

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

(pop. 8 997 586)

By the end of 2011, Azerbaijan reported 3 267 HIV cases to the WHO Regional Office for Europe and the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC); 895 of these had been reported diagnosed with AIDS, including 284 who had died. For 2011, 548 new HIV cases, 195 new cases of AIDS and 27 deaths among AIDS cases were reported. The rate of newly diagnosed HIV infections was 6.0 per 100 000 population in 2011. The majority of all newly reported HIV cases were male (410, 74%). Of the new cases with information about transmission mode (94.3%), 61.1% were infected through injecting drug use, 36.2% through heterosexual contact, 1% through sex between men and 1.7% through mother-to-child transmission. A cumulative total of 41 mother-to-child transmission cases have been reported, including 9 in 2011.

Taking undiagnosed infections into account, the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) and the WHO estimate that 6 700 (5 000 – 8 800) people were living with HIV in Azerbaijan at the end of 2011 and that < 500 people died from AIDS related causes during 2011.

As of 2010, HIV testing was free of charge and 19 facilities provided testing. According to national HIV testing policies, partner notification was voluntary and anonymous. Tests in relation to invasive medical interventions and imprisonment were carried out systematically. Moreover, tests were also systematically performed on military recruits, people seeking residence, blood donors and STI patients. All tests were reported as having been conducted with informed consent.

In 2011, 365 090 people were tested for HIV in Azerbaijan, and 707 people received antiretroviral therapy (ART) at the national AIDS Centre which is the only facility providing ART in the country. Of the people receiving ART by the end of 2011, 15 were children between 0-14 years. The estimated ART coverage in 2010, based on 2010 WHO guidelines, was 32% (24%-43%).

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