



REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN

THE REPUBLICAN CENTER ON PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF AIDS

On the implementation of the Grant provided by the
Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria
KAZ-202-G01-H-00

«Assistance and support to safer behavior choices among vulnerable
population groups (injecting drug users, commercial sex workers,
youth), assistance and support to people living with HIV/AIDS»

Reporting period: 1 January 2008 - 31 December 2008
(The fifth Program Year)



Developed by the Project Implementation Unit (PIU)

March 2009
Almaty

Annual Progress Report

Donor:	The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria
Principal Recipient:	The Republican Center on Prevention and Control of AIDS of the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Kazakhstan
Country:	Republic of Kazakhstan
Grant Number:	KAZ-202-G01-H-00
Programme:	«Assistance and support to the most safer behavior choices among vulnerable population groups (injecting drug users, commercial sex workers, youth), assistance and support to people living with HIV/AIDS»
Total Grant amount for 5 years (plan):	USD 22 085 999, 00
Total amount spent during 5 years:	USD 19 891 702, 00
Total amount for Year 5 (plan):	USD 6 194 483,79
Total amount spent during Year 5:	USD 5 963 134,67
Program starting date:	1 December 2003
Program period:	1 December 2003 / 30 November 2008
Reporting period: (the 5-th program year)	1 January 2008 / 31 December 2008

Epidemiological situation in the Republic of Kazakhstan

According to the official statistics, the cumulative number of HIV cases in the Republic Kazakhstan by January 01, 2009 there were registered 11709 HIV-positive persons, including children under 14 years – 297. According to gender composition the portion of men is 73,4%, women – 26,6%,. the ratio of men to women is 3:1. 815 persons are patients with AIDS, including 56 children under 14 years old. Out of people with AIDS, 633 persons have died, including 4 children under 14 years old.

The number of registered HIV-cases greatly varies in different regions of the country. The highest prevalence rates were registered in the city of Almaty, in Karaganda, Pavlodar, Kostanai and East Kazakhstan regions.

In 2008 there were 2335 of HIV cases registered (in 2007 – 1979 cases) including 70 children under 14 years old. The proportion of urban population is 74,5%, rural population – 25,5%. There is a growing tendency for HIV infection cases registered among rural population.

In 2008 the distribution of registered HIV cases on the modes and factors of transmission are: Injecting drug users are 60,4% (in 2007 – 63,6%), the portion of sexual transmission is 29,1% (in 2007 – 25,4%), the portion of nosocomial infection – 0,4% (in 2007 – 2%), vertical mode of transmission is 1,9% (2007- 1,5%), unfixated is 7,7% (2007 – 7,5%).

The using of injecting drugs still remain the main factor of HIV transmission in Kazakhstan. The portion of people who practice drug injections (IDU) composes 70% in the structure of revealed cases of HIV-infection. According to the estimated data of the Republican Center on prevention and control of AIDS (RAC) the number of IDU in the Republic is about 129000. According to the results of sentinel surveillance conducted in 2008, the HIV prevalence among IDU was in average 4,2% (2007 – 3,9%). According to the official statistics data at present there were registered 8201 HIV-infected IDU.

In 2008 according to the estimated data of RAC the number of women, who are involved in sex business, is 13690. In 2008 the HIV prevalence rate among sex workers ranged 1,4% (2007 -2,3%), according to the results of sentinel surveillance. The number of newly cases of HIV-infection among inmates is growing and the main reason is the using of injecting drugs. In 2008, the portion of HIV-infected inmates was 29% at HIV prevalence - 2,4% (in 2007 - 2,0%). In comparison with 2007, the number of HIV cases among migrants from the nearest countries has increased in 1,4 times.

total Based on national statistics, the portion of pregnant women with HIV status in 2008 in total structure of registered HIV cases composed 8% (955 persons). In Kazakhstan 647 newborns were delivered by HIV-infected mothers. The diagnosis of HIV infection was stated for 98 infants, 336 children were taken off the registration because of negative results, 32 children have already died. Now the other children are on medical prophylactic observation.

Nowadays the HIV/AIDS epidemic in Kazakhstan remains at the concentrated stage and mainly localized among injecting drug users. The main factor of HIV- transmission is using of injecting drugs. However the specific gravity of sexual mode of transmission is growing, in 2008 it composed 29,6 % against 25,4 % in 2007.

The description of the programme, objectives, tasks and results

In 2003 the Republic of Kazakhstan received the grant from the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (further – the Global Fund) for the implementation of the **Program “Assistance and support to safer behavior choices among vulnerable population groups (injection drug users, commercial sex workers, youth); assistance and support to people living with HIV/AIDS”** for 5 years. The Republican Center on Prevention and Control of AIDS (RC AIDS) is the Principal Recipient of the grant (further - PR)

The Global Fund and the RC AIDS signed Grant Agreement № KAZ 202-G01–H-00 to the total amount of **USD 22,085,999.00**, including in July, 2003 the Agreement for 2004-2005, according to which the first tranche for 2004 – 2005 was **USD 6,502,000.00**. The second tranche for 2006 – 2008 to the amount of **USD 15,583,999.00** was signed in November 2005.

Main objectives and goals of the Project are as follows:

1. HIV/AIDS prevention among vulnerable population groups:

1.A. “Reduction of vulnerability and behavior risks of injecting drug users (IDU), commercial sex workers (CSW) and men having sex with men (MSM)”;

Activity 1-1A-1 “Creation of supportive legal and social policy environment”

Activity 1-1A-2 “Improve knowledge and awareness of professionals and representatives of non-governmental organizations”.

Activity 1-1A-3 “Provide HIV/AIDS education and information for vulnerable populations”

Activity 1-1A-4 “Provide the personal protection means (condoms, needle exchange program and disinfectants) for vulnerable population groups”.

Activity 1-1A-5 “Improve the accessibility and acceptability of STI treatment”.

Activity 1-1A-6 “Introduce and then disseminate the use of substitution therapy for IDUs “.

Activity 1-1A-7 “Strengthen the evaluation capacity of the government health service”.

1.B. “Provide youth with the knowledge and awareness to improve their healthy behavior”

Activity 1-1B-1 “Introduce HIV/AIDS/STI and drug use prevention topics in the basic curricula of all educational institutions”.

Activity 1-1B-2 “Provide appropriate HIV/AIDS and SDI education and information targeted at youth”.

2. Provide treatment, care and psycho-social support to people with HIV.

Activity 2-1 “Create a supportive environment, eliminate discrimination and segregation against people with HIV”.

Activity 2-2 “Develop standardized clinical management of people with HIV”.

Activity 2-3 “Provide HIV-infected people with antiretroviral treatment”.

The working plan of PIU 2008

№ №	Activities	Date of implementation	Responsible person	Co-responsible person	Implementation according to the working plan
<i>Developmen of documents for programme activities</i>					
1.	Preparation of information and materials for CCM	During in a year	S.Surtaeva M.Chuakova L.Baizhanova T.Kuandykov	I.Suknidze (translation)	Fulfilled
2.	The development of plan of ensuring adhearence to ARV in 2008 . (IOM, procurement of tablet boxes)	February	Z.Trumova	E.Kudussova H.Amanzholov	Fulfilled
3.	The preparation of documents for approving of consumption rate and state quota on methadone in 2008	February -March	T.Kuandykov	S.Surtaeva	Fulfilled
4.	Control for the preparation of documents for state registration of methadone by Al-Pharma	March	T.Kuandykov		Fulfilled
5.	The preparation TOR for monitoring visits	February - March	N.Kalinich	M.Chuakova T.Belyakova Z.Trumova. T.Kuandykov D.Bektemirov	Fulfilled
6.	The preparation of documents to Tax Committee of Bostandyk district of Almaty on return of VAT for 2007	April-May	L.Baizhanova	D.Bektemirov	Fulfilled
7.	The development and implementation of pilot project plan on opioid substitution therapy for 2008.	2 quarter	M.Chuakova N.Kalinich S.Surtaeva T.Kuandykov	A.Katkov N.Kuznetsov Zhanakhmetova B.Danevich Khozhahmetova	Fulfilled
8.	The preparation of documents for remuneration of volunteer's labour	quarterly	L.Baizhanova		quarterly
<i>The selection of sub-recipients of the grant</i>					
9.	The organization of contest on selection of sub-recipients for 2008: - The preparation of the order on conducting of contest of sub-recipients of the grant, the approval of structure of the contest commission; - dispatch of the announcement and placing on a site; - preparation of the information about project goals and tasks for 2008; - consideration of sub-recipients' proposals; - preparation of materials for the contest commission; - meeting of the contest commission	January	T.Belyakova M.Chuakova S.Surtaeva L.Baizhanova	The members of committee	Fulfilled in January
10.	Signing of contracts with sub-recipients on the participation in the project implementation for 2008, budget calculation	February	T.Belyakova T.Kuandykov L.Baizhanova.		Fulfilled

Trainings

11.	<p>The organization of trainings on adherence in Aktau and Pavlodar</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - preparation of MH Order: The approval of schedule and training program; structure of trainers and list of participants of the training; - control of preparation of handouts for participants; - preparation of letters to the Regional department of MoH and regional AIDS Centres; - Quality assurance of conducting trainings (selectively); - Collection and analysis of reports on conducting of trainings 	<p>January</p> <p>February</p> <p>According to the schedule of conducting of trainings</p>	<p>Z.Trumova S.Surtaeva L.Baizhanova</p>	<p>RAC; RC AIDS; AFEW</p>	<p>In Aktau the seminar was conducted in January</p>
12.	<p>The organization of trainings according to the contract of AIHA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - preparation of MoH Order: The approval of schedule and training program; structure of participants; - preparation of letters to the Regional department of MoH and regional AIDS Centres; 	<p>According to the schedule of conducting of trainings in Ust-Izhora and Chymkent</p>	<p>Z.Trumova</p>	<p>RAC; RC AIDS</p>	<p>Fulfilled</p>
13.	<p>The organization of trainings on harm reduction:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - preparation of MoH Order: The approval of schedule and training program ; structure of trainers and participants of training ; - control of preparation of handouts for participants;- preparation of letters to the Regional department of MoH and regional AIDS Centres; - Quality assurance of conducting trainings (selectively); - Collection and analysis of reports on conducting of trainings 	<p>February</p>	<p>M.Chuakova T.Belyakova</p>	<p>RAC; RC AIDS;</p>	<p>Fulfilled</p>
14.	<p>The organization of M&E trainings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - preparation of MoH Order: The approval of schedule and training program; structure of trainers and participants of training ; - control of preparation of handouts for participants ; - preparation of letters to the Regional department of MoH and regional AIDS Centres; - Quality assurance of conducting trainings (selectively); - Collection and analysis of reports on conducting of trainings 	<p>February</p> <p>According to the schedule of trainings conducting</p>	<p>N.Kalinich M.Chuakova</p>	<p>RAC; RC AIDS;</p>	<p>Fulfilled</p>
15.	<p>Trainings on organization of friedly cabinets' work:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - preparation of MoH Order: The approval of schedule; and training program structure of trainers and participants of the training; - control of preparation of handouts for participants; - preparation of letters to the Regional department of MoH and regional AIDS Centres; - Quality assurance of conducting trainings (selectively); 	<p>February</p> <p>According to the schedule of trainings conducting</p>	<p>M.Chuakova T.Belyakova</p>	<p>RAC; RC AIDS</p>	<p>Fulfilled</p>

	- Collection and analysis of reports on conducting of trainings				
Mass- media campaign on tolerant attitude to PWLHA					
16.	Preparation of the TOR for agencies of full cycle, including: - conducting of press-conference - conducting of 8 actions - rotation spot(s)	February –August	S.Surtaeva M.Chuakova	T.Belyakova I.Suknidze Or RAC: A.Yelizaryeva K.Ospanova	Fulfilled
17.	Tender on advertising services among agencies	February – August	T.Kuandykov S.Nurakhunova	S.Surtaeva	Fulfilled
18.	Signing of the contract on advertising services	February – August	T.Kuandykov S.Nurakhunova		Fulfilled
19.	Conducting of focus groups on the choice of strategy and the concept of spot(s)	February – August	S.Surtaeva M.Chuakova T.Belyakova I.Suknidze	On behalf of RAC: L.Ganina A.Yelizaryeva On behalf of NGO: N.Amanzholov I.Mosakovskaya R.Oleynikova D.Belkesheva	Fulfilled
20.	The preparation of letters to the MoH, MOI	April – August	S.Surtaeva M.Chuakova		Fulfilled
21.	Data collection and distribution of the information on the site of RAC	31 October	S.Surtaeva N.Kalinich	M.Chuakova	Fulfilled
The organization of procurement for 2008					
22.	The calculation of the number of condoms, syringes, needles, information and educational materials, disinfectants, medical equipment for friendly cabinets, ART and STI treatment drugs, test reagents for the determination of viral load, SD4, SD8, which are required for procurement for 2008	February	T.Kuandykov S.Nurakhunova	L.Baizhanova Z.Trumova On behalf of RAC: S.Akhmetgalieva Vasilyeva	Fulfilled
23.	The preparation of : - Technical specifications for condoms, syringes and needles, information and education materials, disinfectants, medical equipment for friendly cabinets, ART and STI treatment drugs, test reagents for the determination of viral load, SD4, SD8; - Technical specifications for the rendering of services for the audit and sociological research.	February	T.Kuandykov S.Nurakhunova		Fulfilled
24.	The development on unified documentation of the cost keeping of material resources	February	T.Kuandykov S.Nurakhunova		Fulfilled
25.	Preparation for the tenders on the procurement of supplies: Conducting focus groups	February	T.Kuandykov S.Nurakhunova		Fulfilled

	Preparation of the order; Approval of the tender commission; Preparation of documents for tender; Placing advertisements in the media				
26.	Preparation of the order on the structure of the working group, responsible for the development of IOM, the organization of focus groups	February	M.Chuakova S.Surtaeva	S.Skakunov – on MSM M.Sauranbaeva – on SW A.Yelizaryeva – youth On adherence: Z.Trumova - E.Kudussova N.Amanzholov Suleymenova Denebaeva – on IDU Varissova – on SW	Fulfilled
27.	Organization of tenders for procurement: condoms, syringes and needles, information and educational materials, ART and STI treatment drugs, test reagents for the determination of viral load, SD4, SD8, disinfectants.	March- April	T.Kuandykov S.Nurakhunova.		1 квартал
28.	Organization of procurement for the quotation: Preparation of order to procurement of medical equipment for friendly cabinets and services for the audit.	March - April	T.Kuandykov S.Nurakhunova		Fulfilled
29.	Signing of contracts with suppliers on the procurement of: services for the Audit and sociological research, condoms, syringes and needles, information and educational materials, ART and STI treatment drugs, medical equipment for friendly cabinets, dezsredstva, test reagents for the determination of viral load, SD4 , SD8	According to the results of tenders	T.Kuandykov S.Nurakhunova		Fulfilled
Monitoring and evaluation of project implementation					
30.	Implementation of business trips to monitor project implementation by sub-recipients	In accordance with the schedule	T.Belyakova M.Chuakova Калинич Н.	External experts	On the assumption of economy Fulfilled
31.	Collect and prepare information on: - AIDS Centers financing (local, by items), Republican (budget programmes, other budgets, donor funds); - NGOs and international organizations functioning in the Republic of Kazakhstan; - Projects implemented in the Republic of Kazakhstan.	February till 30 March	M.Chuakova S.Surtaeva	On behalf of RAC: I.Petrenko	Fulfilled
32.	Collection of reports on the project implementation for 2007, their analysis. Preparation of a report on the project implementation for 2007.	till 15 March	M.Chuakova T.Belyakova S.Surtaeva		Fulfilled
33.	Preparation of analytical information with recommendations for sub-recipients on the basis of the projects results of 2007	March - April	M.Chuakova N.Kalinich T.Belyakova S.Surtaeva		Fulfilled

34.	Preparation of monthly reports on project implementation to the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Kazakhstan.	Up to 10 of the month following the reporting	M.Chuakova T.Belyakova N.Kalinich S.Surtaeva		Fulfilled
35.	Collection of quarterly reports on project implementation. Preparation of quarterly reports on project implementation for LFA	До 1 February 10 May, till 10 August, till 10 November	M.Chuakova S.Surtaeva	Translation: I.Suknidze.	Fulfilled
36.	Preparation of analytical information on the results of the project for the 1 half of 2008 on the basis of sub-recipients' reports, development of recommendations.	August	M.Chuakova N.Kalinich S.Surtaeva L.Baizhanova Тримова Ж. T.Kuandykov		Fulfilled
37.	Preparation of workplan on project realization for 2009	1 quarter	M.Chuakova N.Kalinich S.Surtaeva L.Baizhanova Тримова Ж. T.Kuandykov		Fulfilled
38.	Improvement of electronic communications, the development of communication networks and access to the Internet	1 quarter	D.Zagorodskiy	L.Baizhanova	Fulfilled
39.	Development of the Plan and the implementation of the electronic database for patient monitoring and control on ARV drugs: - Adaptation of the Program - setting up of a schedule for visits with the training on the program D-MIS at the local level; - Implementation of the Program and training at the local level	1 half of the year	D.Zagorodskiy	Z.Trumova T.Kuandykov RAC; RC AIDS	Unfulfilled
40.	Monthly collection of information on consumables movement. Monitoring and control on medicine's expire date	During the year	T.Kuandykov S.Nurakhunova		Fulfilled
41.	Fill in the information on procured ARV drugs to GF computer database	Upon completion of deliveries to the regions	T.Kuandykov. S.Nurakhunova D.Zagorodskiy	Translation: I.Suknidze	Fulfilled
42.	Monitoring of contracts' implementation by suppliers, processing the results of focus groups, technical specifications, the timing of the development and improvement of IOM models, the completeness of reporting.	During the year	PIU stuff		Fulfilled
43.	Preparation of reports on using of funds	monthly	L.Baizhanova	D.Bektemirov	Fulfilled
44.	Preparation of reports on obligatory payments to the Budget	quartely	L.Baizhanova	D.Bektemirov	Fulfilled
45.	Preparation of materials for distribution on the web-sites	monthly	PIU stuff	Allocation: D.Zagorodskiy	Fulfilled
46.	Site visits, participation in seminars, conferences, trainings	During the year	PIU stuff		Fulfilled

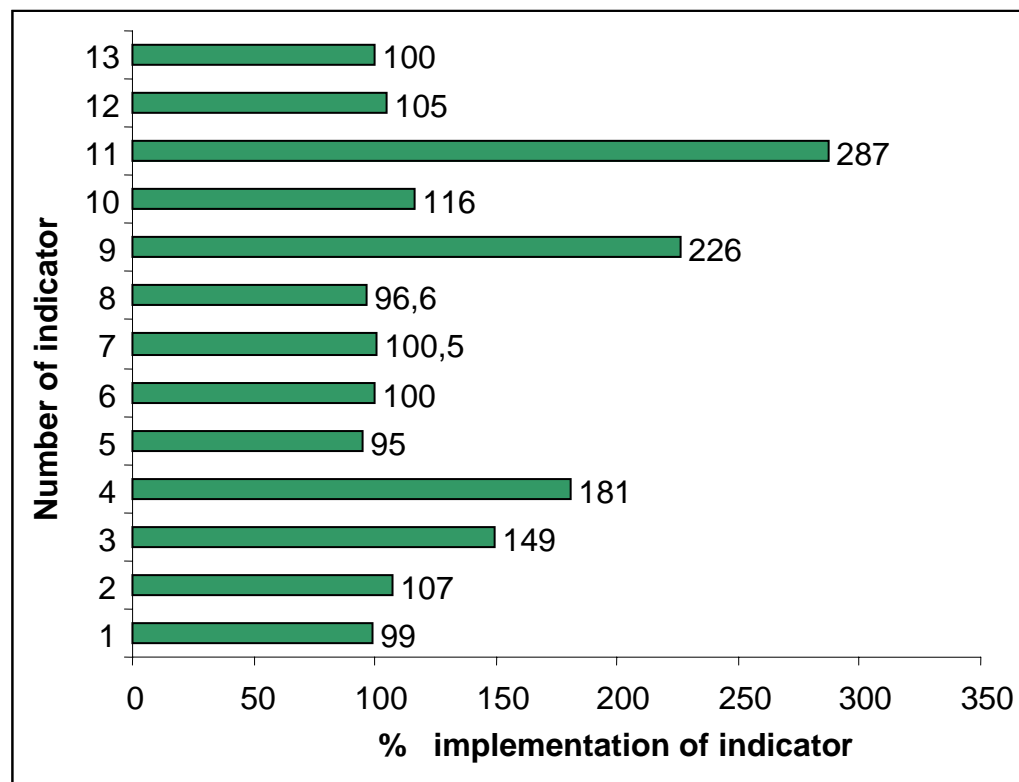
Implementation of GF Grant in the Republic of Kazakhstan Year 2008

№ п/п	№ objec	Service delivery area	Indicator content	Targets Year 5	Actual Year 5 (2008)	Q 17	Q 18	Q 19	Q 20	Comments
1	1	Supportive Environment: Strengthening of civil society	Number of NGO specialists and representatives trained to improve knowledge and awareness of HIV/AIDS	3 584	3 566	3 216	3 286	3 566	3 566	99%
2	1	Supportive Environment: Strengthening of civil society	Number of NGOs involved in HIV/AIDS preventive program implementation among CSWs and IDUs	29	31	31	31	31	31	107 %. There were received 39 proposals from NGO and 20 proposals from Regional AIDS Centers. Committee for SRs' selection rejected 8 proposals from NGOs which staff members at the same time work in the AIDS Centers or they showed the small coverage of vulnerable groups or their proposals were written not according to GF rules.
3	1	Prevention: programmes for specific groups	Number of IDUs reached by prevention programs (condoms, syringes, education materials)	60 000	89 772	77 585	81 212	85 951	89 772	149%. The cumulative coverage continues to increase because of the number of new clients (IDUs) involving into the project.
4	1	Prevention: programmes for specific groups	Number of CSWs reached by prevention programs (condoms, syringes, education materials)	15 000	27 275	21 881	23 245	25 156	27 275	181%. The cumulative coverage from the beginning of the project increases due to increasing of the number of new clients (CSW).
5	1	Prevention: programmes for specific groups	Количество МСМ, охваченное профилактическими программами (презервативы, шприцы, информационно-образовательные материалы)	10 000	9 490	6 973	7617	8 142	9 490	95%. The cumulative coverage from the beginning of the project increases due to involving of the new clients into the project.
6	1	Prevention: programmes for specific groups	Number of MSMs reached by methadone program.	50	50	0	0	0	50	100%. Substitution therapy began from the 29 October for 25 patients in Narcological Centre in Pavlodar. Temirtau Narcological Centre began methadone therapy from 10 November 2008 for 25 patients too. Before the

										beginning of substitution therapy the specialist of the Republican Narcological Centre has conducted the evaluation of correspondence to clinical criteria for the selection of patients for substitution therapy.
7	1	Prevention: STI diagnosis and treatment	Number of specialists trained in syndrome STI treatment	560	563	463	503	563	563	100,5% - 5 regional seminars on STI syndrome treatment were conducted for 100 new specialists of friendly clinics in 2008
8	1	Prevention: STI diagnosis and treatment	Number of friendly points supplied with equipment and medicines for free-of-charge STI treatment	38	36	29	36	36	36	96,6%. 7 new friendly points were equiped and supplied with medicines free of charge in the following cities: AIDS Centre of Almaty, Almaty Alliance MD, Pavlodar AIDS Centre, Shymkent NGO "Umit", Aktau AIDS Centre, Shynkent AIDS Centre, Almaty region AIDS Centre.
9	1	Prevention: STI diagnosis and treatment	Percentage of patients receiving syndrome STI treatment in friendly cabinets under AIDS centers from those in need of such treatment	81,4 % (17100/21000)	184% (38801/21000)	126% (26386/21000)	126% (28916/21000)	126% (32375/21000)	184% (38801/21000)	226 %. The number of patients is higher than it was planned because at the time of the Country Proposal developed in 2002 there was a lack of STI treatment experience, medicines and friendly cabinets as well
10	1	Supportive environment: monitoring and evaluation and operation research	Number of specialists trained in monitoring and evaluation of HIV/AIDS programs	550	638	538	578	638	638	116%. 5 regional seminars in M&E were conducted there
11	2	Prevention: Youth Education and prevention	Numbers of schools, colleges and institutes having introduced preventive programs in the basic curricula and are distributing education materials	8 410	24 139	12 333	15 025	17 194	24 139	287 % of IOM were distributed
12	2	Treatment: Antiretroviral treatment and monitoring	Number of patients receiving HAART	500	524	452	456	452	524	105%

13	3	Supportive environment: stigma reduction and respect of confidentiality	Number of radio/television programs produced and aired and number of newspapers articles published to promote a tolerant attitude towards PLWHA	30	30	22	22	22	30	100%
----	---	---	---	----	----	----	----	----	----	------

The Percentage of tasks implementation from the planned objective, year 2008



Country Coordination Mechanism

Functions of the Country Coordination Mechanism (CCM) are fulfilled by the Commission on Coordination of Work with the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, established by Order № 253 of the Minister of Health of the Republic of Kazakhstan, dated 24 May, 2005.

CCM is headed by the Minister of Health, and in 2007 there were 19 CCM members:

- 10 representatives of the state organizations;
- 7 NGOs' representatives;
- 2 representatives of international organizations.

On 3 June, 2008 there was established the order of the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Kazakhstan № 325 «On changes to the order № 318 dated May 17, 2007», where the changes were made in the structure of CCM. Thus, in 2008, there were 25 members of CCM, including 13 representatives of public organizations, 9 non-governmental representatives and 3 representatives of international organizations.

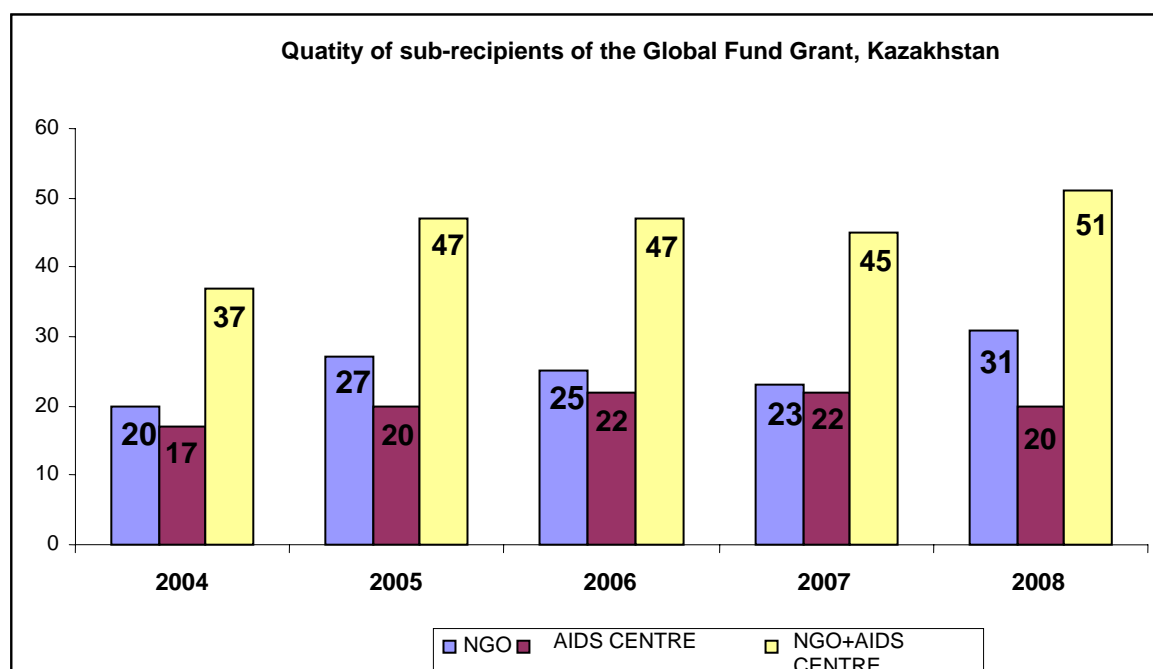
The only CCM meeting took place on 16 June, 2008, where were the country proposals for the filling of applications for grants, Round 8 of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria were discussed by the following components:

- HIV budget was 22 407 000 Euro
- TB budget was 69 880 918 USD
- Malaria budget was 1 376 877 USD

1. Prevention of HIV/AIDS among vulnerable groups of the population

1. A «Reduction of vulnerability and behavior risks of injecting drug users (IDU), commercial sex workers (CSW) and men having sex with men (MSM)».

One of the tasks of the Global Fund project is wide involvement of non-governmental organizations into the realization of preventive interventions among vulnerable groups of the population (IDUs, SWs, MSM). In 2007 the Republican Center on prevention and control of AIDS has signed contracts with 23 non-governmental organizations (NGO) and 22 regional AIDS centers, **in 2008 PR has signed contracts with 31 NGOs and 20 Regional AIDS Centers**



For participation in project realization there is the annual contest selection of NGOs by the Commission consisting of AIDS Centers' representatives, non-governmental and international organizations. Since 2005 there are appropriated funds for compensation of administrative expenses

of NGO from means of the Global Fund grant. NGO representatives are trained at seminars. NGO representatives, who have the experience of expert and trainer's work, are involved for evaluation of project activities' realization and as trainers for conducting of seminars according to their profile.

The project promoted to the integration of non-governmental AIDS-service organizations into three associations.

Activity 1-1A-3 «Provide HIV/AIDS education and information for representatives of vulnerable groups».

The project is directed on popularization and providing to all interested representatives of vulnerable groups of population (IDU, CSW, MSM) the following services: training, the information on individual risk and prevention of HIV transmission.

The information-educational materials (further - IEM) were developed, adapted and issued on the grant means in order to provide them to the vulnerable population groups with the information on safe behavior choices: in 2004 - 36 048 copies, in 2005 - 70 572 copies, in 2006 - 88 000 copies, in 2007 - 82591, in 2008 – 90495, total - 367706 copies.

Totally during the project realization 202,000 USD were used on this kind of activity.

According to epidemiological surveillance in dynamics it is clear that among vulnerable groups of population there is the growth of knowledge level on prevention measures and false ways of HIV transmission which are the following:

– Among IDUs:

in 2005 - 38 % ; in 2006 - 47,3 %; in 2007 - 47,6 %, **in 2008 - 68,7%**

– Among CSW:

in 2005 - 40,6 %; in 2006 - 50,6 %; in 2007 53 %, **in 2008 - 61,1%**

– Among MSM:

in 2005 - 37,7 %; in 2006 - 54,4 %; in 2007 - 49 %, **in 2008 - 74,3%.**

Activity 1-1A-4 «Provide the personal protection means for vulnerable groups - condoms, syringes exchange programs and disinfectants».

Dangerous injecting and sex behavior are the factors which lead to wide spread of HIV-infection in Kazakhstan. The main project tasks are providing of programs on exchange of used syringes on sterile and providing of condoms and disinfectants for IDU, CSW, MSM

7 210 500 syringes were procured in 2004, in 2005 - 14 400 000 syringes, in 2006 - 15 583 400 syringes and 852 000 needles, in 2007 - 15122568 syringes and 3345268 needles, **in 2008 - 14826900 syringes и 2487550 needles.** Cumulatively the project clients have received 54818520 syringes and 6196067 needles in the amount of 3 391000 USD for 5 years of project realization.

7 152 480 condoms were procured in 2004, in 2005 - 10000000 condoms, in 2007 - 15347200 condoms and 477267 lubricants, **in 2008 - 9990700 condoms.** Cumulatively the project clients have received 42490380 condoms and 477267 lubricants in the amount of 3 260,000 USD for 5 years of project realization.

5 000 kg of hypochlorhyd calcium for 5 regions were procured in 2004, in 2005 - 30 026 kg of hypochlorhyd calcium for 16 regions, in 2006 tablets "Lumax-chlorine" in quantity of 800 000 pieces were procured. Hypochlorhyd calcium has been delivered to penitentiary system institutions. In 2006 clients of the project among vulnerable groups have received 142 243 tablets of disinfectants (18 %), in 2007 - 845 000 tablets, **in 2008 – 730 000 tablets.** Disinfectants were procured in the amount of 164 000 USD for 5 years of project realization.

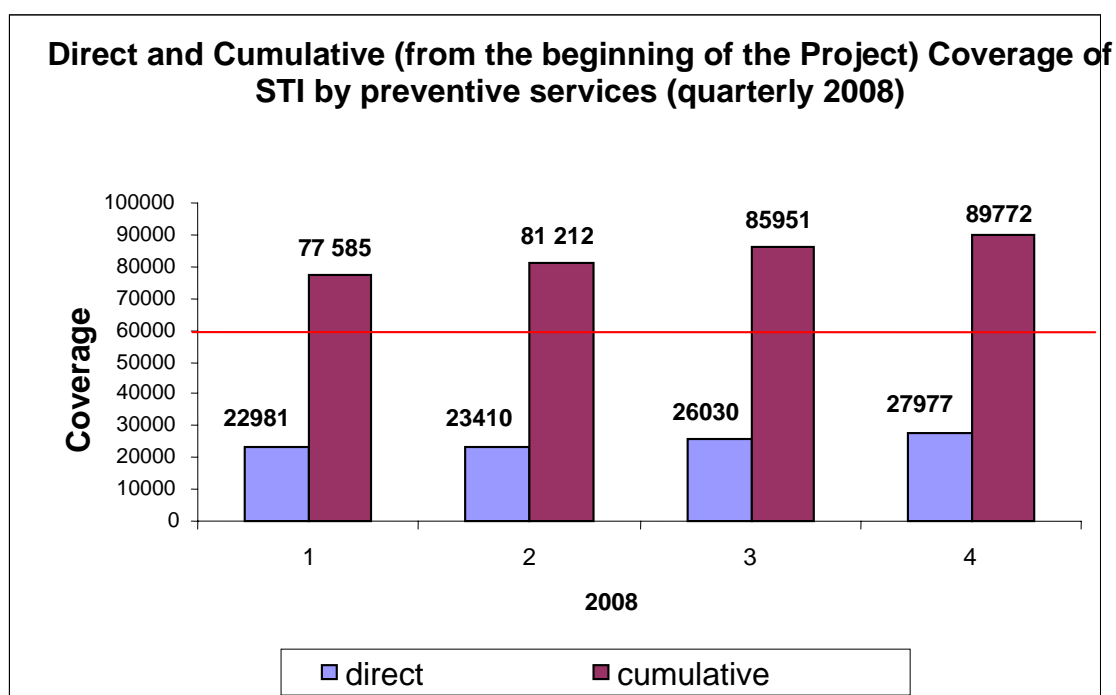
In the frame of project sub-recipients involve outreach-workers for providing of access and effective prevention work among vulnerable groups of population. In 2004 there were 533 outreach-workers, in 2005 – 772 persons, in 2006 – 587 persons, in 2007 - 660 persons, **in 2008 - 614 outreach-workers.**

In total 2 415 000 USD were used for outreach workers' salary and sub-recipients' administrative expenses for 5 years of project realization

Cumulatively during five years of project realization 89772 of IDU were involved into the preventive activities .

Coverage of IDUs by preventive services, 2004-2008

Number, IDU	Estimated number (according to the proposal)	Baseline Yr 2002	Yr 2004	Yr 2005	Yr 2006	Yr 2007	Yr 2008
Plan	100 000	-	25000	43 000	47 000	51000	60000
Fact		6 000	27 430	47 749	62 196	73545	89772

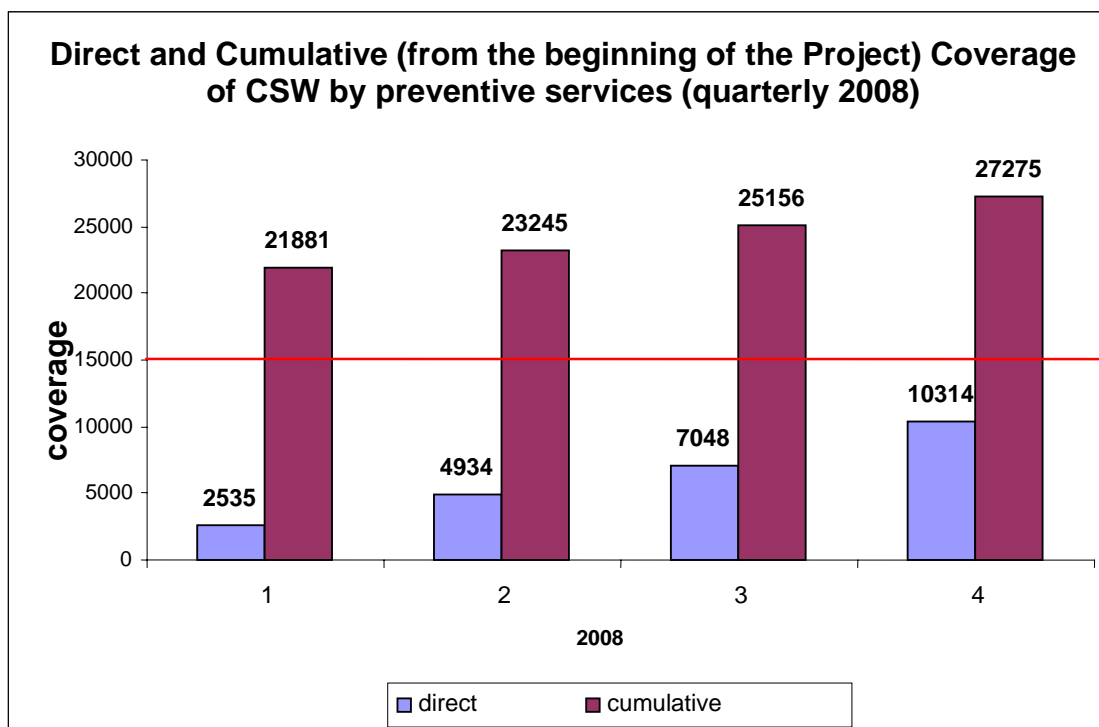


According to data of epidemiological surveillance in 2008 the prevalence of HIV among IDU was 4,2 %, in 2007 - 3,9 %. In 2008 safe sex behavior was accepted by 42,2 % of IDU, in 2007 - 61,2 %. Safe injecting behavior was accepted by 60,4 % of IDU in 2008, and 41,3 % - in 2007.

Cumulatively during five years of project realization 27275 of CSW were involved into the preventive activities.

Coverage of CSW by preventive services, 2004-2008

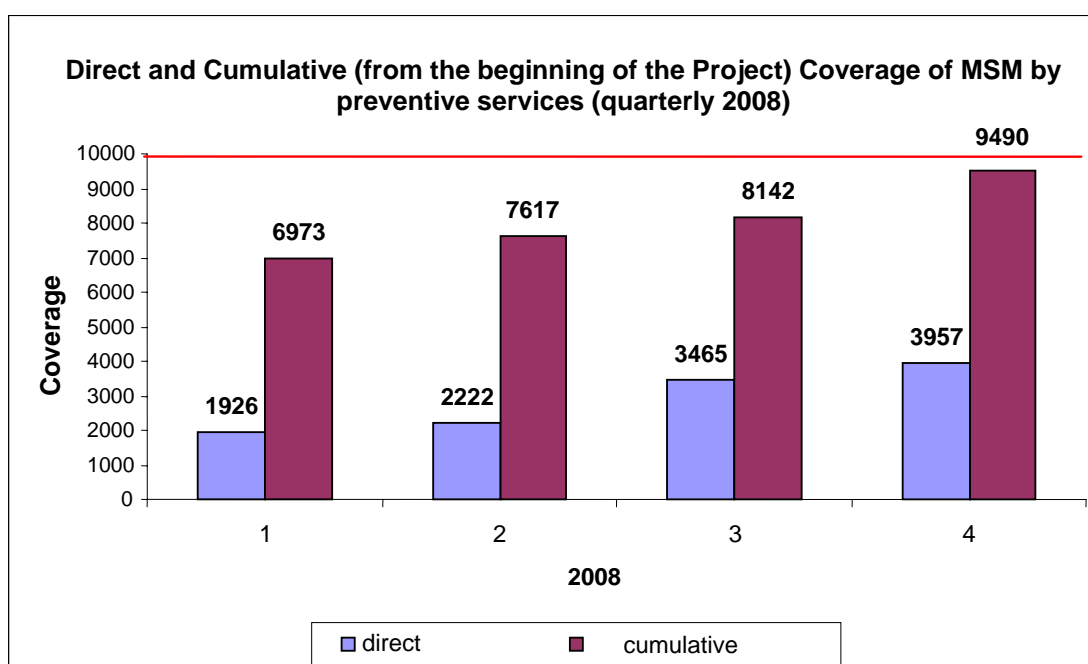
Number, CSW	Estimated number (according to the proposal)	Base line Yr 2002	Yr 2004	Yr 2005	Yr 2006	Yr 2007	Yr 2008
Plan	20 000	-	7 000	11 800	13 000	11400	15000
Fact		1 000	7 195	11 959	16 145	20796	27275



According to data of epidemiological surveillance in 2008 the prevalence of HIV-infection among CSW was 1,4 %, in 2007 - 2,3 %. The portion of CSW, who used condoms during last sex contact with partner who paid for sex, in 2008 was 91 %, and in 2007 it was 96,5 %.

Coverage of MSM by preventive services, 2004-2008

Number MSM	Estimated number (according to the proposal)	Baseline Yr 2002	Yr 2004	Yr 2005	Yr 2006	Yr 2007	Yr 2008
Plan	20 000	-	7 000	3 500	4 000	6000	10000
Fact		0	2 500	3 995	5 193	6642	9490



According to data of epidemiological surveillance in 2008 the prevalence of HIV-infection among MSM was 0,2 %, in 2007 - 0 %. The portion of MSM, who used condoms during last sex contact with the inconstant partner, in 2008 was 70,3 %, in 2007 it was 61,7 %. Cumulatively during five years of project realization 9490 of MSM were involved by preventive activities.

In total 230 000 USD were used during project realization on activity 1-1A-4.

Activity 1-1A-5 “Improve the accessibility and acceptability of STI treatment”.

In the aim of increasing the number of visits of vulnerable groups of population to friendly clinics for receiving of treatment of sexually transmitted infections (STI) free of charge for 5 years of project realization there were equipped 36 friendly clinics, including 9 friendly clinics at 9 AIDS centers in 2004, in 2005 9 friendly clinics at 9 AIDS centers (on 3 clinics more than planned, that is connected with economy of funds which were allocated for the equipment of friendly clinics). In 2006 there were equipped 5 friendly clinics at 4 AIDS centers and one friendly clinic at scientific research dermato-venereal institute. In 2007 there were equipped 6 friendly clinics, including 3 - at NGO, **in 2008 - 7 friendly clinics**, including 2 - at NGO.

Provided equipment to friendly clinics, 2004-2008

Number of the equipped friendly clinics	Baseline Yr 2002	Yr 2004	Yr 2005	Yr 2006	Yr 2007	Yr 2008
Plan (cumulatively)	-	8	15	23	30	38
Fact (annually)		9	9	5	6	7
Fact (cumulatively)	-	9	18	23	29	36

Annually PR makes procurement of 9 health products for friendly clinics in the aim of providing of STI syndrome treatment: in 2004 - for 12 AIDS Centers, in 2005 - for 21 sub-recipients (19 AIDS centers and 2 NGO), in 2006 - for 22 sub-recipients (21 AIDS centers and 1 NGO), in 2007 - for 23 sub-recipients (21 AIDS centers and 2 NGO), **in 2008 – for 29 sub-recipients (20 AIDS Centers and 9 NGO)**,

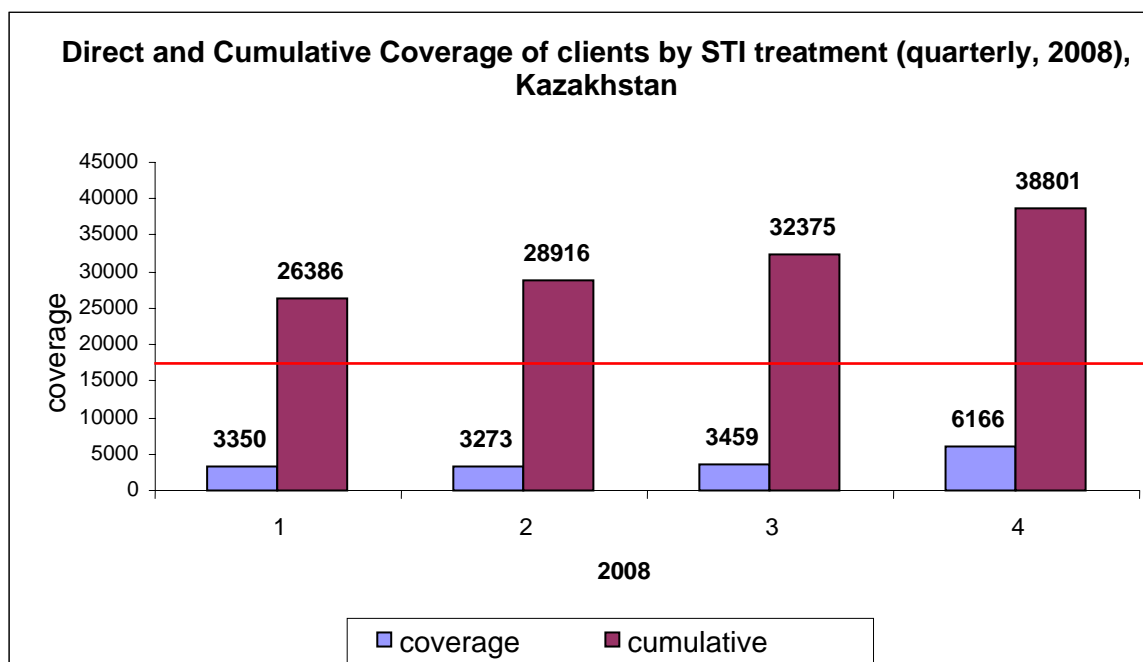
Annually in the frame of the project seminars the personnel of friendly clinics were conducted as follows: in 2004 - 7 seminars (142 doctors were trained), in 2005 - 6 seminars (125 doctors were trained), in 2006 - 5 seminars (100 doctors were trained), in 2007 - 5 seminars (100 doctors were trained), **in 2008 – 5 (100 doctors were trained)**.

Cumulatively for 5 years of project realization 38 801 patients with STI from vulnerable groups of population have received the syndrome treatment in friendly clinics, including in 2004 –1 039 patients, in 2005 - 6 266 patients, in 2006 - 12 643 patients, in 2007 – 14770 patients, **in 2008 – 16248**.

In total 1 551 000 USD were used during project realization on activity 1-1A-5.

Number of patients with STI who has received syndrome treatment in friendly clinics, 2004-2008

Число пациентов дружественных кабинетов	Базовый показатель на 2002 год	2004 год	2005 год	2006 год	2007 год	2008 год
План	-	3600	7600	9600	21000	17100
Факт	-	3120	6266	12643	23036	38801
%	-	86,6	82,4	131,7	126%	226%



Activity 1-1A-6 «Implementation and further dissemination of substitution therapy»

On the basis of the order of the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Kazakhstan (RK) № 609 dated 8 December, 2005, «On implementation of substitution therapy», Government Resolution № 1216 dated on 15 December, 2006 «On Approving the Programme on counteraction of AIDS epidemics in the Republic of Kazakhstan for 2006 -2010 »(p.3.13), the country initiated a pilot project on implementation of opioid substitution therapy (OST) in 2 regions of Kazakhstan: Pavlodar region (city of Pavlodar) and Karaganda region (city of Temirtau).

OST project began in the Regional Center for prevention and treatment of dependant diseases of Pavlodar region on 29 October, 2008. OST project began in Narcological dispensary in Temirtau of Karaganda region on 10 November, 2008. The implementation of pilot project conducted through OST points, located at the drug agency service areas of the regions.

It was one-time purchase and importation of 1350 bottles of methadone hydrochloride (10 mg/ml, 150 ml.). Two regions have received 321 bottles of methadone as of 14 January, 2009.

In order to effectively start the project the preliminary work was made:

- PIU staff and staff of the pilot projects from Temirtau and Pavlodar took part in the seminar «The legal and organizational issues of implementation of opioid substitution therapy in Central Asian countries and Azerbaijan» in September of 2008
- Seminar –Training "Media interpretation of opioid substitution therapy directed harm reduction of drug using, HIV infection and overdose" was organized and conducted for 15 journalists from Almaty, Karaganda, Temirtau, Pavlodar in October 2008
- Experts conducted the selection of patients according to clinical criteria before conducting of OST.

As of 14.01.2009 fifty (50) participants of the project are the OST patients, including in Pavlodar – 25 patients , in Temirtau - 25 patients, including PLWHA – 35 patients, inmates – 27 patients, ART patients – 7. Experience of injecting drug using among 78% of patients is more than 10 years. According to the developed accounting documentation PIU GFATM conducts weekly monitoring of OST implementation.

The plan on the given activity for five years of realization of the project is 1 578 600 USD. It was used only 113 972 USD.

Activity 1-1A-7 «Strengthen the evaluation capacity of the government health service».

In the aim of providing of epidemiological surveillance on HIV-infection, monitoring of counteracted measures, resources, evaluation of project and program activities and achievements of the

planned results, under the financial support of the Global Fund grant the united national monitoring and evaluation system of HIV/AIDS programs is developed and implemented in Kazakhstan. Annually the project seminars are conducted for AIDS Centers' experts, responsible for monitoring and evaluation of HIV/AIDS programs: in 2004 - 2 seminars were conducted for 146 specialists, in 2005 - 6 seminars for 161 specialists, in 2006 - 6 seminars for 159 specialists, including the republican seminar on epidemiological surveillance on HIV-infection. In 2007 there were conducted 7 seminars, including 2 republican seminars on epidemiological surveillance on HIV-infection. In 2008 there were conducted 7 M&E seminars, including 2 republican seminars on epidemiological surveillance on HIV-infection for 145 specialists. Annually the Center on public opinion study (CIOM) conducted 2 sociological researches in the frame of Round 2 of GFAMT: 1) among pupils and working youth on HIV/AIDS knowledge, attitude and practice; 2) among population of Kazakhstan on HIV/AIDS knowledge, attitude and practice. The researches were conducted in all 16 regions of the Republic of Kazakhstan. In total during the project realization 550 000 USD were used on this activity.

1B. «Provide youth with the knowledge and awareness to improve their healthy behavior»

Activity 1-1B-1 «Implementation HIV/AIDS/STI and drug use prevention topics in the basic curricula of all educational institutions» and activity 1-1B-2 «Provide appropriate HIV/AIDS and STI education and information targeted at youth».

Using the Global Fund grant's means information-educational materials (IEM) on HIV/AIDS issues for pupils were published and delivered to the territorial departments of education: in 2004 - 676 120 copies, in 2005 – 1 244 000 copies, in 2006 - 772 000 copies, in 2007 - 3 832 224 copies, **in 2008 – 3 832 224 copies.** The methodical recommendations for teachers on training on HIV/AIDS issues were published: in 2004 - 19 237 copies, in 2005 - 38 400 copies, in 2006 - 14 200 copies, in 2007 - 50 465 copies, **in 2008 – 3 200 copies, information collection for experts of management education - 4 500 copies.**

For work with youth in 2004 and 2005 there were published 50 000 posters, 2 000 audio – video cassettes and CD with materials on prevention of HIV/AIDS /STI and drug addiction, in 2006 - 73 776 posters were published. According to CCM decision in 2005 there were published 267 000 IEM for military men. In 2007 there were published 153 095 IEM and 73 776 posters for youth. **In 2008 there were published 153 095 IEM and 73 776 posters for youth.**

Number of published information-educational materials on prevention of HIV/AIDS

Number of IEM	Yr 2004	Yr 2005	Yr 2006	Yr 2007	Yr 2008
Plan (cumulative)	641 200	2 034 600	3 373 000	751 055	708 290
Fact (cumulative)	676 120	2 243 120	3 088 896	751 055	708 290
%	105,4%	110,2%	91,6%	100%	100%

Results of sociological survey among youth conducted by CIOM, 2004-2008

	Yr 2004		Yr 2005		Yr 2006		Yr 2007		Yr 2008	
	Studying youth	Working youth	Studying youth	Working youth	Studying youth	Working youth	Studying youth	Working youth	Studying youth	Working youth

Level of knowledge of youth on prevention of HIV/AIDS	34%	-	34%	39%	39%	41%	31%	43,5%	35%	51,4%
% of youth aged 15-24 years, trained on HIV/AIDS issues	67,8%	-	67,2%	29,1%	70%	35,8%	72%	46%	72%	44%
% of youth aged 15-24 years using condoms at last sexual contact with inconstant sexual partner	82%	-	83%	87%	84%	79%	88%	67%	74,3%	86,3%

According to the received data in 2008, in comparison with 2007 there is the increase of the level of knowledge of the studying youth trained on HIV/AIDS issues (2007 - 31 %, **2008 - 35 %**); as well as the level of knowledge of the working youth (2007 – 43,5 %, **2008-51,4 %**). There is the increase of the percent of the working youth used condoms at last sexual contact with inconstant sexual partner (2007 - 67 %, 2008-86,3 %) .

In total during the project realization there were used 2 802 000 USD on this activity.

2. «Provide treatment, care and psychosocial support to people living with HIV».

Activity 2.2"Development of standartized treatment of people living with HIV».

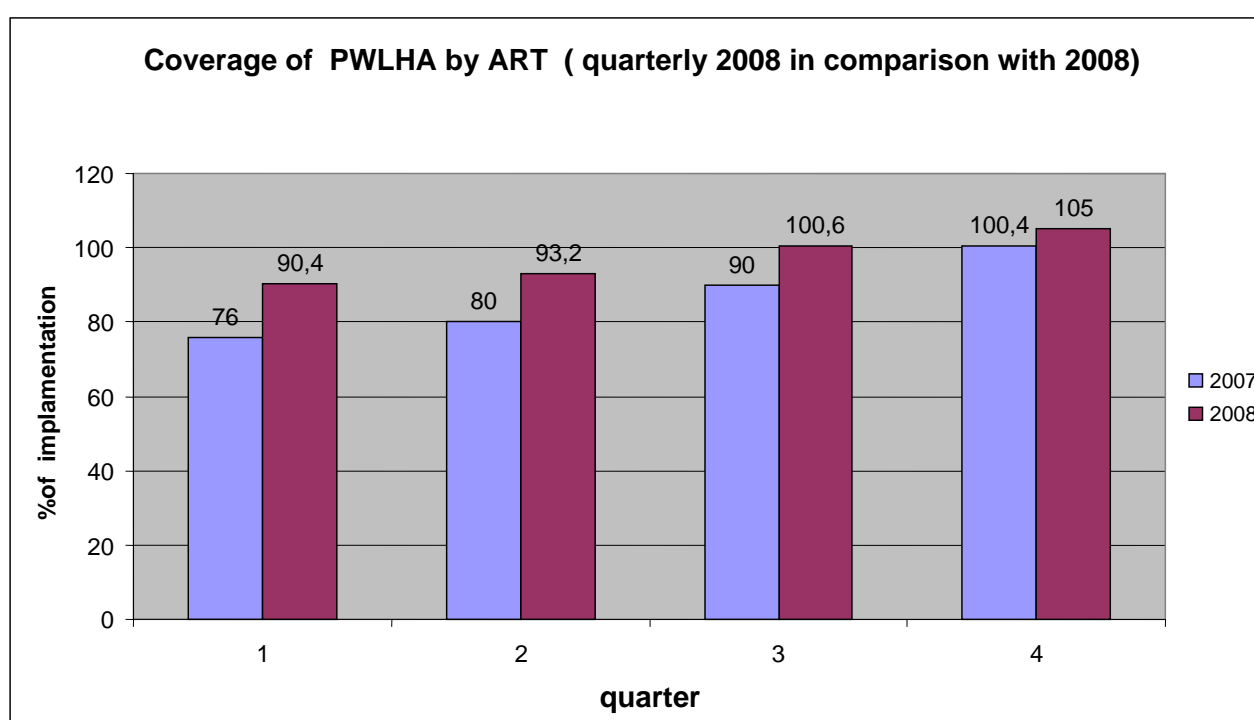
At conducting and expanding of anti-retroviral therapy (ART) on a national scale the experts of the regional AIDS centers and specialists of the treatment-and-prophylactic organizations are guided «by Protocols (standards) on medical assistance at HIV-infection and AIDS». In order to increase the coverage of PLWHA by ART from the 4-th project year, in 5-th year it was continued the implementation of the component «Adherence to ART». The training on planning and forecasting of needs in ART for PLWHA and needs in ARV drugs was conducted for regional specialists. In support of the state health system GFATM assisted in the training of paediatricians for improving access to ART for children with HIV-infection. In the frame of realization of the 5-th year of program the following activities were conducted:

- seminar «Planning, forecasting and management of procurement of ARV drugs» for specialists of regional AIDS Centers. 25 specialists were trained;
- in order to determine the treatment continuity of PLWHA, continuing ART and new patients there were conducted planning, identified the needs and procurement of ARV drugs for all regions;
 - in order to increase ART component for children, in collaboration with UNICEF 2-stages seminars (Stage 1 – in Russia, Ust-Izhora, stage 2 in Shymkent, South Kazakhstan, on the bases of Center «Mother and Child») were conducted for pediatricians, members of multidisciplinary teams of 5 regions. 25 persons (pediatricians, nurses, representatives of NGOs) were trained;
- country treatment protocols based on WHO recommendations of 2006 were completed and sent for approval to the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Kazakhstan in June 2008;
- participation of GF PIU in the international conference on HIV/AIDS in Moscow (May 2008) and abstracts were published in the conference's materials;
- participation of GF PIU in the meeting of partners of Central Asian countries, focusing on treatment and practices in the sphere of MTCT (Tashkent, June 2008).

Activity 2.3 Provide PLWHA with antiretroviral treatment

Coverage of PLWHA by ART (quarterly 2008 in comparison with 2007)

2008 17 quarter			2008 18 quarter			2008 19 quarter			2008 20 quarter		
Annual plan	Coverage	%	Annual plan	Coverage	%	Annual plan	Coverage	%	Annual plan	Coverage	%
500	452	90,4	500	466	93,2	500	503	101,0	500	524	105
Comparison of the quarterly, 2007											
2007 13 quarter			2007 14 quarter			2007 15 quarter			2008 16 quarter		
Annual plan	Coverage	%	Annual plan	Coverage	%	Annual plan	Coverage	%	Annual plan	Coverage	%
450	342	76	450	360	80	450	405	90	450	452	100,4

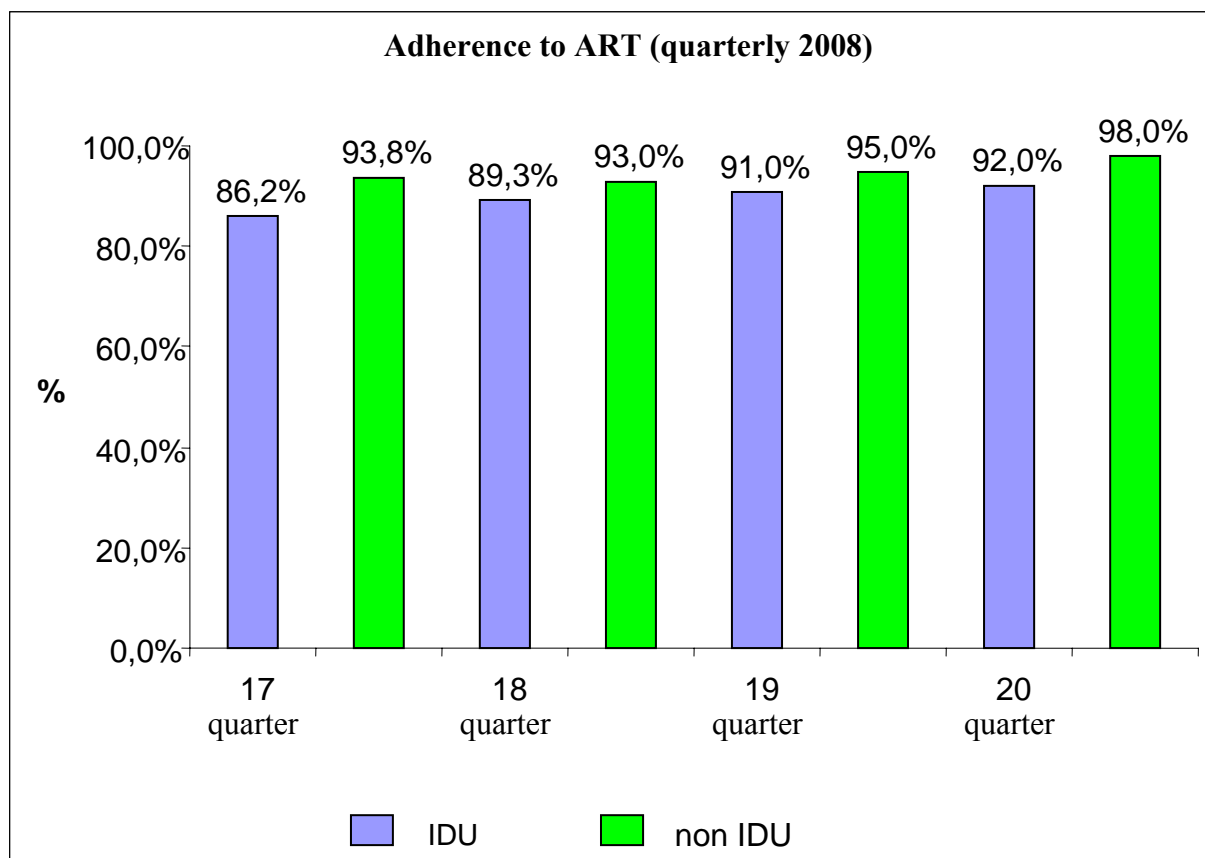


In comparison with 2007, coverage of PLWHA by antiretroviral therapy by quarters was increased: from 76% to 90.4 (13 quarter → 17 quarter), from 80% to 93.2 (14 quarter → 18 quarter), from 90% to 101,0 (15 quarter → 19 quarter), from 100.4% to 105 (16 quarter → 20 quarter).

The situation by regions is: from 524 of PLWHA who are on ART, 323 (64%) are injecting drug users. Most of all patients, receiving ART, are in epidemiologically significant regions. There are 204 patients (126 IDUs) in Karaganda region, 69 patients (42 IDUs) - in Pavlodar region, 51 patients (33 IDUs) - in Kostanay region, 45 patients (21 IDUs) – in South-Kazakhstan region and 55 patients (32 IDUs) - in Almaty. 424 PLWHA are on treatment in these 5 regions, including 254 injecting drug users. It is 81% (79% IDUs) of the total number of PLWHA who are on ART.

Adherence to ART (quarterly 2008)

17 quarter			18 quarter			19 quarter			20 quarter		
Annual plan	% of PLWHA. adhered to ART	IDU/ non IDU	Annual plan	% of PLWHA. adhered to ART	IDU/ non IDU	Annual plan	% of PLWHA. adhered to ART	IDU/ non IDU	Annual plan	% of PLWHA. adhered to ART	IDU/ non IDU
≥ 95%	90	86,2/ 93,8	≥ 95%	91	89,3/ 93	≥ 95%	93	91/ 95	≥ 95%	95	92/ 98

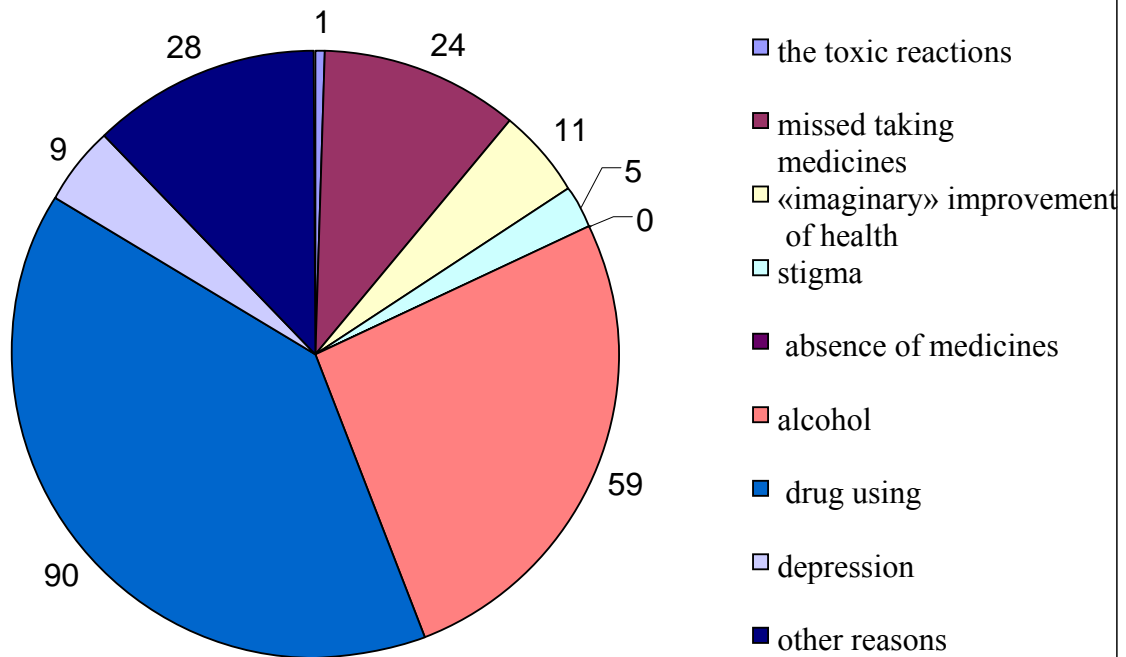


Adherence to treatment among PLWHA increased from 90,0% in 17-th quarter to 95% till 20 quarter and reached the planned indicator. Respectively, the planned indicator of IDU/non-IDU, on average, is 90% / 95%. The planned indicator of IDU is lower than that of non- IDUs. The reasons for insufficient adherence to treatment of PLWHA (combined data for 2008) are as follows:

- return to drug using - 40%;
- alcohol - 26%;
- missed taking medicines - 10,6%;
- «imaginary» improvement of health - 4 8%;
- depression - 4%;
- stigma - 2,2%;
- the toxic reactions - 0,4%;
- other reasons - 12%;
- absence of medicines - 0%.

Drug using and alcohol are the main reasons and barriers for sufficient adherence to treatment. There were no missing of supply of ARV drugs in 2008. We have «buffer» stock for the 1 st quarter of 2009; unwanted toxic effects of drugs were also observed in a small percentage of cases.

Main reasons for sufficient adherence to ARVT

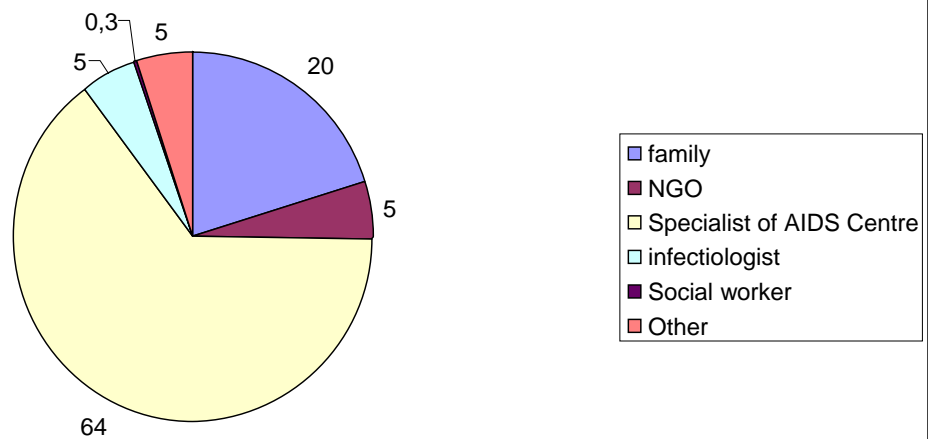


Analysis of care and support services for PLWHA who are on ART, showed the following:

- 64% - the main client management realizes by specialists of AIDS Centers;
- 20% - family members;
- By 5% - NGOs, medical personnel of medical institutions and other environment
- 0,3% - social workers.

There is insufficient role from non-governmental organizations and social workers for the support of PLWHA, who are on treatment.

The implementation of support



Basic information on GF Grant implementation

Information on payments for 2008 (USD)					
Request for payments	Period	Amount of the request	Recommended by LFA	Actual payments	The reasons of deviations
№ 12	01.10.07-30.06.08	4 928 354,79	4 928 354,79	4 688 016,00	240 338,79 USD were reprogrammed by CCM to the creation of video connection between regions which was not approved by GF for payment.
№13	01.04.08-31.12.08	1 135 371,79	1 135 371,79	1 135 371,79	
Total paid from the beginning of Grant				20 297 371,87 USD	

Program expenses			
	Plan	Actual	Unrealized means
Total expenses (on December 31, 2008)	6 194 483,79	5 963 134,67	Cumulatively from the beginning of the project there is unrealized amount of 1 464 628,41\$, which was planned for the methadone therapy
Including:			
PR expenses	5 200 252,00	4 981 349,35	
SR payments:	994 231,79	981 785,32	

Re-distribution of economy in 2008	
Activities	Amount (\$)
1) Refrigerators for storage of medicines to 22 AIDS Centers	15 000, 00
2) Procurement of vehicles for the 9 regions of Kazakhstan	100 000, 00
3) Procurement of hematology and biochemical analyzers for Pavlodar AIDS Center	35 000, 00
4) Improvement of electronic connection, the development of communication networks and access to the Internet for 17 organizations	115 000, 00
5) Procurement of equipment for organizing and conducting of seminars in regional AIDS Centers	87 120, 00
6) Joint projects with UNAIDS, aimed at evaluation, technical expertise of the intermediate results of implementation of the national program on counteraction of AIDS epidemics in the Republic of Kazakhstan for 2006-2010	48 000, 00
7) Redirection 1-1A-4 «Provide the personal protection means for vulnerable groups» from the budget line to AFEW project for providing psychosocial support to HIV-positive children and their close environment in South Kazakhstan	271 720, 00
8) Training of medical specialists on the basis of Russian Pediatrician Clinical Centre in Ust-Izhora	91 000, 00
9) Procurement of test systems for 100 persons for South Kazakhstan	53 397, 00

Monitoring

The monitoring and evaluation of project implementation conducts in accordance with approved reporting forms which are the integral parts of the contracts with sub-recipients, and the national monitoring and evaluation system.

According to the project implementation indicators agreed with the Global Fund, the Project Implementation Unit collects and analyzes data based on the reporting forms. There is the quarterly collection of the reports on program and financial activity and monitoring of supplement movements under the project implementation. Information comes from the grant sub-recipients and technical partners to the RAC (PIU).

In the frame of GFATM project the mid-term evaluation on implementation of the program on counteraction of AIDS epidemics in the Republic of Kazakhstan for 2006-2010. was conducted in 2008. The evaluation was conducted by international and national experts. Before the experts there were certain tasks:

1. Study the real contribution to the implementation of the Program for the period from late 2006 to June 2008.
2. Analysis of activities conducted in the frame of the Program for given period.
3. Evaluation of results achieved by the Program in 2006-2008.
4. Defining the impact of the program

During research the following methods were used:

- indicators for 2006 were derived as the primary target values;
- final target values of indicators were derived as expected results of the Program (2010);
- trend line from the initial to the final target value of the indicator was created;
- value of indicator for 2007 was compared with the trend line.

The reports of AIDS Centers, the results of sentinel surveillance and sociological research were used during the evaluation.

The following findings were made in the result of this evaluation:

1. Analysis of results and impact indicators reflects the success of the program implementation;
2. Planned evaluation of program activities is difficult because of the program did not identify program indicators or indicators of activity;
3. Only 4 activities were fulfilled from 5, which were planned to conduct in the end of 2008;
4. Analysis of the Program implementation in terms of costs can not be implemented due to lack of return from the most international organizations, which claimed as a source of funding for the Program;

The program regulates the financial commitments of central authority and international organizations without the resources of local budgets. Therefore, the share of state funding in the volume of financig for AIDS is much higher than those which are mentioned in the Program.

In accordance with GF PIU work plan, monitoring visits to the regions have been implemented in 2008. In accordance with the order of RAC there was established a working group for conducting of monitoring visits. PIU managers, repressentatives of NGOs (including PLWHA), RAC specialists were included into this working group. Monitoring mission covered 14 NGOs and 10 AIDS Centers in 10 regions of Kazakhstan: South Kazakhstan, Almaty, Akmola, Aktobe, Mangystau, Kostanai, Zhambyl, Kyzylorda, West Kazakhstan regions, the city of Astana.

Mission Objectives are:

- evaluate the activities of government agencies and nongovernmental organizations involved in the implementation of the GFATM project activities;
- identify problems;
- evaluate the needs of vulnerable groups to improve prevention interventions.

The infrastructure of sub-recipients organizations of GFATM project, implemented the program activity, the using of preventive resources, reporting and accounting records, outreach work (partnership and cooperation) have been examined in accordance with the requirements specification during M&E visits.

According to the results of monitoring visits reports for each sub-recipients had prepared by members of the working group. There were indicated the identified observations, evaluation of activities and suggestions for its improvement. Monitoring and Evaluation manager of PIU GFATM compiled the materials of visits, results were analyzed, recommendations were developed to improve program activities. All monitoring visits (reports, presentations, photos) were posted on the website of RAC.

On 15-19 September 2008, representatives of RAC and GFATM PIU participated in the seminar «The principles and results of monitoring and evaluation of programs on counteraction of AIDS epidemics». The seminar was designed and conducted by Central Research Institute of Public Health of the Russian Federation. Seminar participants received knowledge of the principles of monitoring and evaluation on counteraction of HIV infection, with an emphasis on financial monitoring and evaluation, software monitoring programs and activities on counteraction of HIV infection. Also, the seminar participants examined the experience of Russian colleagues on monitoring and evaluation of given programs.

Main problems in project implementation in 2008

The implementation of electronic database on patients' monitoring and control of ARV medicines is the only far unrealized component. This is due to the frequent change of responsible persons, namely, IT specialists (3 persons per 2008).

In addition, in October 2008 after the pilot testing of this base in the AIDS Center of Almaty, it was agreed that additions on the block inventory of material assets (inventory) must enter into the database. Components of STI prevention, drugs, syringes, condoms and lubricants have been introduced in November 2008. One of the reasons for the backlog to launch an electronic database on control of ARV medicines is also studying and comparison of existing databases on GFATM projects Central Research Institute of Public Health of Russian Federation and discussing possibilities of using the above databases for monitoring and evaluation of GFATM project in Kazakhstan.

The actions taken by the PR for the decision of problems in 2008:

The Republican Center on prevention and control of AIDS (the Principle Recipient) plans the introduction of electronic database of patients' monitoring and control of ARV medicines in 2009. In this regard, working meetings with the developer of electronic database of patients' monitoring and control of ARV medicines - "Index Group" were held in November - December 2008 and January-February 2009.. It was agreed that, that last changes to this database will be added in March 2009, after which PIU specialists (Clinical Department Manager, Procurement Manager, system administrator, and M&E department specialists) will be trained by "Index Group" on using of this database and its implementation in the regions.

The positive moments of the project

The implementation of GF project in 2008 led to the following positive results:

Global Fund project is the most widespread in the country project and in 2008 the project involved 31 non-governmental organizations and 20 AIDS Centers (total 51 sub-recipients)

- In 2008, funding for non-governmental sector at the expense of the GFATM grant has increased 2 times:

Year	Financing rates of NGO outreach workers	Financing rates of Regional AIDS Centers outreach workers
2007	\$ 334 282,00	\$ 289 514,00

2008	\$ 674 836,00	\$ 229 342,00
------	---------------	---------------

- In the frame of the project, Regional AIDS Centers and NGOs implemented prevention programs among IDUs, SWs, MSM. Regional Centers on prevention and control of AIDS and NGOs through the trust points and outreach workers have been working for informing, counselling, exchanging needles and syringes, condoms, disinfectants, and information and educational materials (IOM) for IDUs. The implementation of prevention programs among MSM and SWs conducted by distribution of IOM and the condoms to clients, information on safe sex behavior.
 - Representatives of vulnerable groups have the opportunity to get free syndromic treatment of STIs in 36 friendly cabinets.
 - RAC has made some efforts to secure stable and wide access to HAART for all who needs it, as well as diagnostic tests for AIDS patients at modern level. Protocols for Care and Treatment of HIV/AIDS in 2008 have sent to the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Kazakhstan in June 2008.
 - Specialists of non-governmental organizations with experience and coaching expertise have participated in seminars and trainings by different profiles in 2008.
 - RAC and GF PIU organized and conducted all planned educational seminars by themes:
 - harm reduction programs aimed at changing risk behavior among vulnerable population groups;
 - organization of friendly cabinets;
 - monitoring and evaluation of HIV/AIDS programs;
 - legal and organizational issues on the implementation of opioid substitution therapy in Central Asia countries and Azerbaijan », 1 - 5 Sept., 2008 in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan;
 - media coverage of opioid substitution therapy;
 - course oo antiretroviral therapy for children;
 - management forecasting and procurement of ARV medicines;
 - The great achievement of the project is the start of opioid substitution therapy in October 2008 in the pilot regions (cities Pavlodar and Temirtau) for 50 clients on the basis of Regional Center for prevention and treatment of dependant diseases in Pavlodar and Narcological dispensary in Temirtau.
 - In 2008, members of GFATM PIU have done a great work on expanding of RAC's site (PR). There are the informational page of PIU GFATM with information on GFATM Round 2 and Round 7 for sub-recipients and the library.
 - Under GFATM financial support the Association «Equal-to-Equal».organized the electronic bulletin on HIV/AIDS issues for non-governmental, public and private sectors.
 - Annually, RAC and PIU GFATM support and participate in events dedicated to Memory Day and World AIDS Day. In 2008, the event devoted to Memory Day was supported. It was organized by Kazakhstan Union of PLWHA. There were press conferences devoted to these two actions.
 - In 2008, RAC (Principal Recipient), RIU staff together with their partners have developed the mass media campaign «Tolerant attitude towards people living with HIV/AIDS». In the frame of mass-media campaign there were produced 5 video spots, billboards and posters. Videos were rotated in the whole country on the republican and local channels. Billboards were posted in 24 cities of Kazakhstan, posters were distributed to the regional AIDS Centers.
- A)** Since January 2008, Dutch non-governmental humanitarian organization «AIDS Foundation East-West» (AFEW) is subrecipient of GFATM grant, Round 2. It implements the project «The integrated model of psychosocial support to HIV-positive children and their environment in South Kazakhstan region (SKR)». In the frame of project there was created Social Bureau (SB) «Balakay», training was conducted for specialists working with PWLHA. The mass-media campaign under the slogan «False information is worse than HIV» was conducted. In the short term social Bureau «Balakay», created with the aim to provide social support for HIV-positive children and their parents, received the support of both parents and key partners of the project (medical, social, governmental and international organizations). «Balakay» staffed nearly all the necessary specialists (lawyers, psychologists, social workers, peer counsellors). Using the

redirection and client management many problems are successfully solved (registration of government benefits and assistance, provision of land and housing, registration in the kindergarten and school, protecting the rights of HIV-positive children, the direction of spa treatment and Recreation, humanitarian aid, employment, etc.) .

- During 2008, 177 persons made a request to the SB and 344 services were provided.
- mutual aid groups have met 47 times. 5 site-visits implemented in Sairam region, 3 site visits - in Kazygurt region, 2 site-visits - in Turkestan region, 1site-visit - in Zhetysay, Saryagash, Temirlanov regions.

B) The campaign under the slogan «False information is worse than HIV» was launched on 28 November 2008 before the World AIDS Day. The press conference was conducted on the basis of State Institution «Mother and Child». Volunteers from Shymkent department of the Association of Business Women of Kazakhstan distributed information materials on the streets of Shymkent and in the evening there was a great concert in the Palace of pupils.

Virtually all the available information channels were involved to media campaign in SKR. Video spots of this campaign in Kazakh and Russian languages are broadcasting in four local television channels, one channel of South Kazakhstan region (SHTV, Turkestan, Sairam, Otrar and Yumaks Radio) and television displays in the streets of Shymkent since December 2008. On the whole territory of South Kazakhstan (in the educational and medical institutions, and actions in public places) printed campaign materials are distributed. Banners and campaign posters are placed in the crowded places and along the routes. As part of the campaign there were printed 50 000 packages with the main campaign message, which quickly dispersed through the trading network of SKR.

It was printed 50 000 information leaflets (in Kazakh and Russian), 25 000 Posters A1, 1 000 transport stickers, 5 500 pocket calendars, 1 000 desk calendars, 20 banners (3x6 m) and made souvenirs (pens, bags, T-shirts, caps, magnets, bags with the main symbol and slogan of the campaign).

- Representatives of PR, GFATM RIU staff, as well as sub-recipients of GFATM grant, Round 2 (15 persons, the rest - from other donors) have taken part in the V Forum meeting of AIDS service NGOs in Kazakhstan. It was conducted 22-23 November 2008 in the city of Shymkent (South Kazakhstan).
- Project Coordinator of GFATM on behalf of PIU participated in the regional meeting of sub-recipients of Global Fund grants in Przhno, Montenegro, 19-21 December 2008.
- RAC specialists and PIU actively participated in the Second Conference on HIV/AIDS in Eastern Europe and Central Asia, which was conducted from 3 to 5 May 2008 in Moscow, Russia.

Interaction with the Local Fund Agent (LFA)

In 2008 functions of LFA in Kazakhstan were executed by the audit company «PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP» which provided the advisory support to PIU in financial management, procurement, monitoring and evaluation of program activity.

The program and financial contribution of key partners

In order to support the national program on counteraction of AIDS epidemics there were mobilized resources from international donors, including from the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, the United Nations system organizations: UNAIDS, UNDP, UNESCO, UNICEF and other international organizations.

The international organizations have made input in the realization of program on counteraction of HIV/AIDS epidemic in Kazakhstan in the amount of 910,067, 000 KZT,

I. Including: The Global Fund allocated –717, 600, 000 KZT.

Including the input of the other international organizations:

• PSI	-	41 033 000 tenge;
• the Capacity project	-	3 933 000 tenge;
• UNAIDS	-	5 727 000 tenge;
• CAAP	-	73 000 000 tenge;
• UNICEF	-	27 575 000 tenge;
• «AIDS-Foundation East-West»	-	41 139 000 tenges.

Assignable financial flows are used in accordance with their purpose of taking into account the interests of policy on HIV/AIDS conducted by the state.

The Principal Recipient own estimation of the GF project implementation

The RP and sub-recipients of the Global Fund grant have shown good implementation of the program on the end of the fifth year of the project implementation. Tasks were substantially achieved and exceeded on 19 program indicators from 22. It means that PR achieved 86 % of project implementation.

Cumulatively for 5 project years there were used 90 % of the budget (plan - 22.085 999 USD, actual - 19 891 702 USD).

Total estimation is "good".

**The Representative
of the Principle Recipient,
the General director of AIDS Center**

M. A.Khassanova