



HIV PLEDGE PROJECT

Penitentiary, Law Enforcement & Drug sectors Government Efficiency in HIV response

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1. Context	
Programme/Sub-programme	XCEA01 - Effective HIV/AIDS Prevention and Care among Vulnerable Groups in Central Asia and Eastern Europe
Project Title	Penitentiary, Law Enforcement and Drugs Sectors Government Efficiency in HIV response
Project Duration	01 October 2011 – 30 September 2016
Project Starting Date	01 October 2011
Location	Ukraine
UNODC Responsible Office	Regional Programme Office for Moldova and Ukraine
UNODC Regional / Country or Thematic Programme Outcome to which this programme/project directly contributes	3.3. HIV prevention and care (as related to injecting drug users, prison settings and trafficking in human beings)
Executing Agency	UNODC Programme Office in Ukraine
Government Counterparts	Ministry of Health, Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Interior as well as State Service on HIV/AIDS and Other Socially Dangerous Diseases, State Penitentiary Service and State Drugs Control Service.
Donor(s)	USAID/Ukraine
Project Summary	
<p>USAID/Ukraine is supporting the <i>HIV PLEDGE</i> project to reduce HIV transmission among most-at-risk populations (MARPs) through increased access to state-of-the-art HIV, AIDS and drug abuse services, including service delivery within pre-, in-, and post- detention settings. This will be achieved through advocacy and policy activities, strengthening the capacity of narcological services to integrate HIV/AIDS and substance abuse services, and expanding HIV, AIDS and drug dependence treatment services in detention and post-release settings. USAID's funding for these activities builds on and expands UNODC's existing work in Ukraine under its regional programme XCEA01 – “Effective HIV/AIDS prevention and care among vulnerable groups in Eastern Europe and Central Asia”.</p> <p>The <i>HIV PLEDGE</i> project will work with national stakeholders and other donors to ensure cohesiveness with US-Ukraine Partnership Framework goals. These partners include the Ministries of Health, Justice, and Interior as well as State Services of Ukraine on Drug Control and on countering HIV and AIDS. This project complements and adds value to existing and forthcoming HIV/AIDS initiatives, including those supported by the Global Fund and the United States Government (USG). The programme builds upon achievements and lessons learned from current HIV/AIDS interventions.</p> <p>The goal of the project is to build support among Ukrainian law enforcement officials and other key Government stakeholders for HIV/AIDS and drug dependence treatment services targeted MARPs, including service delivery within pre-, in-, and post- detention settings.</p>	
2. Project objectives, outputs and main activities and achievement for the period under review	
Objective 1: Create an environment supportive of evidence-informed and human-rights based HIV/AIDS and drug dependence treatment programmes among MARPs.	

Output 1.1: Increased awareness and knowledge of key GOU stakeholders including law enforcement and drug control agencies on the importance of the accessibility of comprehensive HIV prevention, treatment, care and support programmes for people who use drugs and the role of these sectors in supporting effective national response to HIV epidemics.

Output 1.2: Technical working group comprising key experts from law enforcement, drug control, public health and civil society representatives is set up and trained on HIV strategic programming, result-based & human rights focused planning to develop sectoral HIV policy frameworks, strategic and operational plans in line with the international guidelines and best practices in addressing HIV epidemics among MARPs.

Output 1.3: Law enforcement and drug control personnel as well as public health and civil society partners involved in the implementation of the HIV prevention and care services for people who use drugs in the target regions/localities are trained to build and maintain effective multisectoral partnership and collaboration for promoting supportive environment.

Output 1.4: HIV/AIDS and drugs related modules of the training curricula, manual and materials at the police training institutions are updated with evidence-informed international guidelines on effective HIV responses targeted at MARPs.

Main activities and achievements

Activity 1.1.1: National round table meeting on the role of law enforcement sector in the implementation of the national response to HIV/AIDS

The project team held series of consultations with the representatives of the Ministry of Interior, State Service on HIV/AIDS and other socially dangerous diseases and NGOs on substantive and organizational issues related to the national round table meeting. Following these consultations a concept note, draft agenda and tentative list of participants are developed and agreed on.

Agreement has been reached with the State Service on HIV/AIDS and other socially dangerous disease with regard to their leading role in the process and chairing the round table meeting. The round table meeting will also contribute to the overall process of reviewing/evaluating the implementation of the National AIDS Programme for 2009-2013, which is coordinated by the State Service on HIV/AIDS and other socially dangerous diseases. Involvement of the State Service on HIV/AIDS and other socially dangerous diseases as the lead partner in the organization of the round table meeting will promote and strengthen their role in coordination of the national HIV response and foster adequate inter-sectoral cooperation.

Formal invitation letter is sent by the State Service on HIV/AIDS and other socially dangerous diseases to the Minister of Interior to hold 1-day round table meeting on role of law enforcement sector in the national response to HIV/AIDS in May 2012. The Ministry of Interior has recently confirmed its participation in the round table meeting.

The representatives of key departments of the Ministry of Interior are invited to participate in the round table meeting including departments for Human Rights Monitoring, Human Resources, Health Care, International Affairs, Drug Enforcement and Civil Security. A Technical Working Group will be established as a follow up to the round table with the participation of the above-mentioned departments and units. The TWG will be engaged in developing and updating the law enforcement sector's policy framework and strategy with regard to HIV/AIDS response.

The project team has been also in contact with the police coordinators of the Law enforcement and HIV network (LEAHN) as well as the public health experts from the Law Enforcement and Public Health programme of the Nossal Institute for Global Health for their participation and contribution to the national round table meeting in Kyiv and participation of Ukrainian police representatives at the East Europe and Central Asia regional consultation meeting on drug use, sex work and HIV to be held later this year in Kyrgyzstan.

Activity 1.1.4: Support focused research initiatives to feed into advocacy strategy

The 1st draft of the concept note on KABP (knowledge-attitude-behaviour-practice) survey among law enforcement officials and personnel is developed and shared with the UNODC colleagues. The KABP survey

aims to gain baseline information about current knowledge, attitude and practice of police officers related to HIV, PLWH and MARPs for further development of adequate response strategy of law enforcement sector on HIV/AIDS epidemic. Consultations were initiated with the National Academy of Internal Affairs and State Scientific and Research Institute of the Ministry of Interior for their possible involvement in the implementation of the survey.

Specific objectives and scope of the KABP survey will include:

- Assess knowledge of HIV among police officers (senior and executive);
- Define attitudes of police toward HIV/AIDS, MARPs, PLWH, level of stigma and discrimination, explore any linkage between knowledge of HIV/AIDS and attitudes towards MARPs;
- Analyse awareness on risk of contracting HIV at performing professional duties;
- Analyse risk behaviours with regard to private life and performing official duties, and health seeking practices;
- Analyse information needs and most appropriate channels of obtaining it;
- Analyse knowledge, attitude and intentions of police with regard to HIV at work place policy;
- Identify acceptability of police referral functions to facilitate access to prevention, treatment and care services for MARPs and PLWH;
- Establish baseline for tracking changes in knowledge, attitude and practice indicators.

Target groups for the KABP survey are suggested to be as follows:

For quantitative study: Front line service; State Automobile Inspection; Department on combating illicit drugs trafficking; Department of criminal investigation; Criminal police division for work with children; Units/departments of local police inspectors; Department on human trafficking; Department of migration service; Cadets/students of schools of Ministry of Interior .

For qualitative study: Office of the Minister; Deputy-Minister of Interior; Criminal Police Directorate; Department on Operational Service; Department on combating illicit drugs trafficking; Criminal police division for work with children; Department on human trafficking; Departments of public security: Public Security Department; State Automobile Inspection; State Migration service; Personnel Department; Legal Department; Department on Medical Service and Rehabilitation; Department of Internal Troops; Commands of schools of Ministry of Interior.

The KABP survey finding and results will be used as baseline information for development of Project's advocacy strategy to promote sectoral HIV policy development. According to Project Monitoring Plan (PMP) KAPB data will also serve as baseline for measuring the progress towards supporting and favourable actions from the law enforcement sector in ensuring access to comprehensive HIV prevention, treatment, care and support programmes for people who use drugs.

The survey's key findings will also feed into evaluation of National AIDS Program for 2009-2013, which will be performed in 2012 under the leadership of the State Service on HIV/AIDS and other socially dangerous diseases.

Activity 1.2.1: Set up and ensure regular meetings of the Technical Working Group on HIV/AIDS and Law Enforcement

The process of setting up the TWG is being finalised. The draft Terms of Reference of the TWG and composition of the group is developed. Following negotiations with all the stakeholders including key departments of the Ministry of Interior and the State Service on HIV/AIDS and other socially dangerous diseases, the official letter was sent to the Interior Ministry with the proposal on TWG. At the moment the letter is under consideration of the MoI.

Objective 2: Strengthen capacities of the State Penitentiary Service, public health and social services and civil society organizations to provide evidence-informed and human-rights based comprehensive HIV prevention, treatment and care services including drug dependence treatment in prison settings

Output 2.1: Increased awareness and knowledge of decision makers and prison management officials on the importance of the accessibility of comprehensive HIV prevention, treatment, care and support programmes in prison settings.

Output 2.2: Policies, guidelines and protocols for management of health, HIV/TB, drug dependence treatment programmes in pre-trial detention, prisons and post-release stages are developed for the implementation of a comprehensive package of HIV/TB interventions in pre-detention centres, prisons and post-release stages in line with international human rights standards and effective prison health management principles.

Output 2.3: Evidence-informed and human-rights based comprehensive package of HIV prevention, treatment, care and support services including drug dependent treatment is initiated and provided in selected pre-trial detention and prison settings as a model for integrated and continuum of care.

Output 2.4: Updated training curricula, modules and training manuals on evidence-informed and human-rights-based comprehensive HIV prevention, treatment and care in prison settings are available and used by the training staff of the prison training schools.

Main activities and achievements

Activity 2.1.1: National advocacy and awareness raising seminar on HIV in prison issues

Series of consultations have been held with the State Penitentiary Service of Ukraine, the State Service on HIV/AIDS and other socially dangerous disease, All-Ukrainian Network of People living with HIV/AIDS, International Alliance on HIV/AIDS in Ukraine, Rinat Akhmetov Foundation “Development of Ukraine”, AIDS Foundation East-West, Harm Reduction International, as well as Pompidou Group of the Council of Europe with regard to collaboration and consolidation of efforts in holding national advocacy and awareness raising event on HIV/AIDS issues in prison settings. Following these consultations agreement is reached to conduct 2-day workshop with the heads of medical units of the regional departments of the State Penitentiary Service on 27-28 April in Kherson region in the framework of the HIV-PLEDGE project. The concept note and draft agenda of the workshop are developed and agreed with the State Penitentiary Service. Preparations are underway to hold the workshop in Kherson.

Agreement has also reached with the key stakeholders on the national conference on “Comprehensive HIV prevention, treatment, care and support programmes in penitentiary system of Ukraine: challenges and opportunities” to be held in May 2012 that will be a joint effort of the HIV-PLEDGE project, All-Ukrainian Network of PLWHA, International HIV/AIDS Alliance and the State Penitentiary Service of Ukraine. The conference aims to facilitate development of comprehensive HIV/AIDS sectoral policy for increasing effectiveness of HIV/AIDS response in penitentiary institution of Ukraine. Specific objectives of the conference include:

- To identify and discuss key challenges in implementation of HIV programmes in prison settings;
- To promote sharing experiences and awareness on good international and domestic practices, guidelines and recommendations on evidence-informed strategies and programmes for HIV in prisons;
- To develop recommendations for comprehensive sectoral HIV/AIDS policy and strategy for the penitentiary sector.

The idea of the conference was presented during the meeting of National Coordination Council on HIV&TB and officially supported by the NCC members. At the moment, the concept of the conference and proposed dates (mid May) are under consideration of the State Penitentiary Service.

Activity 2.1.4: Support focused research initiatives to support advocacy strategy

Assessment of HIV/AIDS policies and programmes of the penitentiary sector of Ukraine that was launched in November 2012 is currently in its final stage. Analytical stage of the study is completed and resulted in preparation of analytical reports on main research components and an integrated report, which reflects the main findings, conclusions and recommendations. The report provides evidences with regard to strategic needs for the penitentiary system to develop and implement sectoral HIV response strategy to ensure provision of comprehensive HIV services for prisoners and introduction of HIV at work place policy for the personnel.

Data on key epidemiological and behavioral indicators on prison population obtained from this study are

accepted by the State Penitentiary Service and submitted to the National M&E Unit for reporting within National M&E Plan and International reporting (Dublin Declaration Reporting). Reported data were collected according to the internationally acknowledged and nationally approved methodology.

Agreement has been reached with the key national stakeholders that the research results will be presented at the upcoming conference on “Comprehensive HIV prevention, treatment, care and support programmes in penitentiary system of Ukraine: challenges and opportunities”. In addition, the main findings and recommendations will be incorporated into the evaluation of the National AIDS Program for 2009-2013 for the prison component.

Activity 2.2.1: Set up and ensure regular meetings of the Technical Working Group on HIV/AIDS and Prisons

Coordination meeting with the partners involved in supporting HIV/AIDS programmes in prison sector of Ukraine was initiated. The concept of the TWG was presented and discussed during the meeting with the representatives of the All-Ukrainian Network of People living with HIV/AIDS, International Alliance on HIV/AIDS in Ukraine, Rinat Akhmetov Foundation “Development of Ukraine” and AIDS Foundation East-West. All the partners confirmed their interest and commitment to continue such partners’ coordination meetings that aims to promote better coordination and facilitate collaboration for joint efforts in improving effectiveness of the national response to HIV in prison sector.

The recruitment of part-time national consultant to support the activities of the TWG on HIV/AIDS and Prisons was finalised. Mr. Valeriy Kester is contracted as a consultant to provide technical support for the State Penitentiary Service with TWG activities and development of the sectoral HIV/AIDS strategy. The scope of work of the consultant includes:

- Provide support to the work of the TWG on HIV/AIDS and Prisons;
- Undertake analysis of HIV/AIDS related sectoral policies and procedures of the State Penitentiary Service of Ukraine including HIV service delivery modalities in penitentiary institutions (prisons and pre-trial detention facilities);
- Develop recommendations on raising effectiveness of HIV and AIDS related strategies and programmes in penitentiary institutions;
- Assist in drafting sectoral and inter-sectoral regulations, including those containing propositions to change current policies and practices.

The candidature of the consultant and scope of work have been agreed with the State Penitentiary Service.

UNODC has been actively advocating the reestablishment of the TWG on HIV/AIDS and Prisons. The issue on the TWG was raised by UNODC during the last meeting of the National Coordination Council on HIV& TB, which supported the idea and put forward NCC recommendations to the State Penitentiary Service for reestablishment of the TWG on HIV/AIDS in Prisons. At the moment, the concept note on the TWG is under consideration by the State Penitentiary Service.

Objective 3: Improve capacity of substance use treatment system (narcological services) to provide evidence-informed and human-right based integrated HIV prevention and drug dependence treatment services.

Output 3.1: Policy, legal and normative frameworks, technical guidelines and operational standards are in place to mainstream/integrate HIV related interventions into the drug dependence treatment service system (narcology system).

Output 3.2: Conceptual framework and model of integrated and comprehensive package of HIV prevention and drug dependence treatment services system is piloted and documented for further replication at national level.

Output 3.3: Narcology training curricula, modules, manuals and materials are updated, developed and delivered by the trained trainers in line with the international best practices and guidelines on contemporary drug treatment and rehabilitation programmes including MAT as well as effective HIV prevention and care interventions among people who use drugs.

Main activities and achievements

Activity 3.1.1: Conduct awareness raising and advocacy events with policy makers

In accordance with the project implementation plan for 2011-2012 the HIV-PLEDGE project team in

collaboration with the Drug Prevention and Health Branch of the UNODC/Vienna, State Drug Control Service of Ukraine and the World Federation on Treatment of Opioid Dependence is organizing *International High-Level Conference on Comprehensive and Integrated Approach to prevention and treatment of drug dependence and related HIV/AIDS*, in Kyiv, Ukraine, on 21-23 May 2012.

The main goal of the Conference is to launch and discuss the new Drug Strategy developed by the Government of Ukraine, disseminate the latest scientific research data and state-of-art approach on drug dependence treatment and care, start an ongoing dialogue towards a sustainable exchange of good practices between international and local experts and officials.

It is expected that the Conference will be attended by the President of Ukraine, UNODC Executive Director, representatives of the Government agencies, ministries and state services, academic and research institution as well as civil society organizations from Ukraine and neighboring countries. UNODC will support the participation of about 20 lead international experts and researchers from the US and Europe to share the latest research results and evidences on effective drug dependence treatment and HIV/AIDS prevention and care policies and practices.

During the plenary and the parallel sessions the following topics will be discussed: Drug control and public health policy; Innovative approaches in prevention and treatment of drug addiction and HIV/AIDS; Treatment service management and organization; Psychosocially assisted pharmacological treatment of opioid dependence; Pharmacological treatment: matching the patient/system needs; Drug dependence treatment for specific populations - women and youth; drug use and HIV/AIDS; Access to controlled substances for pain management & palliative care; Training and education of professionals for drug dependence treatment system; Interaction of law enforcement, public health and social support services; Effective drug supply reduction strategies; Prevention of diversion of controlled substances; Drugs, HIV and prisons.

The Conference is mainly sponsored by the Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs of the US State Department with co-sponsorship from the HIV/PLEDGE project supported by USAID/Ukraine.

Activity 3.1.2: Assessment of the policy, legal and normative frameworks, capacity of narcological services system to integrate HIV prevention and care programmes

Series of information and consultation meetings were held with the relevant officials of the Ministry of Health of Ukraine, International HIV/AIDS Alliance in Ukraine, Ukrainian Medical and Monitoring Centre on Alcohol and Drugs, WHO and UNICEF Country Offices in Ukraine to discuss the assessment plans and methodologies.

The project team (Mirzahid Sultanov and Sergii Rudyi) jointly with UNICEF (Olena Sakovich) and WHO (Yuriy Kobyscha) undertook field mission to Kharkiv on 3 February to meet with the Chief Narcologist of the Ministry of Health, Mr. Minko and his colleagues from the Research Institute of Neurology, Psychiatry and Narcology of the National Academy of Medical Science of Ukraine. Ukrainian partners from Kharkiv were briefed about the project objectives and strategy in supporting the country to improve the quality and accessibility of the HIV prevention and drug dependence treatment services for people who use drugs. The parties discuss the project plan to conduct assessment of the drug dependence treatment services system of Ukraine, its capacity and ability to integrate HIV-related services into the daily narcological practices. The counterparts from the Research Institute in Kharkiv expressed their interest and support to the project and confirmed their commitment to engage in the implementation of the assessment exercise.

In close consultation with the key national stakeholders and UNODC/Vienna the project team has developed Terms of Reference for the international and national consultants to perform assessment of the policy, legal and normative frameworks, capacity of narcological services system to integrate HIV prevention and care programmes. The ToR is posted on the UN website with the deadline for submissions until April 13, 2012. In addition, the consultancy announcement is disseminated through various networks and e-mails groups to the potential consultants identified through informal consultations with the national counterparts and from roster of international consultants on drug dependence treatment issues of UNODC/Vienna.

Activity 3.1.3: Set up Technical Working Group for the coordination and development of technical guidelines and operational standards for mainstreaming and integration of HIV related interventions into drug dependence treatment services system

The round table meeting with the key national partners was held on 30 March to discuss and agree on the scope

and objectives of the TWG for coordination and development of technical guidelines and operational standards for mainstreaming and integration of HIV related interventions into drug dependence treatment services system. The meeting was attended by the representatives of the State Service on HIV/AIDS and other socially dangerous diseases, State Drug Control Service, Department of the Ministry of Health on quality of treatment services, Ukrainian AIDS Centre, Ukrainian Medical and Monitoring Centre on Alcohol and Drugs, Ukrainian Institute of Public Health Policy, International HIV/AIDS Alliance in Ukraine and WHO.

Participants of the round table meeting acknowledged the needs for developing new and updating existing guides/operational standards to eliminate barriers for access of PWUD to drug treatment services facilities and implementation of all components of the comprehensive package for HIV prevention.

The participants also supported the idea of setting up TWG and recommended to include A. Viyevsky, M. Zhdanova, V. Kolomiets, O. Trubnikova, O. Vysotska, Y. Kobyshcha, A. Minko, N. Biloschytska, T. Tretska, G. Prib and S. Rudyi as members of the group. As initial activity the group agreed that Mr. Vievsky and his team would prepare and share with the group members a list of available normative documents regulating the availability and delivery of specific HIV related services within the narcology system. The next meeting of the group has been agreed to take place in late April.

Activity 3.1.4: Develop specific technical guidelines and operational standards for integrated drug use and HIV prevention services based on scientific evidence and international guidelines

Terms of Reference for a national consultant to provide technical and organizational support to the TWG on HIV and Narcology was developed and posted on UN website. It is expected that the national consultant will be recruited and assume his/her functions from mid April.

HIV PLEDGE project staff have been closely involved in and contributing to the development and endorsement of the revised and updated draft of the Government Decree on drug circulation in medical facilities. The draft Decree aims at establishing staff and patients friendly rules for narcotic drugs circulation in medical facilities. Almost 9 different types of specialized commissions on prescription, destroying, accounting of narcotic drugs will be eliminated. Special rules for liquid medications for MAT are added into the draft Decree. Specialized dosage machines for liquid methadone will be available for use following the endorsement of the Decree.

The project team has also contributed to the development of the draft Order of the Ministry of Health on endorsing the rules and regulations for the medication assisted treatment (MAT). The mentioned Order of the Ministry was recently signed by the Minister of Health and sent to the Ministry of Justice for registration. The Order clearly defines the responsibilities of the local governments, state and local system of planning, reporting and evaluating of MAT. The Order will also solve the problem of discontinuation of MAT by regulating the duties of the medical personnel and limiting penalties for breaking of rules by patients of the MAT.

The Order has some controversial points about initiation of treatment: at least 3 years of drug injection history and a minimum of 2 proven attempts of abstinence-oriented treatment to be eligible for the MAT programme enrolment; the patient can be excluded from the programme if drug use tests would be positive. These points will be addressed and discussed at the meeting of the TWG on MAT under State Service on HIV/AIDs and other socially dangerous disease. The Order is available in Ukrainian only through the link <http://dssz.gov.ua/index.php/uk/gromadske-obgovorennya/468-1-r-povidomlennya>

3. Staffing, management and coordination arrangements

The Project's implementation team at Programme Office in Ukraine was fully staffed in January 2012. National Officer on HIV and Drug Dependence Treatment, National Monitoring and Evaluation Officer, Project Team Assistant joined the project team in January 2012.

To maintain and coordinate HIV/PLEDGE project activities with government and partners relevant project officers are included into the TWG on developing MAT programmes in Ukraine under the State Service of Ukraine on HIV/AIDS and other socially dangerous diseases. Behavioural and epidemiological data on HIV among the prison populations were presented to the National M&E Group as a joint contribution from the Project and State Penitentiary Service. The needs to ensure access to ART for all who are eligible through efficient governance, PSM and clinical management, especially for PWUD have been also pointed out at the ad hoc meeting of the National M&E Group for finalization of national estimates of vulnerable populations' size, number of PLWH and ART needs.

On February 16-18 the Project Team attended staff retreat in Tashkent, Uzbekistan for UNODC Offices in Central Asia and Eastern Europe, where HIV PLEDGE Project's plans and implementation strategies were presented. Since Central Asian team had started similar activities 3 years earlier than Ukraine, the retreat was particularly useful for learning from the Central Asian experiences, achievements, and lessons learned. For instance, building partnership with government sector, law enforcement especially through forming personal commitment and support to HIV related services among government officials, was presented by colleagues from Azerbaijan and Kyrgyzstan; development of training curricula in partnership with national academia, was presented by Kazakhstan.

The Project's Performance Monitoring Plan has been finalised in close consultation with the USAID/Ukraine and UNODC/Vienna and submitted to the USAID mission in February 13, 2012. The PMP will be used as a management tool for tracking Project's performance, identification of possible challenges and needs for the revision of the project's work plan.

Since GFATM Rd10 Programme in Ukraine envisages extensive service provision and capacity building in penitentiary system the project team has identified the areas of potential cooperation with the All-Ukrainian Network of PLWH as Principal recipient and SPS as the beneficiary in order to avoid duplication and promote synergies between the PLEDGE and GFATM Rd10 programme plans.

4. Major problems encountered and steps taken to solve them

During the reported period the Project has encountered some challenges related to establishment of formal partnership with the State Penitentiary Service. The negotiations on the Memorandum of Cooperation between the project team and SPS and the plans for the national conference on HIV/AIDS in prisons faced some bureaucratic obstacles. Particularly, the need of harmonization of the project activities with activities planned within GF's Round 10th was expressed as a condition by the State Penitentiary Service. UNODC established close partnership with the Network of PLWH, the Principle Recipient of GF, and Coordinator of Project Implementation Unit launched by the Network. It was agreed to develop plan of joined activities and present it to the State Penitentiary Services as comprehensive strategy for addressing HIV/AIDS in prison settings.