

European HIV Testing Week

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Introduction

Young people constitute one of the main risk groups in the AIDS pandemic. As of April 1, 2014 the number of HIV – infected people in Tajikistan made up 5843 people. A significant number of HIV – positives are young people aged 15 to 29 years (the proportion of more than 25%)/ Youth are in high risks of infections diseases because of unsafe sexual contacts, drug use, through non – sterile equipment (syringe and needles) and low level of awareness.

Objectives

Purpose of conducting information booth and outreach is increasing awareness of population about illness and propaganda of healthy lifestyle by carrying out informational explanatory action among population, providing informational education materials, referrals to VCT and providing medical specialist consultation.

Methods

In November 22-29, 2013 in the framework of the “European HIV Testing Week” a plan of joint preventive measures aimed at awareness – raising activities among the youth of the Tajikistan was developed by the partner organizations of Republic. During this campaign, mobile teams consisting of employees of the AIDS Center, NGO’s and volunteers conducted individual interviews and quizzes with young people on healthy lifestyle, handed out information leaflets, organized mobile information kiosks and HIV testing points opened for public in the main places of cities and regions. People has a chance to go through voluntary consulting and testing (VCT) and take informational materials on HIV, TB and Hepatitis prevention and treatment, learn about the work of public organizations that provide support to key populations.



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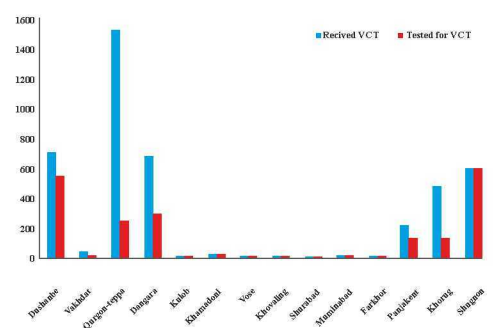
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Results

In the framework of AIDS campaign service organizations providing medical and social assistance to vulnerable groups of population, informed the participants about their activities, about 8416 people received essential HIV related information and 3285 people are reached by voluntary counseling and HIV testing. 8 new HIV cases detected as a result of testing. European HIV testing Week were conducted in 14 regions of Tajikistan.

Conclusions

The strategy of interaction of government and public sectors plays an important role in preventing the spread of HIV. Efforts to raise awareness about HIV must be conducted comprehensively, focused and regularly. With the help of such campaigns among young people the skills and knowledge is spread that contribute to change their behavior and failure of risky practices. While implementing policies on raising awareness policies about HIV the other sections of the population must be covered. Public education should not be limited only to raising awareness it should also foster a tolerant attitude towards people living with HIV, as full citizens of the Republic.



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