Collaboration of HIV and primary care services in rural Ukraine

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Overview

Medical professionals – Ukraine

• Doctors
• Feldshers (similar to “advanced practice nurses”)
• Nurses (assistant of a doctor)
Overview

- Population 68,000 people
- 45% live in small villages
- 429 HIV+ active patients
- 90% on ART
- Major routes of transmission:
  - 64% - Unprotected sex
  - 36% IV drug use
Challenges

• Big distances
• Bad roads
• No public transport
• HIV care can not be further decentralized
• Relatively high number of IDUs
• Poor socioeconomic conditions
Establishing a collaborative network between HIV clinic and primary healthcare providers

- Series of educational trainings (testing, counselling)
- 25 points for HIV testing (GPs, feldshers, TB, STI clinics)
- Active collaboration on returning of clients who missed their appointments into HIV care
Current Results

TESTING

Number of Tests

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Seropositivity Rate

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HIV care

% of clients returned into care within 1 month after missed appointment

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VL suppression, %

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