

# SITUATIONAL REPORT

## USAID'S COMMUNITY ACTION FOR HIV CONTROL PROJECT

October 2024

### PROGRESS IN NUMBERS

# 4,185

people were tested  
for HIV

# 1.7%

 testing  
efficiency

# 58

 people were enrolled  
on ART

# 81%

 of people living with HIV  
are engaged in treatment

operational data as of October 31, 2024

### A NEW PROJECT YEAR STARTED

# 20

 partner NGOs

# 15

 regions of Ukraine

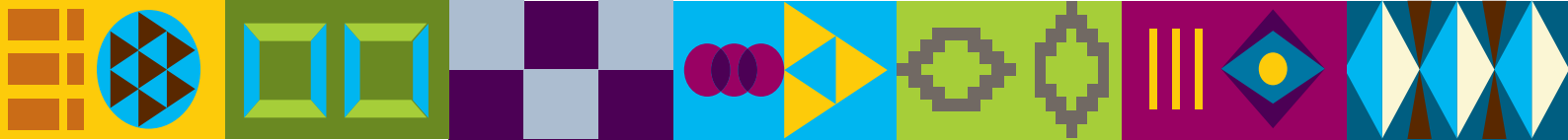
**Welcome to the team!**

**CO «100 PERCENT LIFE. ODESA» and  
Mykolayiv CF «Vykhid»**



Conducted initial meetings and the first trainings for partner NGOs to establish a clear focus for the upcoming year and foster productive cooperation

- ✓ training for NGO staff on data collection, storage, verification and DataCheck usage
- ✓ communities of practice for service providers to discuss challenges and strategies for finding new clients
- ✓ community of practice for organizational development professionals to review last year's results and outline future plans
- ✓ coordination meeting with communications specialists
- ✓ training for social workers from new partner NGOs on the HIV self-testing services algorithm
- ✓ kick-off meeting with community representatives to implement a mentorship system for Regional Coordination Councils on HIV/TB members representing key populations



## BUILDING A HEALTHY FUTURE



In collaboration with the Academy of the National Health Service of Ukraine (NHSU), the project **launched the “Application of Screenings for Cancer and Chronic Pain Detection” course**. This course enables medical professionals to enhance their diagnostic skills and use modern screening methods to address serious diseases, including lung, breast, cervical, stomach, and colorectal cancer.



**1,000+**

people have already registered for the online course



**600+**

received certificates with 10 CPD points

The project is working on restoring access to medical and psychosocial services **in 12 communities in the Chernihiv, Kyiv, Zhytomyr, Sumy and Kirovohrad regions**.

During October 2024:



**16,979**

medical and psychosocial services were provided by mobile health teams



**1,369**

people received assistance



**176**

settlements were visited by mobile pharmacy points



**1,101**

people received necessary medicines



**20**

people used the patient transportation service



**130**

people received psychological help in psychological support spaces

*Before the war, we didn't think that we needed any psychological help. Now it seems to me that everyone needs it. The issues that people have should be resolved — there is nothing wrong with this. On the contrary, everyone needs professional psychological help*

*— Halyna, a resident of Zakusyly village in Zhytomyr region*

## SUCCESS STORY



*all names have been changed*

With twenty years of experience, Iryna, a social worker at CO Chernihiv Network, understands that her role is to continually seek ways to help people. Each new client presents a unique puzzle that needs to be solved using all available resources. This case was no exception.

Last year, Serhiy brought his brother Heorhiy to get tested, and he was diagnosed with HIV. In her capacity as a social worker Iryna began collecting information about Heorhiy's sexual partners. That's how she found out about Olga.

While Heorhiy accepted his status rather quickly and started treatment, it took much more effort to get Olga to come to terms with it. She was a young woman with a difficult past, feeling emotionally and financially dependent on her partner, which made her fearful of any changes. Despite the social worker's attempts to encourage her participation in additional examinations, she flatly refused to receive help or start treatment.

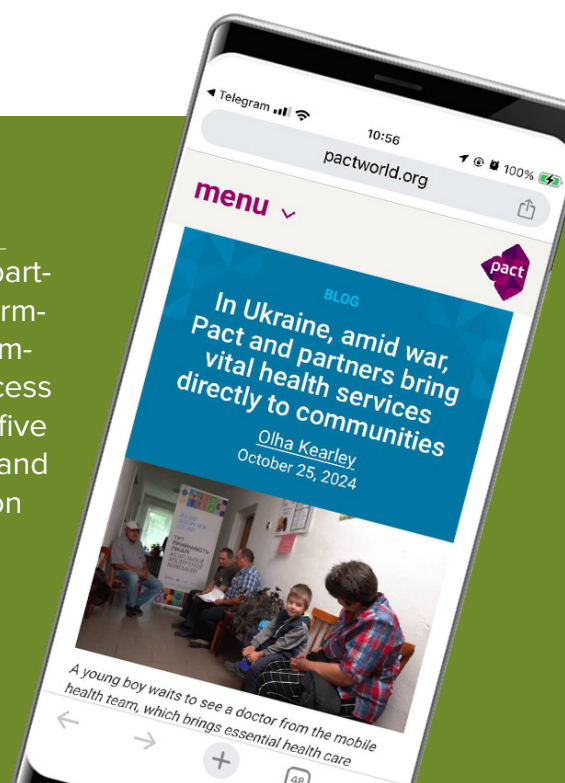
However, Iryna did not give up. She knew that many clients begin treatment due to the support of loved ones who have a tolerant attitude towards HIV. In this case, Serhiy, who was committed to ARV therapy, played a crucial role in influencing both his brother and Olga.

*It was a grueling process, where the distance added to the difficulties, as the couple lived 150 kilometers away from Chernihiv. But I didn't forget about them for a moment and believed that we could help*  
– Iryna says

After almost a year and a half of hard work, Serhiy drove Olga to Chernihiv. Finally, she agreed to undergo the examination and began treatment. This was a small victory and her first step toward a new life.



The Pact website has just published an inspiring article on how, together with partner organizations, our project is transforming lives in remote and war-affected communities by ensuring much-needed access to essential medical services. Through five powerful stories, readers can see firsthand the incredible impact this support has on individuals who need it most.



## OUR INSTRUMENTS



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