

KEY FACTS ON HIV EPIDEMIC IN BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA AND PROGRESS IN 2011

(pop. 3 844 046)

Bosnia and Herzegovina is a low HIV prevalence country with an estimated prevalence of <0.1%. By the end of 2011, Bosnia and Herzegovina had reported a cumulative total of 197 HIV cases to the WHO Regional Office for Europe and the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC), including 116 people who had developed AIDS and 55 deaths among AIDS cases. For the year 2011, 26 new HIV cases, 7 new AIDS cases and zero deaths among AIDS cases were reported. The rate of newly diagnosed HIV infections was 0.7 per 100 000 population in 2011. 85% of the newly reported HIV infections in 2011 were among men. Among the newly diagnosed infections with known transmission mode (96%), 56% were reported to be infected through heterosexual contact and 44% through sex between men. At the end of 2011 a cumulative total of only one mother-to-child-transmission case had been reported (zero in 2011).

As of 2010, 41 facilities in Bosnia and Herzegovina offered HIV testing. In 2010, 19 897 people over the age of 15 were tested for HIV. Systematic HIV testing was carried out on blood donors and HIV testing was promoted on a volunteer basis for pregnant women as of 2010.

HIV testing is free and non-mandatory (except for patients requiring transfusion or transplantation). Pre-testing and post-testing counselling was established in 2005 through Voluntary Confidential Counselling and Testing (VCCT) centres. In 2012 there were 20 VCCT centres operational.

In Bosnia and Herzegovina, treatment and care are provided free of charge to people living with HIV/AIDS. 58 people received HIV care in 2010, the majority (81%) of whom were male. As of December 2010, 48 people with advanced HIV infection were receiving antiretroviral therapy (ART). Of the 48 people on ART, 39 (81%) were male and 22 (46%) were prisoners. Three health facilities in the country provide ART, based in Sarajevo, Tuzla and Banja Luka.

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