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**NATIONAL PROGRAM  
to ensure HIV prevention, care and treatment for  
HIV-infected and AIDS patients  
for 2004 — 2008**

**Background for Program development**

The spread of HIV can lead to the most catastrophic epidemic in the history of mankind, threatening its sustainable development. The situation in different countries shows that it results in reducing of life expectancy of population, growing demand for medical services, as well as in worsening of such problems as poverty, social inequality, and orphanage. Expenditures for combating the disease and overcoming its negative impact are steadily rising.

HIV/AIDS spread in Ukraine is influenced by factors pertinent to complex social and economic situation, particularly lack of economic stability; levels of poverty and unemployment; stratification of society by income level and, as a result, growing number of injecting drug users, spreading of prostitution, and lack of preventive activities.

According to the professional estimates, by 2011 almost 43 thousand persons will die of AIDS, and over 46 thousand children will be orphaned due to their parents' AIDS-related deaths. The potential of a crucially important population age group 15 - 24 will decrease dramatically. Burden on public health and social protection systems will increase.

Situation analysis carried out by present time, as well as analyses of the national response to HIV/AIDS, show that the HIV spread among injecting drug users in Ukraine has not been stopped. Access to treatment for patients in need of antiretroviral therapy has not been ensured. Information/education and prevention programs haven't exerted sufficient influence on the course of HIV/AIDS among the general population as well as among vulnerable groups. Also, more coordination is needed in the field of using international technical and financial assistance volumes of which increased considerably within the last 4 — 5 years. Ukraine's receipt of a World Bank loan, growing support from the international community and active NGO involvement in cooperation stipulated for necessity of developing the present Program, taking account of the Concept approved by this Resolution (hereinafter referred to as "The Concept"), international standards, and acquired experience of HIV prevention, provision of care and treatment to HIV-infected people and AIDS patients.

## **Program goal and main objectives**

The goal of the Program is to fulfill objectives stipulated by the Concept. Those envisage prevention of HIV spread, expanding access to treatment for people living with HIV/AIDS, and intensification of information/education work in the area of HIV/AIDS prevention. The Program defines main strategic lines for Government's action in the domain of HIV/AIDS for the upcoming five years. This, in turn, will promote targeted allocation of additional funds for priority activities aimed at combating HIV/AIDS spread in Ukraine.

The Program provides for activity undertaken at several levels concurrently — from forming safer behavioral patterns in the population to ensuring treatment, care and support for people living with HIV/AIDS.

Main objectives of the Program are as follows:

- ✓ strengthening HIV/AIDS response activity of governmental bodies, enterprises, institutions, and associations of citizens;
- ✓ contribute to changing behavior of different population groups encompassing high risk of HIV transmission, especially that of youth aged 15 — 24;
- ✓ reducing vulnerability to HIV and HIV prevalence rates among vulnerable groups;
- ✓ excluding the possibility of HIV transmission through donated blood and its components;
- ✓ reducing levels of mother-to-child transmission of HIV;
- ✓ ensuring access to diagnostics, treatment, care and support for people living with HIV/AIDS;
- ✓ ensuring carrying out of scientific research on features of the course and possible impact of HIV/AIDS, developing of domestic means of prevention, diagnostics, and treatment;
- ✓ ensuring control, coordination, planning, and effective use of resources necessary for Program implementation.

## **Implementation terms**

Implementation of the present Program as the first stage in the Concept implementation is expected to be carried out during the years 2004 to 2008.

### **Financial basis**

The Program will be funded in accordance with the law at the expense of the general and special funds of state and local budgets, as well as from other sources.

### **Expected results**

Implementation of the present Program will allow to: reduce the pace of HIV spread in the country within the next five years; ensure treatment, care and support for HIV-infected persons and AIDS patients; direct the effort of the entire society towards containing the AIDS spread, in particular:

- ✓ stabilize the epidemiological situation in the country by the end of 2008, reduce levels of AIDS morbidity and AIDS-related mortality;
- ✓ reduce levels of HIV risky behavior among youth, especially those aged 15 - 24 ;
- ✓ mitigate social tension resulting from HIV/AIDS and decrease its negative impact.

**Program implementation activities**

	Activity	Parties responsible for implementation	Implementa-tion term, years	Approximate volume of funding, thousand UAH					
				total volume	including that by years				
					2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
<b>Strengthening HIV/AIDS response of governmental bodies, enterprises, institutions, and associations of citizens</b>									
1.	Monitor the progress towards goals set by the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS approved by the 26 <sup>th</sup> Special Session of the UN General Assembly on HIV/AIDS in June 2001, and prepare a report	Ministry of Health, Ministry for Education and Science, Ministry of Labor, Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Economy, Ministry of Justice, Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Defence, Ministry for Internal Affairs, Ministry for Family, Children and Youth Affairs, Security Service of Ukraine, State Prison Department, State Committee for Television and Radio Broadcasting and State Committee on Nationalities and Migration, National Council for Television and Radio Broadcasting, Academy of Medical Science with the participation of international donors, civil society and charitable organizations	2005, 2007						
2.	Regularly analyze the Program implementation progress on the regular basis at meetings of the Governmental HIV/AIDS Commission	Ministry of Health	2004 — 2008						
3.	Establish control over compliance with HIV/AIDS regulations with the purpose	Ministry of Health, Ministry for Education and Science, Ministry for Family, Children and Youth	—"—						

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	of overcoming all forms of discrimination in the area of labor and labor relations, and also in order to create safer conditions of work	Affairs, Ministry of Labor, Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Defence, Ministry for Internal Affairs, Security Service of Ukraine, State Supervision for Labor Protection, State Prison Department, Ministry of Justice							
4.	Initiate parliamentary hearings "On current HIV/AIDS response situation in Ukraine" to be carried out at the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine	Ministry of Health	2007						
5.	Contribute to expansion of partnership between governmental, civil society and international organizations in the area of fighting HIV/AIDS.	Ministry of Health, Ministry for Education and Science, Ministry of Labor, Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Defence, Ministry for Internal Affairs, Ministry for Family, Children and Youth Affairs, Security Service of Ukraine, State Supervision for Labor Protection, State Committee for Television and Radio Broadcasting, State Committee for Religions, State Prison Department and State Border Guard Service Administration, National Council for Television and Radio Broadcasting, Council of Ministers of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea, oblast State Administrations, Kyiv and Sevastopol City State	2004 — 2008						

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		Administrations with the participation of international donors, civil society and charitable organizations							
Information/Education work									
6.	Ensure implementation of information/education programs and interactive forms of work intended for acquiring knowledge and forming life skills instrumental for reducing vulnerability to HIV at schools and out-of-school settings, enterprises, and institutions	Ministry for Education and Science, Ministry for Family, Children and Youth Affairs, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Labor, Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Defence, Ministry for Internal Affairs, Security Service of Ukraine, State Prison Department, State Committee for Television and Radio Broadcasting, State Committee for Religions and State Border Guard Service Administration, National Council for Television and Radio Broadcasting, Council of Ministers of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea, oblast State Administrations, Kyiv and Sevastopol City State Administrations with the assistance of Ukrainian Red Cross Society, international donors, civil society and charitable organizations	2004 — 2008	total — 33213,7  including	6220,9	8996,2	8516,9	8516,9	962,8
				state budget — 4814	962,8	962,8	962,8	962,8	962,8
				World Bank loan — 28399,7	5258,1	8033,4	7554,1	7554,1	
7.	Ensure access for various population groups (first of all, of non-working/non-studying youth, parents, and	Ministry for Family, Children and Youth Affairs, Ministry for Education and Science, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Labor, Ministry	— " —	total — 8230,4 (World Bank loan)	1658,2	2207,5	2207,5	2157,2	

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	military servants) to information/education activities aimed at reducing the spread of HIV risky behaviors and healthy lifestyles promotion	for Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Defence, Ministry for Internal Affairs, Security Service of Ukraine, State Prison Department, State Committee for Television and Radio Broadcasting, State Committee for Religions and State Border Guard Service Administration, Council of Ministers of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea, oblast State Administrations, Kyiv and Sevastopol City State Administrations with the assistance of Ukrainian Red Cross Society							
8.	Ensure training, professional advancement and re-training of educators, medical personnel and social workers in the area of healthy lifestyles promotion and HIV/AIDS prevention among high school youth and college/university students, cadets, military servants, non-working/non-studying youth	Ministry for Education and Science, Ministry for Family, Children and Youth Affairs, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Labor, Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Defence, Ministry for Internal Affairs, Security Service of Ukraine, State Prison Department, State Committee for Religions and State Border Guard Service Administration, Council of Ministers of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea, oblast State Administrations, Kyiv and Sevastopol City State Administrations with participation of Ukrainian Red Cross Society	—" —	total — 1908,5  including	381,7	381,7	381,7	381,7	381,7
				state budget — 1528,5	305,7	305,7	305,7	305,7	305,7
				local budget — 380	76	76	76	76	76
9.	Expand access for various	Ministry of Health, Ministry for	2004 —						

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	population groups to HIV voluntary counseling and testing services	Education and Science, Ministry for Family, Children and Youth Affairs, Ministry of Labor, Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Defence, Ministry for Internal Affairs, Security Service of Ukraine, State Probation Department, State Committee for Television and Radio Broadcasting, State Committee for Religions, and State Committee on Nationalities and Migration and State Border Guard Service Administration, National Council for Television and Radio Broadcasting, Council of Ministers of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea, oblast State Administrations, Kyiv and Sevastopol City State Administrations with participation of Ukrainian Red Cross Society, international donors, civil society and charitable organizations	2008						
10.	Ensure development and implementation of information/education programs on HIV/AIDS prevention and conduction of counseling at the work places	Ministry of Labor and State Supervision for Labor Protection with participation of international donors, civil society and charitable organizations	— " —						
Prevention interventions among vulnerable groups representatives									

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					2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
11.	Ensure access for vulnerable groups representatives to the targeted activities and HIV/AIDS/STI prevention programs	Ministry for Family, Children and Youth Affairs, Ministry for Education and Science, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Labor, Ministry of Defence, Ministry for Internal Affairs, Security Service of Ukraine, State Probation Department, State Committee for Television and Radio Broadcasting, State Committee for Religions, and State Committee on Nationalities and Migration and State Border Guard Service Administration, Council of Ministers of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea, oblast State Administrations, Kyiv and Sevastopol City State Administrations with participation of Ukrainian Red Cross Society, All-Ukrainian Harm Reduction Association, international donors, civil society and charitable organizations	—" —	total — 76893,7 (World Bank loan)	9798,5	22720, 8	21351, 2	23023, 2	
12.	Introduce the substitution therapy with the purpose of reducing the risk of contracting HIV for injecting drug users	Ministry of Health with participation of All-Ukrainian Harm Reduction Association, international donors, civil society and charitable organizations	—" —						
13.	Expand the practice of using different approaches ("outreach" and "peer-to-peer") when carrying out HIV/AIDS prevention	Ministry for Family, Children and Youth Affairs, Ministry for Education and Science, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Defence, Ministry for Internal Affairs,	2004 — 2008						

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	activities among vulnerable groups	Security Service of Ukraine, State Prison Department, State Committee for Television and Radio Broadcasting, State Committee for Religions and State Border Guard Service Administration, Council of Ministers of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea, oblast State Administrations, Kyiv and Sevastopol City State Administrations with participation of Ukrainian Red Cross Society, international donors, civil society and charitable organizations						
14.	Create favorable conditions for providing psychological, social, legal, medical and counseling services to reduce vulnerability to HIV and barring discrimination of HIV-infected people, including that in labor area	Ministry for Family, Children and Youth Affairs, Ministry for Education and Science, Ministry of Labor, Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Health, State Committee for Television and Radio Broadcasting and State Committee for Religions, National Council for Television and Radio Broadcasting, Council of Ministers of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea, oblast State Administrations, Kyiv and Sevastopol City State Administrations with participation of Ukrainian Red Cross Society, All-Ukrainian Harm Reduction Association, international donors, civil society and charitable organizations	—"					

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15.	Develop a syndromic STI case management system in vulnerable groups, and ensure its implementation	Academy of Medical Science, Ministry of Health, State Prison Department, Council of Ministers of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea, oblast State Administrations, Kyiv and Sevastopol City State Administrations	2005 — 2007						
Blood donation safety									
16.	Carry out centralized procurement with test kits for testing donated blood and its components for HIV at fullest extent	Ministry of Health, Council of Ministers of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea, oblast State Administrations, Kyiv and Sevastopol City State Administrations	2004 — 2008	total — 21386	3700	4421,5	4421,5	4421,5	4421,5
				including					
				state budget — 18500	3700	3700	3700	3700	3700
				local budget — 2886		721,5	721,5	721,5	721,5
17.	Ensure improvement of safety technologies for handling donated blood and its components	Ministry of Health	2004— 2008	total — 47013,4	8571	10483,6	9656,9	9656,9	8645
				including					
				local budget — 38902,5	4322,5	8645	8645	8645	8645
				World Bank loan — 8110,9	4248,5	1838,6	1011,9	1011,9	
Prevention of mother-to-child transmission									

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				total volume	including that by years				
					2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
18.	Ensure unhampered access for pregnant women to HIV voluntary counseling and testing services	Ministry of Health, Council of Ministers of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea, oblast State Administrations, Kyiv and Sevastopol City State Administrations	—"—	total — 16345,4 (state budget)	3225,4	3280	3280	3280	3280
19.	Ensure implementation of activities aimed at preventing mother-to-child transmission of HIV	Ministry of Health, State Probation Department, Council of Ministers of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea, oblast State Administrations, Kyiv and Sevastopol City State Administrations	—"—	total — 20422,4 including	2214	3098,6	3313	3252,8	8544
				state budget — 4348,8	9,6	9,6	9,6	9,6	4310,4
				local budget — 12977	1386,9	1809	2412	3135,6	4233,5
				World Bank loan — 3046,1	804,9	1267,4	878,8	95	
				other sources — 50,5	12,6	12,6	12,6	12,6	0,1
20.	Ensure introduction of up-to-date methods of HIV diagnostic in children born to HIV-positive mothers	Ministry of Health, Council of Ministers of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea, oblast State Administrations, Kyiv and Sevastopol City State Administrations	—"—	total — 416,2 (local budget)					416,2
Diagnostic, treatment, care and support for people living with HIV/AIDS									
21.	Ensure voluntary payment-free testing of various population groups for HIV	Council of Ministers of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea, oblast State Administrations, Kyiv	2004 — 2008	total — 44292,7 including	5403,9	8222,2	10222,2	10222,2	10222,2

	Activity	Parties responsible for implementation and Sevastopol City State Administrations, State Probation Department, Ministry of Health	Implementation term, years	Approximate volume of funding, thousand UAH						
				total volume	including that by years					
					2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	
				state budget —						
				23792,7	1303,9	4122,2	6122,2	6122,2	6122,2	6122,2
				local budget —						
				20500	4100	4100	4100	4100	4100	4100
22.	Ensure access for HIV-positive adults (pregnant women in particular), adolescents, and children to treatment and prevention of opportunistic infections as well as to antiretroviral therapy	Ministry of Health, Academy of Medical Science, State Probation Department, Council of Ministers of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea, oblast State Administrations, Kyiv and Sevastopol City State Administrations	—"—	total — 174467,5 including	6980,4	24110,2	24156,7	24203,1	95017,1	
				state budget — 159780,6	5379,6	21903,9	21916,8	21929,7	88650,6	
				local budget —9066,5	675	675	675	675	6366,5	
				World Bank loan — 5620,4	925,8	1531,3	1564,9	1598,4		
23.	Ensure undertaking of activities aimed at tackling the problem of HIV/AIDS and tuberculosis co-infection	Ministry of Health, Academy of Medical Science, State Probation Department	—"—							
24.	Establish control over quality of treatment of people with HIV/AIDS	Ministry of Health, Academy of Medical Science, Council of Ministers of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea, oblast State	—"—	total — 93,2 (state budget)					93,2	

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					2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
		Administrations, Kyiv and Sevastopol City State Administrations							
25.	Take measures to strengthen technical capacity of AIDS Prevention centers and HIV diagnostic laboratories	Ministry of Health, Council of Ministers of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea, oblast State Administrations, Kyiv and Sevastopol City State Administrations	2004 — 2008	total — 5671,9 (World Bank loan)	2582,2	1170,1	925,7	993,9	
26.	Ensure (taking into account WHO recommendations) improving regulations covering issues of medical care to people living with HIV/AIDS	Ministry of Health	—"—						
27.	Set up an HIV/AIDS reference diagnostic laboratory, and ensure its effective functioning	—"—	2006 — 2008	total — 1626,5 (state budget)					1626,5
28.	Provide means of HIV prevention to health care providers who ensure care to HIV-positive people and are exposed to infected blood and its components	Ministry of Health, Academy of Medical Science, State Probation Department, Ministry for Internal Affairs, Ministry of Defence, Council of Ministers of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea, oblast State Administrations, Kyiv and Sevastopol City State Administrations	2004 — 2008	total — 3030 (local budget)	519	519	519	519	954

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					2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
29.	Ensure provision of high quality palliative and psychosocial care to HIV-positive people and those with AIDS	Ministry of Health, Council of Ministers of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea, oblast State Administrations, Kyiv and Sevastopol City State Administrations with participation of Ukrainian Red Cross Society, international donors, civil society and charitable organizations	—"—	total — 2485 (World Bank loan)	334,9	718,2	842,5	589,4	
Scientific researches									
30.	Ensure carrying out scientific research in the area of pathogenesis, diagnostic and treatment of HIV/AIDS and AIDS-related diseases	Ministry of Health, National Academy of Science, Academy of Medical Science	2004 — 2008	total — 11550 (state budget)	1950	2400	2400	2400	2400
31.	Ensure carrying out scientific research in the area of HIV prevention and evaluation of socio-economic impact of HIV/AIDS spread in Ukraine	Ministry of Health, Ministry for Family, Children and Youth Affairs, National Academy of Science, Academy of Medical Science, Ministry for Education and Science	—"—						
Monitoring and Evaluation of Program implementation									
32.	Ensure improving of HIV/AIDS cases accounting and reporting system in	Ministry of Health, State Committee of Statistics	2004 — 2005						

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				total volume	including that by years				
					2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
	accordance with international standards								
33.	Monitor of HIV risky behavior of various population groups	Ministry for Family, Children and Youth Affairs and Ministry of Health with participation of international donors, civil society and charitable organizations	2004 — 2007	total — 1298,2 (World Bank loan)	167	280	571,2	280	
34.	Ensure continuous monitoring of the Program implementation	Ministry of Health, Ministry for Education and Science, Ministry of Labor, Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Economy, Ministry of Defence, Ministry for Internal Affairs, Ministry for Family, Children and Youth Affairs, Security Service of Ukraine, State Prison Department, State Committee for Television and Radio Broadcasting and Academy of Medical Science, Ukrainian Fund to Fight HIV/AIDS	2004 — 2008	total — 6726,1 (World Bank loan)	1366,9	1164,8	3262	932,4	
35.	Set up an information system to monitor the Program implementation	Ministry of Health, Ministry for Family, Children and Youth Affairs, Ministry for Education and Science and National Academy of Science with participation of international donors, civil society and charitable organizations	2004 — 2008						
36.	Ensure overseeing of the HIV/AIDS epidemiological situation using up-to-date surveillance approaches	Ministry of Health, Ministry for Family, Children and Youth Affairs	— " —						

