



“Features of HIV/STI testing in prevention programs for MSM, implemented in Kiev”

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Brief information about organization

Public organization "Gay Alliance" was established in October 2002 to protect health, rights and interests of MSM. From 2003 till present time, "Gay Alliance", with help of the Global Fund and supported by ICF "International HIV / AIDS Alliance in Ukraine", implements projects on awareness, prevention and harm reduction on HIV and STI / viral hepatitis among MSM in Kiev.

Medical services provided by the NGO "Gay Alliance"

Among many free services offered by our organization, priority is given to health care:

- 1) Rapid HIV and STI (syphilis, chlamydia, gonorrhea), hepatitis B and hepatitis C testing. For diagnostics is used monotests and combined tests.
- 2) Vaccination against hepatitis B.
- 3) VCT and medical consulting (urologists, infectious diseases specialist, dermatologist).

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- 4) Social support of customers in the place of the rapid diagnostics and vaccination against hepatitis B (in Community Center, Trust point, a mobile clinic, vaccination room).
- 5) Forwarding for confirmation of a positive results of testing on HIV / STI / viral hepatitis (VH) in health clinics (Kiev City AIDS Center, Svyatoshinsky Skin and Venereal Diseases Clinic, branch VH at the Kyiv City Clinical Hospital № 5), and, if necessary, social worker's support.

All these activities make contribution to changes in sexual behavior to a less risky.

Rapid diagnosis for MSM

The main groups of MSM, free rapid diagnosis and vaccination against hepatitis B provides for, are:

- gay;
- bisexual;
- men who are sex workers;
- elderly MSM.

Places of providing medical services : community center for gay and bisexual men, trust points in health care institutions, mobile clinic in street places with a large attendance of MSM, vaccination office.

The test system for HIV

For rapid diagnosis of HIV is used mono-tests and combined-tests (HIV + syphilis + Hepatitis B + Hepatitis C) of InTec Products Inc. (China). Blood sampling provides from a finger, result is known in 10-15 minutes.



The number of MSM tested for HIV-based NGO "Gay Alliance"

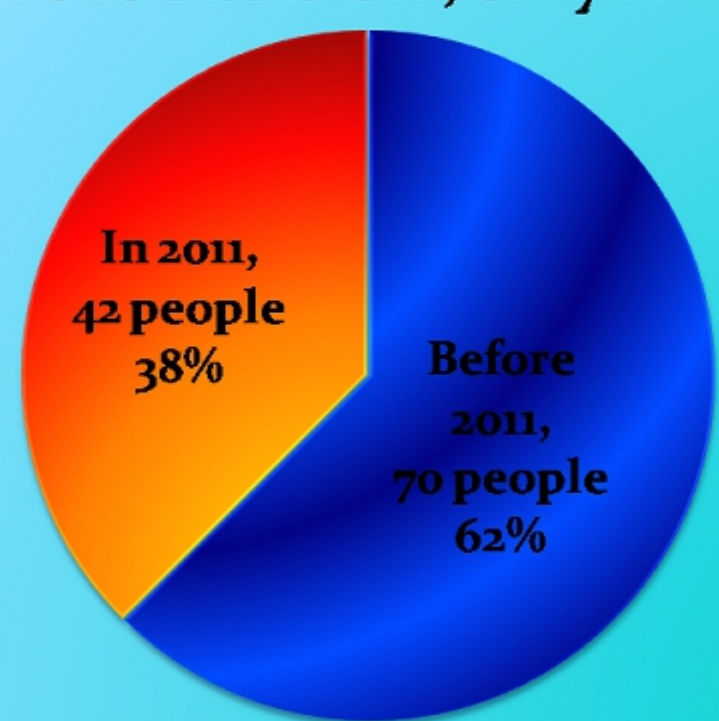
Number of MSM who have been availed VCT and rapid HIV testing within prevention programs of "Gay Alliance" in Kiev:

the planned coverage

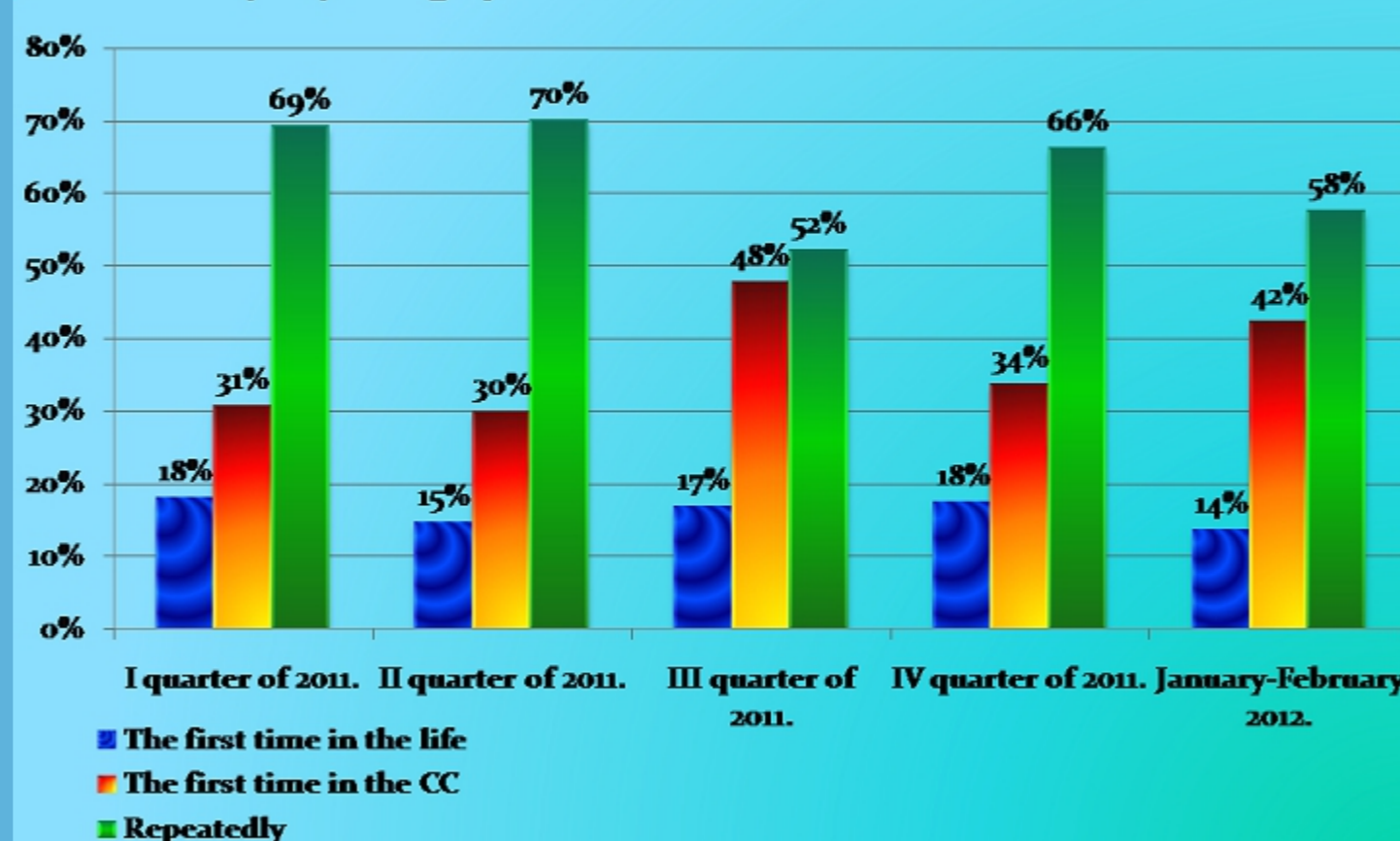
YEAR	2010	2011	2012*	2013*
The number of MSM	2779	2885	3370	3414

We have achieved such numbers with help of effective work of our employees through such components of work as: street and club outreach, community center, spread of information materials, work of volunteer department etc. Since the beginning of 2012 launched online consulting, also we are working on improving of website of the organization.

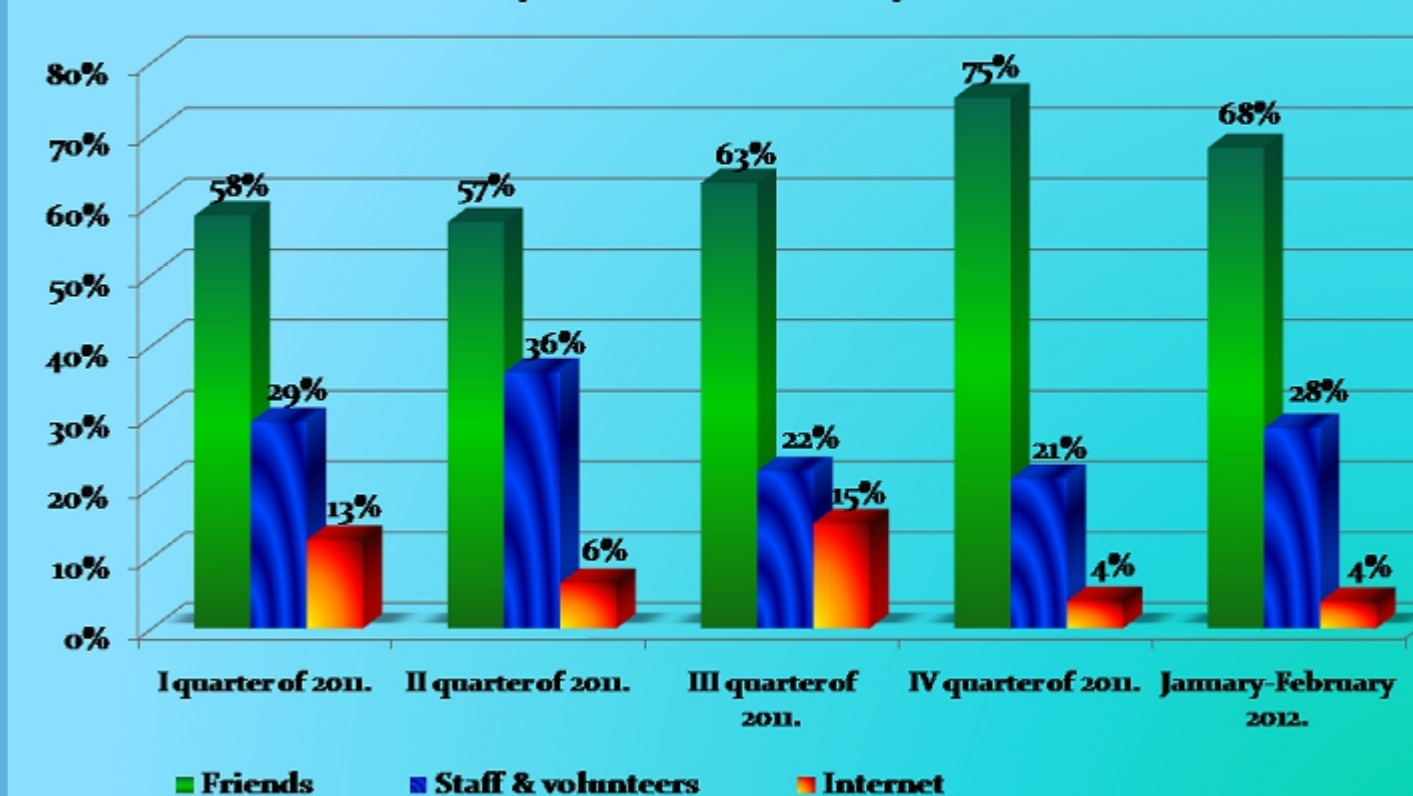
Number of MSM who have been formally record-kept in the Kiev City AIDS Center As of the 01.01.2012, only 112 MSM



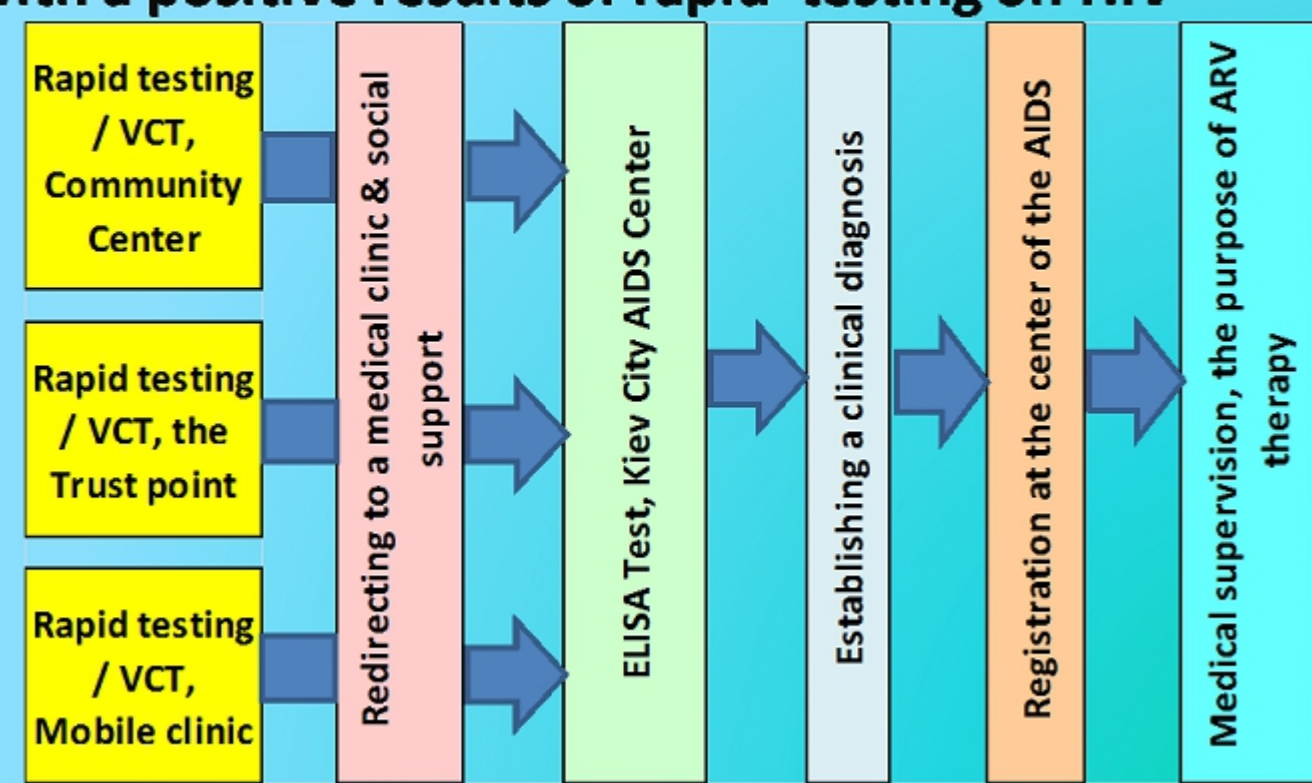
Percentage of MSM who pass the test in a community center (CC) for gay and bisexual



Sources of information about rapid testing on HIV / STI / VH in the Community Center PO "Gay Alliance"



Scheme of forwarding customers of "Gay Alliance" with a positive results of rapid testing on HIV



Achieved results

In recent years, thanks to the efficient work with MSM on harm reduction issue, involvement them to HIV and STI testing, significantly increased their awareness of the problem and number of people who know their HIV status in Kiev and in Ukraine in general. We are sure that this will help us to stop the HIV / AIDS epidemic in our country in the nearest future.

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