

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 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, Ukrainian Centre on Control of Socially Dangerous Diseases, State Penitentiary Service and State Drugs Control Service.
Donor(s)	USAID/Ukraine

Project Summary

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".

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.

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. This will be achieved through the following three project objectives: (i) create an environment supportive of evidence-informed and human-rights based HIV and drug dependence treatment programmes for MARPs; (ii) 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; and (iii) improve capacity of drug dependence treatment system (narcological services) to provide evidence-informed and human-right based integrated HIV prevention and drug treatment services.

2. Project objectives, outputs, 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 programs among MARPs.

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

The focused research among police officers and students of police training institutions on their knowledge, attitude, practice and behaviour regarding HIV/AIDS (KAPB survey) is completed. Four hundred and fifty (450) persons were interviewed: 150 students of the National Academy of Internal Affairs, 150 practical police officers and 150 cadets of police school are interviewed. Additionally, the experts of Ministry of Interior who play an important role in forming of the Law Enforcement Sector policy regarding HIV/AIDS were involved to expert interviews for the study.

The survey data shows that in general cadets and students of the National Academy for Internal Affairs (both future and current police officers) have relevant knowledge regarding HIV/AIDS but specific knowledge regarding the issue is limited.

Most of those who have participated in the research know that HIV and AIDS are not the name of the same phenomenon (74%), that AIDS develops in result of HIV infection (76%), that there is no vaccine for HIV (65%). However, representatives of law enforcement, as well as general population, are inclined to dramatize the illness: almost 79% believe that HIV is mortal illness but not chronic disease (in case of appropriate treatment).

The respondents have appropriate knowledge regarding HIV transmission: 92% and 93% of them are aware about risk to be infected during unsafe sex and drug injections, 94% know that none can be infected with HIV through touch or handshake.

At the same time the stereotypes about danger of PLWH for other people still exist among police officers and students of police training institutions: only 59% believe that HIV cannot be transmitted through domestic items (towels, teeth brush etc.). The fear to be infected with HIV supports stigma and discrimination: 42 % of respondents agreed that HIV positive police officers should be retired. High level of stigma is found towards key affected populations: in spite of the fact that respondents express sympathy to PLWH, most of them support idea to criminalize drug abuse and sex work. The research does not show difference in attitude to key affected populations among those respondents who had regular contacts with PWID and those who had not (ref. act. 1.1.4).

The research was implemented with support of the Ministry of Interior and in close cooperation with National Academy of Internal Affairs as a part of Memorandum of Cooperation signed between UNODC and the academy in June 2014. The results of the research will be used for updating training programmes and curricula for police to meet their needs in knowledge regarding HIV/AIDS, harm reduction and the role of police in HIV prevention among key affected populations, including PWID.

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

The Draft Law Enforcement Action Plan to support implementation of National HIV/AIDS programme for 2014-2018 (Action Plan) is finalized by the project's national consultant. The Draft Action Plan refers to the structure of the NAP 2014-2018 and stipulates concrete activities that Ministry of Interior should implement to support the national response to HIV/AIDS. The document describes actions of the Ministry of Interior in following areas:

- ensure active participation in the respective working groups in the field of HIV/AIDS prevention;
- develop draft normative legal acts regulating cross-sectoral coordination of HIV/AIDS prevention;

- develop draft acts regulating the implementation of the NAP 2014-2018, taking into account the expected results, data, aims and measures of the Programme;
- review legal basis, medical and technological documentation on HIV/AIDS prevention;
- conduct trainings, capacity building and retraining on HIV/AIDS prevention (taking into account a gender approach) for lecturers of training institutions subordinated to the Ministry of Interior, and for staff of the internal affairs structural units during their professional training;
- Implement HIV prevention at a workplace, including for medical workers who provide medical support to the personnel of units of internal affairs, servicemen of the National Guard of Ukraine (ref. act. 1.2.3).

Additionally the Draft Law Enforcement HIV-at work place-policy (Policy) is finalized in line with Recommendations #200 of International Labour Organizations. The Policy aims to prevent HIV infection among police during service provision and reduce stigma and discrimination towards PLWH among police officers. The policy stipulates basic principles of HIV prevention at the work place, including recognition of HIV/AIDS as a workplace issue, overcome discrimination against or stigmatization of PLWH, gender equality, safe work place, and voluntary HIV testing, social dialogue, confidentiality, continuation of employment relations, prevention and support (ref.act.1.2.3).

Both documents were presented and discussed during the regular meeting of the Technical Working Group on Law Enforcement and HIV that was held on 14 May. About 40 participants attended the meeting including representatives of the Ministry of Interior, Police Staff Association, UCDC, international and local organizations, working in HIV/AIDS area. The meeting resulted in obtaining specific comments and recommendations from the law enforcement experts on both documents presented at the meeting (ref.act. 1.2.1).

It was recommended to clarify responsible units of the Ministry of Interior for the implementation of mentioned in the Action Plan activities (as per functions of each involved unit), reformulate some activities regarding development of training programmes and curricula for police on HIV/AIDS, and add paragraph regarding development and implementation of the Law Enforcement HIV-at work place-policy. After relevant changes were made, the Draft Action Plan was submitted by the project to the Ministry of Interior for consideration together with minutes of the meeting.

Participants also provided comments regarding Draft Law Enforcement HIV-at work place-policy. It was recommended to orient the policy not only to HIV/AIDS but other dangerous infections (like viral hepatitis and TB), to make the document shorter and put all supportive information to Annexes - in this case the document will be more appropriately designed to be considered by the Ministry of Interior. After making all the changes and improvements the Draft Law Enforcement HIV-at work place-policy will be delivered to the Police Staff Association for further promotion and advocacy.

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.

The series of five trainings for police on HIV/AIDS were conducted in April – May 2015. One hundred thirty four (134) community police officers participated in the training sessions held in Vinnytsya, Lviv, Ternopil, Odessa and Mykolaiv. The training covered issues related to HIV transmission, risk and vulnerability, drug abuse and harm reduction, role of police in HIV/AIDS prevention among key affected populations, including PWID. The trainings were organized in close cooperation with the Department of Public Security of the Ministry of Interior. Specialized training modules were developed by the project to explain how HIV/AIDS prevention activities can be integrated into daily service of the community police officers (ref. act. 1.3.2).

According to the analysis of pre-and post-training questionnaires, police officers raised their awareness on HIV/AIDS issues: 64 (47%) of police officers gave more than 50% of correct answers to the questions of pre-training questionnaire and about 100% of them gave correct answers for more than 50% of questions after the trainings. At the same time, together with general knowledge on HIV/AIDS police officers improved their knowledge regarding interaction with key affected populations: about 47% of participants provided correct answer to the question “What should the police officer do when he/she arrests a person who injects drugs and is on ARV treatment or is a client of OST programme?” before the training and 72% provided correct answer to the same question after the training.

The preparatory work is done to organize the pilot training for CSOs working in HIV/AIDS area on how to establish and maintaining effective cooperation with law enforcement sector: 8 training modules are developed in line with the similar international manual developed by the project last year. The modules cover the following topics:

- “Introduction”
- “Why it is important to cooperate with law enforcement”,
- “Responsibilities and structure of law enforcement sector, its role and interests”
- “Effective approaches to building and maintaining partnership with law enforcement sector”
- “Effective means of communication, advocacy and key messages”,
- “Development of the action plan for building cooperation”,
- “Presentation of the action plan for building cooperation”
- “Wrap up session”

The modules will be combined with the *Training Manual for CSOs Working in HIV/AIDS Area on how to Establish and Maintaining Cooperation with Law Enforcement Sector* and piloted during the training for CSOs in August –September 2015 (ref. act. 1.3.3).

The selection procedure of local CSOs to implement innovative models of cooperation with police in HIV prevention is completed. The Call for Proposals within Grant Programme "Enhancing the role of police in response to HIV/AIDS among PWID in Ukraine" was announced in December 2014 with deadline for applications on January 30, 2015.

Three applied CSOs passed selection procedure in line with UNODC grant rules: NGO “Vertical” (Kyiv), NGO “Light of Hope”(Poltava), NGO “Blago” (Kharkiv). The proposal evaluation committee evaluated three applications as successful, provided justification of scores and recommendations to be taken into account during the grants management and implementation.

The package of the documents for final approval was submitted to the External Parties Engagement Unit at UNODC Vienna Office that approved the results of selection procedure in June 2015 after all relevant improvements were made by the applicants. The package of documents (applications, including action plans and budgets) were submitted to USAID for final approval (ref. act. 1.3.4).

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.

The results of the KAPB survey were presented during the regular meeting in the National Academy of Internal Affairs on 5 June. The management of the academy and academic staff discussed the results of the research (ref.act 1.4.2). As the result of the meeting the group of representatives of the academy was formed officially by the order of the academy HQ to develop special training videos for police. The videos will cover issues related to occupation risks, policing of key affected populations and interaction with HIV service providers in the community. The training videos, developed within the project, will be used by the academy and the Ministry of Interior for training of cadets, special training courses for patrol police and for on the job training for police officers (ref.act.1.4.3). Currently, the project is engaged in selection process to identify and recruit contractor to produce video learning materials for

the police and academy.

Main activities and achievements

Key activities/ milestones	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	Status of activity Comment on what was done in the reporting period (in "who, where, when, how" manner)
1.1.1. Hold national awareness raising workshop for police on harm reduction and OST programmes			X										Postponed - workshop with OBNON was initially planned to be held in December 2014. Due to political situation & reform of the police the event was postponed until September 2015
1.1.2. (a) Facilitate participation of Ukrainian law enforcement partners in international conferences on public health, drugs and HIV/AIDS issues: <i>3rd Regional Meeting on the Role of Law Enforcement in HIV response, Moldova</i>									X				Cancelled - the event was cancelled due to lack of funding for participants from other countries.
1.1.2. (b) Facilitate participation of Ukrainian law enforcement partners in international conferences on public health, drugs and HIV/AIDS issues: <i>Conference on law enforcement and public health, Amsterdam</i>	X												Completed
1.1.2. (c) Facilitate participation of Ukrainian law enforcement partners in international conferences on public health, drugs and HIV/AIDS issues: <i>Side event on LE and HIV during CPCJ session in Vienna</i>						X							Participation of representatives of law enforcement system of Ukraine in the Side event on law enforcement and HIV during CPCJ session in Vienna was cancelled . Due to the organizational delays at HQ level the time for preparation to the event, including vetting procedure, required by USAID, was limited.
1.1.3. Organize study visit to the best practice countries/facilities and centres of excellence													Not planned for this year
1.1.4. Knowledge, Attitude, Practices and Behaviour (KAPB) survey among law enforcement officials	X	X	X										Completed
1.1.5. Printing, publishing and dissemination of KAPB survey report					X	X							In progress: the report on the research results will be translated into English and published in August 2015
1.2.1. Facilitate Technical Working Group on HIV/AIDS and Law Enforcement	X	X			X			X			X		Completed as per 1 st semester plan
1.2.2. Support integration of HIV/AIDS related issues into action plan for the implementation of the National Drug Strategy			X	X	X								Completed - Government approved annual action plan for the implementation of the Strategy of the State Policy on Drugs for 2015 (May 2015). Most of the project's proposals were reflected in the action plan. PLEDGE initiated stakeholders meeting on 5 June to discuss how various partners can

Annex 1.2.3 (b)_Final version of Draft Law Enforcement HIV-at work place-policy.

Output 1.3.

Annex 1.3.2_ Training modules for community police on HIV/AIDS and harm reduction

Annex 1.3.3_ Training modules for CSOs working in HIV/AIDS area on how to establish and maintaining cooperation with law enforcement sector

Output 1.4.

Annex 1.4.3_Order of the National Academy of Internal Affairs on establishing working group to develop training video for police on HIV/AIDS and harm reduction.

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.

PLEDGE supported initiative of key national partner, State Penitentiary Service of Ukraine to hold on 9-10 July, 2015 the Conference on Health in Prisons with focus on diseases of social interest. Key objectives of the Conference as formulated together with national and international stakeholders were as follows:

1. Based on the international and national experience to identify possibilities to implement contemporary and new technologies in diagnostics and treatment of people living with HIV and other socially dangerous diseases in the prison settings;
2. On the basis of the available successful international and domestic experience to determine mechanisms of provision of quality medical and social services to prison inmates living with HIV, viral hepatitis, tuberculosis, STIs and drug addiction;
3. Taking into account good practices of cooperation between prison and community health care services at international and national levels identify effective mechanisms for interaction and collaboration between medical services of the State Penitentiary Service and health care facilities of the Ministry of Health, other government and non-governmental organizations to provide quality health care services to prisoners;
4. Review the best practices in the provision of services in connection with social and dangerous diseases in the penitentiary field and identify ways to improve the organization and delivery of the services at the level of SPSU management and facility levels;
5. Based on the experts discussions review the current status, obstacles and future prospects of providing continuum of care for inmates at pre- and post-release stages.

PLEDGE facilitated series of organizational meetings with major conference stakeholders – SPSU, WHO Office in Ukraine, UCDC, PLWH Network, HIV/AIDS Alliance in Ukraine, Pompidou Group of the Council of Europe to develop conference concept and compile the programme. (see [annexe 2.1.1](#))

On the request of SPSU the PLEDGE Project continues planning of study visit to Azerbaijan (instead of Moldova) for a small group of experts from the Department of Health Care and Medical-Sanitary Provision. The study visit to Azerbaijan can help the leadership of the SPSU and its Department of Health Care and Medical-Sanitary Provision to identify the most appropriate way of reforming Ukrainian penitentiary medicine and strengthening of the HIV-related services, namely HIV\TB co-infection management.

Electronic version of the “Prisons and Health” 2014 addition translated into Russian language by the

PLEDGE Project is uploaded to the UNODC's website (http://www.unodc.org/documents/hiv/aids/publications/Prisons_and_other_closed_settings/2014_WHO_UNODC_Prisons_and_Health_rus.pdf). The "Prisons and Health" in Russian is prepared also for publication and will be disseminated at conference "HEALTH CARE BEHIND THE BARS" on 9-10 July 2015.

This book is to serve as reference manual for penitentiary medical staff at all levels of responsibility for the health and well-being of detainees. Since 2008 (previous addition of the "Prisons and Health") it updated important suggestions by international experts to improve the health of prisoners and to reduce both the health risks and risks to society of imprisonment.

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.

During the reporting period PLEDGE supported collection of baseline information on how HIV related services are provided at selected facilities¹ in order to identify (1) bottlenecks in following to medical protocols, standards and instructions in medical practice and (2) medical documentation which need to be updated or developed. Report is expected by the end of July 2015.

With regard to technical assistance to improve M&E system for HIV programmes in prisons, the project held consultation with representatives of Medical Department of SPSU and National M&E Unit to identify modality of development of HIV MIS for prison settings. Partners identified that HIV MIS is to be developed with PELDGE financial support based on and linked to MIS developed for UCDC with ACCESS Project funds.

Based on recommendations of SPSU, its partner organizations and penitentiary experts the PLEDGE Project's consultant prepared the final draft sectoral AIDS Programme for 2015-2018 for the leadership of SPSU. This Programme was agreed by the head of SPSU in April 2015, and prepared for presentation and approval by the penitentiary board for submission to the Ministry of Justice for enacting it as an order. So far the sectoral AIDS Programme for 2015-2018 for the SPSU is still waiting for agreement by the penitentiary board. The date of the board meeting is agreed for July 2015.

In May, 2015 the PLEDGE Project' consultant started developing a model regional HIV programme for Regional Departments of SPSU, which will be based on the sectoral AIDS Programme for 2015-2018 and will be coherent with the regional community HIV programmes.

The Sectoral AIDS Programme for 2015-2018 for SPSU will be the major normative document to regulate all HIV/AIDS related activities among detainees, prisoners, and penitentiary staff and serve as normative framework to introduce international standards for core HIV services.

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

In the framework of the revised training strategy based on the international consultant Ms. Catherine Ritter's recommendations the PLEDGE Project is preparing for trainings for penitentiary staff on HIV

¹ Kyiv pre-trial Detention Centre (28-29 May, 2015), Bila Tserkva Men Colony (4 June, 2015), Bucha Men Colony (9 June, 2015), Kharkiv Women Colony (11 June, 2015), Department of SPSU in Kharkiv Region (12 June, 2015), Department of SPSU in Poltava Region (15 June, 2015), Kremenchuk Colony for Adolescents (16 June, 2015) and Tuberculosis Hospital under Kremenchuk Men Colony (17 June, 2015)

treatment, care and support, OST, HTC, and harm reduction in prison settings which are planned towards the end of FY 2015.

The PLEDGE Project agreed the ToR for training organizations to conduct 5-day training on ART and HIV/TB for medical penitentiary staff. UNODC and SPSU preliminarily agreed the Lavra training centre as Knowledge Hub with exceptional experience of providing such kind of education in the penitentiary sector. However, the Lavra Training Centre failed to conduct trainings in current project year, as it was agreed before, the PLEDGE project has to look for other provider to hold 5-day training on ART and HIV/TB for medical penitentiary staff.

In July, 2015, the PLEDGE Project hired the trainer to develop a training programme and conduct training for medical staff, psychologists and NGOs social workers on effective HIV information, education and communication strategies and strategies in prevention of parental transmission of HIV in prison settings. The training will be conducted in August, 2015.

The PLEDGE Project is also in progress with delivering trainings on drug dependence with draft programmes and trainers identified.

The trainings mentioned above will raise professional level of medical and non-medical staff and their partners from NGOs of the pilot regions, as well as to promote a cooperative work of all specialists to provide better services for detainees and prisoners with HIV/AIDS.

Developed with PLEDGE support action plans to pilot comprehensive HIV/TB & drug treatment programme in the selected facilities currently on hold for implementation until approval at the SPSU Medical department and adaptation to the regional HIV/AIDS programmes.

The PLEDGE Project continued to consult with the SPSU authorities and partner organizations about selection of the evidenced-informed methods of pre- and post-release support of ex-prisoners with HIV. The Project discussed opportunities to cooperate on this issue with the SPSU's Department on Probation, International HIV/AIDS Alliance in Ukraine, RESPOND Project and NGO "Svitlo Nadii". The PLEDGE Project will take opportunity to enrol new SPSU structure Department of Probation which starts its work in August, 2015 into the partners' activities in development and implementation model services to enrol to HIV care at local AIDS Centres or 'Trust cabinets' persons who released from prisons.

In order to strengthen the education and methodology role of the 5 penitentiary training institutions² in developing and teaching the penitentiary staff of HIV-related modules in these institutions and on-the-job the PLEDGE Project continues to take steps on creation of the Resource Centre under Chernigiv Law Collage. PLEDGE is currently aligning its procurement needs and UNDP procedures in order to launch procurement in July 2015.

The Resource Centre at Chernigiv Law Collage will be the leading resource and training institution for developing and implementation of HIV-related trainings and curricula's modules for the penitentiary staff.

According to the work plan PLEDGE is supporting development of video learning film about the HIV prevention among penitentiary staff, stigma and discrimination issues in penitentiary system, currently external experts are reviewing draft film scenario. It is expected that the video material and textbooks to this film will be finished by October, 2015.

² 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

Following Study visit to Swiss Penitentiary system PLEDGE is promoting establishment of academic exchange between Chernigiv Law College, Bila Tserkva School for Penitentiary staff and with the Freiburg Training Centre for Penitentiary Staff with support to development of plans of inter-institutional cooperation.

Main activities and achievements

Key activities/ milestones	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	Status of activity Comment on what was done in the reporting period
2.1.1. (a) Hold advocacy and awareness raising workshops with policy and decision makers: <i>Participation of 2 Ukrainian officials in the Global consultation on HIV and prisons in Vienna, Austria on 16-17 October</i>	X												Completed
2.1.1. (b) Hold advocacy and awareness raising workshops with policy and decision makers: <i>1 advocacy workshop at national level and 3 workshops at regional levels</i>					X		X		X			X	In progress Preparations for the HIV conference on 9-10 July
2.1.2. Provide sponsorships for participation in international conferences on HIV in prisons issues	X												Completed - Participation of 2 Ukrainian officials in the health in prison conference in Ireland - completed.
2.1.3. Organise study tours to Moldova for a group of SPSU representatives								X					In progress The study tour is still under preparation
2.1.4. Focused research to feed advocacy (IBBS among inmates)					X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	In progress
2.1.5. Develop, publish and disseminate advocacy materials	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	In progress "Prison and Health" is available via UNODC's website and prepared for publishing in July, 2015
2.2.1. Facilitate TWG on HIV/AIDS and Prisons for coordination and enhancement of HIV policy in prisons		X			X			X				X	In progress One TWG was conducted on April 28
2.2.2. Provide technical assistance to improve legal & normative framework to scale-up HIV services in prison settings	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	In progress. National consultant to provide TA with legal and normative framework improvement.
2.2.3. Provide technical assistance to update currently used guidelines & protocols for service provision in prison settings	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	In progress. 3 national consultants recruited to review service provision policies and practices in prison facilities.
2.2.4. Provide technical assistance to improve M&E system for HIV programmes in prisons				X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	In progress. 2 managers of penitentiary medicine participated in Treatment Cascade Training – see part 3 for more information
2.2.5. Develop, publish and disseminate specific normative document including sectoral HIV programme for prisons		X	X	X	X	X	X	X					In progress 2 consultants are engaged to develop sectoral HIV programme for SPSU and regional

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).

Issues of sustainable funding for the HIV related interventions while switching from GF funds to state one are crucial and are among main concerns. PLEDGE in cooperation with UNAIDS upon the MoH request initiated development of scenarios of sustainable funding of VCT, ART, and OST after GFATM NFM funding finishes. PLEDGE consultant presented the draft to stakeholders for discussion during the meeting in April 2015, at CCM Programme committee meeting, and during the National Sustainability consultations. Considering the synchronism of a governance, budget, and health care reforms it is difficult to develop universal scenario at the moment and we are assuming that integration of HIV related services into daily narcology practice will be supported with a state funding on both national and local levels. The final decisions are not made yet and PLEDGE will advocate the scenarios with the MOH. (The drafts scenarios for the prevention programmes and OST are attached in the annexes).

PLEDGE contributed to the improvement of OST provision legislation. Closely cooperating with MoI Anti-Drug Department officers, UCDC officer, and Renaissance Foundation representative PLEDGE facilitated discussion and development of the MOH order #200 amendments. MoI insisted that police officer should be on OST site while testing of urine for illegal drugs use, checking of stock of methadone take-home doses, and permanent video surveillance on OST site but these novels were eliminated due to our advocacy from the draft. To assure OST continuance and basing on practical experience of OST provision PLEDGE proposed novel that three days take-home doses will be allowed for patients who are referred from one site to another. PLEDGE provided as well technical assistance to MoI officials to better understand the amendments proposed in order to impulse them to approve the Draft without delay. Now the draft is under active consideration of UCDC and MoI.

In previous reporting period PLEDGE initiated development of substantial background review on compliance of national regulations/clinical guidelines on opiate dependence treatment to inform the process of update of the National drug dependence treatment protocol with OST. Preliminary results were presented to the stakeholders, MoH, UCDC, USAID funded projects, WHO, UNAIDS, heads of local drug dependence treatment clinics from Poltava, Kiev, Kharkiv, Vinnitsa, and Cherkasy. The report was shared with the stakeholders and submitted to MoH for consideration and further actions. The report is being translated into English and prepared for printing.

Report conclusion: current national treatment guidelines on opiate dependence treatment are not in line with international ones and with national rules for medical guidelines.

Recommendation: advocate with MoH of Ukraine to set up technical working group to develop (i) adapted clinical guideline for opiate dependence treatment; (ii) unified clinical protocol; (iii) standard of service provision quality, and (iv) a patient's route.

Basing on the report in the middle of May 2015 PLEDGE developed and in coordination and close cooperation with State Expert Centre of the MoH of Ukraine submitted to the MoH a draft order on setting up TWG for development of clinical guidelines for opiate dependence treatment. Multiple reminders for the MoH staff were made but the draft is still under consideration by the legal department without any explanation of terms and recommendations.

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.

In the framework of PLEDGE BF "Blago" manages the development of local service provision and

treatment protocols for VCT, ART, TB, OST and STI in drug dependent treatment clinic, and is responsible for incorporation of these protocols as standard operation within drug dependence treatment (DDT). DDT clinic staffs were trained how to use the new local treatment protocols. Staff job descriptions and clinic's statute are under revision to assure provision of these services. All local treatment protocols are ready and submitted for approval by the Head of Narcology Clinic and submitted to local Health Care Department.

PLEDGE assisted to BF "Blago" and "Light of Hope" to extend the contracts for June and July to finalize local protocols on ART, OST, TB treatment and other services provision and make all the staff familiar with the SOPs.

In Poltava 44 narcologists and nurses of Poltava Oblast Narcological Dispensary were trained on "Medical care provision for TB screening, diagnosis, and treatment for patients with co-morbidity TB and drug dependence in narcology facility"; and 22 ones were trained on "VCT provision in narcology facility".

In Kharkiv 27 IDUs had been consulted on TB and 101 IDUs had been screened and consulted on TB by Kharkiv Oblast Narcology Dispensary staff and TB doctor who was invited in the framework of newly developed local TB protocol.

In Kiev the staff of Kiev City narcological clinic "Sociotherapia" was trained on: i) harm reduction programme provision (condoms, syringes, and information materials provision) according to the local protocols developed, 10 persons; ii) VCT provision, 8 persons.

Trainings on i) ART and PLWH care and support, and ii) TB diagnosis and treatment are scheduled for the next period.

HIV testing & counselling (by rapid tests) is launched on the base of three OST sites and two inpatient narcological departments of "Sociotherapia" since June 2015. NSP is provided partly (dissemination of condoms and information service only).

Output 3.3: Updated narcology training curricula in line with the best international practices.

Setting up of resource centre for DDT students, technical specifications and location was discussed with KMAPE rector and related staff. This centre will allow student to get the newest data on narcology issues, have access to online education, and properly managed knowledge quality control. The centre will be located in KMAPE premises to assure safety and security of equipment. Technical and equipment list coordinated with KMAPE specialist and submitted to local UNDP for upload to UNDP web site. All environment requirements are in accordance with UNDP Ukraine rules.

Main activities and achievements

Key activities/ milestones	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	Status of activity Comment on what was done in the reporting period (in "who, where, when, how" manner)
3.1.1. Conduct stakeholders meeting to promote reforms in narcology services		X		X					X				In progress Dr. Vlasenko report presentation in April 2015
3.1.2. (a) Provide technical support in drug dependence treatment system capacity, strategic, legal and regulatory framework analysis and improvement for the integration of HIV-related services – TA to develop concept and strategy for narcology reform	X	X	X	X	X	X							Suspended - since the PLEDGE project is more focused on development of sustainability and quality of OST, VCT, and ART
3.1.2. (b) Provide technical support in drug dependence treatment system capacity, strategic, legal and regulatory framework analysis and improvement for the integration of	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				In progress ToR developed and submitted to Mirzahid for consideration.

method in DDT in order to remove all barriers and preconditions towards scale up of OST. As for reporting time we receive unofficial confirmation that Minister Kvitashvili signed the order to form TWG to update DDT protocol; National HIV and DDT Officer Sergyi Rudyi is to be a member of mentioned above TWG and PLEDGE will provide technical assistant to the process of update and endorsement.

5. Staffing, management and coordination arrangements

Hired in February 2015 Advocacy and Communication Officer resigned in March 2015, and PLEDGE was ought to renew the selection process for this position. As for reporting time Mr. Rostislav Gavrilov has accepted job offer for the position of Advocacy and Communication Officer, SC, SB4 in UNODC in Ukraine. The preliminary starting day is August 1, 2015.