

UZBEKISTAN 2022

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



Thanks to substantial technical and financial support, Uzbekistan now has concrete evidence to further mobilize sustainable domestic resources for the national HIV response; and sensitise communities, including young people on prevention of HIV, stigma, and discrimination. Intensive advocacy by the Joint Team resulted in increased government expenditure for the HIV response—an estimated 70% of the antiretroviral treatment were procured through state funding in 2022. A low price for antiretroviral medicines (US\$ 70 for first line and US\$ 372 for second line treatment per person a year) was also successfully negotiated, a major step forward for more equitable and sustainable access to HIV treatment (UNDP). A gender assessment of the national HIV response informed the development of the new National AIDS Strategy (2023-2027) and will inform future Global Fund funding requests and other programming and decision-making processes for a more gender-responsive HIV response.

In commemoration of the 2022 World AIDS Day, various communication initiatives, including development of information

materials, were led by civil society organizations and networks of young people living with HIV for public engagement on HIV (UNICEF, UNODC, UNAIDS Secretariat). For instance, young people living with HIV organized peer sessions on HIV prevention reaching more than 250 university students in Karakalpakstan, and Andijan, Fergana and Namangan regions (UNFPA, UNAIDS Secretariat). A rapid assessment on HIV knowledge among young people revealed that 72% of the 12 725 respondents had never been tested for HIV (UNAIDS Secretariat).

New short videos on stigma and discrimination, HIV prevention and treatment featuring young people living with HIV were broadcasted on the Subyektiv media platform (UNAIDS Secretariat). Additionally, training modules on HIV prevention, testing, and treatment among key populations are now available on an online learning platform, further building capacity of medical professionals from national and regional academic institutions to deliver stigma-free services (UNFPA).

KEY RESULTS

- New National AIDS Strategy developed to guide the HIV response in 2023-2027
- Sustained political commitment and successful mobilization of domestic resources for effective HIV response, in particular lower price negotiated for antiretroviral treatment and 70% procured through state funding
- Trained health professionals to deliver HIV services free from stigma and discrimination
- New evidence on HIV knowledge and risks among young people to improve HIV programming
- Finalized OPTIMA study to optimize the HIV resources allocations and maximize health outcomes

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2022 Joint Programme Expenditure

Total US\$ 539 327

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