

# KYRGYZSTAN 2022

Summary of the Joint Programme's support to the national HIV response in 2022



With the Joint Team's support, Kyrgyzstan continued to improve HIV prevention and sexual and reproductive health services, and expand harm reduction and opioid agonist therapy (OAT) services among key populations using a gender lens, particularly for people who use drugs. For instance, 444 people who use new psychoactive substances accessed HIV prevention and harm reduction information, HIV testing and self-testing services and commodities, including syringes, condoms and lubricants through in-person and virtual HIV prevention initiatives. A total of 32 former women prisoners living with HIV and women who use drugs also received pre- and post-release psychosocial and legal support and medical consultations (UNODC). Integration of HIV and sexual and reproductive health services among people living with HIV and key populations at primary healthcare level was formalized, and amendments have been made to the draft law on health protection that will guarantee access to free health care services, including OAT for all citizens in line with the State Guarantee Programme (UNDP).

In the area of awareness creation, 489 people living with HIV and representatives of key populations across the country improved their literacy of HIV and sexually transmitted infections (STI) prevention and treatment adherence, including consistent and correct condom use, sexual and reproductive health and family planning, and received friendly services through mobile outreach initiatives, community meetings and workshops. The first ever sub-regional festival of digital sexuality education TARTYNBA FEST amplified the voices of young people and key populations, with a focus on gender equality, stigma, discrimination and gender-based violence prevention and support for young people from the LGBTI community (UNFPA, UNESCO, UNAIDS Secretariat). Besides, short videos on HIV and sexual reproductive health disseminated through the Lubi\_kg Instagram and TikTok pages

increased awareness of HIV and STI prevention and treatment services recording 92 000 followers, three million views and over 700 000 likes and comments (UNFPA). TEENS.KG, a youth-led and youth-serving media also disseminated HIV, STI and gender-based violence prevention messages and available services to 1.5 million young people, including young people from key populations empowering them to defend their rights and eliminate violence against women, girls and people from the LGBTI community (UNESCO).

Continuous online capacity building of healthcare providers implemented in collaboration with the Kyrgyz State Medical Institute is further improving access and delivery of quality and non-discriminatory HIV and sexual and reproductive health services among people living with HIV and key populations (UNFPA, UNAIDS Secretariat). As part of a social stigma reduction project, about 400 young people from different ethnicities, abilities, religions, and sexual orientations were sensitized on HIV and stigma prevention and response through inclusive and multilingual trainings resulting in positive behavioural changes (UN Women).

A new national procurement law will enable procurement of antiretroviral medicines from the United Nations agencies to support the Government's efforts in scaling up access to HIV treatment (UNICEF, UNDP, UNFPA, UNAIDS Secretariat). As part of a national digitalization project of health initiatives, the Government also introduced an electronic patient records and database indicators for outpatient services that includes HIV related fields for the monitoring of prevention of mother-to-child transmission of HIV (PMTCT) services with significant support from the Joint Team. Furthermore, 715 health workers from 46 Family Medicine Centres across the country completed the training on the updated PMTCT clinical guidelines (UNICEF).

## KEY RESULTS

- Expanded sexual and reproductive health and HIV services, including HIV prevention, PMTCT, OAT and harm reduction to young people and key populations.
- National AIDS Spending Assessment and Optima study informed decision making on the allocative efficiency of funds for the HIV response.
- The first ever sub-regional festival of digital sexuality education TARTYNBA FEST amplified the voices of young people on HIV, sexuality education, health promotion, gender equality, stigma, discrimination and gender-based violence prevention.
- First ever IBBS in transgender population was conducted and revealed rising HIV infections in this group.

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