

# Annual Report 2017

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"AIDS Foundation East-West" (*AFEW-Ukraine*)

**International Charitable Foundation “AIDS Foundation East-West” (AFEW-Ukraine)** is a non-governmental humanitarian organization that has been working in the area of public health since January 2001. Our projects cover Ukraine, Moldova, Belarus and Georgia. *AFEW-Ukraine* is a part of International Network of independent *AFEW* organizations based in Eastern Europe and Central Asia with the Secretariat located in the Netherlands.

Our mission is to reduce the impact of HIV/AIDS and other socially dangerous diseases through the implementation of innovative and proactive approaches, through the active international and regional experience sharing and capacity building of local governmental and non-governmental organizations. Our key target populations include most-at-risk adolescents, people who use drugs, sex workers and prisoners.

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# Introduction



2017 was the year of new partnerships, new areas of work and expansion of *AFEW-Ukraine* project activities.

We continued working towards the improvement of access to high quality services for adolescents who use drugs in Ukraine, and for adult people who use drugs in Georgia. At the end of 2017 a new project supported by the Expertise France Initiative 5% was launched in Ukraine, which will help us to develop the algorithms of work with adolescents who use drugs in remote cities and towns and in rural areas of Ukraine. In our activities for adolescents we focused on the issues of violation of their human rights and on the establishment of a system to respond to rights violations. A monitoring tool that was developed by *AFEW-Ukraine* experts was instrumental to not only collect the data on adolescents' rights violations, but

also to provide the needed assistance in the most timely and efficient manner.

Empowerment of key communities and development of new activists have always been an important component of work for *AFEW-Ukraine*. The project "Bridging the Gaps: Health and Rights for Key Populations" focused its efforts on bringing up young leaders from the clients of social bureaus and centres that provide support to adolescents who use psychoactive substances. Many young people, who received services from the social bureaus, became volunteers helping social workers, and activists, ready to participate in the dialogue with decision makers. For the first time adolescents were able to take part in the meeting of Coordination Councils on HIV/AIDS and be involved in the planning of city programmes and policies.

In Georgia, activists from the clients of social bureau in Kakheti participate in the work of HIV Committee and advocate for the expansion of substitution therapy programmes. This year the Georgian Network of People Who Use Drugs became our new partner and we hope to continue our joint activities in the future.

The self-help group “Kyianka+” for HIV positive women was established in 2014 and since then has become even more active and strong, continuing its activities.

*AFEW-Ukraine* is one of the initiators and facilitators of the creation of the Country Key Populations Platform in Ukraine, which is a unique independent structure that unites communities of people who used drugs, sex workers, LGBT and ex-prisoners. We plan to further support the Platform in its development and hope that for us and other organizations it will become a forum for constructive dialogue with key communities that will help to set up programmes, policies and services, that would meet the real needs of key populations.

We are very grateful to all our partners, colleagues and friends for their continued support and cooperation.

Olena Voskresenska,  
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# Georgia

## Projects in 2017

- “Bridging the Gaps: Health and Rights for Key Populations”
- “Needs and Gaps in Treatment and Rehabilitation for People who Use Drugs in Selected Countries of EECA”

## Work with People Who Use Drugs

- Continuing work with people who use drugs and providing social, medical, psychological and legal support to them at 2 social bureaus in the cities of Tbilisi and Telavi.



- Support of the first Georgian in-patient free rehabilitation centre for drug users ‘Tanadgoma’ (Gremi, Georgia).

- Study visit for the representatives of the Ministry of Justice, Crime Prevention Centre, Ministry on Execution of Penalties and Probation, National Probation Service of Georgia and journalists to the rehabilitation centre for drug users ‘Tanadgoma’ to sensitize them to the system of provision of continuous

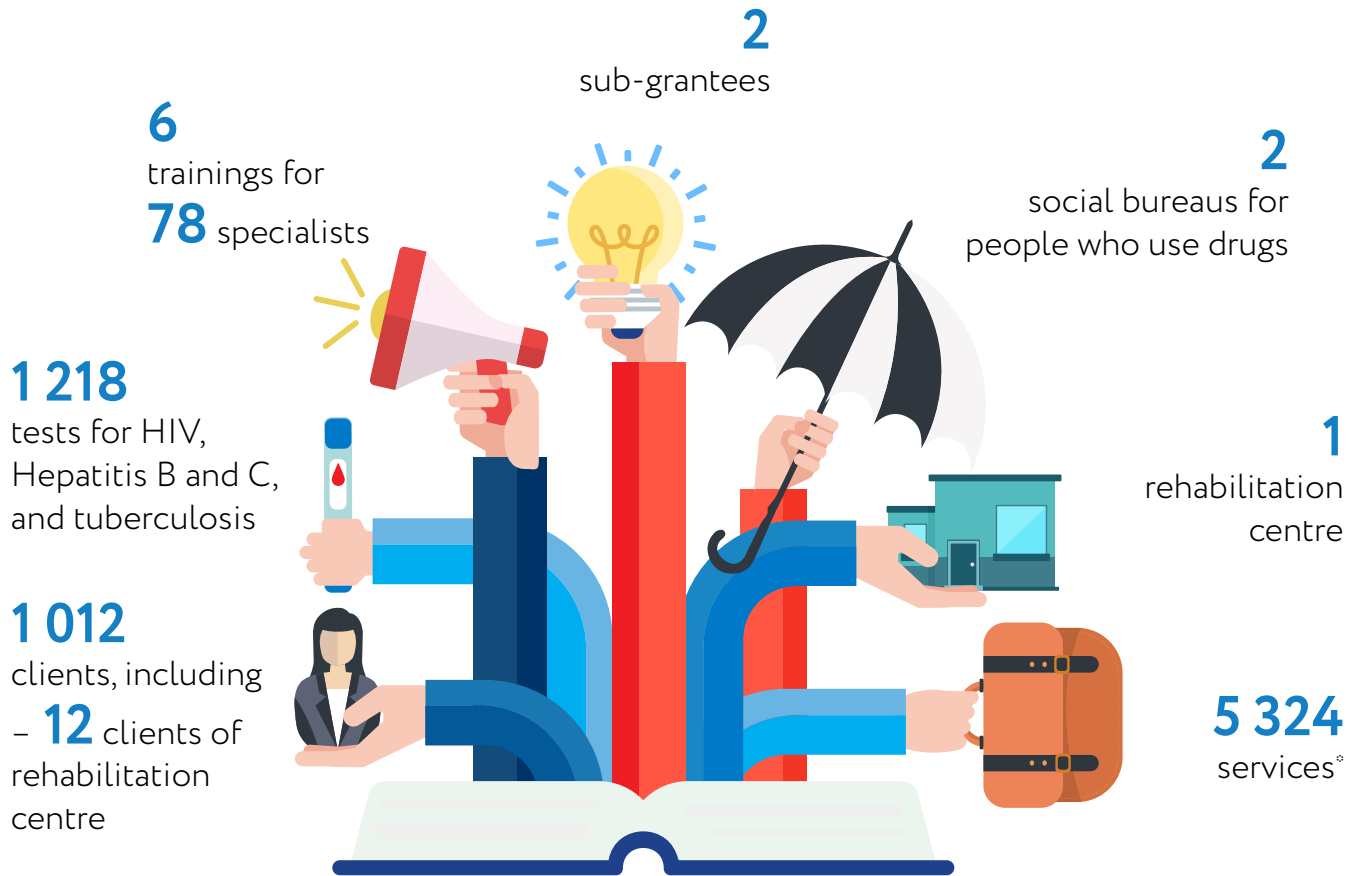
services for drug users, to discuss the advantages of cooperation between the civil society organizations and governmental institutions, as well as to directly communicate with people, for whom these services were established.

- Technical support to the Georgian National Drug Policy Platform. This platform is an informal union of more than 40 representatives of organizations and associations. The platform’s goal is to ensure a balanced implementation of drug policy that should guarantee access to human rights-based high quality services for people who use drugs.



- Advocacy activities against repressive drug policy. For instance, on June 26, jointly with the Georgian Network of People Who Use Drugs (GeNPUD), a special event within the “Support. Don’t Punish” campaign was organized. More than 400 activists from 9 Georgian regions gathered in front of the Ministry of Internal Affairs and voiced their support to the drug policy reform and decriminalization of drug use.
- Organization and presentation of survey on motivation and obstacles to services for the underage drug users. The survey was conducted in two Georgian cities (Tbilisi and Telavi) and included focus group discussions with underage drug users and interviews with service providers.
- Standards for Comprehensive HIV Prevention Service Package for key populations (people who use drugs, sex workers, men who have sex with men and most-at-risk adolescents) were developed.
- Two trainings for 30 health care workers, 1 training for 14 representatives of law enforcement bodies, 3 trainings for 33 representatives of penitentiary institutions were conducted.





\*Types of services: individual and group consultations of social workers and psychologists, including skills building trainings; medical consultations including HIV/STI, TB and HepC testing and referral for treatment; legal support; help with employment; harm reduction and reproductive health counseling, etc.

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# Ukraine

## Projects in 2017

- “Underage, Overlooked: Improving Access to Integrated HIV Services for Adolescents Most at Risk in Ukraine”
- “Improving Communication System among Key Populations in Ukraine”
- “Needs and Gaps in Treatment and Rehabilitation for People who Use Drugs in Selected Countries of EECA”
- “Bridging the Gaps: Health and Rights for Key Populations”
- “Developing Country Key Populations Platform”
- “Expanding Immediate Intervention Model to Ensure Adherence to HIV and Hepatitis C (“HCV”) Treatment and Improve Quality of Life for HIV-positive Women in Kyiv”
- “AIDS2018 (Community Based Participatory Research Training)”
- “HIV/STI Prevention & Health Promotion among Street Children in Ukraine”

## Work with People Who Use Drugs

### Main Activities and Achievements in 2017:

- Activities in Ukraine are mostly focused on the underage drug users. Services to adolescents are provided by partner organizations in 4 cities: Kharkiv, Poltava, Kropyvnytskyi and Chernivtsi.



- Testing for HIV, Hepatitis B/C and syphilis is included in the basic service package for underage drug users. Training on voluntary counselling and HIV testing with rapid tests, and training on the delivery of sexual and reproductive health services for the specialists of organizations that provide services to most-at-risk adolescents, in particular those who use psychoactive substances, have been conducted for the sub-grantees of

*AFEW-Ukraine*. In 2017 testing for HIV, Hepatitis B and C and syphilis was performed for 819 project clients.

- Piloting of a tool to monitor and document cases of violation of rights of most-at-risk adolescents (MARA) (with a special focus on underage drug users). Four workshops “Monitoring of Violations and Protection of Rights of Most-at-Risk Adolescents” were conducted to present and discuss the monitoring tool for the employees of subgrantees of *AFEW-Ukraine* and to respond and assist the most-at-risk adolescents in cases when their rights are violated; systemic statistical data collection and evaluation of the scale of MARA rights violations were performed to support the further advocacy activities on the national and local levels. 792 interviews among adolescents and young people aged 14 to 21 years were conducted; 95 cases of MARA rights violations were identified.



- Opening of ‘Altair’ – youth-friendly centre by Poltava Charitable Foundation “Public Health” in April 2017. ‘Altair’ is providing services to most-at-risk adolescents, especially to those who use drugs. Also, the Centre works with adolescents in Kremenchuk Correctional Colony, training young detainees on the topics of sexual and reproductive health, prevention of negative consequences related to substance use, and provides social and psychological support to the adolescents who are released from the colony. The premises for the Centre were provided by the city administration at symbolic minimum rental cost.

- Educational visits for the staff of *AFEW-Ukraine* sub-grantees and partner network organizations to share experience of cooperation within partnership networks and involve partners in the implementation of the activities within the project “Bridging the Gaps: Health and Rights for Key Populations”. The partners visited Kropyvnytskyi, Kharkiv and Chernivtsi.
- Development and implementation of interactive tools for preventing risky behaviours among adolescents who use drugs: prevention quests and table games. In prevention quests several teams of adolescents should perform a number of time-bound tasks related to the topics of sexual and reproductive health, human rights, HIV and STIs prevention. In Chernivtsi and Kharkiv, the quests were conducted jointly with patrol police.
- Support and development of youth leaders’ teams in all project cities. Initiative groups of adolescents deliver peer-to-peer services and advocate for the interests of youth communities that they represent.



4

sub-grantees

4

social bureaus for young drug users

792

surveys about violations of the clients' rights

819

adolescents have undergone rapid testing for HIV, Hepatitis B and C, and syphilis

468

representatives of law enforcement bodies were trained on protection of adolescents' rights

1 215

clients

21 290

services \*



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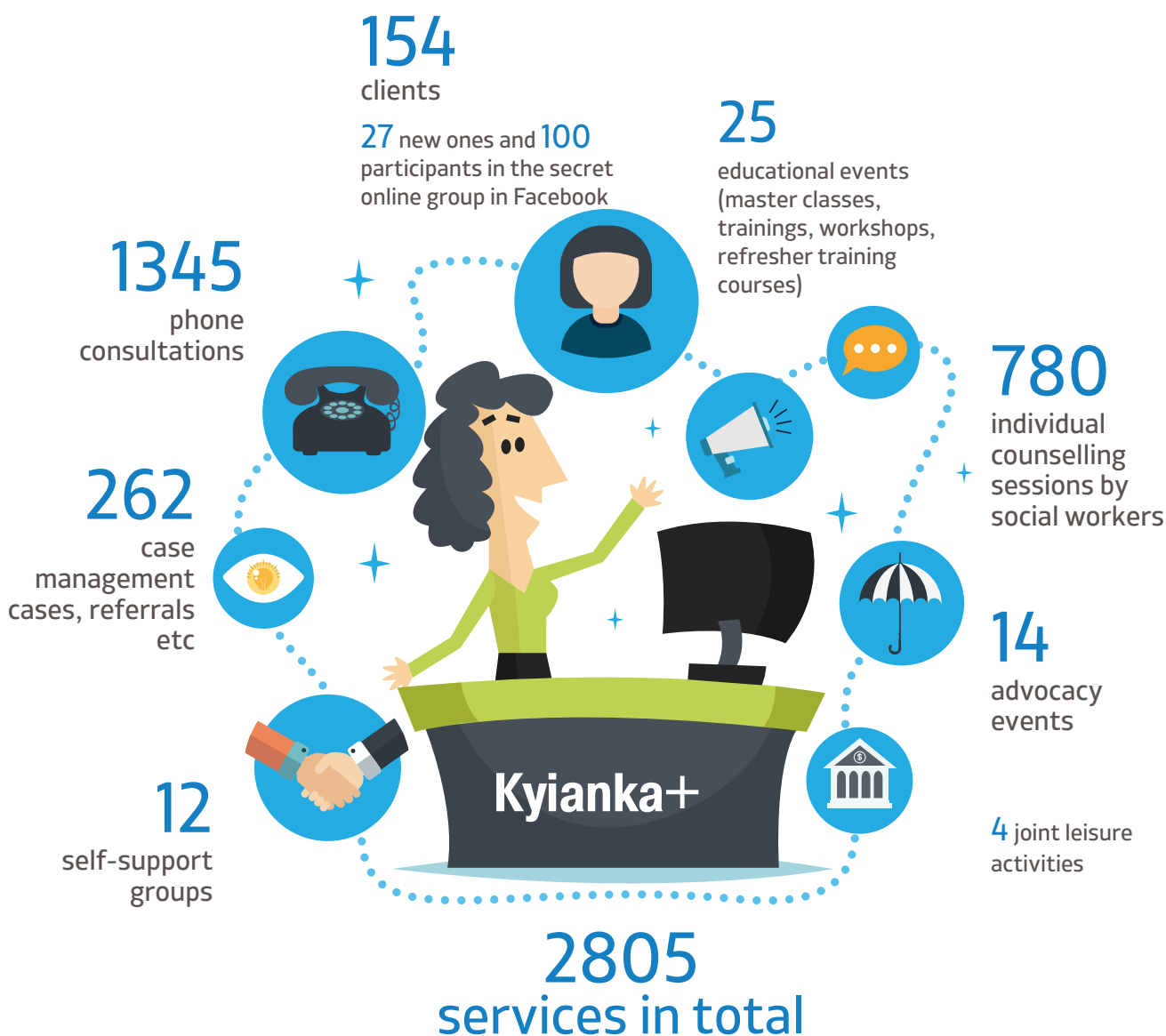
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# Work with HIV-Positive Women

- The self-help group “Kyianka+” established in 2014, received additional funding in 2016 that helped to continue the project till June 2017. The project “Scaling up the Model of Immediate Intervention to Improve Health of HIV Positive Women in Kyiv City” was implemented by Charitable Organization “100 Percent of Life. Kyiv Region”.
- Hotline for HIV-positive women, online counselling and support to HIV-positive women in the ‘Kyianka+’ secret group on Facebook.
- Meetings of self-support groups of HIV-positive women and self-support groups of HIV-positive women, who are being treated for Hepatitis C (HCV).
- Individual and group counselling by a psychologist and psychotherapist, case management and referral.
- Master classes, training workshops, organization of joint leisure activities.
- Trainings for peer leaders among HIV-positive women, health workers and social workers; vocational training and employment support.



- In 2017 the group activists designed 6 informational and educational materials - three flyers about the group activities and project services; a brochure to motivate women to get HIV test; a brochure on the protection of rights of HIV-positive women and a bilingual book with life stories of Kyiv women who opened their faces and disclosed HIV status in the course of the project for inspiring other women to advocate for their rights, in particular the right to access high quality services.



# Support of Specialists Who Work with Adolescents Including Most-at-Risk Adolescents: Online Platform «Knowledge Centre»

- Support to information online platform “Knowledge Centre” for the specialists working with adolescents including most-at-risk adolescents (MARA).
- Organization of webinars for service providers and parents.



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# “Knowledge Centre”



## Country Key Populations Platform

- Tripartite collaboration between the Kingdom of the Netherlands, Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) and civil society in Ukraine that resulted in the establishment of the Country Key Populations Platform (CKPP). The 1-st organizational forum of CKPP was held on 27-28 January 2017.





- The CKPP statutory forum was held on 11-12 December 2017. As a result, the Country Key Populations Platform was officially registered as a civil society association without the separate legal entity status.
- Members of the Platform participated in the workshop on ensuring a meaningful participation of key populations in the implementation of a Transition Plan in Ukraine and in the monitoring of the process.



- Budget Advocacy School within the programmes on HIV prevention was organized for the CKPP representatives.
- 88 representatives of key populations (ex-prisoners, LGBT, people who use drugs and sex workers) took part in the activities of the Country Key Populations Platform.

## Other Activities

- *AFEW-Ukraine* specialists organized and conducted research to evaluate the needs in, and obstacles to treatment and rehabilitation services for people who use drugs in Georgia, Kyrgyzstan, Russia and Ukraine. In the course of research international experience and standards were analysed, legislative framework of the studied countries reviewed, data on methods and approaches used to treat and rehabilitate people who use drugs collected. Recommendations for each country were developed and shared with stakeholders.
- An international training workshop on community based participatory research was conducted in cooperation with *AFEW International*. The training participants included representatives from Armenia, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Russia, Tajikistan and Ukraine. In addition, the workshop participants were trained to develop abstracts for the International AIDS Conference. Online broadcasting of the workshop was organized to ensure greater involvement of the communities.



# Financial Information

## Georgia

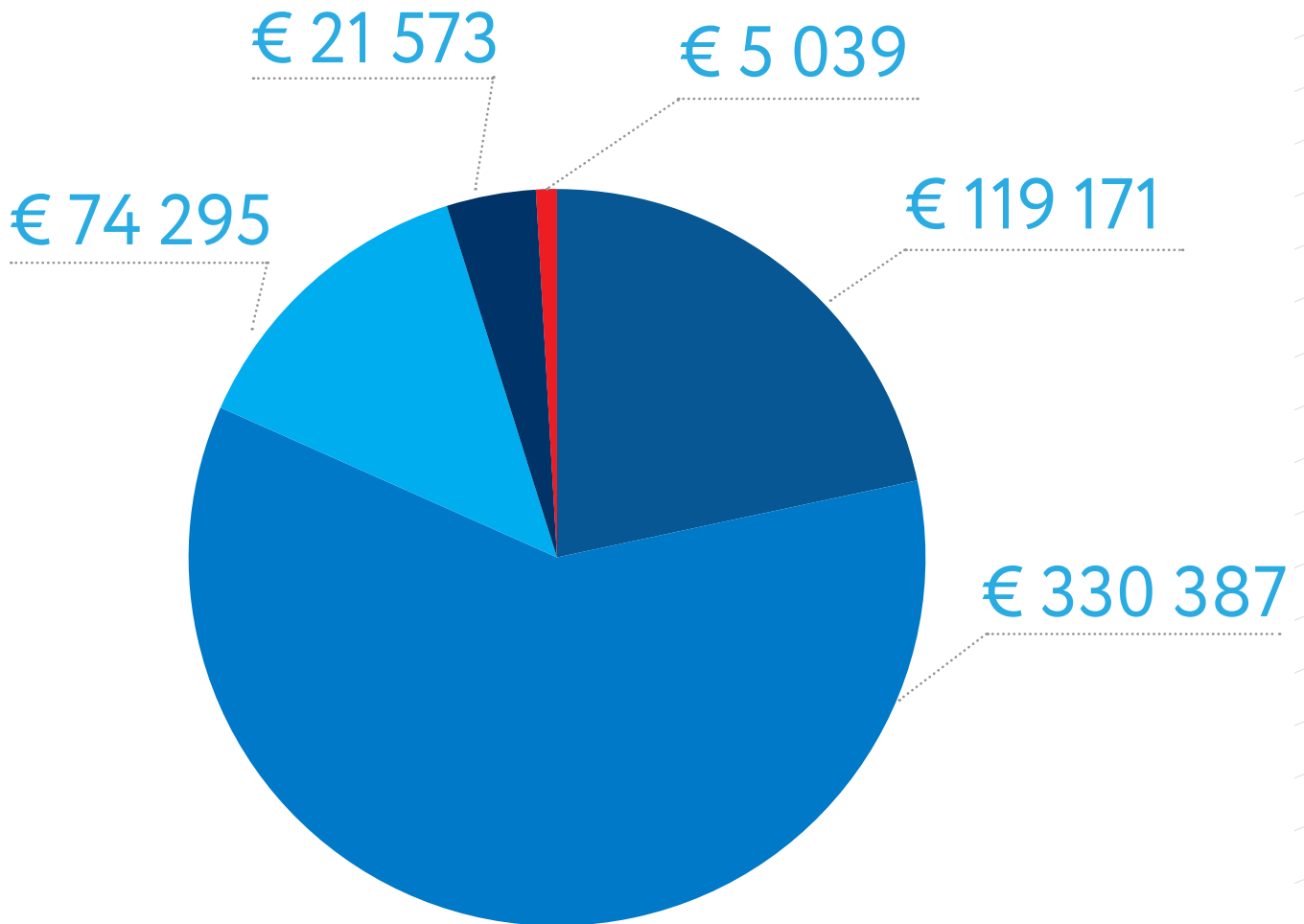
PROJECTS	BUDGET
Bridging the Gaps: Health And Rights For Key Populations	€ 151 775
Needs and Gaps in Treatment and Rehabilitation for People who Use Drugs in Selected Countries of EECA	€ 2 000
	<b>€ 153 775</b>

## Ukraine

PROJECTS	BUDGET
Expanding immediate intervention model to ensure adherence to HIV and hepatitis C (“HCV”) treatment and improve quality of life for HIV-positive women in Kyiv	€ 26 880
Improving communication system among key populations in Ukraine	–
Developing Country Key Population Platform	€ 1 432
Underage, overlooked: Improving access to integrated HIV services for adolescents most at risk in Ukraine	€ 76 847
Bridging the Gaps: Health And Rights For Key Populations	€ 256 724
AIDS2018 (Community Based Participatory Research Training)	€ 16 758
HIV/STI prevention & health promotion among street children in Ukraine	€ 14 049
Needs and Gaps in Treatment and Rehabilitation for People who Use Drugs in Selected Countries of EECA	€ 4 000
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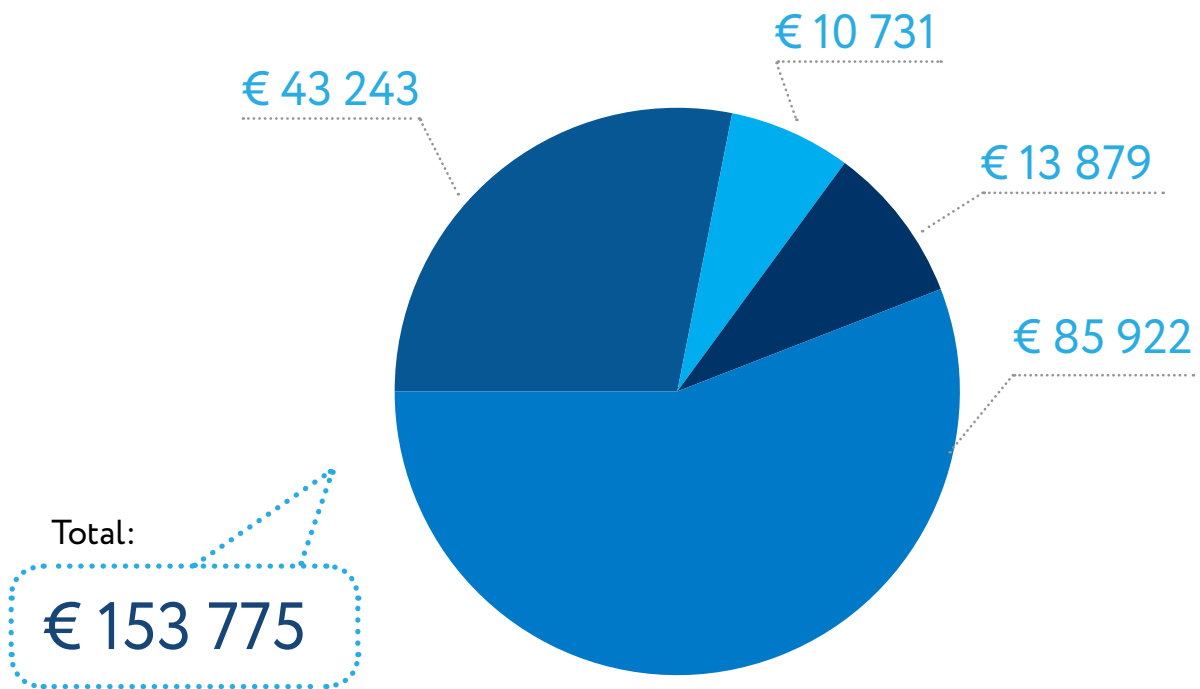
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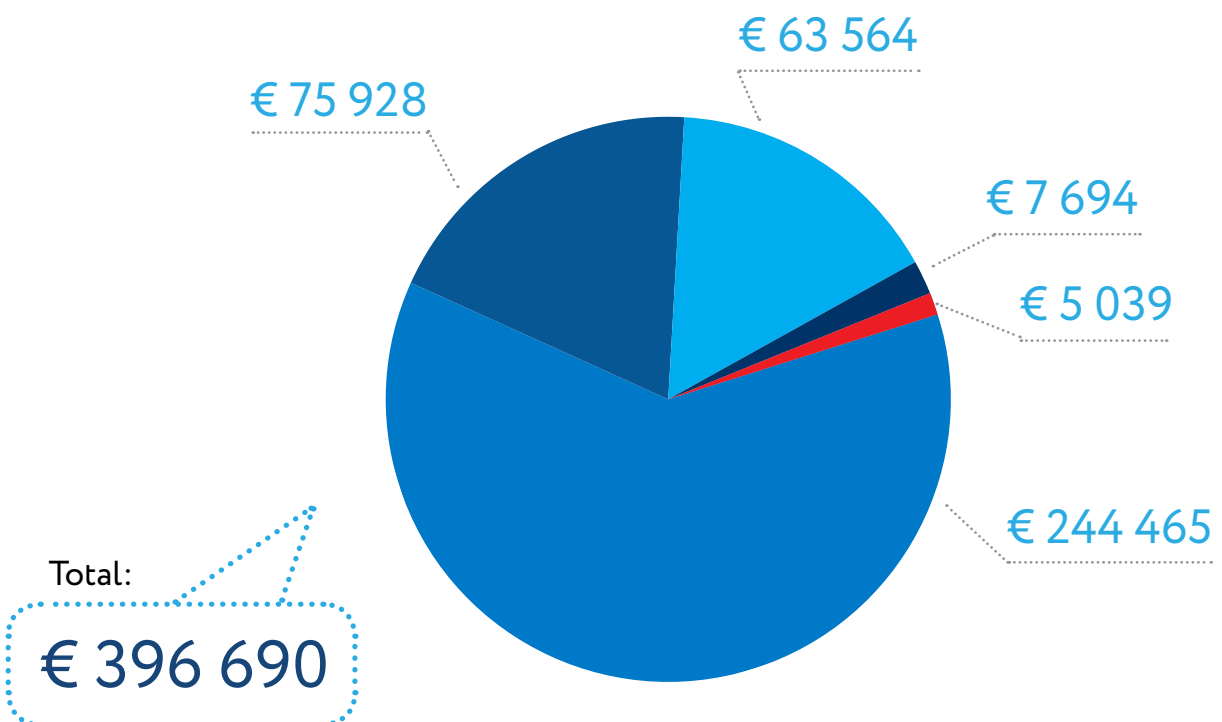


- Direct services
- Advocacy
- Capacity building
- Research
- Online services and access to information

## Georgia



## Ukraine



# Supervisory Board

- **Dmytro Donchuk**, Infectious Disease Physician, employee of the international humanitarian organization Médecins Sans Frontières
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# Photos

Special Event Against Repressive Drug Policy – photo by I. Kakhurashvili

Joint Quest with Patrol Police – photo by A. Matvieiev

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