

Coalition Report 2020

From 04/01 to 07/30/2020, the "Outreach" Coalition conducted a community-based participatory research the "Young, Wild and Free?".

In July 2020, the Outreach Coalition took part in a series of knowledge and experience sharing webinars with the non-governmental organization Lighthouse (Vietnam).

Lighthouse has been operating since 2004 and is engaged in the prevention of HIV infection among the LGBTIQ community; protecting the rights of the LGBTIQ community; capacity building of the LGBTIQ community; community-based research.

Based on the results of the virtual exchange, the following best practices of the Vietnamese organization were identified that the members of the Coalition could try to use in their work:

1. Strengthening the LGBTIQ movement
2. Development of friendly to the LGBTIQ community and young key populations health facilities
3. Raising public awareness of gender and sexual diversity
4. Community Based Research
5. Internet interventions and diversified delivery of services in the field of HIV prevention, SHRP (online / offline)

On August 20-21, 2020 in St. Petersburg, Russia, a general meeting of the members of the Coalition took place.

Thanks to the mini-grants system provided by the Flex Fund project, the members of the Coalition subsequently received 2200 euros for the implementation of the Vietnamese experience in their regions, with the deadline for the end of these activities no later than 03/31/2021.

The funds were allocated for the implementation of the following activities:

Tallinn, Estonia - implementation of a chemsex harm reduction program among MSM at the Kontrollpunkt low-threshold point;

Kazan, Russia - Conducting a community-based research aimed at studying the needs of transgender people, chemsex, mental health among MSM in Kazan, with the participation of at least 50 people (including HIV testing);

Moscow, Russia - creating educational materials on sexual and gender diversity for healthcare professionals and organizations, as well as for members of the LGBTIQ community; development of internet-based interventions and provision of HIV / STI prevention services;

Irkutsk, Russia - studying the needs of a group of MSM with the aim of further including representatives of this group in prevention and support programs in connection with HIV infection and STIs;

Almetyevsk, Russia - Conducting a study on the awareness of the MSM community on the health barriers associated with stigma and discrimination against this group, as well as on the prevention of HIV and STIs;

Togliatti, Russia - conducting a series of educational events to represent gender diversity among various groups of the population, with the involvement of volunteers from among the LGBTIQ community;

Perm, Russia - conducting a study to investigate the prevalence of risky practices among people who use drugs (PWID) / MSM;

Yekaterinburg, Russia - conducting a series of informational webinars aimed at improving the professional competence of activists working with people vulnerable to HIV;

St. Petersburg, Russia - Analysis of data on drug “stashers” in various districts of the city, collected from the Hydra Darknet drug marketplace, for plotting on an interactive map and comparing with data on the attendance of mobile harm reduction units of the Humanitarian Action Fund; spatial analysis of the received data;

Rostov-on-Don, Russia - conducting a needs assessment of the LGBTIQ community; conducting training for medical workers on working with representatives of this target group; assessment of satisfaction with the services of public medical institutions among representatives of the LGBTIQ community.