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Barents HIV/AIDS Programme Programme activities

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HIV situation in the Northwest Russia in December 31, 2010

- 84 244 cumulative number of HIV-infected people
 - 10 972 HIV+ died
 - 71 272 people living with HIV/AIDS
- 6875 children born to HIV+ mothers (Dec 2009)
- Mother-to-child transmission rate was 7.1 % in 2009
- Transmission routes:
 - IDU 44 %
 - Sexual contact 28 %
 - Not known 27,2 %
 - MTCT 0,8 %



HIV situation in Russian Barents Regions

	Cases in 2007	Cases in 2008	Cases in 2009	Cases in 2010	“Prevalence” per 100,000 population 1.1.2011
Archangelsk Region	62	68	71	84	32.5
Murmansk Region	416	421	446	387	371.1
Republic of Karelia	92	123	89	108	108.5
Republic of Komi	134	140	115	173	137.9
Nenets Autonomous District	4	7	3	2	52.4

Source: Northwest District AIDS Centre, St. Petersburg

Activities in 2010

- Steering Committee meeting in Ivalo, Finland, in 10-11 March
 - Participants from Murmansk, Republic of Komi, St. Petersburg, Norway, Sweden and Finland (including Lapland Province administration and University of Lapland)
 - Financing: Finland, Norway, participants
 - Discussion on HIV+TB co-infection
 - Activities of Lapland province administration and University of Lapland



Activities in 2010

- Steering Committee meeting in Murmansk, Russia, on 10 November
 - Participants from Archangelsk, Komi, Murmansk, Norway and Finland
 - Beginning of evaluation discussion on activities of the Barents HIV/AIDS Programme
 - Change of chairperson in the beginning of 2011



Participation in development of the new Barents Tuberculosis Programme

- Planning meeting in Archangelsk, 8 April
- Logical Framework workshop in Repino, Leningrad Region, 9-11 June

Assistance to the Finnish Ministry of Health and Social Affairs during the chairmanship of JWGHS



Project events

- Launching of two new projects in March
 - HIV prevention among reproductive-aged women in the Republic of Karelia 2010-2012
 - *Development of low threshold services in Leningrad Region (2010–2012)*
- Concluding seminar of the project “Social partnership against drug addiction, HIV/AIDS in Northwest Russia (2009–2010)” in Archangelsk, 24-25 August
- Application for further financing of Programme coordination submitted in August to the Ministry of Social Affairs and Health, Finland



Project events

- Presentation of Barents HIV activities at the meeting of Expert Group on HIV/AIDS and Associated Infections in Kaliningrad, 4-5 October
- Concluding seminar of the Murmansk LTSC project in 9 November in Murmansk
- Concluding seminar of the Norwegian-Russian research project in 2 December in Archangelsk
- Seminar for politicians – Murmansk TB/HIV project, in the beginning of December
- Presentation at the 41st Union World Conference on Lung Health in Berlin, November 2010



Next steps

- Evaluation of the Barents HIV/AIDS Programme
→ proposals into the new Co-operation programme for 2012-2015
- Steering Committee meeting in Petrozavodsk on 31 March



Project status

- Ongoing projects – 12
 - 5 Finnish-Russian, 7 Norwegian-Russian
- Under consideration – 6
- Completed projects - 22



Results from low threshold work in the Murmansk Region

- Increasing amount of visits – more than 3200 in 2010
- Hidden HIV cases detected in centres – 131 new cases during 2008 – 2010
- Needles and syringes exchanged 54,000 in 2009; and 46,000 in 2010
- Peer work – increasing trust among clients
- Empowerment of clients
 - Health and social counselling
 - Referrals to treatment and rehabilitation
- IDU transmission decreased from 72,6% to 62,4%



Success factors and risks for sustainability

- Planning by LFA
- Local ownership and enthusiasm
- Political support
- Inter-sectoral collaboration
- Establishment of centres on base of existing institutions
- Collaboration with mass media
- High confidentiality – trust of clients
- Risk: federal anti-drug policy, if it is interpreted strictly





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