

KEY FACTS ON HIV EPIDEMIC IN MALTA AND PROGRESS IN 2011

(pop. 417 520)

In Malta a new HIV reporting system was established in 2004. Since then, Malta has reported a cumulative total of 157 HIV cases, 96 AIDS cases, and 60 deaths among AIDS cases to the WHO Regional Office for Europe and the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC). For the year 2011, Malta reported 21 new HIV cases, 5 AIDS cases and one death among AIDS cases. The rate of newly diagnosed HIV infections in 2011 was 5.0 per 100 000 population. Of the newly reported infections with information about transmission mode in 2011 (88%), 76.5% were infected through heterosexual contact and 23.5% through sex between men. The majority (81%) of newly diagnosed cases were male. No mother-to-child transmission cases have been reported in Malta.

Taking undiagnosed infections into account, the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) and WHO estimate that less than 500 people were living with HIV in Malta in 2011 and that less than 100 people died from AIDS-related causes during 2011.

HIV testing is mandatory for Maltese blood donors, prisoners, sexually transmitted infection patients and people who inject drugs. Testing is also required before invasive medical treatment or adoption.

The number of people in Malta receiving antiretroviral therapy (ART) increased from 33 in 2002 to 119 in 2010. One facility in the country was providing ART as of December 2010.

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