication
- Media Centre
- Moldovan Republican Ministry of Health and Social Protection
- National Centre for AIDS Prevention
- Regional Centre of Support and Information for NGOs 'Contact' (Comrat)
- Representation in Moldova of TV and radio company MIR
- 'Salve' Youth-Friendly Centre (Edinet)
- Soros Foundation – Moldova
- The Centre of Young Journalists of Moldova
- UN Agencies
- Young and Free
- Youth health centres

Kazakhstan

- Abt Associates – ZdravPlus
- Accord
- Alliance of Open Society International
- American International Health Alliance
- Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) (USA)
- Community of Kazakhstan Against AIDS
- Community-based governmental and non-governmental AIDS service organisations
- Cranstoun drug services
- Delegation of the European Commission in Kazakhstan
- Dutch Embassy
- Equal to Equal
- European Network on Drug and Infections Prevention in Prisons
- Flame Public Foundation
- Gorgas TB Initiative
- International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC)
- John Snow International
- 'Kazakhstan Free of Drugs' Public Fund
- Kazakhstan Union of People Living with HIV
- Kustanai Juridical Institute
- National ministries and institutions
- Penal Reform International (PRI)
- Pomoch
- Potential
- Project HOPE
- Protection
- PSI
- Republican and regional AIDS centres
- Republican and regional drug treatment centres
- Republican Centre for Socio-Medical Problems of Drug Addiction
- Royal Netherlands Tuberculosis Association (KNCV)
- Soros Foundation – Kazakhstan
- The Initiative Public Foundation
- UN agencies
- USAID

Uzbekistan

- Community-based governmental and non-governmental AIDS service organisations
- Eurasia Foundation
- John Snow International
- Navoi Khokimiat (municipal authorities)
- Project HOPE
- PSI
- Red Crescent Society of Uzbekistan
- Republican and regional AIDS centres
- Republican and regional drug treatment centres
- The Capacity Project (USAID-funded)
- UN agencies
- USAID
- Uzbek Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Uzbek Ministry of Health
- Uzbek Ministry of Internal Affairs
- Uzbek Ministry of Justice
- Women's Committee of Uzbekistan

Kyrgyzstan

- AntiAIDS Association
- Bishkek AIDS Centre
- Bishkek Territorial Department of Medical Insurance
- Chief Department of Corrections
- Department of Social Protection of the Ministry of Labour and Social Protection
- Drug Control Agency
- European Network on Drug and Infections in Prisons
- Harm reduction programme association 'Partner Network'
- Ministry of Justice
- NGO Adilet
- NGO Ayan Delta
- NGO Interdemilge
- NGO Koz Karash
- NGO Nauchmedlait
- NGO Parents Against Drugs
- NGO Podruga
- NGO Positive Help
- NGO Positive Initiative
- NGO Ranar
- NGO Rans
- NGO Sotsium
- NGO Tais Plus
- NGO Tais Plus 2
- PSI
- Republican AIDS Association
- Republican Drug Treatment Centre
- Republican Phthisiology Centre
- Republican STI Treatment Centre
- Republican, city and regional AIDS centres
- Soros Foundation – Kyrgyzstan
- The Capacity Project (USAID-funded)
- The section of HIV/AIDS co-ordination and monitoring under the Department of Social and Cultural Development of the office of the Prime Minister of Kyrgyzstan
- UN agencies
- USAID

Tajikistan

- Administration of the President of Tajikistan
- Aga Khan Foundation
- CARITAS
- Community-based governmental and non-governmental AIDS service organisations
- Drug Control Agency under the President of Tajikistan
- Foreign aid co-ordination unit under the President's office
- GFATM
- Internews – Tajikistan
- National Co-ordination Committee on Preventing and Fighting HIV/AIDS, Malaria and Tuberculosis (NCC)
- Open Society Institute – Tajikistan
- Oxfam Novib
- Project HOPE
- PSI
- SIDA
- Tajik Ministry of Health
- Tajik Ministry of Internal Affairs
- Tajik Ministry of Justice
- Tajik Ministry of Labour and Social Protection
- The Capacity Project (USAID-funded)
- UN agencies
- USAID

Russia

Project	Dates	Donors	Project Objectives
Prevention of Mother-to-Child Transmission of HIV (PMTCT)	2003–2005 2004–2006 2005–2006	Mèdecins Sans Frontiéres – Holland (MSF–H) The Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MATRA) GLOBUS* Johnson & Johnson	- Improve knowledge and skills on prevention of HIV among parents-to-be in pilot regions. - Improve knowledge and skills on preventing unwanted pregnancies among women living with HIV/AIDS in pilot regions. - Decrease rate of mother-to-child transmission of HIV in pilot regions. - Improve care and support services for HIV-positive women, their infants and their families in pilot regions.
HIV Prevention and Health Promotion in Prisons	2003–2006	Swedish International Development Agency (SIDA) GLOBUS*	- Develop HIV/AIDS prevention curriculum in close collaboration with specialists from the Federal Penal System. - Improve knowledge among trainers in 10 selected regions on HIV prevention within the prison sytem. - Decrease transmission of HIV among inmates within the prison system. - Improve care and support services for prisoners living with HIV/AIDS.
Harm Reduction Training	2004–2006	GLOBUS* (in collaboration with the Russian Harm Reduction Network)	- Increase advocacy and informational materials among regional harm reduction projects. - Establish cadre of trainers on HIV prevention among IDUs in 10 selected regions. - Decrease transmission of HIV among IDUs. - Improve care and support services for IDUs living with HIV/AIDS.
HIV/AIDS Voluntary Counselling and Testing (VCT)	2004–2006	GLOBUS*	- Expand services in 10 selected regions. - Develop guidelines and informational materials on pre- and post-test counselling. - Improve national policy for medical professionals providing VCT.

Project	*Dates*	*Donors*	*Project Objectives*
Advocacy for ARV Price Reduction	2004–2006	GLOBUS* (in collaboration with Transatlantic Partners Against AIDS)	- Improve access to ARV treatment for people living with HIV/AIDS by reducing the cost of treatment. - Improve legislative effectiveness in HIV/AIDS policies and establish international partnerships on the parliamentary level. - Encourage participation of businesses and labour organisations in HIV/AIDS policy development. - Improve quality of journalism on HIV/AIDS issues.
'Safer Sex' and 'Solidarity' Mass Media Campaigns	2004–2006 2003–2005 2003–2005 2004–2006	Elton John AIDS Foundation (EJAF) Ford Foundation UNICEF European Commission FOCUS-MEDIA Foundation (on PoB conditions)	- Develop HIV/AIDS/STI policy on the national level through the development of a 'Safer Sex' mass media campaign according to international standards. - Increase awareness of HIV/AIDS and modes of transmission amongst youth in 10 selected regions.

* The programme is implemented under the GLOBUS project with financial support from GFATM.

Ukraine, Moldova and Belarus

Project	*Dates*	*Country*	*Donors*	*Project Objectives*
Harm Reduction Training	2005–2008	Belarus	Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MATRA)	- Establish and expand a group of national trainers capable of delivering quality trainings on harm reduction throughout the country. - Improve knowledge and skills of staff in harm reduction projects.
'Safer Sex' and 'Solidarity' Mass Media Campaign	2004–2007	Moldova	Swedish International Development Agency (SIDA)	- Create communication platform to facilitate development of a national communication strategy on HIV/AIDS issues. - Improve knowledge among the population of Moldova on HIV/AIDS prevention. - Decrease stigma and discrimination towards PLWHA.

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Pre- and Post-HIV Test Counselling	2005–2006	Moldova	Project Co-ordination, Implementation and Monitoring Unit (UCIMP), TB/AIDS, the World Bank	- Strengthen national training capacity on pre- and post-HIV-test counselling. - Improve knowledge and skills of health professionals in Moldova on pre-and post test counselling.
Harm Reduction Training	2005–2005	Moldova	Soros Foundation – Moldova (with support from GFATM)	- Improve skills and knowledge among the staff of harm reduction projects in Moldova.
HIV/STI Prevention and Support Among MSM	2005–2007	Ukraine	European Commission SIDA Elton John AIDS Foundation (EJAF)	- Create a network of MSM-friendly health service providers in Kyiv. - Improve access for MSM population in Kyiv to HIV prevention means and information via strengthening outreach work.
HIV/STI Prevention and Health Promotion Among Street Children	2005–2006	Ukraine	AIDS Fondet Denmark	- Conduct situational assessment among street children in Ukraine and baseline survey among street children in Odessa: disseminate and use results.
'Access to Treatment' Mass Media Campaign	2005–2006	Ukraine	The International HIV/AIDS Alliance* Oxfam Novib (the Netherlands)	- Increase knowledge and understanding among general public on HIV testing and ARV therapy. - Motivate people to get tested for HIV.
'Solidarity' Mass Media Campaign	2004–2005	Ukraine	Oxfam Novib SIDA Mèdecins Sans Frontiéres – Holland (MSF–H) Unilever The International HIV/AIDS Alliance*	- Reduce misconceptions about the modes of HIV/STI transmission. - Decrease levels of stigmatisation of, and increase tolerance towards, people living with HIV/AIDS.
Treatment, Care and Support Knowledge Hub: Socio-Psychological Support Trainings for Social Workers and Nurses	2004–2005	Ukraine	The International HIV/AIDS Alliance*	- Improve knowledge and skills of social workers from teams providing ARV treatment.

Project	*Dates*	*Country*	*Donors*	*Project Objectives*
Development of a national HIV/AIDS curriculum for social workers	2005–2005	Ukraine	The International HIV/AIDS Alliance*	- Incorporate curriculum on HIV/AIDS for social workers into post-graduate training programme of the School of Social Work of the Kyiv-Mohyla Academy.
Development of a strategic action plan for the Ukrainian Orthodox Church	2005–2005	Ukraine	Global Ministries Protestant Church in the Netherlands (Kerkinactie)	- Develop, publish and disseminate strategic action plan on HIV/AIDS for Ukrainian Orthodox Church. - Get church more actively involved in HIV prevention work and provision of care and support services for PLWHA.
Development of a training package for the Knowledge Hub on HIV prevention among IDUs (Harm Reduction)	2004–2006	Regional	WHO	- Standardised and disseminated training packages on harm reduction to various organisations that provide trainings.

* The project is implemented within the framework of the 'Overcoming the HIV/AIDS Epidemic in Ukraine' programme with financial support from GFATM.

Central Asia

Project	*Dates*	*Country*	*Donors*	*Project Objectives*
Drug Demand Reduction and Health Promotion in Prisons	2002–2007	Tajikistan Uzbekistan Kyrgyzstan	USAID	- Better inform prison inmates about health and social risks of heroin/opiate use and availability of treatment, rehabilitation, social services and alternatives. - Strengthen capacity of penal systems staff to prevent and address heroin/opiate use. - Improve regulatory and policy environment related to drug demand reduction in prison setting.
Drug Demand Reduction and Health Promotion Among Sex Workers	2005–2007	Tajikistan Uzbekistan Kyrgyzstan	USAID	- Better inform SWs about the health and social risks of heroin/opiate use and the availability of treatment, rehabilitation, social services and alternatives. - Strengthen capacity of countries, regions, and communities in preventing and addressing heroin/opiate use among SW population.

Project	*Dates*	*Country*	*Donors*	*Project Objectives*
Client Management	2005–2007	Kazakhstan Kyrgyzstan Tajikistan Uzbekistan	The Nether-lands Ministry of Foreign Affairs (TMF)	- Develop capacity and collaboration among stake holders in each of the four countries in order to increase access to and use of HIIV/AIDS services for highly vulnerable groups (IDUs, SWs and prisoners) and to monitor programme activities regularly. - Establish best practice service models at partner governmental and non-governmental organisations within programme framework (in the four pilot regions) and promote further replication on the national level. - Increase awareness and knowledge among target groups about HIV/AIDS; promote positive behaviour change; reduce vulnerability to infection; and enhance use of socio-psychological support services. - Establish regional network of NGOs and governmental institutions providing HIV/AIDS prevention harm reduction and socio-psychological support services to vulnerable populations. - Institutionalise (Ministry of Justice) HIV/AIDS prevention and health promotion curricula for prison in the education system in the four programme countries.
Pre- and Post-HIV Test Counselling	2004—2005	Kazakhstan	European Commission	- Increase number of people receiving high-quality pre- and post-HIV test counselling. - Train Kazakh health professionals in the Aktubinsk and Dzhambyl regions through internationally accepted, professional, culturally sensitive pre- and post-HIV test counselling training programme. - Increase knowledge on methodologies by Kazakh counterpart ‘Community of Kazakhstan Against AIDS’ to guarantee the transfer of information, knowledge and sustainability.

List of Abbreviations

AIDS	Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome
ARV	Antiretroviral
CAR	Central Asian Republics
CDC	U.S. Centres for Disease Control and Prevention
CEEHRN	Central and Eastern European Harm Reduction Network
CORDAID	Catholic Organisations for Relief and Development Aid
DDRP	Drug Demand Reduction Programme
DFID	UK Department for International Development
EC	European Commission
EECA	Eastern Europe and Central Asia
EJAF	Elton John AIDS Foundation
GFATM	Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria
GLOBUS	Global Efforts Against HIV/AIDS in Russia
HAART	Highly active antiretroviral therapy
HIV	Human Immunodeficiency Virus
IAVI	International AIDS Vaccine Initiative
IBPP	Institution Building Partnership Programme
IDU	Injecting drug user
IFRC	International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies
KNCV	Royal Netherlands Tuberculosis Association
M&E	Monitoring and Evaluation
MATRA	Social Transformation Programme of the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs
MSF–H	Mèdecins Sans Frontiéres – Holland
MSM	Men who have sex with men
NGO	Non-governmental organisation
OHI	Open Health Institute
PLWHA	People living with HIV/AIDS
PMTCT	Prevention of mother-to-child transmission of HIV
POBB	Programme for Support of Foreign Policy, Project of the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs
PRI	Penal Reform International
PSI	Population Services International
RHRN	Russian Harm Reduction Network
SIDA	Swedish International Development and Co-operation Agency
STI	Sexually transmitted infection
SW	Sex workers
TB	Tuberculosis
TMF	Theme-based Co-Financing of the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs
TPAA	Transatlantic Partners Against AIDS
UNAIDS	Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS
UNICEF	United Nations International Children's Fund
USAID	United States Agency for International Development
VCT	Voluntary Counselling and Testing
WAC	World AIDS Campaign
WHO	World Health Organisation

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