

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

(pop. 5 404 322)

By the end of 2011, Slovakia had reported a cumulative total of 406 HIV cases to the WHO Regional Office for Europe and the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC); they had also reported that 61 of the infected individuals had developed AIDS, including 36 who had died. For the year 2011, they reported 49 new HIV cases, 4 new AIDS cases and 1 death among AIDS cases. The rate of newly diagnosed HIV infections in 2011 was 0.9 per 100 000 population. Of the newly reported infections with information about transmission mode in 2011 (88%), 23.3% were infected through heterosexual contact, 74.4% through sex between men and 2.3% through injecting drug use. The majority (94%) of newly diagnosed cases were male. No mother-to-child transmission cases have been reported in Slovakia.

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 Slovakia in 2011 and that less than 100 people died from AIDS-related causes during 2011.

In 2010, 128 563 people were tested for HIV in Slovakia. Mandatory testing is required for pregnant women, blood donors, people seeking long-term visas/residence/asylum and STI patients.

179 people received HIV care in Slovakia in 2010. The number of people receiving antiretroviral therapy (ART) increased from 31 in 2002 to 118 by December 2010 (78% were male and 70% were infected through sex between men). As of December 2010, 4 facilities in the country were providing ART.

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