

## KEY FACTS ON HIV EPIDEMIC IN CYPRUS AND PROGRESS IN 2011

(pop. 803 147)

By the end of 2011, Cyprus had reported a cumulative total of 730 HIV cases, 231 AIDS cases and 104 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, 54 HIV cases, 4 AIDS cases and 3 deaths among AIDS cases were reported. The rate of newly diagnosed HIV infections for 2011 was 6.4 per 100 000 population. The majority (72%) of newly diagnosed HIV cases were male. Among the newly diagnosed infections with known transmission mode (93%), 44% were reported to be infected through heterosexual contact and 54% through sex between men. At the end of 2011, a cumulative total of two mother-to-child-transmission cases have been reported (zero cases in 2011).

HIV testing is offered free of charge in Cyprus and partner notification is not mandatory; HIV testing and counselling is available at 3 of the 6 health facilities. As of December 2010, 240 people were enrolled in HIV care and 198 were on antiretroviral therapy (ART) at one facility in the country. Of the 198 people on ART, 158 (80%) were male.

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