

# GLOBAL FUND – SUPPORTED PROGRAMS

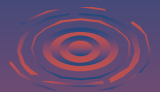
ALBANIA  
2009



# BUILDING A STRENGTHENING RESPONSE TO HIV/AIDS IN ALBANIA

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- Five year program started in April 2007
- Total lifetime budget \$4.990.645
- Total spent amount \$3.281,694
- 40% of the grant allocated to 20 contracted NGOs



# HIV SITUATION

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

**Until end of December 2009, in Albania 365 reported cases of persons infected with HIV; 61 new cases were identified during 2009.**

**90% of these infections occurred due to sexual contact (80% heterosexual and 10 % homo-bisexual)**



# HIV SITUATION

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The number of children infected by HIV/AIDS is 21, 16 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

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## 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
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# RESULTS

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- **3444** IDUs reached with harm reduction programs (needle exchange)
- **258** IDUs included in drug substitution programs
- **4** centers offering needle exchange programs
- **695** MSM reached with preventive HIV/AIDS outreach activities
- **132** SW reached with preventive HIV/AIDS outreach activities

# RESULTS (II)

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- **4088** Roma population reached with HIV/AIDS targeted interventions
  - **258,829** condoms distributed among most at risk populations
  - **4464** people reached with VCT services
  - **13** new VCT centers established
  - **112** people receiving ARV
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# RESULTS (III)

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

# ACHIEVEMENTS

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- Outpatient clinic for PLWHA established / enabled PPD testing for suspected dually infected patients
- Each Prefecture has VCT center
- Bio-behavioral studies
- Building capacities (16 NGO working with the program)
- Basis for future activities in line with National Strategy of Prevention and Control of HIV/AIDS in Albania