HIV control in the Context of the Refugee Response in Moldova

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Refugees from Ukraine

Refugees from Ukraine recorded across Europe

JSON

7,867,219

Source - UNHCR, Government

Last updated 22 Nov 2022

Refugees from Ukraine registered for Temporary Protection or similar national protection schemes in Europe

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4,751,065

Source - UNHCR, Government

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Source: UNHCR

Ukraine HIV and AIDS estimates vs Moldova 2021

Country factsheets

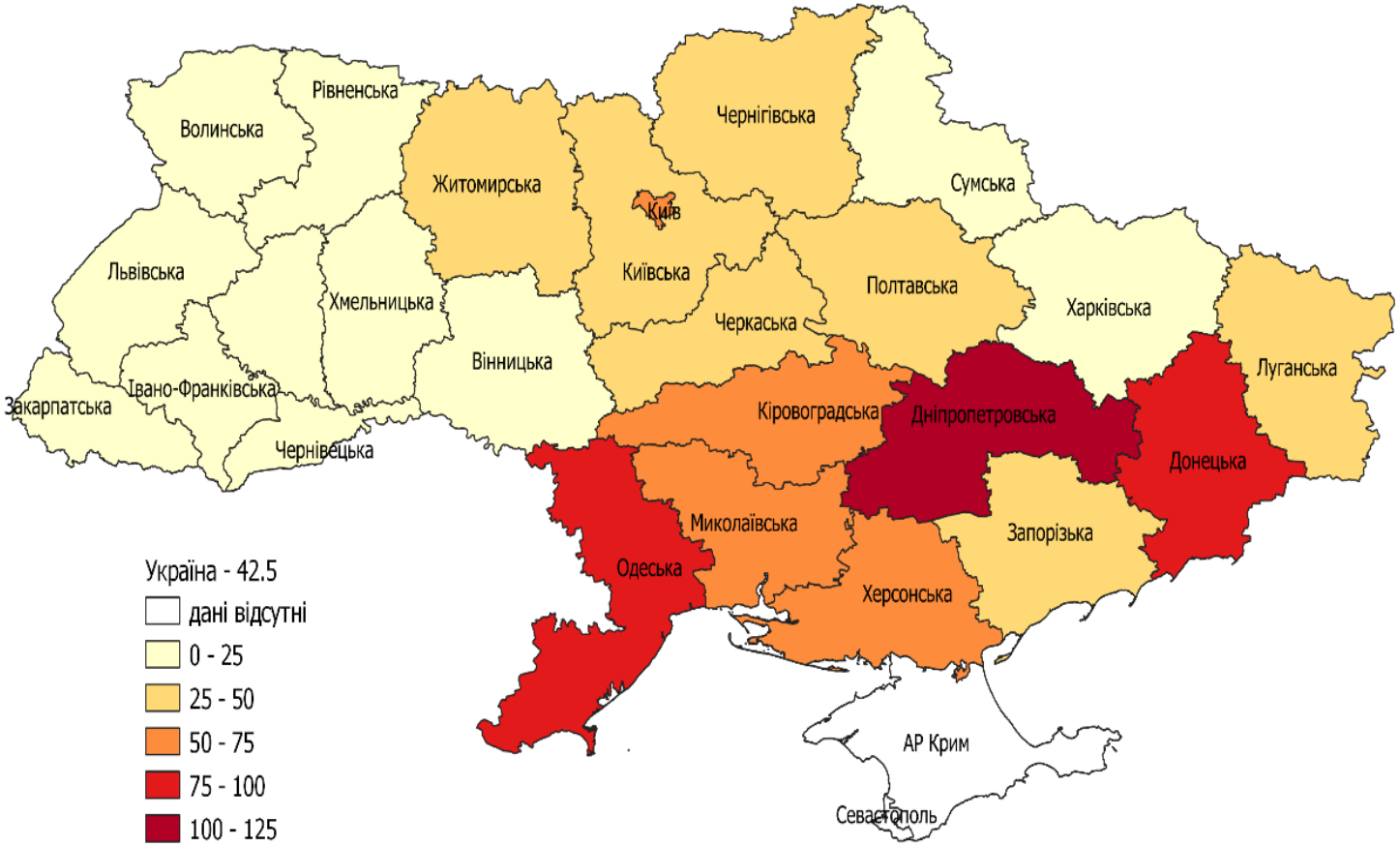
UKRAINE | 2021

REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA

HIV and AIDS Estimates

Adults and children living with HIV	**240 000 [220 000 - 280 000]**	**15 000 [13 000 - 19 000]**
Adults aged 15 and over living with HIV	240 000 [210 000 - 280 000]	15 000 [13 000 - 18 000]
Women aged 15 and over living with HIV	120 000 [100 000 - 130 000]	5500 [4500 - 6700]
Men aged 15 and over living with HIV	130 000 [110 000 - 140 000]	9600 [8100 - 12 000]
Children aged 0 to 14 living with HIV	2700 [2100 - 3800]	<200 [<200 - <500]

HIV burden in Ukraine (by region)



Source: UPHC

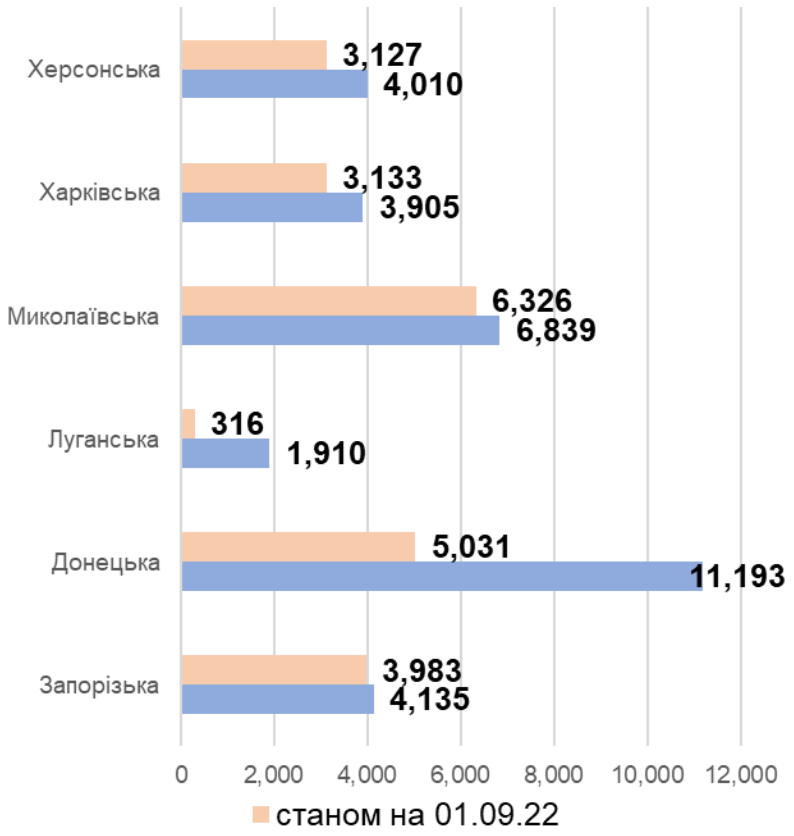
Impact of the war on the operation of ART sites

Non-operational ART sites as of 04.10.2022

Infrastructure:

- 6 buildings destroyed
- 28 buildings damaged
- 36 sites staffed with only one healthcare worker (18 – a nurse, 18 – a doctor)

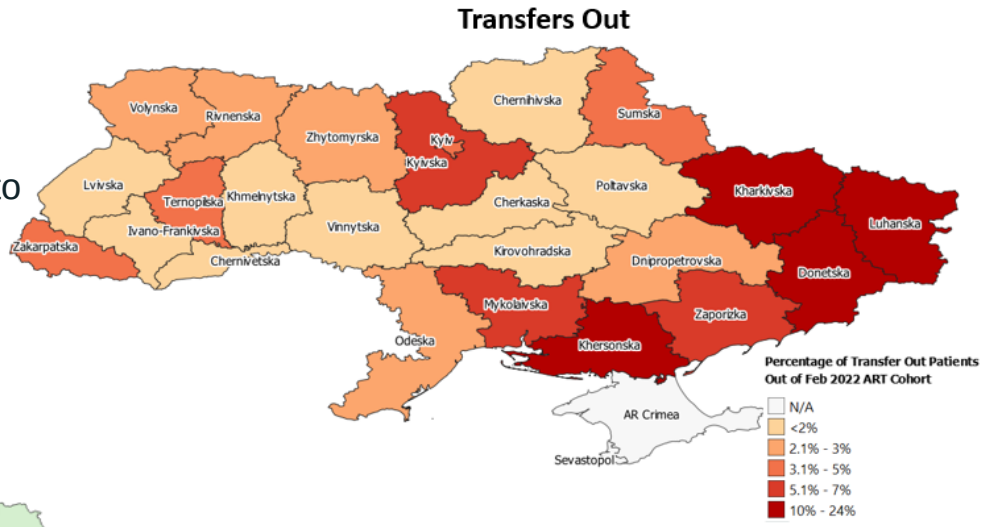
Number of patients receiving ART in war-affected regions

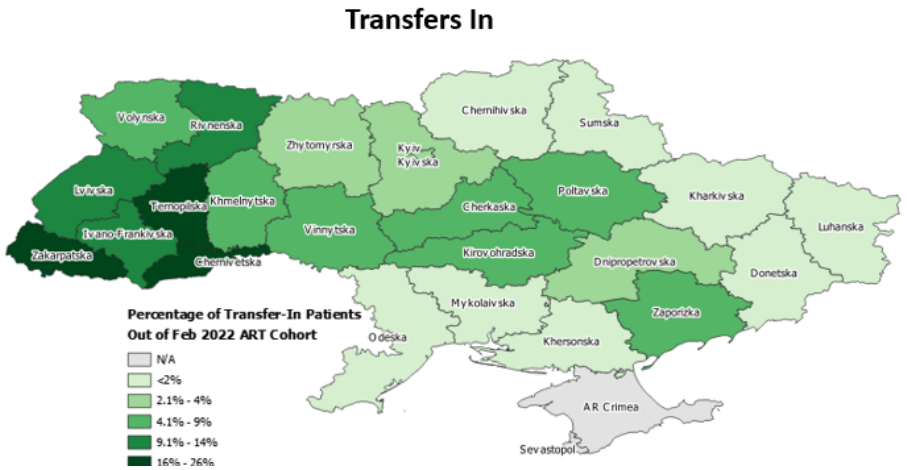


Increased ART patients' movement across the country

ART Patient Transfers as of August 1st, 2022

- Almost **7,500** recorded transfers of ART patients to another oblast of Ukraine;
- Nearly **2,300** ART patients with recorded movement to another country.





Estimate of PLH who left Ukraine because of the war

April 2022

Table 1. Estimated number of PLHIV in need of ART in countries with reported refugees' arrivals

		Estimated proportion of			Number[13] of PLHIV in need of ART		
Location name	Population	Female 15+	Children 0-14	Male 60+	Adults (rounded)	Children (rounded)	**Estimated people in need of TLD**
Poland	2,187,592	1,421,935	503,146	262,511	16,845	205	13,476
Hungary	567,944	369,164	130,627	68,153	4,375	55	3,500
Slovakia	373,584	242,830	85,924	44,830	2,880	35	2,304
Romania	333,873	217,018	76,791	40,065	2,575	35	2,060
Republic of Moldova	268,976	174,834	61,864	32,277	2,075	25	1,660
Russian Federation	261,742	170,132	60,201	31,409	2,020	25	1,616
Belarus	6,288	4,087	1,446	755	50	5	40
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Source: WHO/UNAIDS

National Response

- GFATM allocated EUR 1mln for HIV and TB prevention and support programs for refugees
- Ministry of Health issued the Disposition nr. 443-d, on active interventions for HIV and TB prevention in RACs with the involvement of specialized NGOs
- National program for prevention and control of HIV/AIDS an STIs provides free diagnosis and treatment
- UNAIDS supports the HIV community based emergency response implemented by 10 national and local NGOs

Results

More than 5000 refugees were covered with integrated services by NGOs :

- HIV
- TB
- Mental Health,
- Sexual and reproductive health
- PSEA

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				Including			
	Total	M	F	Children	Pregnant	Prevention of perinatal transmission of HIV	PrEP
Chisinau	156	59	97	2	6	7	5
Bălți	20	7	13	0	1	0	0
Cahul	3	0	3	0	0	0	0
Tiraspol	22	9	13	0	0	0	0
Ungheni	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Căușeni	2	1	1	0	0	0	0
TOTAL RM	204	77	127	2	7	7	11

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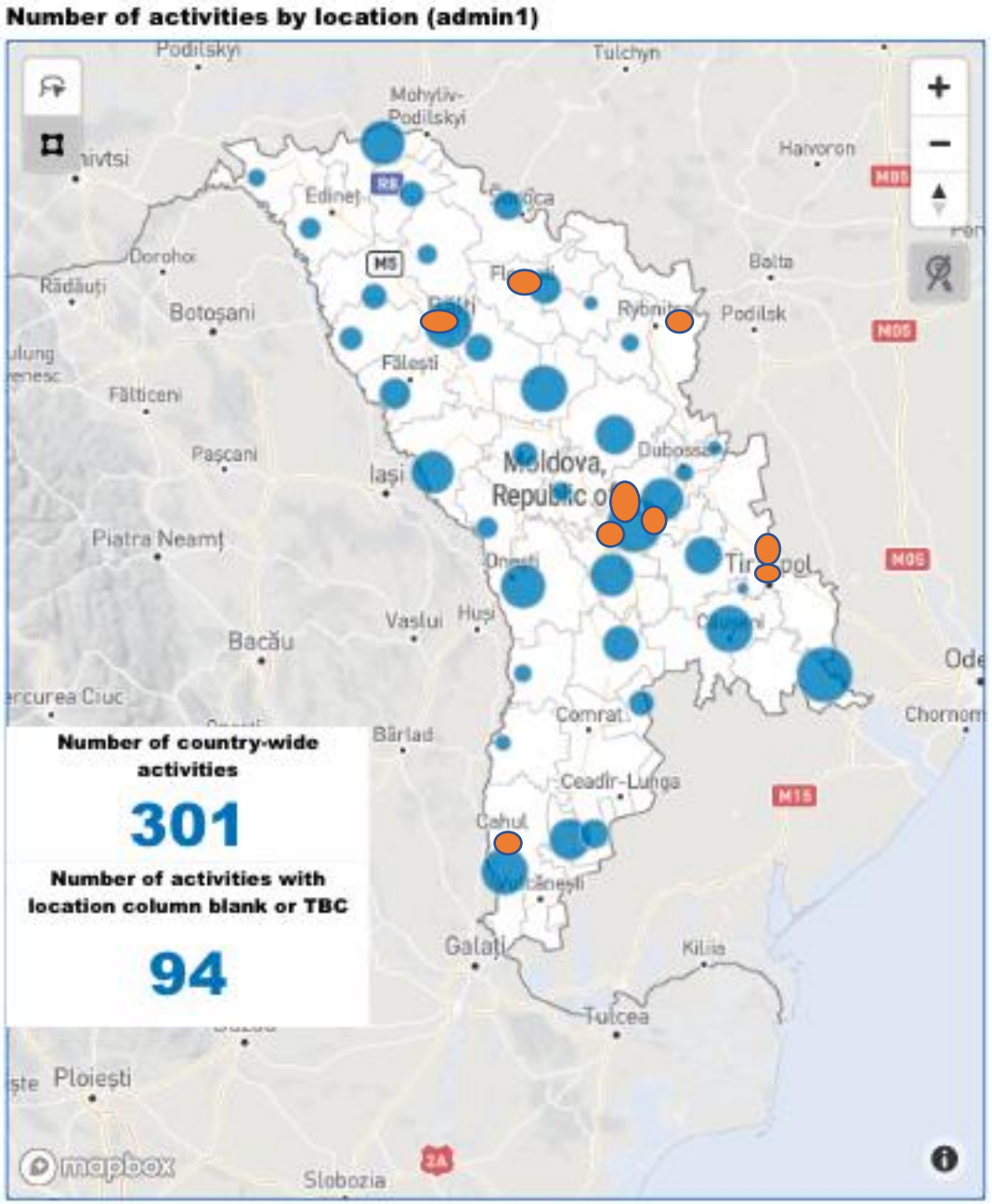
2. AFI (Chișinău)
3. Inițiativa Pozitivă (Chșinău)
4. Miloserdie (Bender)
5. Genderdoc M (Chișinău)
6. PAS Cu PAS Cahul,
7. Grupul de inițiativă Puls (Bălți),
8. SMIT(Florești, Bălți),
9. Triniti (Rîbnița),
10. Union for Health and Equity (Bălți)



https://www.unaids.org/en/2022-world-aids-day

Unite to end the inequalities holding back the end of AIDS