

Scaling-up Community HIV Rapid Testing and Linkage to Care in *Estonia, Lithuania, Russia and Ukraine:*

Results and Lessons Learned

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More than 1 million people were estimated to be living with undiagnosed HIV in the WHO European region.

Undiagnosed people cannot receive treatment.

How we can possibly stop AIDS if people don't know they are infected?





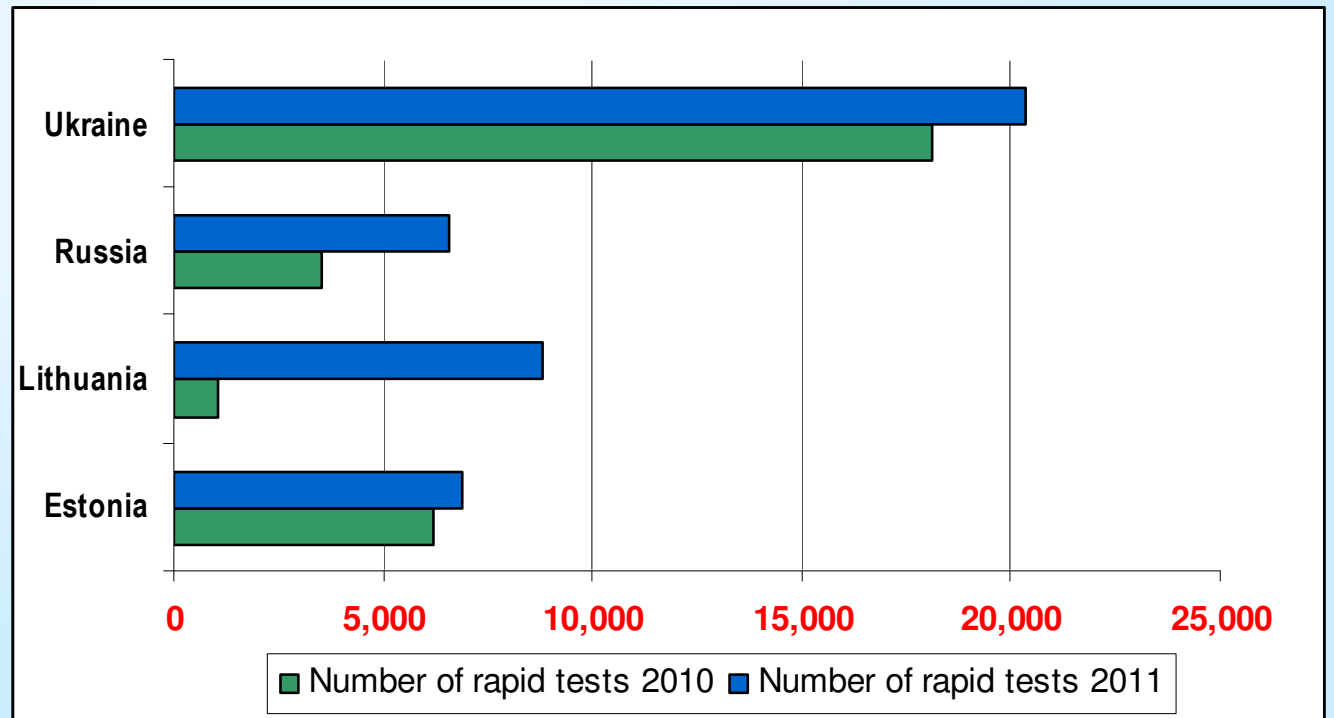
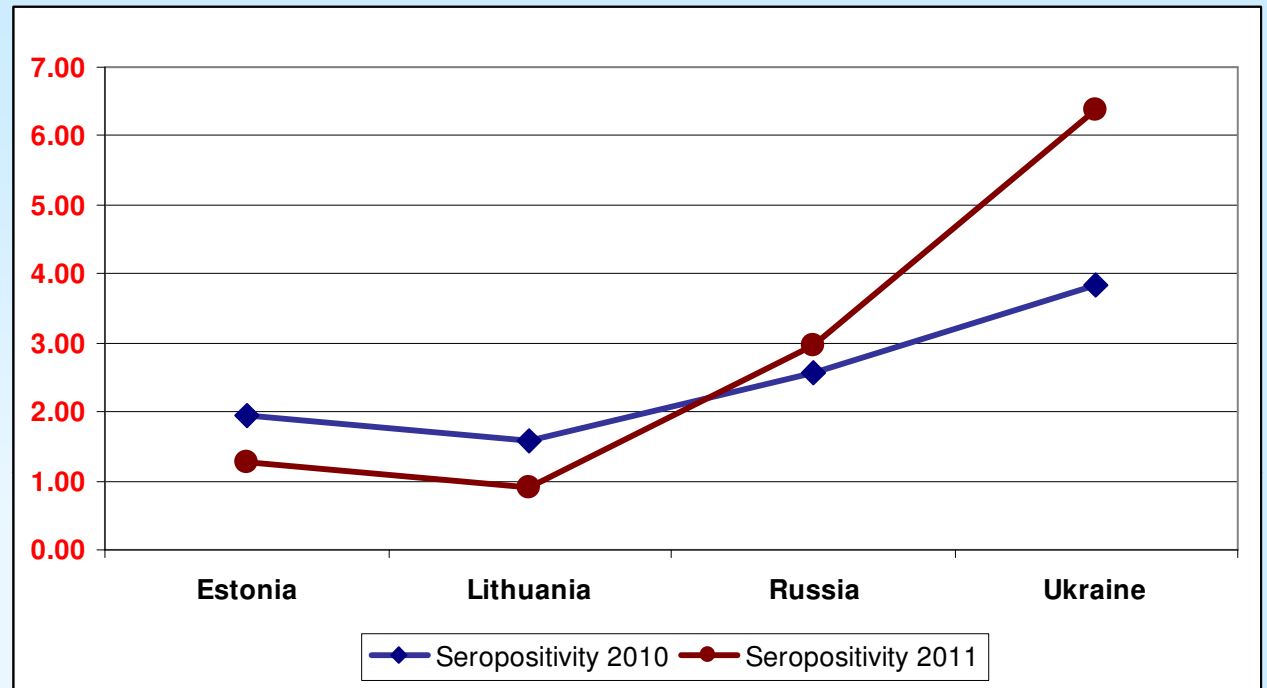
AHF started the process by launching the **TESTING MILLIONS** Campaign –providing easy and free HIV testing and linkage to care using community support.

AHF partnered with state medical institutions and NGOs from Estonia, Lithuania, Russia and Ukraine.

AHF is a full service organization with thousands of employees operating in 22 countries. AHF serves more than 130,000 patients globally.



2010/11
results: total
71,506 people
learned HIV
status in four
Euro countries



Rapid Testing Program (RTP) Data Collection Form

1. Month & Year

Feb-12

2. Country

Sverdlovsk oblast

3. Organization(s) Conducting Tests (name and AHF or Partners)

Sverdlovsk Oblast AIDS Center

4. Total Tested for HIV:

1,000

5. Gender Distribution:

Male

524

Female

476

6. Male Age Distribution:

0-18 months

0

19 months-12

0

10. How many clients had a HIV test before today?

150

11. If clients had a HIV test before, what was their last test result?

Negative

143

Positive

3

Did not get a result

2

Inconclusive

Doesn't remember the result

2

12. First test-kit / Algorithm used

tri-line, intec

13. Results:

Total Positive

17

Total Negative

980

Total Inconclusive

3

14. Positive Male Age Distribution:

0-18 months

19 months-12

13-20

13-20	242
21-30	203
31-40	51
41-50	23
>50	5

7. Female Age Distribution:

0-18 months	0
19 months-12	0
13-20	223
21-30	160
31-40	57
41-50	25
>50	11

8. Why clients got tested:

Unprotected Sex	826
Blood Transfusion	11
Mother To Child	0
Injecting Drug Use	70
Other	99

9. Number of clients told they had a STD in the last 12 months - i.e. Gonorrhea, Syphilis, Chlamydia,

34

21-30	5
31-40	3
41-50	1
>50	

15. Positive Female Age Distribution:

0-18 months	
19 months-12	
13-20	1
21-30	4
31-40	2
41-50	1
>50	

16. Total Positives referred to treatment and/or care

83

17. Positives linked to medical care

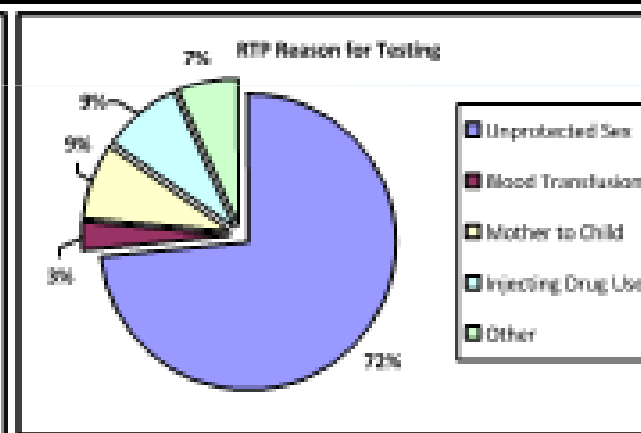
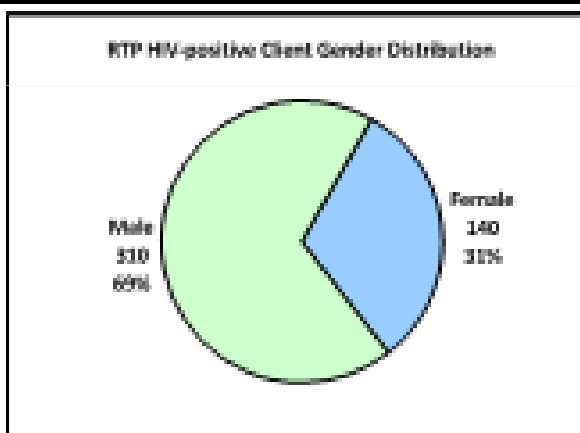
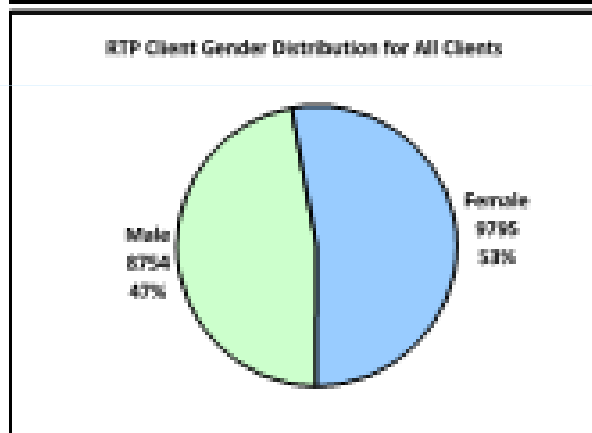
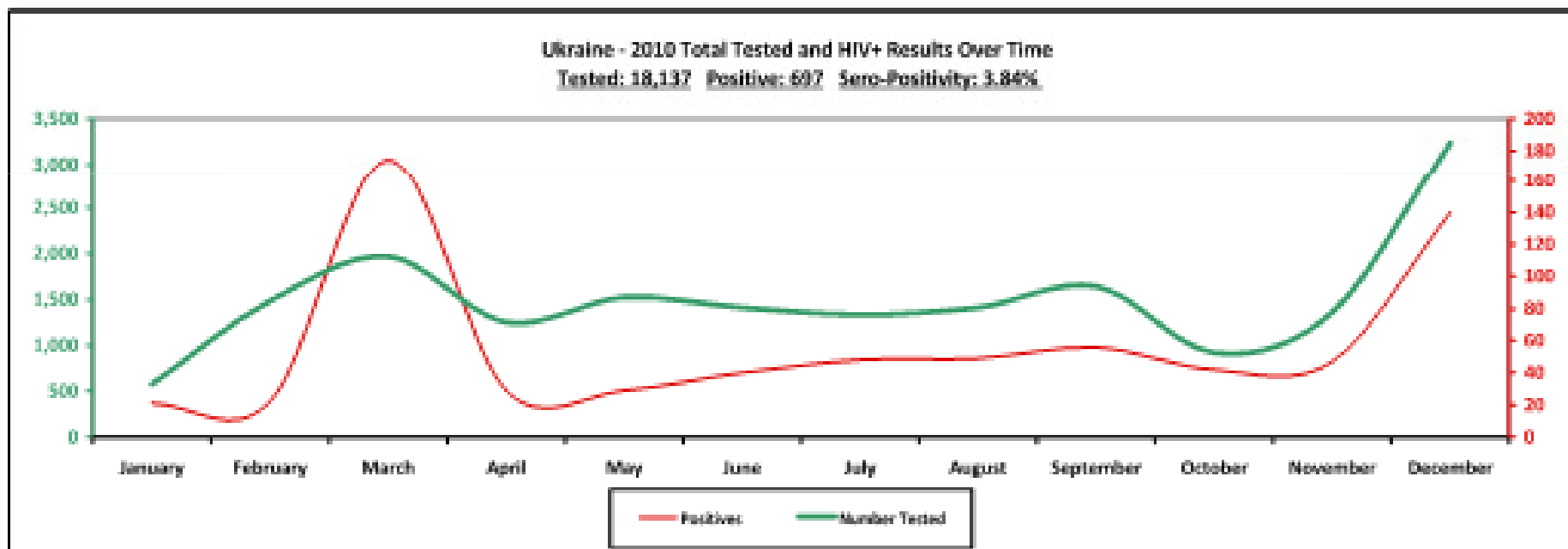
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18. Condoms distributed with testing

1000

19. Marketing: How did client hear about AHF?

Flyer/Brochure	387
Billboard	0
Internet	204
TV/Radio	46
Family/Friends	101
Dr. Referral	178
Other	84



Best Practices on Testing and Linkage: Estonia

TESTING:

RT introduced at HIV testing sites, harm reduction sites, remote rehab sites, MSM clubs, public testing events



LINKAGE:

At rehabs, a case manager accompanies patients to the RT site and then to CD4 testing. Subsequently the same case manager brings ARVs to rehab.

Best Practices on Testing and Linkage: Lithuania

TESTING:

Mobile rapid testing events, campaigns with McDonalds, transport association Linava, FORUM movie theaters



LINKAGE:

RT provider, NGO Demetra, signed agreements with the National Reference Lab and the ART clinic to confirm positive results, do CD4 and provide ART. Peer counselors bring patients to both institutions to ensure linkage.

Best Practices on Testing and Linkage: Ukraine

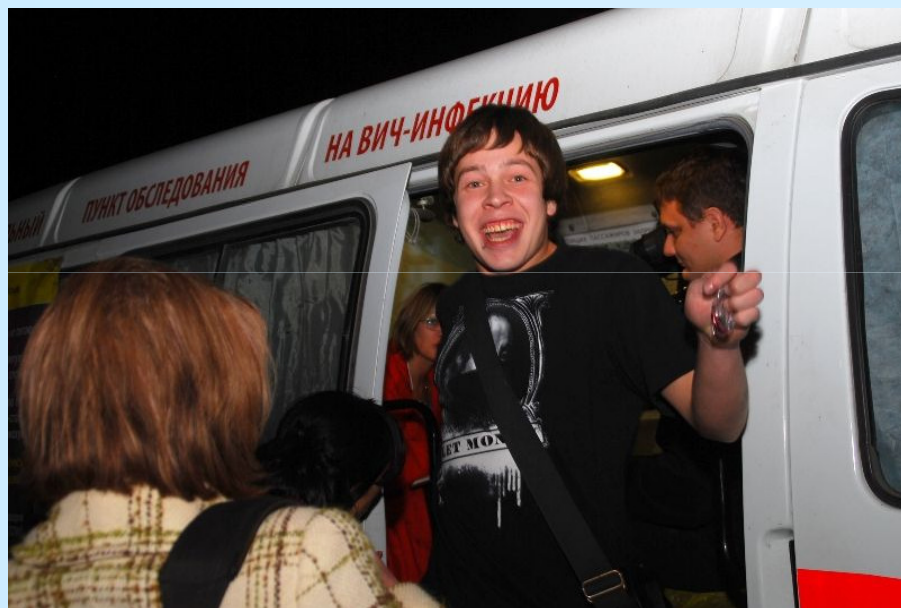


TESTING:
PIT at TB clinics,
drug dependence;
testing and treatment
“under one roof”
outreach testing
events

LINKAGE:
With clients permission the peer counselor
adds the clients mobile phone to his/her mobile
contacts for follow-up after informing
him/her about the HIV+ result.
Financial incentives for health providers
are linked to the number of new clients who
know their CD4 test results.

Best Practices on Testing and Linkage: Russia

Mobile outreach rapid testing



LINKAGE:

Linkage is done by peer counselors who inform clients about their HIV+ result.

The RT is administered by the AIDS Center team, which makes linkage easier, since the center also conducts CD4 and prescribes ART.

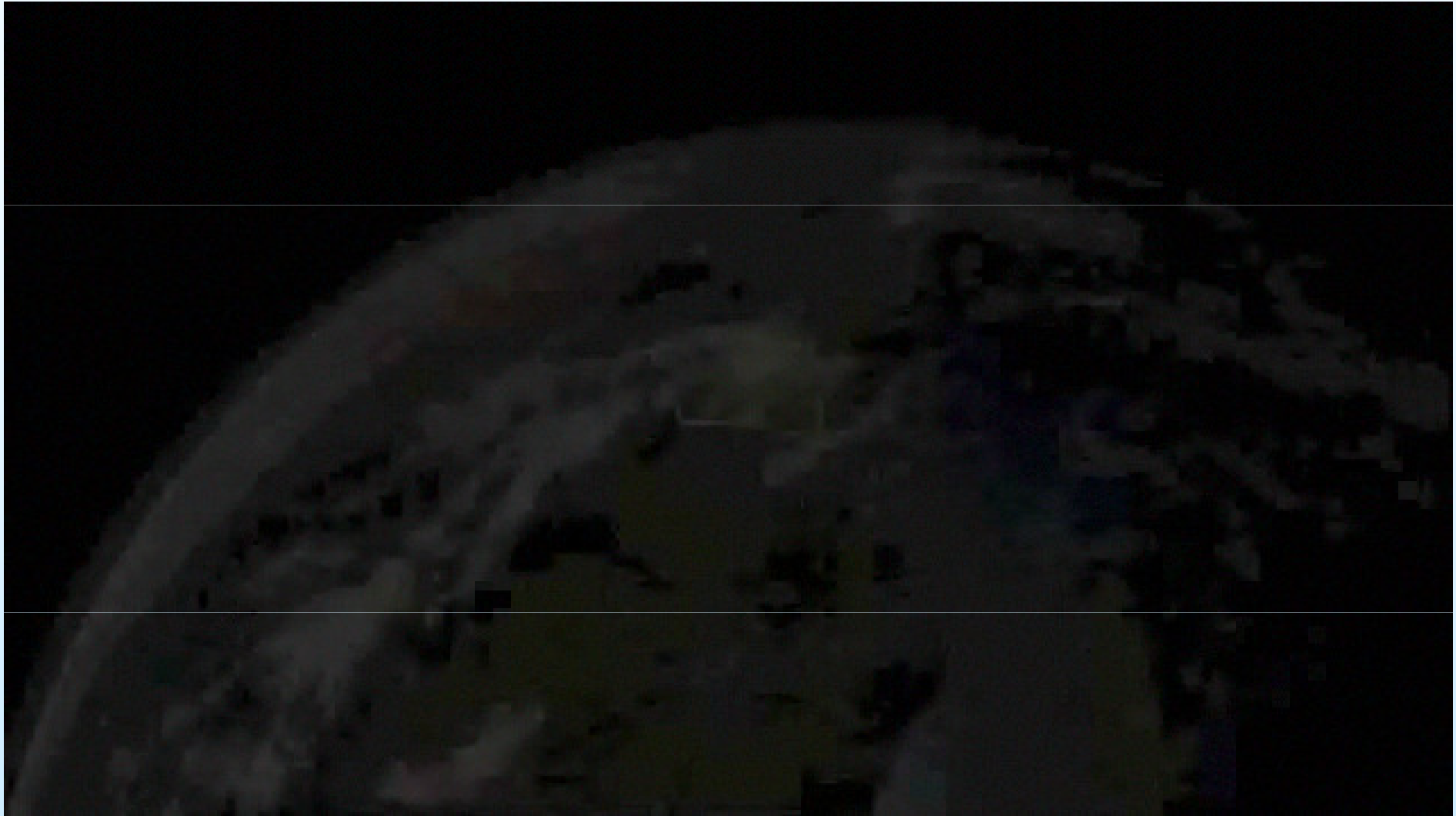


Current Focus:

- Targeting high risk groups
- Improving LINKAGE to care
- Policy change to have easy and free HIV testing with linkage to care



Testing Event Video



[Watch on youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com)

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