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Republic of Belarus

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State Programme on HIV Prevention for 2001-2005

Chapter 1. General Provisions

Over the period of 9 years (1987-1995) the HIV situation in Belarus was estimated as relatively favourable (113 HIV cases were reported). The main way of HIV transmission was sexual accounting for 78 per cent.

The situation changed in July 1996. This change was brought by such adverse social phenomenon as drug use. Numerous injection contacts and constant migration in search of drugs facilitated intensive spreading of HIV. The first outbreak of HIV was registered in the town of Svetlogorsk. Ninety per cent of all cases were recorded among injection drug users. In 1996, the number of detected HIV cases constituted 1,021.

At present, the HIV epidemic situation in Belarus remains to be complicated. As for 1 January 2000, the cumulative number of detected HIV cases was 2,752.

The majority of HIV positive persons are young (15-29 years) accounting for 86.7 per cent.

Infection prevalence is spreading among injection drug users. At the same time, the ratio of human immunodeficiency virus transmission through sexual contacts is growing (increasing from 7 per cent in 1996 to 30 per cent in 1999). The ratio of sexual transmission and parenteral transmission of HIV constitutes 1:2 (30.5 per cent account for sexual transmission and 69.3 per cent for parenteral transmission). This demonstrates that people who are not included into groups with a high risk of HIV infection are involved into the epidemics. The number of HIV cases registered every year among women is increasing. HIV positive women have given birth to 123 infants.

The present situation will cause new social, economic and medical problems in the country. Solution of these problems will require coordinated and targeted actions by the state and society.

Chapter 2. Objective and Tasks

The main objective of the State Programme on HIV Prevention for 2001-2005 is preventing a further spreading of HIV among population and minimising its adverse

impacts.

The achievement of the objective will be facilitated by the fulfilment of the following tasks set before the ministries, central bodies of state government, local executive and administrative bodies:

performance of epidemiological monitoring over HIV infection in the territory of the Republic of Belarus;

development of scientific, information, organisational and methodological integration among ministries, central bodies of state government and organisations on the HIV/AIDS problem;

carrying of information and education actions on HIV prevention among population of the Republic;

provision of social and psychological support to HIV positive persons and AIDS patients;

improvement of medical, information and education technologies on the HIV/AIDS problem;

development of cooperation with international and social organisations on the issues of HIV prevention.

The Programme will be based on the target programmes of the ministries and other government authorities of the Republic responsible for fulfilment of actions stated in this Programme.

The Programme is to be financed from resources allocated by the central and local budgets in the section "Health Protection" and from resources of the implementing agencies.

Chapter 3. Expected Results

Implementation of the State Programme on HIV Prevention for 2001-2005 will make it possible to:

- reduce the rate of HIV spreading among persons with high risk of infection;
- predict the development of the HIV epidemic process and work out comprehensive actions needed to counteract its further spreading;
- increase the awareness of the population on the HIV/AIDS problem;
- make social and psychological support accessible to HIV persons and their relatives.

Chapter 4. Epidemiological Surveillance over HIV Infection

4.1. The System of Epidemiological Surveillance over HIV Infection

Includes:

analysis of HIV prevalence among different groups of population in the Republic, including through the use of sentinel surveillance

Ministry of Health

2001-2005;

improvement of the computer information analysis system for HIV monitoring, and introducing this system into the Oblast AIDS Prevention Centres

Ministry of Health

2001-2003;

study of specific features of the HIV epidemic process and preparation of practical recommendations for institutions irrespective of their departmental subordination

Ministry of Health

2001-2005;

setting up of a system for mutual exchange of information among different health institutions related to diseases that are indirect indicators of HIV/AIDS prevalence

Ministry of Health

2001.

4.2. Diagnosis, Treatment and Prevention:

to organise a centralised provision to laboratories of medical institutions engaged in HIV diagnosis, irrespective of their departmental subordination, of the required amount of test kits

Ministry of Health

2001-2005;

to organise counselling for persons attending medical institutions to be tested for antibodies to human immunodeficiency virus

Ministry of Health, Ministry of Interior,

Ministry of Defence, KGB, Belarusian

Railways

2001-2005;

to carry clinical and laboratory monitoring of HIV infection among persons registered at the outpatient clinics, and to work out recommendations on outpatient observation over HIV positive persons

Ministry of Health

2001-2005;

to provide the pharmacies with medicinal preparations used for a

comprehensive multi-component antiviral therapy and medicinal prevention

Ministry of Health

2001-2005;

to train doctors (infection specialists, gynaecologists, skin and STD specialists, narcologists, therapy doctors, etc.) at the refreshment courses devoted to counselling on HIV/AIDS

Ministry of Health, Ministry of Interior, Ministry of Defence,
KGB, Belarusian Railways

2001-2005;

to complete provision to medical workers of all health institutions, irrespective of their forms of property, of modern personal protection equipment reducing the risk of infection transmission through professional work

Ministry of Health, Ministry of Interior, Ministry of Defence,
KGB, Belarusian Railways

2001-2002.

4.3. Preventing Transmission of Human Immunodeficiency Virus through Donor Blood:

to improve the donor blood collection system with due account of information supplied every month from specialised medical institutions, and provide all blood transfusion centres and departments with automated workplaces

Ministry of Health, Ministry of Defence,
Belarusian Railways, Oblast Executive Committees,
Minsk City Executive Committee

2001-2005;

to additionally equip blood transfusion centres and departments of the Republic with low-temperature freezers and automated blood separators for temporary storage of blood products

Ministry of Health, Ministry of Defence,
Belarusian Railways, Oblast Executive Committees,
Minsk City Executive Committee

2001-2003;

to provide blood transfusion centres and departments with plastic containers for preparation of blood and its components

Ministry of Health, Ministry of Defence, KGB, Ministry of
Interior, Belarusian Railways, Oblast Executive Committees,
Minsk City Executive Committee

2001-2005.

4.4. Information and Education Support:

to organise, quarterly, issue of television and radio programmes devoted to prevention of HIV, drug addiction, and sexually transmitted infections

Ministry of Health, Belarusian Television and Radio Company,

Ministry of Education, Ministry of Culture, Ministry of Defence,
Ministry of Interior, Ministry of Sport, Belarusian Railways,
State Committee on Affairs of Youth, Oblast Executive
Committees, Minsk City Executive Committee
2001-2005;

to introduce a permanent series of programmes on the HIV/AIDS problem on television and radio

Belarusian Television and Radio Company, Ministry of Health,
Ministry of Education, Ministry of Culture
2001-2005;

to prepare and issue cinema films, video clips, radio rolls, information and education materials devoted to the HIV/AIDS problem, drug use and prevention of sexually transmitted infections on conditions of shared financing

Ministry of Health, Ministry of Culture, Ministry of Education,
State Committee on Press, Belarusian Television and Radio
Company, State Committee on Affairs of Youth, Oblast
Executive Committees, Minsk City Executive Committee
2001-2005;

to organise systematic broadcasting of topical video and sound rolls, cinema and video films devoted to the prevention of HIV, drug use, sexually transmitted infections and provide free air time for this purpose

Belarusian Television and Radio Company, Ministry of Health
2001-2005;

to organise publication, at least twice a year, of a topical column, series or a special issue devoted to the HIV/AIDS problem in periodical press

Ministry of Health, State Committee on Press,
Ministry of Education, Ministry of Culture, Ministry of Defence,
Ministry of Interior, Ministry of Sport, Belarusian Railways,
State Committee on Affairs of Youth, Oblast Executive
Committees, Minsk City Executive Committee
2001-2005;

to conduct, annually, actions devoted to the World AIDS Campaign and the World AIDS Day

Ministry of Health, Ministry of Culture, Ministry of Education,
Ministry of Sport, State Committee on Affairs of Youth, Ministry
of Defence, Ministry of Interior, Ministry of Emergencies,
Belarusian Television and Radio Company, State Committee on
Press, Belarusian Railways, Ministry of Communal Facilities,
Ministry of Transport, Oblast Executive Committees, Minsk City
Executive Committee 2001-2005;

To organise topical contests of:
posters (every year);

social video and radio rolls (once every 2 years);
cultural and entertainment performances (once every 2 years);
press publications (every year);
television and radio programmes (once every 2 years);
methodological materials (once every 2 years)

Ministry of Culture, Ministry of Education, State
Committee on Affairs of Youth,
State Committee on Press, Belarusian Television and
Radio Company, Oblast Executive Committees, Minsk
City Executive Committee,
2001-2005;

to write a play and stage a performance promoting healthy lifestyle, prevention
of HIV, drug use and sexually transmitted infections

Ministry of Culture, Ministry of Health
2001-2002;

to introduce into education plans and programmes of refreshment courses for
teachers training issues devoted to prevention of HIV (4-7 h programmes), and
ensure their implementation

Ministry of Education
2001-2005;

to train, annually, teachers, including class teachers of comprehensive schools,
teachers and educators of vocational schools, secondary special educational
institutions, and specialists of extra-school institutions on prevention of HIV

Ministry of Education, Ministry of Culture, Ministry of
Health, Ministry of Sport, Ministry of Defence, Ministry
of Agriculture and Food, Ministry of Interior, Ministry
of Trade, Belarusian Railways, Oblast Executive
Committees, Minsk City Executive Committee
2001-2005;

to ensure implementation of programmes on HIV prevention in vocational
schools, secondary special educational institutions, and higher educational
institutions

Ministry of Education, Ministry of Culture, Ministry of
Health, Ministry of Sport, Ministry of Defence, Ministry
of Agriculture and Food, Ministry of Interior, Ministry
of Emergencies, Ministry of Trade, Belarusian Railways,
Oblast Executive Committees, Minsk City Executive Committee
2001-2005;

to work out a programme on teaching the HIV/AIDS problem in
comprehensive schools and introduce this programme into educational process

Ministry of Education, Ministry of Health

2001-2002;

to work out and publish lecture materials for educational programmes on HIV prevention for training teachers, students of higher educational institutions, secondary special educational institutions and vocational schools

Ministry of Education, Ministry of Health

2001-2002;

to conduct work among parents devoted to prevention of HIV, drug use and sexually transmitted infections.

Ministry of Education, Ministry of Health, State Committee on Affairs of Youth, Oblast Executive Committees, Minsk City Executive Committee

2001-2005;

to organise training on the HIV/AIDS problem for organiser educators working with young people at the place of residence

Ministry of Communal Facilities, Ministry of Health,

2001-2005;

to work out programmes for training specialists on the HIV/AIDS problem and introduce them into refreshment courses

Ministry of Sport, Ministry of Defence, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Interior, Ministry of Agriculture and Food, Ministry of Health

2001-2005;

to organise training and refreshment training of facilitators on issues of HIV prevention

Ministry of Health, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Culture, Ministry of Communal Facilities, Ministry of Defence, Ministry of Interior, Ministry of Transport, Ministry of Social Protection, State Committee on Press, State Committee on Affairs of Youth, Belarusian Television and Radio Company, Ministry of Sport, Ministry of Trade, Belarusian Railways, Ministry of Industry, Oblast Executive Committees, Minsk City Executive Committee

2001-2005;

to work out and publish a methodological manual for facilitators and teachers on issues of HIV prevention

Ministry of Health, Oblast Executive Committees, Minsk City Executive Committee

2001-2002;

to conduct education work on the HIV/AIDS problem among workers of organisations of the Republic

Ministry of Health, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Culture, Ministry of Communal Facilities, Ministry of Defence, Ministry of Interior, Ministry of Transport, Ministry of Social Protection, State Committee on Press, State Committee on Affairs of Youth,

Belarusian Television and Radio Company, Ministry of Sport, Ministry of Trade, Belarusian Railways, Ministry of Industry, Oblast Executive Committees, Minsk City Executive Committee
2001 - 2005;

to set up a service for social and counselling support of young people on issues of health, family planning, prevention of HIV and sexually transmitted infections in multi-profile centres working with children, adolescents and young people and in centres rendering social services for children and students

State Committee on Affairs of Youth, Ministry of Social Protection, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Communal Facilities, Oblast Executive Committees, Minsk City Executive Committee
2001-2003;

to ensure the conducting of topical actions for young people promoting healthy lifestyle aimed at preventing HIV infection

Ministry of Culture, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Sport, State Committee on Affairs of Youth, Ministry of Defence, Ministry of Interior, Ministry of Agriculture and Food, Belarusian Railways, Oblast Executive Committees, Minsk City Executive Committee
2001 -2005;

to organise in health institutions actions for students devoted to healthy lifestyle and prevention of HIV

Ministry of Education, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Sport, State Committee on Affairs of Youth, Oblast Executive Committees, Minsk City Executive Committee
2001-2005.

4.5. Preventing Work among Persons with High Risk of Infection:

to carry on education work among persons with high risk of infection by involving volunteers and health workers providing various kinds of support to such persons

Ministry of Health, Oblast Executive Committees, Minsk City Executive Committee
2001-2005;

to conduct monitoring of HIV prevalence among injection drug users so as to perform preventive interventions timely and efficaciously

Ministry of Health, Ministry of Interior
2001-2005;

to expand the network of anonymous counselling points for drug users, organise needles and syringes exchange and condoms distribution

Ministry of Health, Oblast Executive Committees,

Minsk City Executive Committee
2001-2005;

to publish information materials for injection drug users devoted to various aspects of the HIV/AIDS problem

Ministry of Health, Oblast Executive Committees,
Minsk City Executive Committee
2001-2005;

to study experience of application of replacement therapy for injection drug users and prepare recommendations

Ministry of Health
2001 -2002.

4.6. Preventing Work on the HIV/AIDS Problem in the System of the Ministry of Interior and the Ministry of Defence:

to ensure conditions excluding infecting with HIV in places of military service as well as in correctional labour institutions administered by the Committee on Execution of Punishment of the Ministry of Interior

Ministry of Interior, Ministry of
Defence
2001-2005;

to provide for the performance of information and education work devoted to the HIV/AIDS problem among staff members of the correctional labour institutions of the Committee on Execution of Punishment under the Ministry of Interior

Ministry of Interior
2001-2005;

to train medical workers and psychologists of correctional labour institutions administered by the Committee on Execution of Punishment of the Ministry of Interior on issues of counselling and rendering of psychological help to HIV infected persons and AIDS patients

Ministry of Health, Ministry of Interior
2001-2005.

4.7. Social Aspects:

to train members of families of HIV persons and AIDS patients how to provide medical aid at home

Ministry of Health,
Belarusian Society of Red Cross*
2001-2005;

to organise affordable social and psychological support to HIV persons and

their relatives

Ministry of Social Protection, Ministry of Health,
Belarusian Society of Red Cross*, Oblast Executive
Committees, Minsk City Executive Committee
2001-2005.

*with their consent.



Council of Ministers Republic of Belarus

RESOLUTION

29 December 2000, № 2041

City of Minsk

ON STATE PROGRAMME ON HIV PREVENTION FOR 2001-2005

The Council of Ministers of the Republic of Belarus hereby **resolves**:

1. To approve the attached State Programme on HIV Prevention for 2001-2005*.
2. The Ministry of Health shall make the State Programme on HIV Prevention for 2001-2005 known by all concerns.
3. To appoint the Ministry of Health responsible for execution of the State Programme on HIV Prevention for 2001-2005 which should inform about it the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Belarus every year before the 1st of April.

Prime Minister
Republic of Belarus

V. YERMOSHIN

*Not dispatched.