



## European Red Cross/Red Crescent Network on HIV, AIDS, TB and Hepatitis C



### ERNA Meetings

There are 40 National Societies in the ERNA Network, and network conducts two or three meetings each year. General and planning meetings are focused on all members of the network. This provides input from different sides of view. Also there are Board Meetings where Board members sit together to solve technical issues of the network.

#### Strategic Planning meeting in Riga, Latvia



In Riga, Latvia on 8th June 2016 ERNA Strategic Planning Meeting has been held. Important issues were discussed on this meeting regarding the further work in the field of HIV, AIDS, TB and Hepatitis C. Plans were determined for future.

**21** National Society  
attended

#### Board Meeting in Budapest, Hungary



ERNA Board Meeting has been held on 8-9th November 2016. Agenda of the board meeting was efficiency of the network and ability to provide expertise for member National Societies to help fight HIV, AIDS, TB and Hepatitis C.

Read more on [http://  
erna.redcrossredcrescent.com/en/erna-board-  
meetings/](http://erna.redcrossredcrescent.com/en/erna-board-meetings/)

# World Tuberculosis Day - March 24



**Red Cross of Serbia** was implementing the project “To reduce the burden of tuberculosis in the Republic of Serbia through scaling up MDR-TB interventions, strengthening the DOTS implementation, TB/HIV collaborative activities and strengthening TB control in vulnerable populations” funded by Global Fund to fight HIV, TB and malaria from 2005-2015.

Health Program in **Red Cross of Kosova** has permanent project which is Family Health Project. Part of this project is awareness of the population for the TB.

In the International TB Day, Red Cross of Kosova with the National Institute of Public Health Kosovo has marked this day with different activity with youth.



**Red Crescent Society of Kyrgyzstan** has done several activities in the framework of raising awareness about TB. Activities has been held in 7 provinces of Kyrgyzstan.

Information campaigns were held in public places, schools and universities. Also round table was organized for communities of migrants, community leaders, local authorities and people affected by TB.

Read more on <http://erna.redcrossredcrescent.com/en/24th-of-march-2016/>

## International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking - June 26

The 26th of June is the International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking, established by the UN General Assembly in 1987. 2016 is a significant year for drug policy – with the UN General Assembly Special Session (UNGASS) on drugs in April and the UN High Level Meeting on HIV/AIDS in early June. As Red Cross and Red Crescent we have a unique opportunity to call for policies that safeguard equitable access to health care. Read about importance of testing, harm reduction and strategy called “Meet, Test and Treat” on <http://erna.redcrossredcrescent.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/12/MeetTestTreat.pdf>

# World Hepatitis Day - July 28

**The Italian Red Cross and Villa Maraini** in cooperation with Tor Vergata University ( Infectious Diseases Unit), promoted advocacy actions and encouraged quick Hepatitis C and HIV test in public squares and among low-threshold areas with particular attention for people who are most at risk.

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**400**  
HCV and HIV  
tests were done



**Azerbaijan Red Crescent Society** has marked World Hepatitis Day by conducting awareness campaigns.

The awareness raising events on hepatitis conducted for community members including promotion of healthy life style promote to an increase of awareness of population on diseases. And this in its turn encourages people to see timely physicians in order to receive a medical assistance.

Read more on <http://erna.redcrossredcrescent.com/en/world-hepatitis-day-in-baku-2016/>

**Georgia Red Cross Society** together with other members of the Georgian Harm Reduction Network (GHRN) participated in the events dedicated to the World Hepatitis Day, organized jointly by the Network and Georgian Community Advisory Board (GeCAB) on July 28, 2016. Presently there are 200 000 people living with Hepatitis C in Georgia and dissemination of this disease has been mainly associated with injecting drug usage.

Read more on <http://erna.redcrossredcrescent.com/en/world-hepatitis-day-2016-in-georgia/>



# World AIDS Day - December 1

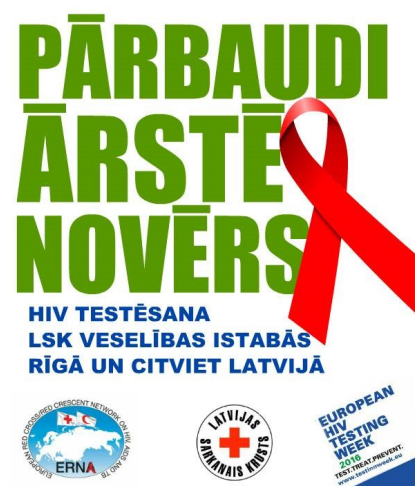
All National Societies of Red Cross and Red Crescent has marked World AIDS Day supporting new strategy of UNADIS called "HIV Prevention".

Information campaigns, round tables, outreach work and HIV tests were held under the auspices of World AIDS Day by **Italian Red Cross, Hungarian Red Cross, Latvian Red Cross, Lithuanian Red Cross, Georgian Red Cross, Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan and Red Crescent Society of Kyrgyzstan.**

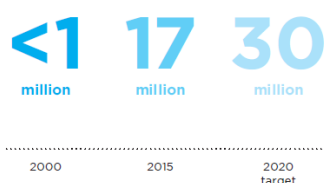
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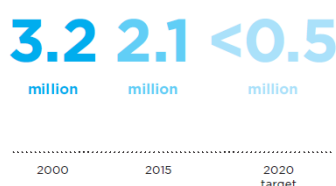
HIV, AIDS, TB and Hepatitis C are the main problems of the world. Find statistics from UNAIDS below. Hands up for #HIVprevention !



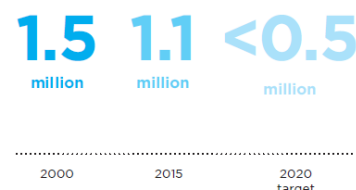
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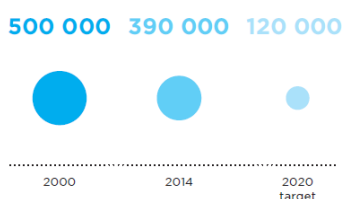
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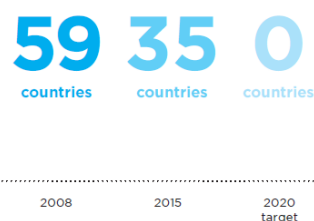
AIDS-related deaths



Tuberculosis-related AIDS deaths



HIV-related travel restrictions



Countries that criminalize same-sex sexual relationships



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