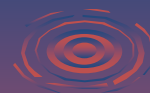


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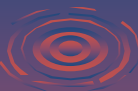
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2009



BUILDING A STRENGTHENING RESPONSE TO HIV/AIDS IN ALBANIA

- Two year program started in April 2007
- Total lifetime budget \$4.990.645
- Total spent amount \$2.502,858
- 40% of the grant allocated to 20 contracted NGOs
- The GF Board approved additional funding for the Phase 2 period, starting in April 2009



HIV SITUATION

HIV prevalence less than 1 per 1,000 of the 15-49 year old population in Albania.

Until end of December 2008, in Albania 302 reported cases of persons infected with HIV; 46 new cases were identified during 2008.

More than 89% of these infections occurred due to sexual contact (80% heterosexual and 9 % homo-bisexual)



HIV SITUATION

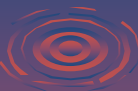
The number of children infected by HIV/AIDS is 20, 15 of them have been infected through vertical transmission and 5 of them through blood transfusion.

- The number of females is progressively increasing, 30% of them are females.


STRENGTHENING NATIONAL RESPONSE TO HIV/AIDS AMONG Vulnerable Groups

Program Objectives


- 1) Injecting Drug Users
- 2) Sex Workers
- 3) Men Having Sex with Men
- 4) Roma Population
- 5) Condom Distribution
- 6) Voluntary Counseling and Testing
- 7) People living with HIV/AIDS
- 8) Monitoring and Evaluation
- 9) Coordination and partnership development



RESULTS

- **2224** IDUs reached with harm reduction programs (needle exchange)
 - **117** IDUs included in drug substitution programs
 - **4** centers offering needle exchange programs
 - **373** MSM reached with preventive HIV/AIDS outreach activities
 - **85** SW reached with preventive HIV/AIDS outreach activities
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RESULTS (II)

- **2226** Roma population reached with HIV/AIDS targeted interventions
 - **72994** condoms distributed among most at risk populations
 - **1656** people reached with VCT services
 - **13** new VCT centers established
 - **83** people receiving ARV
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RESULTS (III)

- **146** peer educators trained to work with Roma, MSM and prisoners
- **346** service deliverers trained (outreach workers, doctors, nurses, prison staff, students) to deliver services to most at risk population

<i>Overall achievement of process indicators</i>	<i>Number</i>
Overachieved	11
Achieved	5
Partially achieved	1
Not achieved	2

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Outpatient clinic for PLWHA established / enabled PPD testing for suspected dually infected patients
- Each Prefecture has VCT center
- Bio-behavioral studies
- Building capacities (20 NGO working with the program)
- Basis for future activities in line with National Strategy of Prevention and Control of HIV/AIDS in Albania 2008 – 2014

Scaling –up the National Response to TB

- Two year program started in April 2007
- Total lifetime budget \$1.263.490
- Total spent amount \$776.298
- The grant is managed through PR/PIU's structure. There are no SRs involved.
- The GF Board approved additional funding for the Phase 2 period, starting in April 2009.

TB SITUATION

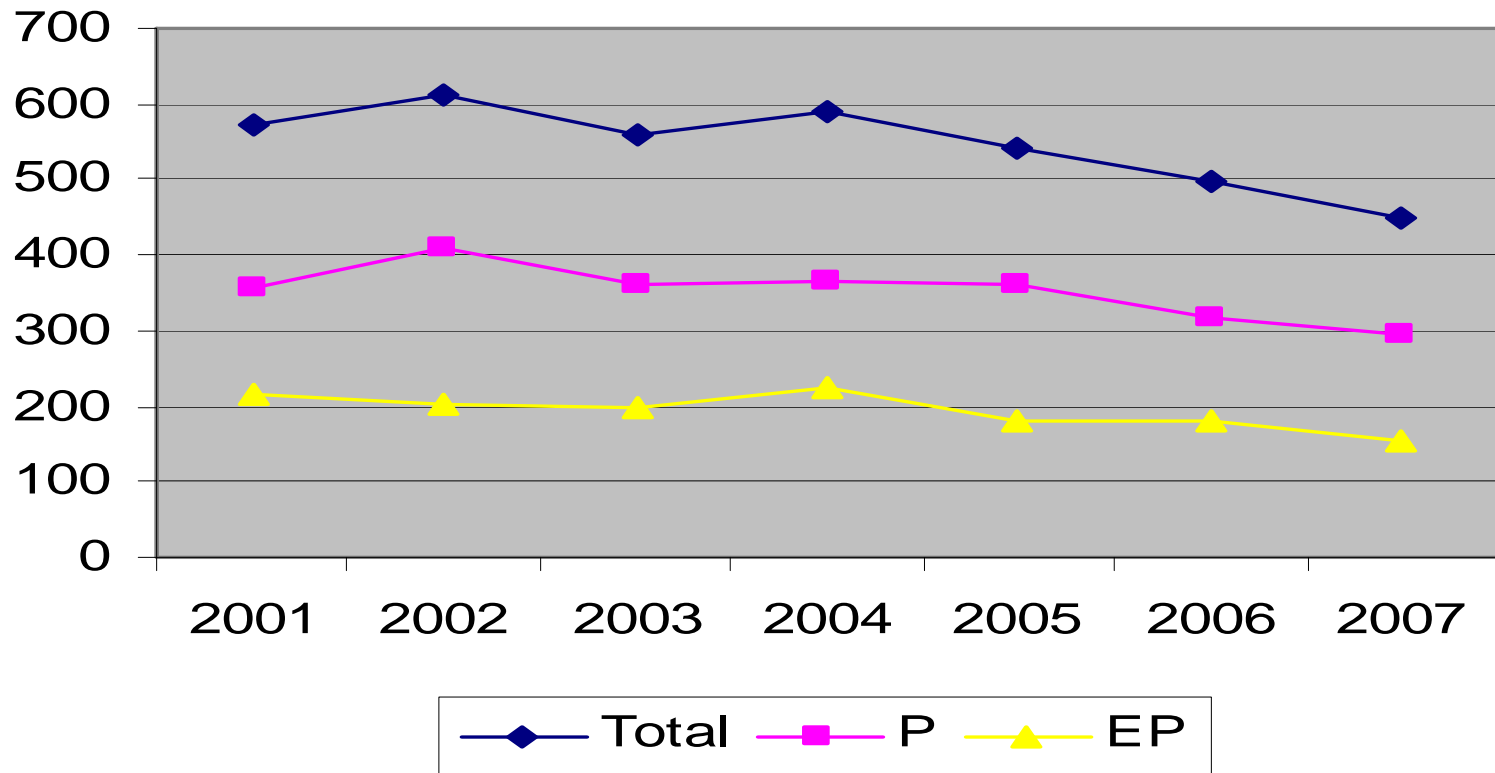
➤ In 2004

- TB incidence was 17.5 per 100,000
- Success of treatment outcomes was 84% in DOTS areas, and 76% in Non DOTS areas.
- MDR < 2%
- DOTS coverage 38%

➤ In 2007

- TB incidence was 13 per 100,000
- DOTS coverage 76% (in 2008)

Case notification in Albania



OVERALL OBJECTIVES

- Strengthening the health care system regarding TB control. Integration of TB control in the primary health care within five years;
- Ensuring, and maintaining 100% DOTS coverage at the national level within 2009.
- Ensuring and maintaining access to DOTS for the vulnerable groups.
- Proper case management for cases with bacterial resistance, and control of MDR spread.

RESULTS

- 1531 nurses; GPs; pulmonologists working in private sector; medical doctors and nurses working in penitentiary system
- 30 HF or 100% with sufficient drugs, 15 labs with sufficient supply out of 15 laboratories throughout the country or 100%.
- Expansion of DOTS coverage from 38% in 2004 to 76.29% in 2008 and re-establishment of laboratories capacity for bacteriological diagnosis.

Results

- The number of treatment facilities submitting accurate, timely and complete reports has been steadily improving.
- 147 cases of TB patients have received HIV counseling and testing and 1 case has resulted HIV positive.
- Treatment success >80%
- 1041 High Risk Groups representatives educated for TB by districts' TB coordinators

ACHIVEMENTS

- We have reached most of the targets for 11 coverage indicators (9 out of 11, representing an 82% achievement rate).
- One of the main achievements is DOTS expansion (from 38% to 76%) and re-establishment of laboratories capacity for bacteriological diagnosis.
- Improvement and sustainability of program's and projects' abilities to collect, analyze, use and report accurate, valuable and high quality M&E data.

ACHIVEMENTS

- For the first time in Albania, the Global Fund enabled a KAP survey for TB, and conclusion drawn from the survey were used to develop the national strategy (2009-2013), as well.
- Cooperation of Global Fund with other organizations (USAID and European Committee), in order to draft and implement protocol of National Survey of Resistance to Ant tuberculosis Drugs in Albania and treatment of MDR patients.