

Project mission

“To create national network of organizations for the people
living with HIV/AIDS,
to enhance the quality of life of the PLWH and to lobby and
to advocate rights of PLWH,
to promote tolerant attitude of society towards PLWH.”

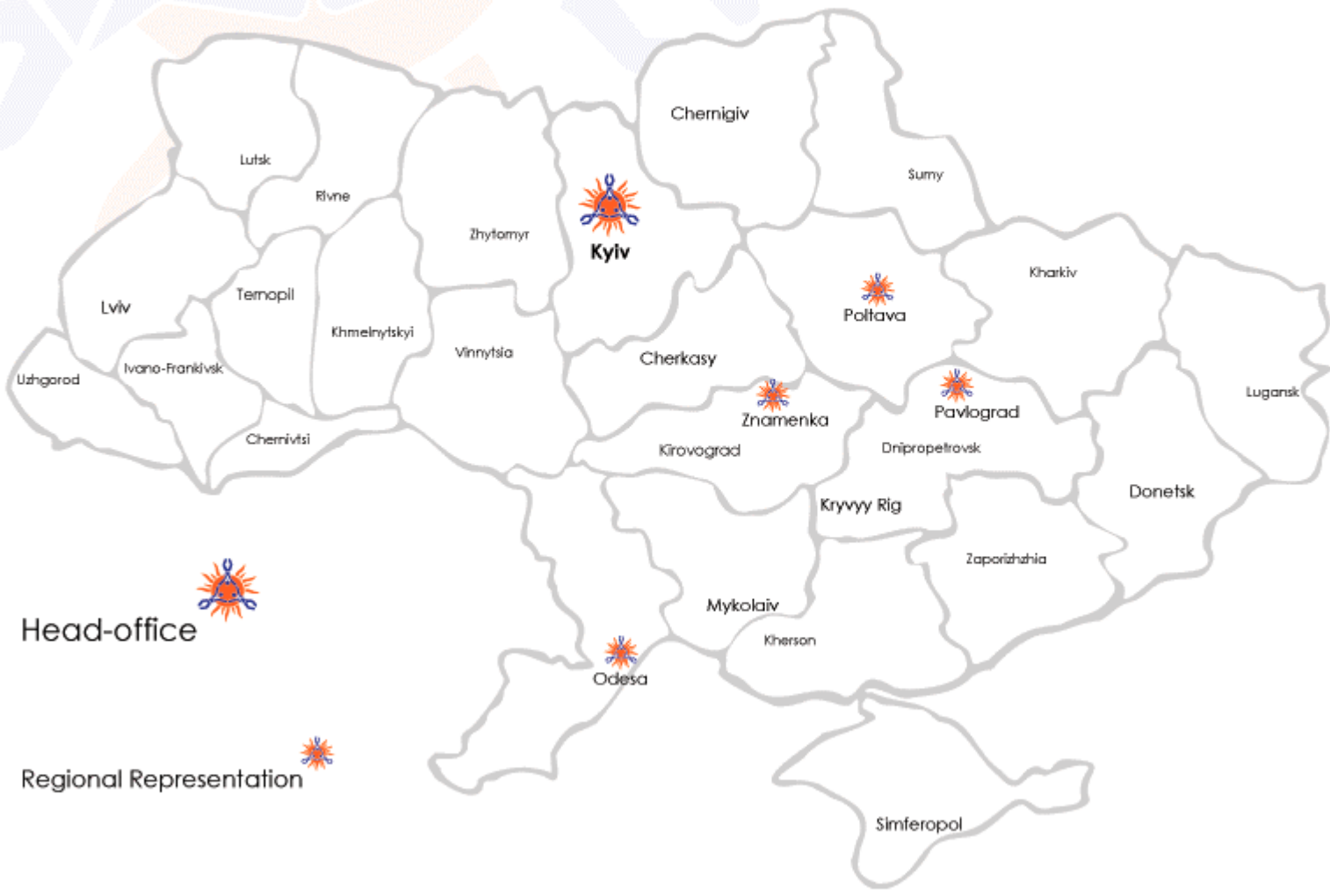
The Mission of the Organization

“Based on the humanistic ideas to enhance the quality of life of the people living with HIV by means of joint efforts of all who is concerned, in order to offer psychological, social, counselling and legal support and to advocate accessibility to the treatment and diagnostic for PLWH in Ukraine.”

Strategies for 2003

- To promote access to non-medical care, treatment and support
- To lobby and advocate rights of people living with HIV/AIDS, to promote tolerant society's attitude towards people living with HIV/AIDS
- To enhance All- Ukrainian Network's organizational capacity

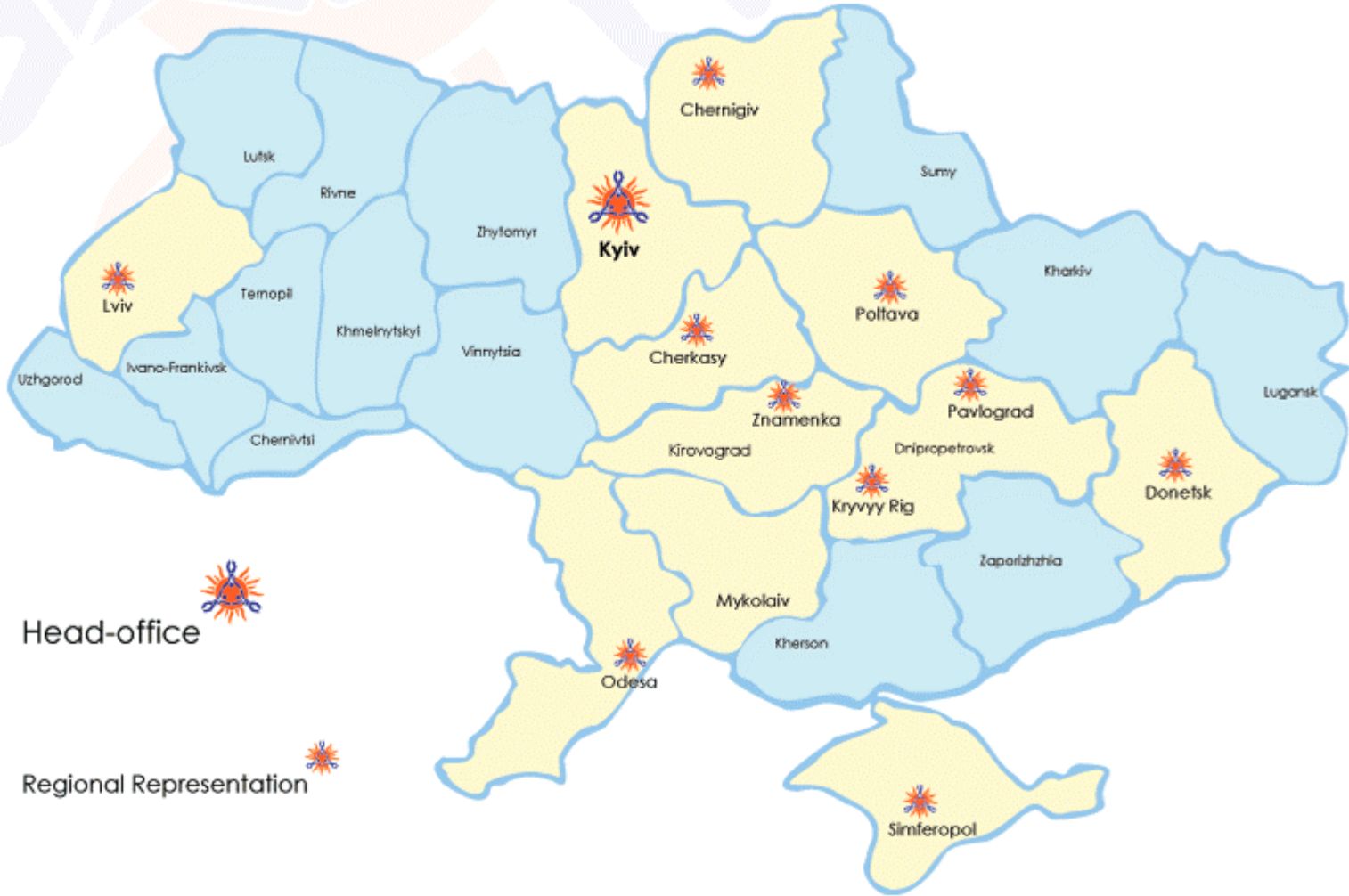
Before ECPP Project



Head-office

Regional Representation

After ECPP Project Started



Goals in the Frame of Project

- To strengthen organizational capacity of the All-Ukrainian Network.
- To enhance professional level of active members of the organization.

Main Achievements

- Opening of Central Office of All- Ukrainian Network in Kyiv in May 2002.
- Realization of trainings for personnel of Central Office and active members of the All-Ukrainian Network:
 - for 30 active members series of 3 management trainings;
 - training for 25 activists on monitoring and evaluation.
- Realization of trainings on different aspects of prevention and fight against HIV/AIDS for social workers and physicians:
 - on treatment;
 - on activities of self help groups;
 - on work with HIV positive children.
- Annual Conference of All-Ukrainian Network of PLWH was organized for 138 active members of the Network.

Third annual national requiem event

“Remembering the deceased – caring about alive”

International AIDS Memorial Day

Activities were held in in 21 cities and towns of Ukraine.

The objectives:

- to attract attention of the population and the government to the problems of HIV-positive people and to the needs for treatment for PLWH;
- to lobby and advocate the rights of the PLWH;
- to increase the level of knowledge on HIV/AIDS problems and prevention;
- to promote tolerance in the society towards PLWH.

Main message of the event

All-Ukrainian Network of People Living with HIV/AIDS stands for priority of provision of treatment for HIV-positive Ukrainians. The government must do everything in its power to assure that everyone in need could obtain medications that will save the thousands of lives of PLWH. Treatment for HIV-positive people is needed now!

Annual Conference of All-Ukrainian Network of PLWH 3rd- 7th September 2003 in Yalta

Participants: 138 members of All-Ukrainian Network of PLWH

Outcomes of the Conference:

Annual conference of All-Ukrainian Network of PLWH is an annual meeting of General Assembly of Networks members. Following goals were achieved:

- Presentation of Annual Report of Chairman of Coordination Council;
- Presentation of annual reports on activities in regional offices;
- Election of new members of Coordination Council;
- Official admission of new members of the Network;
- Proposal of Network's candidate for Country Coordination Mechanism;
- First session of Coordination Council in new formation;
- Conclusion of agreements on cooperation with particular regional offices;
- Final conclusion and signing of Status of Regional Representative of the Network by elected candidates;
- Trainings in Local partnership, club work, public relations.

Activities in Advocacy and Lobbying of Rights of PLWH

- Thanks to Regional Repr. Office and CO of the Network one HIV-positive person from Lviv was provided by treatment, which was refused before by medical services of the town and region.
- All-Ukrainian Network has bought with assistance of International AIDS Alliance ARV-drugs for \$46 000. With assistance of the All-Ukrainian Network were imported ARV-drugs for \$30 000.
- Due to the program of European Coalition of Positive People at All-Ukrainian Network 40 people were provided by analysis of quantity of CD4 in the period from November 2002 to August 2003.
- 45 people, treated with ARV-drugs at the expenses of Ministry of Health, didn't need to interrupt treatment because of transfer of ARV-drugs from AIDS Centre in Odessa.
- Regional representatives of All-Ukrainian Network in Simferopol lodged complain on violation of rights of HIV-positive person.
- All-Ukrainian Network was assisting to the effort of Ministry of Health to undertake obligation of provision of ARV treatment for 4000 people due to the program of Global Fund. Earlier was treatment granted for 300 people.
- 3 members of All-Ukrainian Network are representing it in the system of Global Fund Country Coordination Mechanism.

Social Services Provided by All-Ukrainian Network of PLWH

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- 15 self help groups in 12 regions;
- Consultations of psychologist in 9 regions;
- Consultation of a lawyer in 10 regions;
- Consultations of therapist in 8 regions;
- Physician in duty in 12 regions;
- Informative materials (publishing and distribution) in 12 regions;
- Outreach programs in 7 regions;
- Pre- and post-HIV test counseling;
- «Peer to peer» consultations in 5 regions ;
- Social patronage in 7 regions;
- Phone-line consultations in 5 regions;
- Helpline in 7 regions;
- Realization of trainings in Kyiv, Poltava, Odessa and Lviv;
- Informative and preventive campaign in 12 regions.

Planned Activities for Last Quarter of 2003

- 11 regions are planning to undertake different activities on World AIDS Day 2003
- Project Design training will be provided for 15 activists
- Fifth National Conference of HIV Positive People and HIV-service Organization of Ukraine will be organized
- 6 regional affiliates will be awarded with small grants under NOVIB support
- Plans and strategies for 2004-2005 will be developed
- Annual reports from regions and of the whole Network will be assessed.

Success Stories of 2003

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- Joint project on the social support of people taking ART was agreed by the AHF Global Immunity and the Network as recognition of Network's capacity and expertise. The main goal of the project is to provide assistance in developing adherence to treatment for 4 000 PLWH that will receive ART according to the program of the Global Fund to fight HIV/AIDS, TB and malaria.
- 3 members of All-Ukrainian Network are representing PLWH in the system of Country Coordination Mechanism.
- Team of All-Ukrainian Network of PLWH took part in "Race for Life" on 21st September 2003, which was organized by UN Ukraine. The team numbered 60 people form 15 Ukrainian towns and received award for being the most numerous team of non-governmental organizations.
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- Lobbying and advocating of PLWH interest and rights are ensured by active participation on governmental, international and NGO's working groups on HIV/AIDS issues in cooperation with UNAIDS, UNDP, Ministry of Health, MSF, British Council, Global Fund and others.

Role of the Central Office of All-Ukrainian Network of PLWH

- Coordination of Networks activities on national and regional level;
- Provision of trainings and assessment and monitoring of activities and needs of regions;
- Fund rising activities for different occasions;
- Provision of contact and cooperation with international organizations and partners;
- Provision of possibility to participate on international conferences and training for members of the Network;
- Representation of the Network on different seminars and working groups meetings on national level;
- Establishment of report routines, assistance to project proposal writing;
- Close cooperation with regional AIDS Centers;
- Support to advocacy cases in Lviv and Simferopol;
- Support to official recognition of 5 regional non-governmental organizations;
- Due to the Central Office received 10 affiliates premises from government.

Positive Impact of the Project

- Trainings are contributing to knowledge and skills of Networks members in advocating and lobbying rights of PLWH. Network is growing professionally.
- Network is becoming more visible and regional representations more active.
- The speed of development of the organization increased rapidly.
- System of monitoring and assessment of development and needs of organizations and its branches' capacities has been developed. This allows supporting the activities and meeting the needs accurately.
- Due to the project are the regional representations reporting that for the first time they are meeting higher level of understanding from governmental agencies and population.
- Governmental structures in regions are inviting PLWH to participate in programs on the local level.
- The All-Ukrainian Network became more visible and is more often presented in mass media.
- The All-Ukrainian Network has taken a leading role in providing support and services for HIV-positive people and became an equal partner for international organizations in the field of HIV/AIDS problematic.

Conclusion

The joint Project of European Coalition of Positive People cannot be separated from the activities of All-Ukrainian Network of PLWH, as the project objectives correspond with the mission of the Network. The main outcome of these activities is the rise in knowledge and skills level of PLWH in regions. Regional groups with help from the project staff and the Central Office of the Network begin to lobby needs and protect rights of the PLWH more actively.