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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 Starting Date and Duration	1 October 2011; 5 years
Location	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, 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 HIV PLEDGE 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 HIV PLEDGE project works 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, main activities and achievement for the period under review	
<u>Objective 1: Create an environment supportive of evidence-informed and human-rights based HIV/AIDS and drug dependence treatment programs among MARPs.</u>	

Output 1.1: Relevant GOU stakeholders have knowledge and capacity to support development of comprehensive HIV programs for people who use drugs.

Output 1.2: The law enforcement sectoral policy framework regarding HIV/AIDS is developed in line with the international guidelines.

Outputs 1.3: Cooperative mechanisms between law enforcement, drug control, public health and civil society partners are developed and piloted in selected regions to increase effectiveness of HIV response at the local level.

Output 1.4: HIV/AIDS and drugs related modules of the training curricula, manual and materials at the police training institutions are updated with the state-of-the-art evidences.

Main activities and achievements

	Oct 13	Nov 13	Dec 13	Jan 14	Feb 14	March 14	Apr 14	May 14	June 14	Status
1.1.1. (a) National awareness raising workshop for police on OST programs			X							Completed
1.1.1. (b) National round table meeting on Drug Strategy action plan development					X					Postponed and reprogrammed for September 2014
1.1.2. 2nd Regional Consultation Meeting on the Role of Law Enforcement in AIDS response (Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan)		X								Completed
1.1.3. Organize study visit to Portugal for a group of law enforcement officials					X					Completed
1.1.4. Knowledge, Attitude, Practices and Behavior (KAPB) survey among the police officials	X	X	X	X						In progress
1.1.5. Printing, publishing and dissemination of KAPB survey report					X	X				Postponed
1.2.1. Facilitate Technical Working Group on HIV/AIDS and Law Enforcement			X			X			X	Postponed to July 8
1.2.2. Technical Workshop on Strategic Planning for the TWG members					X					Postponed
1.2.3. Support to develop sectoral action plan for the implementation of the 2014-2018 National AIDS Program		X	X	X	X	X	X			Postponed
		X	X	X	X	X	X			Postponed
1.2.4. Develop, publish and disseminate specific guidelines, instructions			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	In progress
1.3.1. Advocacy workshops in pilot regions (Kyiv, Poltava and Kharkiv)				X						Postponed
		X	X	X						In progress
1.3.2. Training workshops on OST and NSP for police staff in the pilot regions (Kyiv, Poltava and Kharkiv)						X	X	X		Postponed
1.3.3. Training for NGOs on building and maintaining effective partnership with law enforcement agencies							X			In progress
1.3.4. Provide small-scale grants to NGOs for piloting effective collaboration & referral schemes involving law enforcement					X	X	X	X	X	Postponed

1.4.2. Stakeholders meeting to develop action plan for police training curricula update			X			X			X	In progress
1.4.3. Support to adapt and integrate training guide and modules into police training curricula				X	X	X	X	X	X	In progress
				X	X	X	X	X	X	
1.4.4. Support integration of HIV education in professional development in-service training programs for police						X	X	X	X	Postponed
						X	X	X	X	Postponed
						X	X	X	X	Postponed

Activity 1.1.1. (b) National round table meeting on Drug Strategy action plan development

Initially national round table was planned for February, however key activity beneficiary the State Drug Control Service resumed Plan for 2014 development with PLEDGE advisory input, and does not plan any public discussion for the reporting period. Allocations for this activity will be used to support a National Conference devoted to drug policy issues to be held on 11-12 September 2014 in Kyiv, Ukraine. The title of the Conference is "Reducing the demand for drugs - improving human life: support for the implementation of the Ukrainian Drug Strategy". The aim of the conference is to bring together various stakeholders, including international and national experts, policy makers, researchers and practitioners to review the current state of the implementation of drug demand reduction policies, lessons learned and identify existing problems and their solutions based on the achievements of modern science and best practices.

The conference is being organised under the auspices of the State Drug Control Service with financial support from the Pompidou Group. UNODC has been invited to become a co-organiser and co-sponsor of the conference and to contribute to the substantive and logistical planning of the event.

Activity 1.1.4. Knowledge, Attitude, Practices and Behaviour (KAPB) survey among law enforcement officials

The research protocol and research instruments for Knowledge-Attitude-Practice-Behaviour Survey regarding HIV/AIDS among police staff are developed and agreed with key partners (officials of the Ministry of Interior and the Ukrainian Centre for Diseases Control) in previous reporting periods. However we were recommended by Mol to stay on hold with survey launch till political situation in the country will stabilize. Taking into consideration current political developments Project decided to reconsider methodology of data collection, specifically interviews with police staff at workplaces will be replaced with the interviews with students of courses of professional development at leading educational institutions of the Mol (Kyiv and Kharkiv Academies of Mol, Lviv and Dnipropetrovsk Universities of Internal Affairs). Those students represent almost all staff categories, which initially were planned to target in the survey. Currently the Project is waiting for official reaction to this proposal from the Ministry of Interior.

Activity 1.1.5. Printing, publishing and dissemination of KAPB survey report

Activity is postponed till survey finalization. (Please, see information on A1.1.4.)

Activity 1.2.1. Technical Working Group on HIV/AIDS and Law Enforcement

The regular meeting of the Technical Working Group on HIV and Law Enforcement was held on 8 July. It was attended by representatives of the Ministry of Interior (Unit to Combat Illicit Drugs, Health Care Department, Personnel Department, Public Security Unit), National Police Academy, Police Staff Association, Office of International Labour Organization in Ukraine, International HIV/AIDS Alliance in Ukraine, State Drug Control Service, Ukrainian Disease Control Centre and AIDS

Foundation East-West. The TWG members shared information regarding latest developments in the area of HIV and law enforcement. The Project and its counterpart from the National Police Academy (Mr. Striltsiv) presented for discussion drafts of 2 methodological materials for LE staff: (1) on police interaction with MARPs and (2) on prevention of HIV, Hepatitis and TB on the workplace for police. The TWGs members expressed support to the methodological materials and acknowledged that they were balanced in terms of providing state-of-art information regarding HIV and other diseases, prevention and personal precautions measures and knowledge on MARPs and specific of interaction with, especially with PWID.

Activity 1.2.2. Technical Workshop on Strategic Planning for the TWG members

The activity postponed due to regress in the National HIV/AIDS programme endorsement.

Activity 1.2.3. Support to develop sectoral action plan for the implementation of the 2014-2018 National AIDS Program

Since it was planned that the Project will provide technical assistance to the MoI in the development of the sectoral action plan based on the NAP 2014-2018 the Project has postponed this activity to the fall of 2014 when NAP will be endorsed by the Parliament.

Activity 1.2.4. Develop, publish and disseminate specific guidelines, instructions

The project's national consultant (Ms. Elena Koval, former MoI's official) is recruited to develop draft **Guidelines for police on HIV and policing of key affected populations**. In the process of drafting the Guidelines the consultant completed an analysis of the sectoral legal documents and regulations of the Ministry of Interior, intersectoral and national legal framework, regulating OST, needle & syringe exchange programmes (NSP), HIV treatment and prevention programmes for PWUD (**Annex 1.2.4. (b)**). The analysis provides basis for the Guidelines for police officers on how to interact with MARPs and support implementation of HIV/AIDS prevention programmes for PWUD. By the end of the reporting period the draft Guidelines are developed and shared among HIV and Law Enforcement TWG members for review and comments.

The project also supported development of the **Methodological materials for police on how to reduce occupational risks related to HIV/AIDS** (**Annex 1.2.4.(a)**). The materials are developed by the team of experts of the National Police Academy (lead by Consultant Mr. Olexander Striltsiv) and recommended by the Scientific Council of the Academy to be disseminated among cadets and police officers during on-the-job training. Materials are aimed at raising awareness of police officers on HIV/AIDS, TB and viral hepatitis, related professional risks and measures of the risks reduction, post-exposure prophylactics, and key affected populations. Materials were presented and discussed at HIV and LE TWG, draft layout was commissioned by the Project and is ready for printing. The brochure will be published in June in 2000 copies and disseminated among police, working in public security and drug control areas.

1.3.1. Advocacy workshops in pilot regions (Kyiv, Poltava and Kharkiv)

The assessment of the needs of the project pilot regions to implement models of cooperation between police and HIV services providers is in progress. The local consultant is recruited to conduct the research. Discussions are held with the consultant to clarify methodology and plan the research. It has been agreed that the consultant will identify existing and successful models in Ukraine and then complete needs assessment exercise in the project's pilot regions. Following this exercise, the consultant will provide recommendations on how to implement successful practices of cooperation between police and HIV/AIDS prevention programmes for PWUD. Experience of Ukraine in the field of strengthening of the role of police in HIV/AIDS prevention at local level will be presented in the

Second Conference on Law Enforcement and Public Health (LEPH 2014) in October in Amsterdam.

The presentations in the pilot regions are postponed until August 2014 when needs assessment is completed.

1.3.2. Training workshops on OST and NSP for police staff in the pilot regions (Kyiv, Poltava and Kharkiv)

The activity is postponed because of the political crisis that limited access to the target audience (police officers) in regions.

Activity 1.3.3. Training for NGOs on building and maintaining effective partnership with law enforcement agencies

The Guidelines and Outline of training workshop for civil society organizations involved in HIV and harm reduction services: *Improving Working Relationships and Collaboration with Police Services* are developed by the Project's international consultant (Dr. Diane Riley). Guidelines provide a framework for planning and implementing the training for NGOs working in HIV/AIDS prevention and treatment area and aims to reach following objectives:

- Increase knowledge of the benefits of collaboration between police and individuals/ organizations that implement HIV prevention programs, including harm-reduction strategies;
- Increase knowledge of ways in which collaboration between police and individuals/ organizations that implement HIV prevention programs can be increased and maintained;
- To understand the importance of advocacy when working with the police;
- To understand the role of the police in creating an enabling environment;
- To understand some specific working approaches with police staff: officers and managers;
- To be aware of practical 'tools' used by police that can allow the harm reduction services to be implemented;
- To be aware of some approaches on how to gain support of the police towards the aims and objectives of a harm reduction organization.

The guidelines are translated into Ukrainian ([Annex 1.3.3](#)) and will be piloted in the training session for representatives of Ukrainian CSOs, working in HIV/AIDS prevention area, in July 8-9 2014.

1.3.4. Provide small-scale grants to NGOs for piloting effective collaboration & referral schemes involving law enforcement

Implementation is postponed due to the political crisis in the country.

1.4.2. Stakeholders meeting to develop action plan for police training curricula update

The Technical working Group on HIV and Training Programmes for Police is established in cooperation with the National Police Academy. Seven (7) members representing internet technology, criminal law, and investigation and psychology units of the Academy were included to the TWG. The first meeting of the TWG on Training Programmes for Police is planned for September 2014, when Academy starts new academic year.

Activity 1.4.3. Support the police training institutions to update training modules and materials

The international consultant (Nick Thomson, member of the Law Enforcement and HIV Network) is

working on the review and finalization the draft International Training Guide on HIV/AIDS for Police. **Draft Training Guide is attached in Annex 1.4.3.**

1.4.4. Support integration of HIV education in professional development in-service training programs for police

Key activities are delayed because of the political crisis and replacement of key partners in LE sector (including police academies). However HIV PLEDGE conducted the training for police instructors on HIV/AIDS issues was in June 18-19. The training was organized in cooperation with the Police Staff Association and involved 26 representatives of the law enforcement sector of Ukraine (including those, who represented AR Crimea). The training aimed at developing skills of the police instructors to raise awareness of police staff on HIV/AIDS using peer-to-peer approach.

Additionally to the training agenda and methodology, the 2-hour training modules on HIV/AIDS are developed for police instructors to assist them in planning and conduction training session for police staff. The follow up activities will be discussed with the Police Staff Association on the results of the training.

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: Decision makers and prison management have adequate knowledge, attitudes and willingness to support comprehensive programs on HIV/AIDS prevention and treatment in prison settings.

Output 2.2: Policies, guidelines and protocols for management of health, HIV/TB, drug dependence treatment programs in prison settings are revised and updated for the implementation of a comprehensive package of HIV/AIDS services.

Output 2.3: Comprehensive package of HIV prevention, treatment, care and support services including drug dependent treatment is piloted in selected prison facilities.

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

	Oct 13	Nov 13	Dec 13	Jan 14	Feb 14	Mar 14	Apr 14	May 14	June 14	Status
2.1.1. (a) Facilitate participation of the prison sector in the National AIDS Conference	X									Completed
2.1.1. (b) Seminar on the role of Probation and Parole Inspection of SPSU in promoting access to services for IDUs		X								Completed
2.1.1. (c) Workshop on good practices in addressing drug abuse and HIV challenges in prison settings				X						Postponed
2.1.3. Study tours to Moldova and Switzerland for a group of SPSU representatives			X					X		In progress

2.1.5. Develop, publish and disseminate advocacy materials							X	X		In progress
2.2.1. Facilitate TWG on HIV/AIDS and Prisons	X			X			X			Postponed
2.2.2. Improve legal and normative framework for scaling-up HIV interventions in prisons			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	In Progress
2.2.3. Assessment and updating service guidelines & protocols in prisons		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	In Progress
2.2.4. Training workshop for key prison experts on HIV/AIDS Monitoring and Evaluation concepts and frameworks							X			Postponed to September
2.3.1. Undertake assessment of the needs and capacity of the selected pre-trial detention centers and prisons		X	X	X	X					In Progress
2.3.2. Conduct training for representatives of NGOs and community social services and prison services									X	Postponed
2.3.3. Develop comprehensive HIV/TB & drug treatment program for piloting in the selected facilities					X					In Progress
2.3.4. Implementation of the comprehensive programmes in the selected facilities									X	Postponed
2.3.5. Support functional referral and case management mechanisms to ensure continuity of care during pre- and post release stages						X				Postponed
2.4.1. Assessment of the training programs used at the prison training institutions	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		In Progress
2.4.2. Workshops with prison training institution management & academic staff							X			Completed
2.4.3. Provide technical & organizational support to the prison training institutions to update training programs								X	X	In Progress
2.4.4. Train the trainers from the prison training institutions								X		Posponed
2.4.5. Twinning with internationally recognized centres of excellence					X					In Progress

Activity 2.1.1. (c) Workshop on good practices in addressing drug abuse and HIV challenges in prison settings

In agreement with SPSU the workshop is postponed until September 2014.

Activity 2.1.3. Facilitate study visit to Moldova and EU country for a group of SPSU representatives

Due to the changes in political leadership of Ukraine at the beginning of this year the PLEDGE Project postponed the study visit until the end of following interim period of management change in the State Penitentiary Service of Ukraine.

After the appointment of the new Head of the SPSU and new director of the Department of Health Care and Medical-Sanitary Provision the Project has been requested to organise a study visit to Switzerland in order to learn experience of their Swiss counterparts in implementation of comprehensive HIV interventions in prison system. A list of participants consisting of the head of the penitentiary service or his deputy, head of the medical department and a deputy director of the

Ministry of Justice Department on Cooperation with Government Agencies (supervisor of the penitentiary service) has been agreed and cleared.

The programme of the study tour will include visits to the Federal Office of Health, AIDS and Drug Sections and Federal Department of Justice and Police, and 3 Swiss prisons, where best practices of medical services provisions, including methadone treatment and harm reduction is implemented. The experience of the Swiss counterparts will have positive influence on the penitentiary management to implement the most effective and innovative measures to improve HIV response in prison settings.

In order to increase advocacy effectiveness in promotion of comprehensive HIV interventions in prison system of Ukraine and reduce expenditures the Project decided to join this tour with the twinning programme activities (activity 2.4.5) preliminarily planned for September, 2014.

Copy of the letter from SPSU about the PLEDGE Project focal points from SPSU and the list of delegation are attached to this QPR as [Annex 2.1.3](#)

Activity 2.1.5. Develop, publish and disseminate advocacy materials

PLEDGE was requested by All-Ukrainian Network of PLWH to fund printing and dissemination of the report on IBBS in prisons 2013, which was conducted within GFATM Rd10 Project. SPSU also expressed the interest in publishing and using of epi data for better understanding of HIV related behaviour, HIV prevalence and assess the need for treatment. Towards the end of the reporting period publication layout was designed, and as of the reporting date first copies were presented at the meeting of the heads of SPSU's Oblast medical departments (July 17, 2014).

Activity 2.2.1. Facilitate TWG on HIV/AIDS and Prisons

In the current situation the Project expects that TWG forming and first gathering will be possible in the next reporting period.

Activity 2.2.2. Finalization of the report on legal and normative framework of HIV interventions in prison settings

The national consultant on legal and normative framework for HIV and AIDS in prison settings Irina Iakovets has prepared recommendations on updating the sectoral normative framework for HIV and AIDS in prison settings with emphasis put on implementation of international standards into orders issued by the penitentiary management. These recommendations were reviewed and commented by the UNODC Office, penitentiary medical authorities and NGO's experts. According to the recommendations and the experts' view, the updating of SPSU regulations related to medical issues will have more influence on improvement of the general level of medical services for prisoners because it to a greater extent depends on the leadership of the SPSU itself and can be implemented under the order of the head of the penitentiary service. Copy of the Report on Recommendations in Ukrainian is attached to this QPR as [Annex 2.2.2](#).

After approval by the Department of Health Care and Medical-Sanitary Provision the consultant started working on updating of selected normative acts in cooperation with penitentiary and other experts. Developed draft orders and other legal documents will be sent to penitentiary experts for consideration.

Activity 2.2.3. Assessment of currently used guidelines and protocols for service provision in prisons

The draft report of the national consultant Nikolai Gagarkin on availability of HIV-related services

standards and protocols, as well as recommendations related to bridging gaps of practical HIV and AIDS services provision were reviewed by specialists of penitentiary service and other partner organizations. Copy of the Report is attached to this QPR as [Annex 2.2.3](#). Now the consultant drafts operational guidelines, regulations on medical units in prison settings and other documents that will facilitate scaling up comprehensive package of HIV and drug dependence treatment services in prison settings. Developed draft sample regulations on medical units in prison setting and job descriptions of medical personnel are currently under consideration of authorities of the Department of Health Care and Medical-Sanitary Provision.

These and other draft documents will help medical staff to step up accessible and qualitative HIV and AIDS services provision in penitentiary sector as well as to provide an effective cooperation mechanism between medical units in prison settings and other community health care organizations and NGOs in the best interests of prisoners.

Activity 2.2.4. Training workshop for key prison experts on HIV/AIDS Monitoring and Evaluation concepts and frameworks

Training workshop is postponed to September in order to align this activity with M&E capacity building activities within Rd10 GFATM Project.

Activities 2.3.1 Assessment of the needs and capacity of the selected prison settings and 2.3.3. Develop comprehensive HIV/TB & drug treatment program for piloting in the selected facilities

As a result of the shift of a previous visit of the international consultant Catherine Ritter to Ukraine the presentation of drafts of action plans on implementation of sustainable models of service provision with regard to HIV, TB and drug dependence treatment was also postponed. The report on these action plans related to the 4 pilot prison settings (Kyiv pre-trial detention centre, Bila Tserkva male prison, Kharkiv female prison and Kremenchuk prison for adolescents) were reviewed by local Projects's consultants and Senior Expert of HIV/AIDS Section Fabienne Hariga from the UNODC's Office in Vienna. Then this report was translated into Russian and sent to newly appointed director of the Department of Health Care and Medical-Sanitary Provision for consideration and possible recommendations. At the same time this report was presented partly to the staff of Kyiv Pre-trial Detention Centre during one-day visit of the international consultant on 21 May, 2014. After the discussion of the report the action plan was updated in order to depict better peculiarities of this prison facility.

During the consultant's visit to Ukraine from June 30 to July 5, 2014 these plans were presented to other 3 teams of medical units of the pilot prison settings and, at the end of the trip, to the authorities of the SPSU's Department of Health Care and Medical-Sanitary Provision. Then all action plans must be agreed until September, 2014 and approved for implementation. Copy of the Report is attached to this QPR as [Annex 2.3.3](#).

Activity 2.3.2. Conduct training for representatives of NGOs and community social services and prison services

Since this capacity building activity is expected to be based on the results of activity 2.3.3., training is postponed to the period when Service delivery models will be finalized.

Activity 2.3.4. Implementation of the comprehensive programmes in the selected facilities

Activities within this line will be reprogrammed for next FY, when Service delivery models will be finalized and ready to be piloted.

Activity 2.3.5. Support functional referral and case management mechanisms to ensure continuity of care during pre- and post release stages

Activities within this line will be reprogrammed for next FY, when Service delivery models will be finalized and ready to be piloted.

Activity 2.4.1. Assessment of the current HIV related modules, curriculum and training programs used at the prison training institutions

The national consultant Alla Grygorenko has updated training programmes of the Chernigiv Law College of the State Penitentiary Service, Bila Tserkva College to Train Personnel of the Penitentiary Sector, Dneprodzerzhinsk College to Train Personnel of the Penitentiary Sector, Khmelnytskyi Post-Graduate Training Centre for Tutors. These programmes were reviewed and preliminarily adopted by the authorities of Department on Personnel Management and all these 5 educational institutions at the workshop in Chernigiv Law College on April 17, 2014. Copy of the training programmes with HIV-related modules (marked) are attached to this QPR as [Annex 2.4.1](#).

All these 5 programmes have modules with in-depth HIV-related topics dedicated to general HIV prevention issues and those related to penitentiary staff protection. The national consultant has drafted and agreed with director of the Department of Health Care and Medical-Sanitary Provision of SPSU the facultative training programme on HIV for students of the Chernihiv Law College. This facultative training programme on HIV is finalized and prepared for publication. This programme will be adapted to on-the-job trainings for general penitentiary staff. Copy of the facultative training programme is attached to this QPR as [Annex 2.4.1](#).

All the programmes will be presented at the technical working group meeting in August-September, 2014 and approved by the Department for Personnel Management and Academic Board under SPSU, and training institutions by September, 2014.

Activity 2.4.2. Workshop with prison training institution management and academic staff

On April 17, 2014 the technical workshop with representatives of penitentiary administration and training institutions was conducted at the Chernihiv Law College. During this workshop the national consultant Alla Grygorenko with assistance of experts from 5 educational penitentiary institutions (Institute of Penal Enforcement Service of Ukraine (Kyiv), Chernigiv Law College, Bila Tserkva College to Train Personnel, Dneprodzerzhinsk College to Train Personnel, Khmelnytskyi Post-Graduation Training Centre for Tutors) presented updated training programmes for experts from these prison training institutions and penitentiary central administration management. The representatives of all 5 educational institutions and partner NGOs reviewed the proposed HIV-related changes in curricula of these institutions. Their changes and propositions were discussed by administration of SPSU's Department on Personnel Management and authorities of the Chernihiv Law College. These updated programmes were also finalized for consideration of the penitentiary authority. Copy of the workshop's programme is attached to this QPR as [Annex 2.4.2](#).

The national consultant and involved experts also presented the training programme on HIV for on-the-job trainings for general penitentiary staff. All the programmes presented at the workshop were finalized in May, 2014. They will be approved by the training institutions by September, 2014.

Activity 2.4.3. Provide technical & organizational support to the prison training institutions to update training programs

Developed by the PLEDGE concept of development of Penitentiary resource Centre on HIV based in Chernihiv Law College is currently submitted for consideration to SPSU. Main task of the Centre are

identified, staff composition is drafted, needs in material resources are budgeted (mainly IT equipment).

Activity 2.4.4. Train the trainers from the prison training institutions

As soon as HIV Resource Centre will be formed, training will be provided to its staff.

Activity 2.4.5. Promote and establish twinning partnership and facilitate academic exchanges and study visits between Ukrainian prison faculties and Centres of Excellence

In May-June 2014 the PLEDGE Project preliminarily agreed with Swiss Prison Staff Training Centre (Freiburg) the concept and dates of the study visit to Switzerland the administrative and academic staff who are involved in the development and teaching of revised programmes in their penitentiary education institutions. This initiative and a list of participants were approved by the head of the penitentiary service in June, 2014. Copy of the letter from SPSU about the PLEDGE Project leaders from SPSU and the list of delegation are attached to this QPR as [Annex 2.1.3](#)

This study visit will be held from 1 to 5 September, 2014 and will include visits to the Swiss Prison Staff Training Centre, Federal Department of Justice and Police, two-three prison facilities with methadone treatment and harm reduction, other institutions (under consideration). This visit will form a platform down the foundation for further cooperative work between administration and academic staff of these two educational institutions, exchange of experience and technical support in reforming of Ukrainian penitentiary system.

Objective 3: Improve capacity of substance use treatment system 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 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: Updated narcology training curricula in line with the best international practices.

Main activities and achievements

	Oct 13	Nov 13	Dec 13	Jan 14	Feb 14	March 14	Apr 14	May 14	June 14	Status
3.1.1. Round table meeting to promote reforms in narcology services			X							In progress
3.1.2. Develop and update narcology treatment protocols/standards to implement comprehensive package of interventions			X	X	X	X	X	X		In progress
3.1.3. Facilitate the Technical Working Group on HIV/AIDS and Narcology		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	In progress
3.1.4. Develop technical guidelines and operational standards for integrated drug use and HIV prevention services					X	X	X	X	X	In progress
3.1.5. Launch grant programme to support research projects in HIV/AIDS, MAT and harm reduction related areas				X	X	X	X	X	X	In progress

3.2.2. Study visit to Italy to gain experience in comprehensive and integrated service models					X					In progress
3.2.3. Conduct trainings for the staff of the narcology services					X	X	X	X	X	In progress
3.2.4. Support selected institutions for piloting various models of integrated services	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	In progress
3.2.5. Local coordination meetings in pilot regions						X		X		In progress
3.3.1. Assessment of the narcology training curricula, programs, manuals and materials				X	X	X	X	X	X	In progress
3.3.5. Study tour for the representatives of the Ukrainian narcology faculties to the USA							X			In progress

Activity 3.1.1. National stakeholders meeting to promote reforms in narcology services

Project staff held a meeting with Prof. Napreenko, who was appointed as Chief Psychiatrists and Narcologist, Head of Psychiatry Department of Bogomolets National Medical University at the end of May 2014. We presented HIV PLEDGE project, concept note for national stakeholders meeting to promote reforms in narcology draft, and discussed the possibility of stakeholders meeting organization. He supported the idea, requested the assistance in participants' identification and proposed to hold the meeting in September 2014, after new academic cycle start and political situation will get calmer.

Activity 3.1.2. Develop and update narcology treatment protocols/standards to implement comprehensive package of interventions

New Chief specialist supported the idea of treatment protocols updating. He proposed to choose internationally recognized protocol to adopt for use in Ukraine. Protocols by The National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) were selected as basic to create national protocol. Active work will start after MoH will issue order on creation WG to update international protocols. Considering that MoH have just finished the management structure update this order will be issued during next months.

Activity 3.1.3. Facilitate the Technical Working Group on HIV/AIDS and Narcology

Chief Psychiatrist and Narcologist supports TWG's meetings and considers such meeting very necessary. Meeting will be provided in the framework of meeting of WG on treatment protocols development.

Activity 3.1.4. Develop specific technical guidelines and operational standards for integrated drug use and HIV prevention services

Such development was supported by Chief psychiatrists and narcologist. He stated that he will draft the MOH order to establish WG to update and adapt international clinical guidelines on opiate dependence treatment. The principles, general approaches and methods of adaptation were discussed and agreed. Expected commencing date is end of August 2014.

Activity 3.1.5. Launch grant program to support research projects in HIV/AIDS, MAT and harm reduction related areas

Call for proposals was drafted to grant research programmes addressing critical gaps in research on HIV/AIDS prevention, treatment, and related health issues among people who use drugs and

inmates of prison facilities and submitted to HQ for consideration and recommendations. Any proposed study may be designed for duration of no more than 18 months long with total amount not exceeding USD 80K. It is expected that the Call will be announced in July 2014 to be ready for implementation from October 2014.

Activity 3.2.2. Study visit to Italy to gain experience in comprehensive and integrated service models

UNODC HQ provided technical support to contact with treatment centres to organize the 5 days visit. Preliminary visit rescheduled to September 2014.

Activity 3.2.3. Conduct trainings for the staff of the narcology services

Project continued capacity building for narcology staff with four trainings based on TREATNET Training Package Volume B conducted in May-June 2014 in three pilot cities - in Kiev (May 19-23), Poltava (June 2-6), and Kharkiv (June 9-13) as separate events. These trainings covered the following topics: Mechanisms of Drug Addiction and Basic Counselling Skills; Motivational Interviewing and Counselling Skills; Cognitive Behavioural Therapy and Relapse Prevention Strategies.

Trainings on Mechanisms of Drug Addiction and Basic Counselling Skills (2 training days); Motivational Interviewing and Counselling Skills (3 training days) were combined in one 5 days long block. All trainings were attended by 43 participants in total.

Training on Cognitive Behavioural Therapy and Relapse Prevention Strategies (3 training days) was conducted in Kiev on June 20-22 for 18 medical doctors and psychologists from pilot clinics. All these participants completed previous training.

Trainings were provided by Dr. Andriy Karachevskiy, Associate Professor of Kiev Medical Academy of Post-Graduate Education, and psychiatrist with more than 20 years' of working experience. Jointly with scientists from Ukraine and USA he has participated in the development and provision of 29 trainings on socio-psychological support of MAT patients, co-morbid disorders treatment.

Dr. Oleg Yussopov, Head of Kazakhstan Monitoring Centre on Alcohol and Drugs, is contracted to provide training on screening, assessment and treatment planning in drug addiction treatment. Event will be in Kiev, July 17-20, 2014 for 20 clinic staff from pilot cities.

Activity 3.2.4. Support selected institutions for piloting various models of integrated services

On June 2, 2014 contracts with CF "Blago" /Kharkiv/ and CF "Light of Hope" /Poltava/ were signed and project implementation plans were approved. The NGOs started forming of project implementation groups and their first assignment - assessment of drug addiction treatment quality applying UNODC TreatNet quality assessment tool. All projects were presented at local level for officials. With participation of "Blago" and "Light of hope" directors the PLEDGE project held meetings with heads of local drug addiction treatment, TB, HIV-AIDS, and STI treatment clinics to advocate establishing and participatory development of local clinical protocols for integrated care provision.

Pilot projects at the start up period received technical assistance from the PLEDGE staff (National Project Officer on HIV and drug dependence and National M&E Officer) in developing and strengthening local cooperation, developing system of monitoring Project results at clients level (in terms of coverage and service range).

PLEDGE developed monitoring forms and requirements for Implementation Partners which allow collecting information for reporting on MER indicators (Annex 3.1. Table of Indicators and Annex 3.2. Reporting format).

Call for proposal to pilot comprehensive model in Kiev was announced by UNODC HQ in mid May 2014 with deadline of June 4, 2014. Information about the Call was actively disseminated among our partners and series of technical meeting were held to explain the Call aims and objectives. Due to no proposal was submitted in response to the Call the PLEDGE has extended the deadline until July 7, 2014.

Activity 3.2.5. Local coordination meetings in pilot regions

Two meetings in pilot regions were held to launch pilot project and increase local officials' awareness about integrated model of service provision for drug dependent patients. Project implementation groups in pilot regions were formed.

Activity 3.3.1. Assessment of the narcology training curricula, programme, manuals and materials

Professor Ivan Sosin, Head of Narcology Department of the Kharkiv Medical Academy of Post-Graduate Education and Dr. Elena Goncharova, associate professor of Narcology Department Kharkiv Medical Academy of Postgraduate Education have completed an assessment report. They developed original assessment tool to demonstrate differences between national and international curricula.

UNODC TreatNet training modules were used as good practice model for the curricula improvement. All modules of the TreatNet were shared with Department's staff for review, adaptation and mainstreaming into the existing curricula. Preliminary results have been regularly discussed during Department's staff meetings.

Updated curricula will be available by September 2014 to start new academic year at the Kharkiv Medical Academy of Post-Graduate Education with updated curricula.

Activity 3.3.5. Study tour for the representatives of the Ukrainian narcology faculties to the USA

Due to instability of key stakeholders in the narcology sector (changes of Chief Psychiatrist and Narcologist of the MoH) the project was not able to properly plan the study tour to the USA. Now with the appointment of the new Chief Psychiatrist and Narcologist the project has resumed its preparatory works for the study tour. Long-list of potential researchers from Ukraine is compiled to be considered as participants of the visit. Contacts with the host institutions in the USA are now also resumed to plan the study tour programme.

3. Unanticipated positive results

Ukraine has been developing 2015-2017 application to GFATM within new funding model for HIV/TB. The GFATM made key programmatic advices towards application development and suggested that the new TB/HIV proposal should aim to continue focusing on a similar set of interventions as those under the current grants, with due effective coordination and integration with the National AIDS and TB programmes and build on the gains already achieved in both the TB and HIV programmes. Specifically, the Global Fund sees the following investment pillars as essential for achieving impact:

- Promote and sustain scale up of access to antiretroviral treatment, ensuring that the most vulnerable people have access to a continuum of HIV testing, treatment, care and adherence services. Despite efforts to improve treatment coverage, only half of HIV+ patients in need are currently receiving ART (based on WHO 2010 recommendations), of which less than 10% are for PWIDs.
- Support and enhance access to comprehensive harm reduction services for people who inject

drugs, including in the prison system.

- Support prevention, treatment and care services for Key Affected Populations (PWID, MSM, SWs)
- Enhance access to timely and quality diagnosis and treatment of MDR-TB. Treatment should be based on ambulatory care and a patient-centred approach.
- Prevention of MDR-TB by improving the quality of the basic TB care, including early case detection and improving treatment outcome for drug-susceptible TB cases.
- Develop and expand TB/HIV collaborative programming and service delivery among vulnerable populations.
- The Global Fund also suggests the establishment of harmonized indicators (at the national and regional levels) and reporting mechanisms for M&E of collaborative TB/HIV interventions.
- Given Ukraine's high incarceration rate, prisons inmates' vulnerability and the high prevalence of both TB and HIV in prisons, the interventions described above should also be prioritized in the penitentiary system. It is particularly important to ensure that actions are taken to improve the linkage between the civilian and prison health systems, so that patients transferring from one to the other continue to have access to testing, treatment and monitoring services.

PLEDGE staff has been actively contributing to the application development process being a member of the Application Development Team established by the National AIDS Service. Project has been contributing to the development of programmatic approaches in harm reduction, including OST and TB screening for IDUs, M&E. UNODC with its USAID funded PLEDGE Project will also fill programmatic gaps in activities in prison settings. UNODC project's work plan for the next 2 years will include delivery of training to medical staff on T&C, HIV treatment, managing medical records, IBBS in prisons.

4. Major problems encountered and steps taken to solve them

Over reporting period the PELDGE project has been re-establishing partnership relationships with newly appointed key national counterparts at SPSU, Mol and MoH.

Meeting with newly appointed Head of Department for countering illicit drug trafficking of the Ministry of Interior, Mr. Oleg Shutyak, was held on April 11, 2014. The meeting resulted at agreement to continue cooperation both in HIV and drug control areas. The counterparts also expressed their readiness to support measure to de-penalise drug users by making necessary changes in current legal framework.

On May 29, 2014 the PLEGE project staff took part in working meeting with newly appointed director of the Department of Health Care and Medical-Sanitary Provision of SPSU Evgen Haniukov and his deputy Igor Pechenoga. The participants summarized the joint action plan for 2013-2014 with focus on the most important activities and considered a draft action plan for 2014-2015. The authorities of the department expressed readiness to support more actively the HIV-PLEDGE Project. They planned to present their propositions on the Project activities till 7 of June, 2014. On June 4, 2014 Mr. Starenkii, Head of State Penitentiary Service of Ukraine (SPSU) approved the updated 2014-2015 UNODC action plans on cooperation with the Department of Health Care and Medical-Sanitary Provision and Department for Personnel Management. The heads of these departments were appointed by the head of SPSU as focal points in charge for cooperation with UNODC in accordance with the plans mentioned above. The head of SPSU also appointed his deputy

(Igor Artamenko) as a supervisor of the whole cooperation between SPSU and UNODC and his adviser on external communication (Vladyslav Klysha) as a coordinator. This approval is going to support more effective cooperative work under new SPSU's authority.

While in contacting with SPSU and Mol we reached considerable progress, setting meeting with MoH still remains problematic. Project has been still waiting for scheduling meeting with Deputy Minister Mrs Lesnevskaya, who was nominated by Minister to establish cooperation with UNODC as PLEDGE implementer.

5. Staffing, management and coordination arrangements

During the reporting period the project staff (Advisor and M&E Officer) met with the newly appointed head of the State Service on HIV/AIDS and other socially dangerous diseases (Mr. Kurpita) to present the PLEDGE project objectives and achievements and discuss priority areas for the project to support the national response to AIDS. During the meeting the counterparts have been briefed on the PLEDGE project progress in 2013 and work plan for 2014 and received the request from government counterpart to assist to Mol and State Penitentiary Service in the development of their HIV sectoral programmes while NAP for 2014-2018 will be adopted by the Parliament (Verhovna Rada).

6. Progress Towards Annual Quantitative Targets (BY 2014)

The PLEDGE is to report on Indicator ***HTC_TST TA Number of individuals who received HIV Testing and Counselling (HTC) services for HIV and received their test results.*** Since the planned activity to support pilot services delivery has not yet started (activity 3.2.4) it is not possible to report on the progress towards the achievement of this target.