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HIV, TB – IFRC Europe update in COVID context

IFRC addressed to better access to health services to people with TB, HIV, drug users and migrants in the WHO Conference on Universal Health Coverage and Sustainable Development Goals. (St.Petersburg, November 2021)

IFRC Europe Regional team Birgitte Bischoff Ebbesen, IFRC Director for Europe, Davron Mukhamadiev, Head of Health and Care Unit, and Alexander Mordovin, Senior Health and care officer in IFRC Moscow. participated in the WHO Conference on Universal Health Coverage, hosted by the Inter-parliamentary Assembly of CIS in Saint Petersburg.

Birgitte Bischoff Ebbesen, IFRC Director for Europe addressed to parliamentarians to contribute to equal access to health services and vaccination, ensure appropriate health service for displaced people, role of Red Cross Red Crescent on it. Davron Mukhamadiev participated in the expert discussions and underlined importance of access to health services for the most vulnerable: people with HIV, TB, migrants communities, people in detention as well as our advocacy actions to overcome these challenges.



Photo 1. Birgitte Bischoff Ebbesen, IFRC Director for Europe addressed to CIS parliamentarians.



Photo 2. Davron Mukhamadiev participate in the expert discussions and underlined importance of access to health services for the most vulnerable.



Photo 3. IFRC Europe Regionalteam participated in the WHO Conference on UniversalHealth Coverage.



Photo 4. IFRC Team in the session of the commission of CIS parliamentarians to endorse the Model Law.



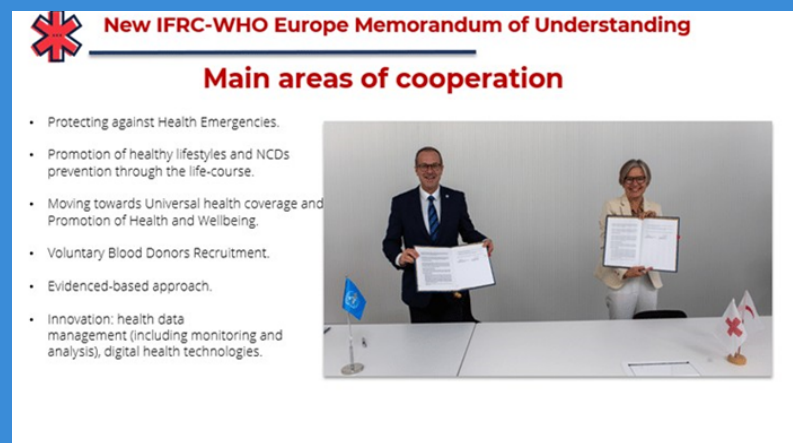
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Thanks a lot to **Dr. Massimo Barra** for his inspiration, high dedication and leadership in this complex and vitally important support to drug users, people with HIV and other vulnerable people. Special thanks to all colleagues for their valuable efforts and support.



New Memorandum of Understanding signed between IFRC Europe and WHO Europe

A new MoU was signed between IFRC and WHO Europe on 7 September 2021. The MoU is covering the following areas of cooperation: Health Emergencies, Promotion of healthy lifestyles and NCDs prevention, Universal health coverage and Promotion of Health and Wellbeing, Voluntary Blood Donors Recruitment, evidenced-based approach, health data management and innovations. Both organizations reaffirmed their cooperation. High level meeting of both directors and series of thematic meetings was conducted.



World Aids Day 2021- End inequalities. End AIDS. End pandemics.

Every year, on 1 December, the world commemorates World AIDS Day.

This World AIDS Day is highlighting the urgent need to end the inequalities that drive AIDS and other pandemics around the world. IFRC Europe Health and Care Team supported few NS to implement advocacy events, devoted to the World AIDS Day 2021. Armenia RC, Kyrgyzstan Red Crescent, Russian and Tajikistan RC implemented different activities for raising awareness and increasing knowledge of HIV and the current COVID-19 pandemic, anti-stigma and anti-discrimination, highlighting of information on HIV and issues related the negative impact of COVID-19, to create positive attitude and friendly environment.

[1]UNAIDS World Aids Day

<https://www.unaids.org/en/2021-world-aids-day>

National Societies activities on HIV, AIDS, TB, Hepatitis and drug abuse

National Society - Armenia *World AIDS Day*

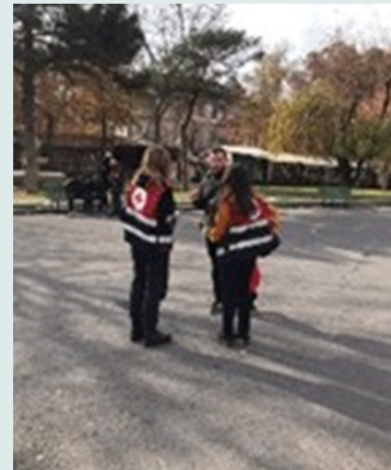


In the frame of the awareness raising campaign 4 types of activities were implemented:



1. Awareness raising campaign took place on the 1st of December 2021. The volunteers distributed more than 6000 flyers and red ribbons (made by volunteers) in the most crowded streets. The ARCS cooperated with the CCM Armenia, which was providing free HIV tests on one of the main squares of Yerevan. The volunteers were also informing people about it.

2. 30 volunteers were trained on the subject of HIV and interviewed HIV patients and discussed the stigma and discrimination the patients face. Afterwards the volunteers made posts on their Instagram pages on discrimination HIV patients face.



3. Three information sessions were conducted for refugees and asylum seekers by the ARCS expert with participation of 50 people.



4. Five information sessions were conducted for labour migrants in Gegharkunik and Shirak regions. 99 young people took part. Red ribbons and flyers were also provided during the information sessions.



National Society - Tajikistan

World AIDS Day



Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan has determined the direction in celebrating this date as providing support for the most vulnerable group- HIV positive children. Currently, only in the city of Dushanbe, more than 300 children with a diagnosis of "HIV infection" are registered.

The Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan, with the financial support of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, the USAID ETICA project and with the technical support of the partner organization TNWLHIV + «Tajikistan Network of Women Living with HIV», held a number of events dedicated to World AIDS Day under the slogan "End inequality, End AIDS". The start of the event was a campaign for children living with HIV in Dushanbe. 28 children who are registered on the city AIDS center in Dushanbe were invited to this action. In order to prevent the dissemination of information on the status of children, the children of employees of the HQ and the capital city branch of the RCST in Dushanbe, a total number of 12 children, were invited.

The invited animators of the Wallet Event Tajikistan campaign held an entertaining New Year's show for children, with a number of competitions and festive performances. At the end of the action, each child was given a New Year's gift.



One of the next events was an exhibition of drawings by a representative of the target group. This action is held for the third time and is aimed at supporting and developing the talent of the painter. Representatives of International and public HIV service organizations, Embassies and government agencies were invited to this exhibition.

As a result of the exhibition, 8 out of 13 presented paintings were purchased by the representatives of the Embassies of the Republic of Belarus, the Republic of Turkey and representatives of ABT Associated for a total of 400 US dollars.



National Society - Spain

World TB Day

The World Health Assembly in 2014 approved the “End TB” strategy, which contemplates as global goals for 2035 the reduction of 95% of mortality, 90% of incidence and that there is no household that experience “catastrophic” costs from having contracted the disease.

The current context places us before a concerted scenario of international commitment to put an end to the TB epidemic, so the update of the Plan for the prevention and control of TB in Spain is timely. This Plan is unequivocally directed at the prevention and control of the transmission of pulmonary TB, as well as the detection and control of resistant forms, incorporating elements of territorial and intersectoral coordination with an explicit vocation of **“leaving no one behind”**.

Because of that, Spanish Red Cross focuses on prevent and control the TB transmission from our Health Programme, from the Information and Prevent Service about IHV, Sexually Transmitted Infections and TB and different campaigns.

We attached the social media planification which was followed by the Information and Prevent Service about IHV, Sexually Transmitted Infections and TB because of last TB Day. To support this campaign, we have created a specific space in our website dedicated to tuberculosis, where you can find short training videos about: what is tuberculosis, its symptoms, types of tests, prevention, treatment, tuberculosis and HIV, and tuberculosis and COVID-19...



Italian Red Cross – Villa Maraini Foundation

The Villa Maraini Foundation is the National Agency for Addictions (alcohol, drug and gambling) of the Italian Red Cross. Founded by Prof.

Massimo Barra in 1976, it consists of a set of services based on different threshold levels: low, medium and high, in order to differentiate the therapy according to the user's motivation.

The Foundation is open 24 hours a day 365 days per year, and provides treatment and rehabilitation of drug addiction, alcohol abuse and gambling basing its work on the 7 Fundamental Principles of the Red Cross, first of all the principle of Humanity.



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Training and Research Activities 2021

Villa Maraini Foundation has started a research with the University of Rome "LaSapienza" on the link between Covid-19 and drug addiction, starting from the observation that, apparently, the number of positive cases of COVID-19 among Villa Maraini's clients was lower in comparison to the general population of Italy.

The study consist in the collection and analysis of blood samplings of 200 clients, involving not only patients under treatment, but also active drug users who come to the Street Unit that provides needle exchange programme. Therefore, it will be a very varied and unique sample of people who use drugs.

As for 31th December 2021, a number of 150 blood samplings was already taken.



Training course on substance abuse treatment, harm reduction and humanitarian drug policy:

The training was held in Villa Maraini on 29

November - 3 December. It was attended by 11 representatives of RCRC NSs from Europe and Central Asia, and 7 representatives of other NGOs/networks working on harm reduction.



Advocacy and International Activities:

IFRC "Health and care Conference" (1st March): during the session "Empowering communities for better health: perspectives from the field", a social worker of Villa Maraini participated as speaker, to talk about her own experience as former drug user now working with PWUDs, and to stress the importance of reaching hard-to-reach groups and empower them through engagement.



World Drug Day :26 June: on the occasion of the UN World Drug Day, Villa Maraini organized the online debate "Humanitarian drug policy across 5 continents", to present the social campaign "Rome Consensus 2.0 & Support don't punish" attended by over 200 activists from all around the world.



International training of Pompidou Group – Council of Europe (20-21 October): the training was attended by law enforcement officers from different European countries. Massimo Barra and Mauro Patti made a presentation about the possible collaboration between law enforcement agencies and drug abuse treatment services



5th European Harm Reduction

Conference (10-12 November): a delegation of Villa Maraini attended the conference with the aim to promote the Rome Consensus 2.0 and the humanitarian drug policy approaches.



World AIDS Day :

On 1st December,

carrying out rapid tests to Villa Maraini clients and delegates of the Red Cross and Red Crescent, involved in a training course organized by Villa Maraini, also with a photographic campaign spread on the web



In occasion of the 64th CND held online on 12-16 April, was organized the side event “Moving past the divisions in order to develop humanitarian drug policies: the role of the Rome Consensus 2.0 initiative”. The side event was co-sponsored by UNODC and the Permanent Representative of Italy to UN in Vienna and involved all the Rome Consensusco-founders. Objective of the side event was to promote the principles and approaches of the Rome Consensus Manifesto, pushing for the application of evidence-based and public health-oriented measures.

About “RomeConsensus 2.0”:

More than 3000 professionals and activists signatories in over 70 different countries around world

More than 200 NGO and CSOs signatories

Website **www.romeconsensus.com**





National Society- Georgia

GeorgiaRed Cross activities dedicated to the International Day of OverdoseAwareness Day

In frames of the International Day of OverdoseAwareness Day, August31, Georgia Red Cross Society joined the world's largest annual campaign to end overdose, raise awareness and remember without stigma those who have died and acknowledge the grief of the family and friends left behind. Time to Remember.Time to Act.

The Rome Consensus 2.0 was translated into Georgian and again disseminated among the key stakeholders, community-based organizations, organizations - members of the GeorgianHarm Reduction Network, key populations, and the general public to find more supporters, to gain their support, and to encourage them to sign THE ROME CONSENSUS 2.0 – TOWARDS HUMANITARIAN DRUG POLICY



GRCS together with other members of the Georgian Harm ReductionNetwork signed a petition requesting the Government for authorization of the over-the-counter sale of naloxone in pharmacies.

Besides, the partner organizations and the GRCS local branches were informed about availability and asked to share respective videos with hashtags:#HumanitarianDrugPolicy #IOAD2021 and #EndOverdose. Starting from the first video with Dr. Massimo Barra, IFRC special envoy for health, founder of Fondazione Villa Maraini, the National Agency of the Italian Red Cross for pathological addictions, and creator of the Rome Consensus and with Ms. Giovanna Campello, Chief at UNODC Prevention, Treatment& Rehabilitation Section for supporting this initiative on International OverdoseAwareness Day 2021, several videos about OverdoseAwareness were shared through social media by the GRCS and partner organizations on a weekly basis.

On August 31'2021, the GRCS representatives attended a conference organized by the GeorgianHarm Reduction Network dedicated to highlighting the overdose mortality-related problems in Georgia and considering how to deal with overdose problems, and how to support approval of Naloxone selling in pharmacy stores.

Besides, from the beginning of August 2021, the GRCS was involved in active communication on the community level with target branches to spread the key messages across the whole country regarding the Rome Consensus 2.0 to raise the number of people realizing the importance of and supporting humanitarian approach towards people using drugs. Informational online training was held in all 39 target branches on the harm of drug abuse and the importance of harm reduction and practical sessions on first aid in case of overdose for approximately 390 leader volunteers to spread correct information further among their peers.

On August 31 the key messages highlighting the overdose problem and the importance to end overdose were disseminated through the GRCS social media channels.

World TB Day

National Society – Uzbekistan



These events are actively covered in local media, social networks and in special created groups, in mobile applications (mainly Telegram).

One of the main directions of the statutory activities of the Red Crescent Society of Uzbekistan is the promotion of a healthy lifestyle among the population, the conduct of sanitary and educational work to prevent the spread of infectious diseases and prevent the incidence of socially significant diseases, and others. In this connection, the Red Crescent Society of Uzbekistan, its subordinate organizations and local branches (in the centers of regions, in rural areas and remote settlements) carry out the above activities on an ongoing basis, as well as on such dates as:



March 24 - World TB Day

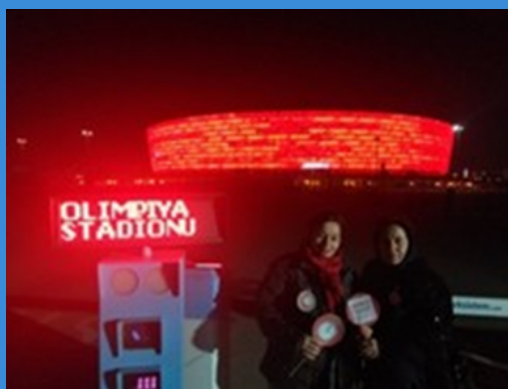
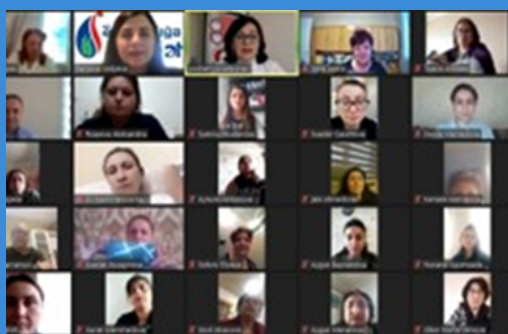


June 26 - International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking



December 1 - World AIDS Day, for the population - in crowded places, for pupils and students - in general educational institutions - schools and higher educational institutions, special actions, educational classes, seminars and roundtables are organized.

NATIONAL SOCIETY – AZERBAIJAN WORLD TB DAY



The Red Crescent Society of Azerbaijan continues its activities in the field of COVID-19 and tuberculosis. The Azerbaijan Red Crescent Society (ARCS), being a member of the TB Coalition of Azerbaijan NGOs (since 2011) within the framework of the Regional TB Program for Eastern Europe and Central Asia (TB REP 2.0), carries out wide activities in the field of tuberculosis in the country. This activity includes conducting webinars, educational seminars, as well as participating in screening for the detection of COVID-19 and tuberculosis.

The COVID-19 pandemic has once again highlighted the importance of digital technology, medical equipment and the use of portable medical examinations that enable home screening.

Decentralization of surveys can reduce the number of viral infections.

In order to detect tuberculosis in our country, inform the population about COVID-19 and tuberculosis, a number of organizations have taken measures to improve the epidemiological situation using digital technologies. During 2021, ARCS, as part of the activities of the TB Coalition, participated in screening in various cities and regions of Azerbaijan. Screening was performed using Japanese-made Fujifilm FDR X-Air portable X-ray equipment using digital artificial intelligence.

The advantage of the device is that it weighs only 6 kg and emits less

ultraviolet radiation, which results in better quality and more accurate images. For 9 months of 2021, 125 patients with tuberculosis were diagnosed, of which 42 (34%) - as a result of mass screening.

March 24, dedicated to World TB Day, a online conference on the topic "Tuberculosis in children and COVID-19" was held with the participation of foreign experts. The online conference was organized within the framework of cooperation of the ARCS with the Center for Public Health and Reforms of the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Azerbaijan, the Azerbaijan State Advanced Training Institute of Doctors named after A. A. Aliyev, "Sağlamlıq xidməti" Public Union and with the support of the TB REP Program.

The goal of this online conference was to exchange experience with Turkish and Latvian experts and familiarize with international experience in general. 147 people took part in the online conference.

Also on March 24, several famous buildings of the city, including the historical and architectural monument of the 12th century "Maiden Tower" and "Baku Olympic Stadium", were painted red in order to draw attention to the fight against tuberculosis. Thus, this year Azerbaijan joined this initiative, which has been carried out all over the world since 2017.

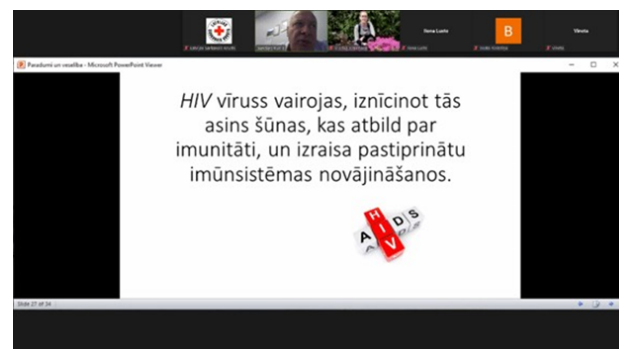
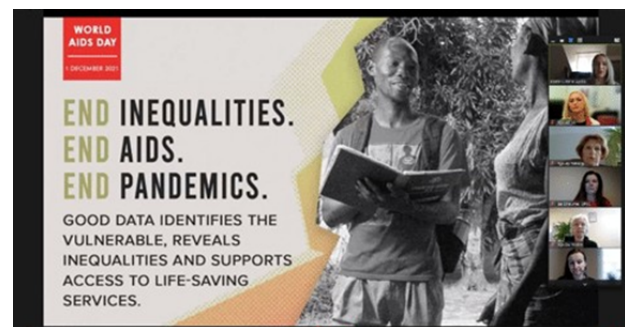
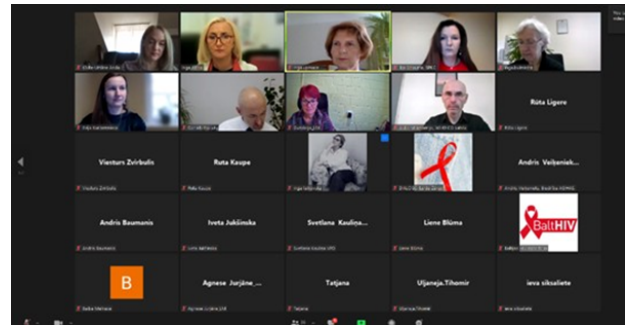
National Society – Latvia

World AIDS Day

Within the World AIDS Day campaign, from 23 November till 5 December 2021 different activities were organized all over Latvia.

In addition, Latvian Red Cross organized activities to raise awareness, invited people to make HIV express tests in order to find out what is their HIV status, and also participated in several educational and public events organized by LatRC partners, State institutions and Non-governmental organizations (NGOs).

All health rooms were provided with an anonymous HIV rapid test. An online lecture "Human habits and their impact on health" and a discussion with other NGOs "Together against HIV - what can we do better?" The youth volunteers produced videos about HIV testing, which were posted on all social networks. The youth volunteers informed the public about the problems of HIV and AIDS, distributed information materials and condoms to the population.



NATIONAL SOCIETY- NORTH MACEDONIA

WORLD TB DAY

THE RED CROSS OF THE REPUBLIC OF NORTH MACEDONIA CELEBRATES WORLD TUBERCULOSIS DAY ON 24 MARCH EVERY YEAR TO RAISE PUBLIC AWARENESS ABOUT TUBERCULOSIS, WHICH CONTINUES TO BE A MAJOR GLOBAL HEALTH PROBLEM. THIS YEAR WE CELEBRATE THE 139TH ANNIVERSARY OF DR. ROBERT KOCH'S ANNOUNCEMENT IN 1882 OF THE DISCOVERY OF BACTERIAL TUBERCULOSIS, THE CAUSE OF TUBERCULOSIS.

24 Март - Светски Ден на ТБ
24 - Mars - Dita botërore e TB

#ЧасовникотОтчукува
#OraPoTroket

Во остварување на
#ТБ целите за 2022 година
Në realizimin e
qëllimeve #TB për vitin 2022



World TB Day 2021 is an opportunity to focus on successes and achievements by warning about the threat of drug-induced tuberculosis and the consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic.

If we want to #EndTB by 2030, the #Clock is ticking to realize #TBCGoals2022

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НЕПРИФАТЛИВО Е ЌСНТЌ Е РАПРАНУЕШМЕ

На секои две минути умира
по едно дете од Туберкулоза.
Në çdo dy minuta vdes nga
një fëmijë nga Tuberkuloza.

Часовникот отчукувал!
Ora troket!



Celebrating World AIDS Day 1th of December

Every year in the period from 1st -7th of December, the Red Cross of the Republic of North Macedonia in honor of the celebration of World AIDS Day, marks HIV / AIDS prevention week. With this activity, the

National Society aims to raise public awareness of the importance of prevention and early diagnosis of this disease with special emphasis on the young population. The HQ of the Red Cross of North Macedonia in accordance with the recommendations of the World Health Organization, the International Federation of Red Cross and other relevant sources prepares guidelines for Red Cross branches in order to implement activities for educating the population for proper and timely HIV/ AIDS prevention

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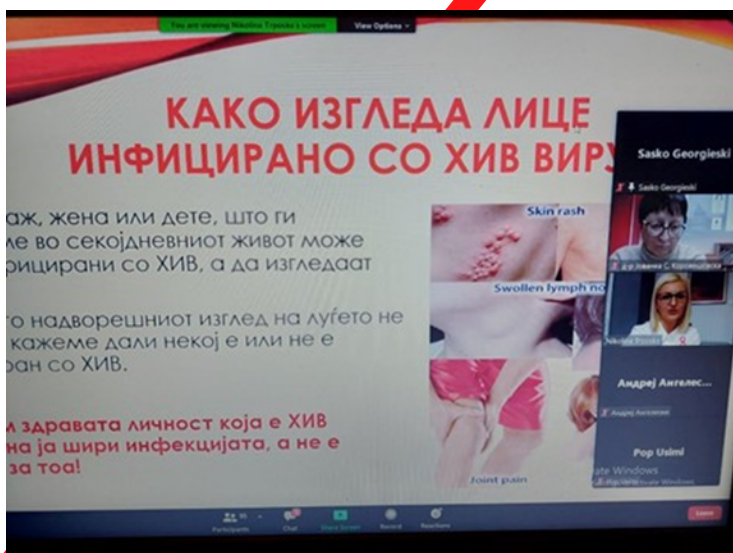
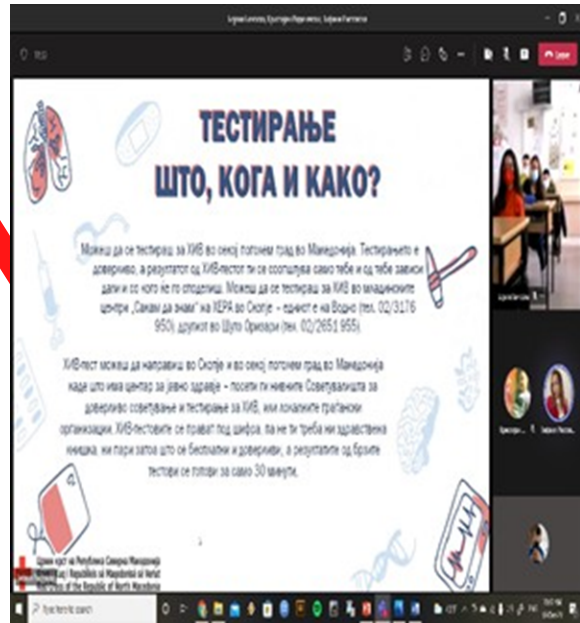
This year, the Red Cross of the Republic of North Macedonia, in accordance with the calendar of traditional activities in the period from 1-7 December 2021, marked the Week on Fight against HIV / AIDS under the motto "Education is the best prevention of HIV infection." During the Week, the Red Cross of the Republic of North Macedonia shared directions to 32 Red Cross Branches to organize peer to peer educational workshops in high schools, film short educational videos with messages on HIV / AIDS prevention and to share posts, flyers on messages for prevention of HIV / AIDS. All these activities were aimed to raise awareness among the young population about the importance of timely prevention of HIV / AIDS.



Over view of the undertaken activities:

- 32 Red Cross branches marked HIV / AIDSWeek
- 2 videos for HIV / AIDS prevention were recorded
- 32 Red Cross branches distributed leaflets to mark the World AIDS day to in high schools and on social media
- Conducted 120 educational workshops on HIV / AIDS to high schoolchildren, educated 2066 young people
- 80 volunteers and staff engaged

PICTURES OF THE ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN FROM THE RED CROSS OF NORTH MACEDONIA TO MARK THE WORLD AIDSDAY



UKRAINE WORLD AIDS DAY



Ukrainian Red Cross activities on HIV,TB,Hepatitis
URCS provided anti-TB activities during 2020. URCS has been constantly implementing TB awareness campaign, and since 2019, the training module on the infectious disease risks such as TB, HIV, hepatitis has been included into the first-aid training program.

TB is one of the main topic in CBHFA activities (information sessions and consultations for population).

To the World TB Day Ukrainian RC developed and printed some informational materials. Adding printing TB materials into the food and PSS parcels (which were distributed during quarantine) let to provide more complex approach in URCS humanitarian aid. As well URC distributed printing materials among FA trainings participants.

World TB Day – Kyrgyzstan RC

Every year on March 24, the Red Crescent of Kyrgyzstan celebrates World TB Day, which aims to raise awareness of the devastating health and social impact of TB, and inform about the economic impact of TB, and thus intensify efforts to combat the global epidemic. this disease.

On this day, large-scale events dedicated to this day were held throughout the country. Colorful processions took place in Issyk-Kul, Talas and Batken regions. Food packages for patients with tuberculosis were also distributed in the regions.

Competitions were held among students of secondary schools in regional centers.

A roundtable dedicated to the WorldTuberculosis Day was held in some regions of the country.



Organization of a puppet theater in kindergartens on the topic "Hygiene and hygiene of cough" in 24 kindergartens of the country. A competition of drawings and video clips on the topic: Stigma towards TB patients was held among secondary and high school students of regional schools.

A photo competition was held on the topic: "Stigma discrimination against TB patients and how to deal with it" among students of universities and vocational schools.

The report "Positive history of TB patient" was broadcast on the air of media centers in Jalal-Abad region.

An information campaign was carried out among the population (distribution of brochures, booklets, posters). Lectures on the topic "Stigma towards TB patients" in the different schools, universities. Organization of a quest game for volunteers of the RCSC KR with questions on the topic "Tuberculosis".

Flash mob with the participation of healthcare workers, law enforcement agencies, LSG in the Talas market, as well as a quiz (question-answer) on the topic "What do I know about tuberculosis".



World AIDS Day - **Kyrgyzstan RC**



Every year on December 1st, people from all over the world come together to show support for people living with HIV. Campaigns were held throughout the country to raise awareness and inform citizens about HIV/AIDS. The main goal of the events is to remind people of the seriousness of the situation and tell as much as possible about the disease, ways of its transmission, timely diagnosis and effective preventive measures.

Together we will defeat AIDS.



Health is one of the main factors of human well-being. Reminding about caring for their own health, the WAID 2021 campaign calls on the population of Kyrgyzstan to get tested for HIV, people living with HIV about adherence to therapy, and communities about existing prevention measures. Kyrgyzstan RC through installation of 11 light boards in Bishkek at public stops, reached more than 400 000 people learned about HIV prevention and treatment. Kyrgyzstan RC provided humanitarian aid (food kits) to children living with HIV in Osh oblast and families of PLHIV in Chui oblast. The food kits were distributed as planned to 14 most needy PLHIV families in Chui oblast and families of 14 children living with HIV in Osh city.



At the request of the AIDS Center, we participated in field campaigns to receive free tests in the markets, streets, and livestock markets. An action aimed at early diagnosis of HIV, Red Crescent staff helped to attract people for testing. The action was held jointly with the medical workers of the AIDS Center.

Good Habits Fair - volunteers and students prepared numbers to promote a healthy lifestyle. The event at the Asia Mall in Bishkek was held:

- Holding an information session on AIDS/HIV;
- Kahood game with mall visitors;
- Flash mob "Hug me".



Actions were carried out jointly with the AIDS center "This is your health! It's your right! It's your responsibility"

Distribution of brochures, booklets, posters among the population in crowded places.

The sports event was held in the Nookan region dedicated to World AIDS Day.

Conducted information and educational work on the prevention of HIV infection.

A Round Table was held together with partners in all regions of the country.

National Society – Russian Federation World TB Day

Every year, the Irkutsk regional
and Local branches of the
Russian Red Cross hold
preventive measures on this day.

Volunteers of the Irkutsk regional branch of the All-Russian public organization "Russian Red Cross" held an action dedicated to World TB Day, as well as educational lectures for students and teachers of the Irkutsk College of Architecture and Construction.

The Nukut local branch of the Russian Red Cross in the village of Novonukutsky held an action to distribute leaflets with information on how to protect yourself and your loved ones from tuberculosis.

Ainura Abdulsanovna Amirmetova and district pediatric TB doctor Nikiforova Yulia Aleksandrovna spoke about the danger of tuberculosis and the prevention of the disease. Experts also answered frequently asked questions: who can get infected, what are the signs of the disease, the main methods of diagnosis and treatment.

Promotions "White Flower of Life"

As part of the Stop TB Together project, implemented using a grant from the President of the Russian Federation provided by the Presidential Grants Fund, the Khakassian Republican Branch of the All-Russian Public Organization "Russian Red Cross" in the period from 23.03.2021 - 03/24/2021 held the campaign "White Flower of Life" dedicated to the World TB Day in the cities of Abakan, Abaza and Chernogorsk.

During the actions, more than 450 residents of the Republic of Khakassia received reliable information about tuberculosis (paths of infection, symptoms of tuberculosis); information leaflets, which, in addition to information about tuberculosis, indicate the address where you can contact for diagnostics, treatment and prevention.





Employees and 25 volunteers of the project took part in the action. The Khakass Republican Branch of the All-Russian Public Organization "Russian Red Cross" thanks the students and teachers of the State Budgetary Educational Institution of the Republic of Arts "Chernogorsk Mining and Construction College", the State Budgetary Educational Institution of the Republic of Arts "Khakass Polytechnic College" and the branch of the State Budgetary Educational Institution of the Republic of Arts "Chernogorsk Mining and Construction College" for their active participation in the action.

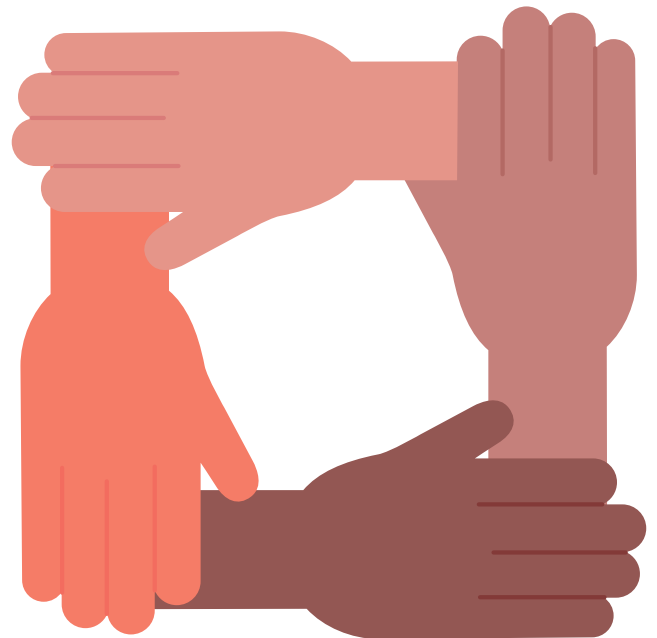
On March 24, the Samara Regional Branch of the All-Russian Public Organization "Russian Red Cross" together with the Samara Regional Clinical Tuberculosis Dispensary. N.V. Postnikov and Samara City Clinical Hospital No. ON THE Semashko held a preventive action "White Chamomile". Also, medical workers of the Volga Central District Hospital took part in the action.

The action dedicated to the World TB Day was attended by students of the Samara Medical College.

N. Lyapina and the Samara State College of Service Technologies and Design, who distributed more than 1000 booklets among the residents of Samara on the topic: "Tuberculosis is dangerous and very contagious, but curable."

On March 26, 2021, as part of the anti-tuberculosis activities, the Kamchatka Regional Branch of the Russian Red Cross held an action at the Kamchatka Regional TB Dispensary.

Employees of the Kamchatka regional branch of the RKK installed an information bazooka in the reception hall of the TB dispensary, allocated booklets about tuberculosis for distribution to incoming people. In order to prevent the fight against tuberculosis, the Kamchatka Regional Branch of the Russian Red Cross allocated



WORLD AIDS DAY - Russian RC

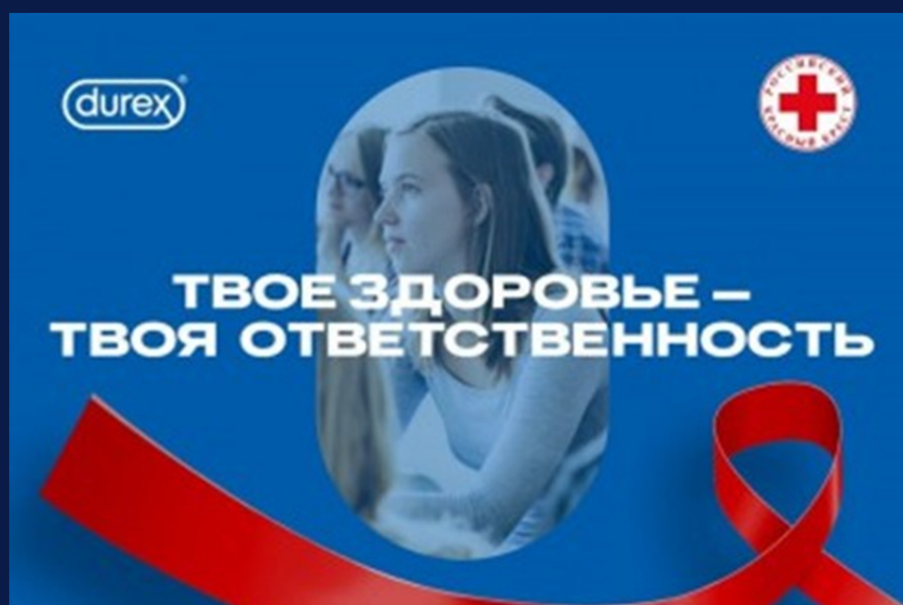
On April 2, Executive Director of the Russian Red Cross, Pavel Savchuk, visited the Tula regional branch, where he met with its chairman, Galina Golovanova. At the meeting, the development of the basic directions of the RKK, the work of the Tula regional branch and further prospects were discussed.

During the meeting, the results of project activities were summed up. For 10 years, the Tula regional branch of the RKK has been implementing the project "Care and support for people living with HIV". During this time, 191 patients with HIV infection received help, 58 of them returned to active life, 43 people began to work, 10 people received help at home. Also, within the framework of the project, a charity event is regularly held to provide material assistance to HIV-infected people

Reckitt (Durex brand) and the Russian Red Cross have agreed to cooperate and are launching a social campaign dedicated to the AIDS Day. Its goal is to encourage as many people as possible to be attentive to intimate health and minimize the risk of contracting HIV, use condoms and get tested regularly.

World AIDS Day is celebrated on December 1st. Its goal is to draw attention to the spread of HIV infection and raise awareness about it. Every year it is held under different slogans that reflect the most pressing issues. This year, the World Health Organization (WHO) is focusing on the availability of information, testing and treatment for HIV. The theme for World AIDS Day is "End Inequality. Eliminate AIDS"[i].

The large-scale social mission of the Durex brand and the Russian Red Cross in support of the fight against the spread of HIV in the Russian Federation will include awareness-raising campaigns and educational initiatives. The beginning of cooperation was marked by a joint action - Durex will transfer part of the funds received from the sale of condoms from November 1 to December 12, 2021, to the Russian Red Cross to support HIV prevention



Europe Regional Webinar

Addressing to specific needsof people livingwith HIV, Tuberculosis, Hepatitis and drug users in COVID-19 context



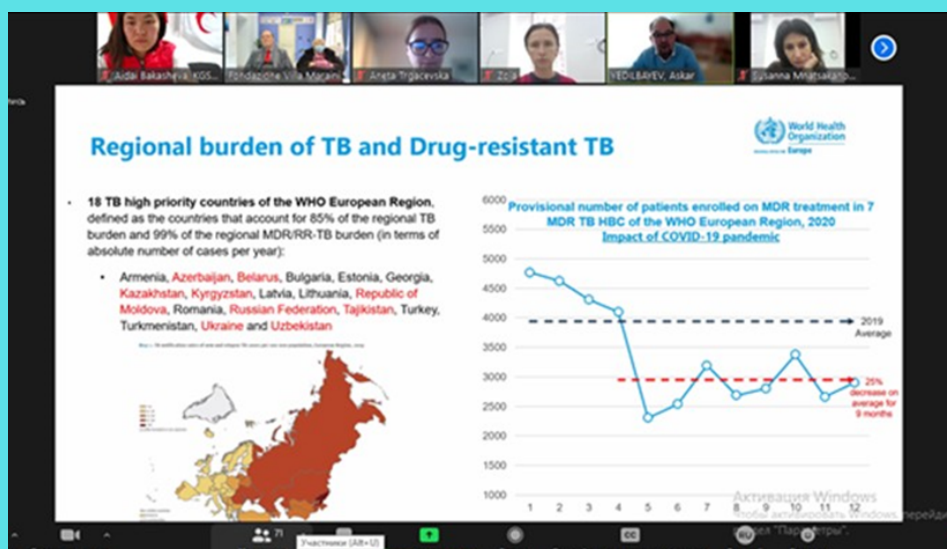
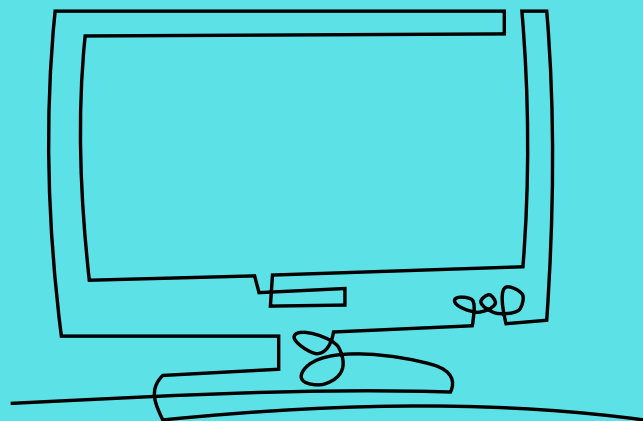
On the 21st of January ERNA together with IFRC Regional Office for Europe organized the webinar entitled “Addressing to specific needs of people living with HIV, Tuberculosis, Hepatitis and drug users in COVID-19 context”.

The event featured presentations by Dr. Askar YEDILBAYEV - WHO Europe Regional office, Dr. Davron Mukhamadiev – IFRC Europe Health and Care Coordinator; good practices shared by the NSs from across the region including Tajik, Kyrgyz, Spanish, Croatian, Slovenian Italian and Azerbaijan National Societies. The event sought to share knowledge in assisting key vulnerable populations during the pandemic, covering psycho-social support, harm reduction, and tools to support people in line with COVID-19 response framework.

ERNA Online Meeting related to Covid-19 pandemic and its consequences on local healthservices addressed to TB, HCV, HIV, and Drug User patients on the 5th November 2021

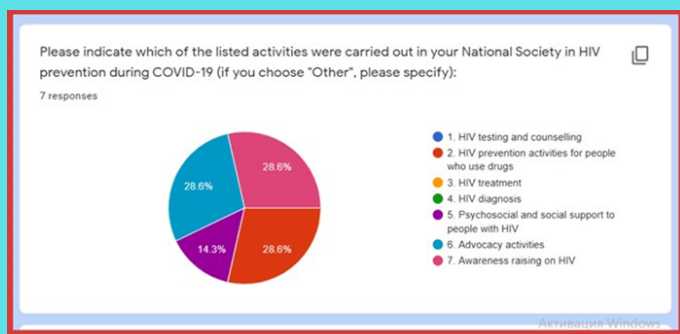
The European Red Cross and Red Crescent Network on HIV, AIDS and TB (ERNA), with the support and cooperation of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) and the Ukrainian Red Cross, organized an ERNA online meeting on 5 November 2021 on the COVID-19 pandemic and its consequences for local health services providers on TB, HIV, and beneficiaries including drug users.

More than 70 participants from the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies of Uzbekistan, Russia, Slovakia, Latvia, Northern Macedonia, Spain, Turkey, Georgia, North Macedonia, Bulgaria, Kyrgyzstan, Ukraine, Italy participated in the meeting as well as the guest speakers from WHO. They discussed the impact of COVID-19 to vulnerable community and shared their experiences in the fight against TB, HIV, HCV. Dr. Massimo Barra, President of ERNA, noted the importance of such meetings for greater cooperation and partnership within the movement and with respective



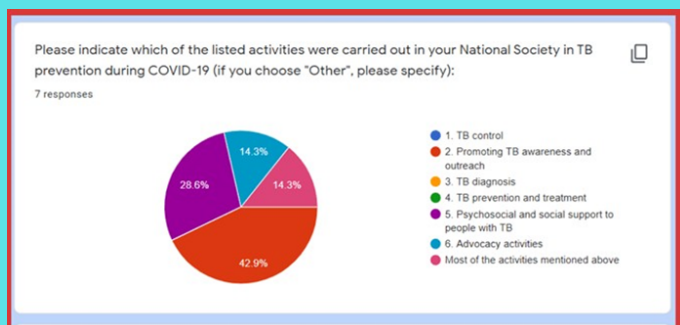
PRIOR TO THE ONLINE MEETING, A SURVEY WAS CONDUCTED AMONG NATIONAL SOCIETIES:

Which of the listed activities were carried out in your National Society in HIV prevention during COVID-19:



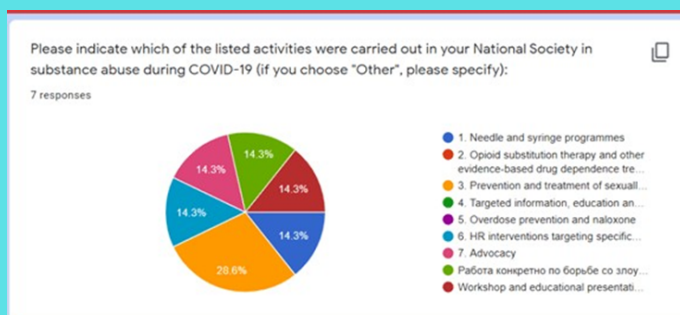
- 1.HIV testing and counselling
- 2.HIV prevention activities for people who use drugs
- 3.HIV treatment
- 4.HIV diagnosis
- 5.Psychosocial and social supportto people with HIV
- 6.Advocacy activities
- 7.Awareness raising on HIV
- 8.Other activities

Which of the listed activities were carried out in your National Society in TB prevention duringCOVID-19:



- 1.TB control
- 2.Promoting TB awareness and outreach
- 3.TB diagnosis
- 4.TB prevention and treatment
- 5.Psychosocial and social supportto people with TB
- 6.Advocacy activities
- 7.Other activities

Which of the listed activities were carried out in your National Society in substance abuse during COVID-19:



- 1.Needle and syringeprogrammes
- 2.Opioid substitution therapy and other evidence-based drug dependence treatment
- 3.Prevention and treatmentof sexually transmitted infections
- 4.Targeted information, educationand communication for people who inject drugs
- 5.Overdose prevention and naloxone
- 6.HR interventions targeting specific populations such as migrants, MSM, sex workers,prisoners
- 7.Advocacy
- 8.Other activities

The followinganswers we had received



USEFUL LINKS:

- www.euro.who.int/en/health-topics/communicable-diseases/tuberculosis
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- <https://media.ifrc.org/ifrc/what-we-do/health/>
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- www.youtube.com/channel/UCeWgaJghsEbo5CiPwYtImwA
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- www.stoptb.org/assets/documents/news/Modeling%20Report_1%20May%202020_FIN
- [AL.pdf](#)
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- www.romeconsensus.com/sign-on-preference/
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- www.romeconsensus.com/rc-covid-19-recommendations/
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- www.youtube.com/watch?v=m7AoAY_wshU
- www.ifrc.org/learning



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