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FOREWORD

As the world's largest independent provider of HIV/AIDS services, AIDS Healthcare Foundation remains steadfast in its commitment to expanding access to life-saving treatment, prevention, care, and advocacy. In 2025, Ukraine continued to endure the profound humanitarian and security consequences of the ongoing war, while striving to preserve essential health services under extraordinarily difficult circumstances. It is with pride and deep respect for our partners and communities that we present the 2025 Annual Report for AHF Ukraine, highlighting our investments, partnerships, and impact across the country.

The full-scale war in Ukraine has placed immense pressure on the national healthcare system and has further heightened the vulnerability of people living with HIV and those most at risk. Disruptions to medical services, the destruction of critical infrastructure, and the forced displacement of millions of Ukrainians have created significant barriers to care and increased the risk of the spread of infectious diseases.

In response to these wartime challenges, AHF Ukraine expanded its programs and strengthened access to essential medical services where they were needed most. We opened new Wellness Centers, where individuals can receive free testing for HIV, viral hepatitis B and C, syphilis, and other infections. These centers have become vital points of support for internally displaced persons and for those who have lost regular access to healthcare. At the same time, we continued to prioritize the diagnosis and treatment of sexually transmitted infections, recognizing their significant role in increasing the risk of HIV transmission.

Throughout 2025, AHF Ukraine worked closely with the Public Health Center, regional health authorities, and community partners to ensure uninterrupted access to HIV services. Despite immense challenges, we sustained support for people living with HIV by safeguarding access to antiretroviral therapy, testing, and care, including in areas affected by displacement and infrastructure disruption. Over the course of the year, AHF Ukraine further expanded its testing programs, reaching key and vulnerable populations, and reinforced prevention initiatives through condom distribution, sexual and reproductive health education, and targeted support for women and young people at heightened risk of HIV and STI transmission. Our partnerships with government institutions, civil society organizations, and healthcare providers have been indispensable in sustaining and advancing these efforts.

Looking ahead, AHF remains firmly committed to supporting Ukraine's public health system, advancing health equity, strengthening the national HIV response, and ensuring that people living with HIV are not left behind. The work accomplished together in 2025 stands as a testament to the power of partnership, resilience, and an unwavering commitment to saving lives.



Dr. Yaroslava Lopatina
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AHF is currently the largest nonprofit provider of HIV/AIDS medical care in the world and has more than...

MISSION

AIDS Healthcare Foundation (AHF), headquartered in Los Angeles, is a global nonprofit organization founded in 1987 with the mission of providing cutting-edge medicine and advocacy, regardless of ability to pay. As of September 2025, AHF was delivering care and services to 2.6 million people living with HIV/AIDS in 49 countries worldwide. By expanding access to healthcare and influencing public policy, AHF works to save more lives and strengthen the global response to HIV/AIDS.

AHF Ukraine plays an important role in advancing the national HIV response by delivering high-impact, people-centered prevention, testing, treatment, and care services that protect public health and improve lives.



Since 2009, AHF Ukraine has cooperated with healthcare institutions across the country and delivered services through its own programs to expand access to HIV testing, support people living with HIV, and procure essential medicines for the prevention and treatment of opportunistic infections. By strengthening STI diagnostics, treatment, and comprehensive prevention services nationwide, AHF Ukraine helps ensure continuity of care for communities most affected by HIV and STIs.

Through targeted prevention initiatives, AHF Ukraine increases awareness, distributes free condoms, expands rapid testing, and promotes a human-centered approach to HIV and STI services by protecting human rights, upholding dignity, and ensuring that no one is left behind.



PREVENTION PROGRAMS

TESTING PROGRAM

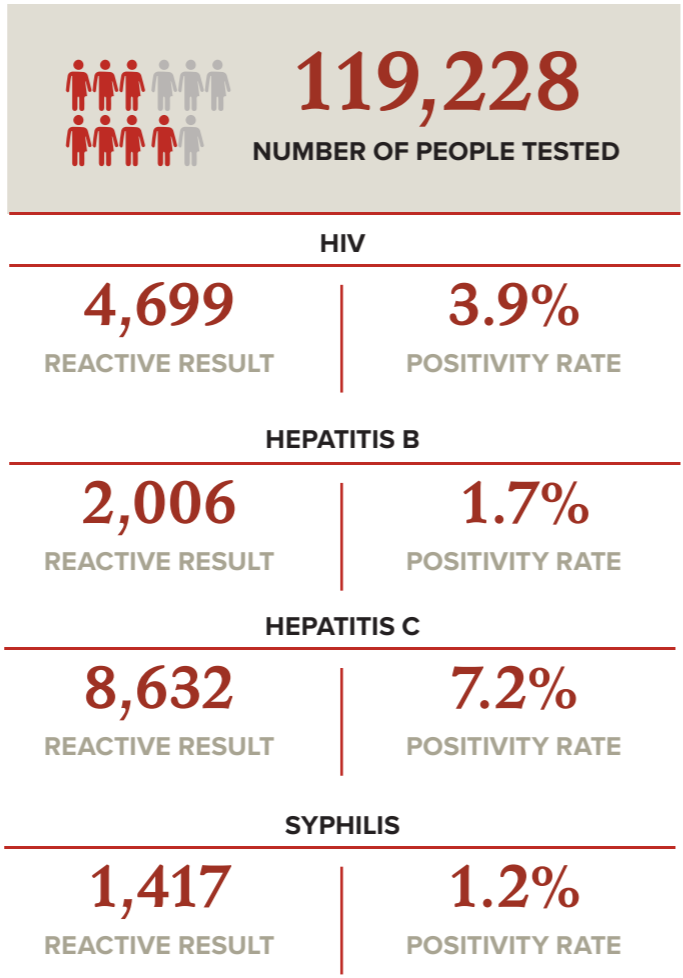
In 2025, AHF Ukraine continued large-scale implementation of multiplex (quadruple) testing for HIV, hepatitis B, hepatitis C, and syphilis across program sites.

This approach was adopted to strengthen the early detection of co-infections, reduce missed diagnoses, lower barriers to care, and minimize the number of referrals and follow-up visits required. By integrating multiple diagnostics into a single testing pathway, multiplex testing enhances client retention across the testing-to-care continuum and improves the overall efficiency of prevention and testing services, particularly in resource-constrained and high-mobility settings.

The implementation of multiplex testing in 2025 confirmed that integrated diagnostics is a practical, effective, and scalable approach in the Ukrainian context, even under conditions of ongoing insecurity and sustained strain on the healthcare system.

Multiplex testing strengthened the early identification of HIV, viral hepatitis, and syphilis, reduced the likelihood of missed co-infections, and streamlined service delivery by decreasing the number of visits needed to obtain comprehensive diagnostic results. As a result, it improved linkage to care, increased client retention, and enhanced the effectiveness of both outreach and facility-based services.

Based on the results achieved in 2025, multiplex testing has proven to be a sustainable and scalable model that should remain a central component of AHF Ukraine's testing strategy. By enhancing diagnostic efficiency, strengthening continuity of care, and enabling earlier detection of co-infections, this approach contributes to improved client outcomes and reinforces AHF Ukraine's broader public health impact in the years to come.



CONDOM DISTRIBUTION AND PREVENTION

In 2025, AHF Ukraine distributed 316,800 condoms free of charge through its prevention services. Given the continued strain on the healthcare system, damaged infrastructure, and displacement of people, uninterrupted access to basic prevention tools is more important than ever.

Condoms remain among the most effective, affordable, and accessible methods for preventing HIV and other sexually transmitted infections. Their availability through Wellness Centers, mobile testing services, and partner sites contributes to the normalization of prevention, reduces stigma, and empowers clients to take informed and proactive steps to protect their sexual health.

Together with multiplex testing for HIV, hepatitis B and C, and syphilis, condom distribution forms part of a comprehensive and integrated prevention approach designed to reduce new infections and strengthen long-term public health outcomes.



316,800
NUMBER OF FREE CONDOMS
DISTRIBUTED



Testing is more than a diagnostic tool – it is an entry point to prevention, personalised support, and behavioural change, demonstrating the broader impact and added value of our services



Olena Hridasova Ukraine,
Prevention and Testing Coordinator



As sexual transmission remains the primary route of HIV infection in Ukraine, ensuring access to condoms through prevention programs helps people make safer choices, protect their partners, and take control of their health



George Zdolnik
Prevention Coordinator AIDS Healthcare Foundation Ukraine

MEDICAL CLINIC SERVICES

PARTNERSHIPS AND CLINICAL CARE

In 2025, AIDS Healthcare Foundation expanded its nationwide impact through collaboration with 32 partner sites across 23 regions of Ukraine, helping to sustain access to essential HIV services despite the ongoing pressures of war, displacement, and healthcare system disruption.

Across AHF-supported programs, 87,763 people living with HIV remained under continuous medical supervision, ensuring uninterrupted access to treatment, regular clinical monitoring, and long-term care.

32

PARTNER SITES

23

REGIONS OF UKRAINE

87,763

PEOPLE LIVING WITH HIV



- Occupied territory
- Region where AHF does not operate
- Regions with AHF programs

Dnipropetrovska Patients in care 13010 Number of tests 14796	Chernihivska Patients in care 1806 Number of tests 2040	Chernivetska Patients in care 876 Number of tests 755	Volynska Patients in care 1416 Number of tests 743	Rivenska Patients in care 1867 Number of tests 949
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CLINICAL SERVICES

AHF Ukraine continued to deliver comprehensive medical services through the Test & Treat Clinic in Odesa. By the end of 2025, 1,136 patients were receiving care at the clinic, of whom 759 had signed declarations with a family physician as an important indicator of successful integration into Ukraine's primary healthcare system.

To further support people living with HIV, AHF Ukraine procured medicines for the prevention and treatment of opportunistic infections, along with essential medical supplies. The total value of procured medicines and supplies exceeded UAH 4,000,000, providing critical, life-sustaining support to patients in need.

In addition, AHF Ukraine funded 421 high-cost diagnostic examinations, including CT and MRI scans, significantly expanding access to advanced diagnostics that are often financially out of reach without additional assistance. Together, these efforts strengthened access to healthcare services, supported continuity of treatment, and contributed to improving the quality of life of vulnerable populations across Ukraine.

1,136

PATIENTS

759

DECLARATIONS

4M+

PROCURED

421

DIAGNOSTICS FUNDED

NEW WELLNESS CENTER OPENS IN KYIV

In 2025, AHF Ukraine opened a new Wellness Center in Kyiv, expanding access to comprehensive, client-centered sexual health services in the capital. The modern facility provides free and confidential testing for HIV, sexually transmitted infections (STIs), and hepatitis B and C. Clients can also receive medical consultations and treatment for syphilis, chlamydia, gonorrhea, and other STIs.

In addition to clinical services, the center offers free condoms and a supportive, stigma-free environment in which every visitor is treated with dignity and respect.

The opening was marked by a press conference attended by journalists and representatives of the professional community.

According to official data, more than 30,000 new cases of infections such as syphilis, gonorrhea, chlamydia, herpes simplex virus, and HIV are registered in Ukraine each month. The majority of these infections are asymptomatic, meaning that individuals may be unaware of their status and may unknowingly put themselves and others at risk.

Speakers at the event highlighted the critical importance of maintaining access to testing services during wartime, addressing the asymptomatic nature of most STIs, and ensuring continued support for vulnerable populations.

With this opening, AHF Ukraine now operates three Wellness Centers in Ukraine, including two in Kyiv. This expansion reflects the organization's ongoing commitment to strengthening access to prevention, early diagnosis, and treatment services, while promoting a culture of informed and responsible sexual health.



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At the Test & Treat Clinic, our goal is to ensure that every person living with HIV feels supported at every stage of their journey—through diagnosis, treatment, psychological support, and ongoing primary healthcare. A comprehensive approach is not simply important; it is the foundation of quality, dignified care



Oksana Teresenko
Director, Test & Treat Clinic

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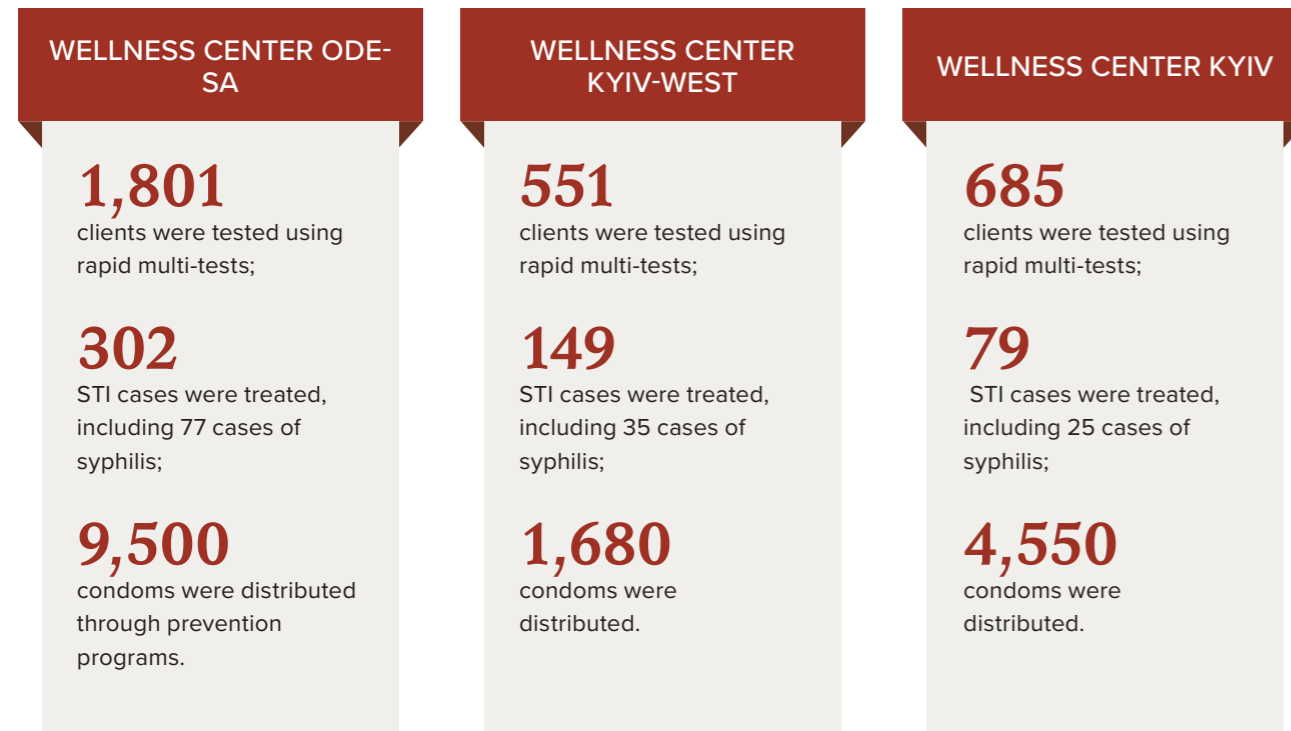
Our new center in Kyiv is another step toward building a healthier and more informed society. We are creating conditions in which people can receive services free of charge, confidentially, and without judgment.



Irina Ponomareva
Director, CF AHF Ukraine

WELLNESS CENTERS: SERVICE DELIVERY RESULTS

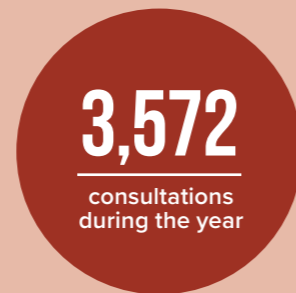
During the reporting period:



These results reflect the continued demand for accessible, confidential, and stigma-free sexual health services, as well as the important role of Wellness Centers in expanding access to prevention, testing, and treatment.

MEDICAL CONSULTATIONS

Across all Wellness Centers, dermatovenereologists conducted a total of 3,572 consultations during the year. This sustained volume of visits demonstrates both strong client trust and the ongoing need for specialized medical care and follow-up services.



NEW INITIATIVES

In 2025, AHF Ukraine introduced the innovative **Sansure iPonatic III PCR system** at Wellness Center Odesa and Wellness Centers Kyiv. This next-generation portable device enables rapid and highly accurate molecular diagnostics, delivering results within 45 minutes and significantly improving early detection and timely treatment initiation.

By integrating advanced PCR technology into routine practice, the Wellness Centers strengthened their capacity to provide evidence-based, same-day clinical decision-making and more timely patient care.

The system allows for the reliable detection of sexually transmitted infections (STIs), including:

- Chlamydia
- Gonorrhea
- Ureaplasma
- Mycoplasma genitalium
- Mycoplasma hominis
- Trichomoniasis



Through its programs, AHF Ukraine works to ensure continuous access to treatment and care, helping people living with HIV maintain their health and quality of life.

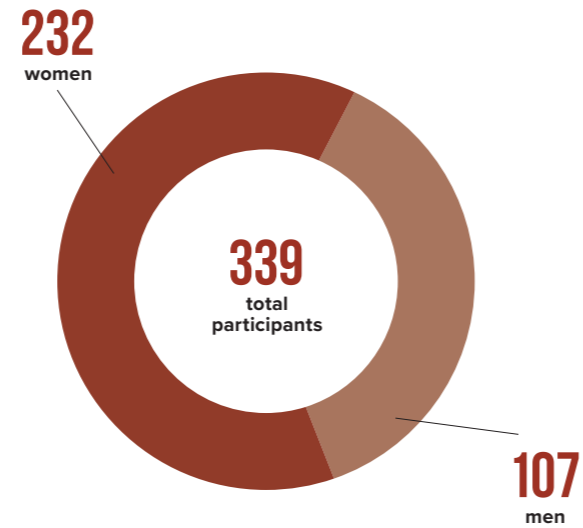


Alla Pantiukh
Medical Coordinator, Ukraine AIDS Healthcare Foundation

START CLUBS: COMMUNITY STRENGTH IN ACTION

In 2025, AHF Ukraine’s StART Club network expanded significantly, growing from 207 to 339 participants (232 women and 107 men), including 147 new members. Across five cities, a total of 154 meetings were held, primarily in person, underscoring the continued importance of safe, supportive community spaces.

StART Clubs provide psychosocial support, health education, and legal guidance for people living with HIV, helping participants strengthen treatment adherence, protect their rights, and improve mental well-being. Members reported greater confidence in navigating healthcare services, addressing stigma, and sustaining their engagement in care.



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Amid war and social uncertainty, StART Clubs provide safe and trusted spaces where people living with HIV support one another, develop leadership, and rebuild a sense of community.



Alona Slomynska
Community & Advocacy Coordinator, Ukraine
AIDS Healthcare Foundation



Regional Highlights



Joint intercity meetings helped strengthen national community ties, while several participants emerged as public advocates, sharing their personal stories to combat stigma and raise awareness.



ADVOCACY, POLICY, AND MARKETING

JOINING FORCES FOR A COMMON GOAL: ADVANCING DIGITAL SOLUTIONS IN THE FIGHT AGAINST HIV

AHF Ukraine convened the forum “**Together for Impact: Innovative Approaches to HIV Detection – Analytics and Digital Solutions,**” bringing together healthcare professionals, representatives of government institutions, international organizations, and civil society partners.

The forum served as an important platform for professional dialogue on advancing innovative approaches to HIV detection, with a particular focus on the integration of data analytics and IT solutions into routine medical practice.

Hosting this forum marked an important step toward strengthening evidence-based, technology-driven approaches to early HIV diagnosis. It also reinforced the importance of cross-sector collaboration as a cornerstone of sustainable public health development in Ukraine.

KEY OUTCOMES OF THE FORUM INCLUDED:

- the presentation of practical digital tools for monitoring HIV testing services;
- discussion of current challenges in implementing IT solutions within the public health system;
- strengthened collaboration among primary healthcare providers, public health managers, and development partners;
- identification of next steps to improve early HIV detection and expand access to testing.

200+
People Tested
During Weekend
Outreach Event

FOOD FOR HEALTH

As part of its social support activities, AHF Ukraine procured and distributed 1,500 food packages to people living with HIV and their family members, providing essential assistance to those facing difficult life circumstances.

OVER 200 PEOPLE TESTED DURING WEEKEND OUTREACH EVENT

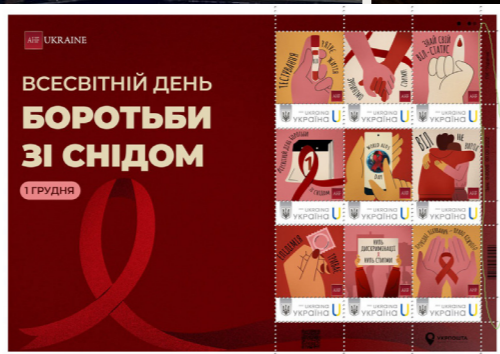
More than 200 individuals received HIV testing during a weekend outreach activation held at a public event. Each test represented a proactive step toward healthier and more responsible health-seeking behaviour.

Ukraine continues to face a significant HIV epidemic. More than 250,000 people are currently living with HIV, and the majority of new cases are transmitted through sexual contact. Many individuals remain unaware of their HIV status, underscoring the

importance of expanding access to early and routine testing.

AHF Ukraine believes that HIV testing should become a new social norm, as a simple and regular part of self-care and care for one’s partners.

The mobile testing unit demonstrated that checking one’s status can be easy, accessible, and stigma-free, even in the context of a leisure or cultural event. By bringing services directly to communities, AHF



WORLD AIDS DAY

On the occasion of World AIDS Day, AHF Ukraine, in collaboration with Ukrposhta, presented a unique commemorative postage stamp created to raise public awareness of HIV and AIDS.

Ahead of World AIDS Day, AIDS Healthcare Foundation Ukraine (AHF Ukraine) hosted a high-level event at Media Center Ukraine, bringing together representatives of the professional medical community, civil society leaders, and journalists.

Key stakeholders, including the United Nations in Ukraine, the Public Health Center of Ukraine, and AHF Ukraine, addressed the current epidemiological situation of HIV/AIDS in Ukraine and discussed the major challenges facing the national response. Participants also outlined strategic priorities for combating the epidemic, which, despite the full-scale war, continues to require urgent and sustained attention.

A highlight of the event was the official presentation and special cancellation ceremony of the commemorative stamp issued jointly by AHF Ukraine and Ukrposhta. The new postal issue, titled “World AIDS Day,” features a sheet of nine stamps accompanied by an illustrated envelope. This limited-edition release is available for purchase through Ukrposhta’s online store, Post Market, and is accessible to both Ukrainian buyers and



This initiative forms part of AHF Ukraine’s broader information campaign aimed at increasing public awareness of the HIV epidemic and the continuing risks it poses to public health. A postage stamp may be small, but it carries a powerful message—reminding society that the fight against HIV continues and requires collective action.



Kseniia Voronova
Advocacy and Marketing Manager,
Ukraine AIDS Healthcare Foundation



AHF Ukraine is more than an organization—it is a community committed to speaking openly about HIV without fear or judgment. By expanding access to testing and treatment and distributing millions of free condoms, AHF Ukraine works to make prevention accessible to all. At the core of these efforts lies a belief in the power of dialogue. Through initiatives such as this event, AHF Ukraine creates not only awareness campaigns, but also meaningful spaces for learning, discussion, and understanding and this time through the language of art.



Dr. Yaroslava Lopatina
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Healthcare Foundation



INTERNATIONAL CONDOM DAY: RAISING AWARENESS THROUGH ART AND DIALOGUE

AHF Ukraine marked International Condom Day by introducing a unique event format—an interactive theatrical performance titled “(Un)Safe Love.” The event became more than a performance; it created an open and honest space for dialogue about modern relationships, intimacy, and the choices that shape personal safety.

The stage offered an opportunity to explore multiple life scenarios within a single evening, allowing audiences to reflect, learn, and engage without real-life risks. Participants were not passive spectators; they actively influenced the storyline, collectively shaping how the narrative unfolded alongside the performers.

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDED:

- 180 participants, including representatives of civil society organizations, foundations, bloggers, journalists, and individuals engaged in promoting safer relationships;
- an interactive performance by an improvisational theatre school that encouraged live dialogue on trust, responsibility, and informed decision-making;
- open discussions free from stigma and taboos, accompanied by the distribution of free condoms and opportunities for attendees to ask questions openly.

GIRLS ACT AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S PROGRAM

YOUTH EDUCATION AND PREVENTION INITIATIVES

Throughout 2025, AHF Ukraine, together with partner organizations, conducted dozens of educational sessions, seminars, trainings, and workshops across Ukraine.

More than 1,000 young people participated in activities focused on:

- comprehensive sexuality education and responsible attitudes toward personal health;
- HIV and other sexually transmitted infections (STIs);
- modern methods of contraception;
- practical ways to protect themselves and their partners.

These activities were implemented as part of AHF Ukraine's systematic efforts to address the HIV epidemic in Ukraine. Increasing awareness, fostering informed decision-making, and promoting responsible sexual health behaviors remain essential elements of HIV prevention and of reducing transmission rates.

Engaging and empowering young people continues to be one of AHF Ukraine's strategic priorities, as education and prevention remain fundamental components of a sustainable public health response.



GIRLS ACT

In 2025, the AHF Ukraine team contributed to creating a safe and supportive space in which adolescents could gain essential knowledge, feel heard, and receive meaningful support.

Participants represented vulnerable groups, including children from families receiving social support, families with persons with disabilities, and adolescents affected by loss because of the war.

Activities and Outputs

48
48 meetings and events



delivered through: the "I Know How" course — 22 sessions; the "Preparing Adolescent Girls for Future Employment" course — 9 sessions;

IN TOTAL, 106 ADOLESCENTS PARTICIPATED IN THE PROGRAM, INCLUDING 98 GIRLS AND 8 BOYS.



KEY TOPICS COVERED

The program addressed a broad range of priority issues, including:

- leadership development and communication skills;
- health education, HIV, viral hepatitis, and STI prevention;
- digital safety;
- career guidance, education pathways, labor market orientation, entrepreneurship, taxation, and corporate ethics.

METHODOLOGY AND APPROACH

Activities were conducted primarily through in-person sessions, combining:

- group work and interactive discussions;
- creative workshops; stress resilience and psychosocial support sessions;
- informal tea gatherings that fostered trust and peer connection.

Each meeting contributed to strengthening participants' knowledge, self-confidence, motivation, and readiness to explore new opportunities.

Our Way Forward

AHF Ukraine Future Priorities

AHF Ukraine future plans are focused on strengthening access to healthcare services, expanding prevention programs, and advancing sustainable solutions to address the ongoing HIV epidemic in the context of war and continued pressure on the healthcare system.

One of the key priorities is the expansion of clinical services, including the opening of an additional Test & Treat Clinic, aimed at increasing access to comprehensive, patient-centered HIV care. This expansion will enable more people to receive timely diagnosis, treatment, and long-term medical support in a stigma-free environment.

AHF Ukraine also plans to further develop its Wellness Center model by expanding services related to sexual and reproductive health, STI diagnosis and treatment, and integrated prevention programs. Strengthening these services will help ensure accessible, confidential, and client-friendly care, particularly for vulnerable and underserved populations.

Another strategic priority is the scale-up of testing programs, including mobile and community-based testing initiatives. By expanding access to HIV, hepatitis, and STI testing, AHF Ukraine seeks to promote earlier diagnosis and link more individuals to care and treatment services.

Recognizing the persistent impact of stigma and discrimination, AHF Ukraine will continue to invest in awareness campaigns, community engagement, and advocacy efforts designed to normalize testing, promote prevention, and create supportive environments for people living with HIV.

In parallel, AHF Ukraine aims to strengthen partnerships with government institutions, civil society organizations, and international stakeholders in support of a coordinated national response to HIV. These collaborations will focus on improving service integration, advancing data-driven approaches, and reinforcing healthcare system resilience amid ongoing humanitarian challenges.

Finally, AHF Ukraine remains committed to ensuring that quality healthcare services remain accessible to everyone, regardless of social status, displacement, or financial capacity. Through program expansion, innovation, and advocacy, AHF Ukraine will continue working toward sustainable HIV control and improved public health outcomes nationwide.

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