

Building Bridges Between East and West

Annual Report 2017

AFEW International



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Foreword

'Building bridges' stands at the core of AFEW's work. During its more than 15 years of working in Eastern Europe and Central Asia (EECA), AFEW has aimed to connect the East and the West by introducing and sharing expertise on prevention, treatment and care for HIV, tuberculosis and viral hepatitis.

'Bridging the gaps: health and rights for key populations 2.0', a project implemented in Georgia, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Ukraine, stands as one of our centrepieces. Through this project, AFEW and its partners ensure access to healthcare services. We accomplish this by facilitating communication and collaboration between professionals and clients in order to expand and improve the quality of care available to those who need it. In this year's annual report, you will read stories from the beneficiaries of this project.

'Building bridges, breaking barriers' is the theme of the 22nd International AIDS Conference (AIDS 2018), to be held in Amsterdam from 23 through 27 July 2018. AFEW is playing a pivotal role in engaging the Eastern European and Central Asian region during this conference. For well over two years, we have worked with politicians, policy-makers, civil society representatives, researchers and clinicians from the region to provide them with the opportunity to interact with the rest of the world at AIDS 2018, in order to learn from others and build relationships. Through our community-based participatory research project, AFEW provided grants to 25 organisations allowing them to carry out research and submit abstracts summarising their research findings. In addition, through a mentoring programme, AFEW helped to improve the quality of more than 100 abstracts submitted to the conference.

Another important example of our work can be found in the project 'Improved TB/HIV prevention and care – building models for the future.' In this project, AFEW builds bridges between public and private care providers. In Kazakhstan, we facilitate collaboration between non-governmental organisations and physicians and nurses in order to detect and treat key populations living with tuberculosis and tuberculosis/HIV co-infection.

Once again, life for non-governmental and community-based organisations has become increasingly difficult in the region. The legal environment has increasingly constricted and financial resources are drying up. To address this reality, alongside raising international funds, AFEW continues to support local partners in their activities by facilitating communication and cooperation between local authorities and communities. Moreover, we ensure that representatives of key populations sit at decision-making tables and contribute to policies intended to meet their needs.

So much remains to be done in the region, and we will use AIDS 2018 with its focus on Eastern Europe and Central Asia as a springboard to address the three epidemics of HIV, viral hepatitis and TB, including multi-drug resistant TB. We will renew our advocacy strategy, work with partners to ensure additional and better healthcare services for all and lead efforts to ensure that the Sustainable Development Goals and other multilateral efforts result in a better future for the people of Eastern Europe and Central Asia.



Anke van Dam, Executive Director of AFEW International



Jeffrey Lazarus, Chair of the AFEW International Board

AFEW International and AFEW Network

AFEW occupies a unique position as an Eastern European and Central Asian (EECA) regional network in public health. We recognise diversity, work towards strengthening regional solidarity, share our knowledge and mobilise communities to fulfil their rights.

AFEW has become a network of independent local organisations working in the countries of Eastern Europe and Central Asia. Shifting its status in November 2013, the *AFEW Network* now consists of six members operating in Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, the Netherlands, the Russian Federation, Tajikistan and Ukraine, with *AFEW International* situated in the Netherlands serving as the international secretariat of the network.

AFEW is dedicated to improving the health of key populations in society. With a focus on Eastern Europe and Central Asia, *AFEW* strives to promote health and increase access to prevention, treatment and care for significant public health concerns such as HIV, tuberculosis (TB), viral hepatitis and sexual and reproductive health. We aim to do so by:

- > Advocating for the human rights for key populations and upholding their rights to health.
- > Engaging communities when developing participatory approaches.
- > Eliminating the stigma associated with HIV, hepatitis and tuberculosis by providing information to community leaders and creating supportive environments.
- > Developing and supporting health services for key populations.
- > Utilising innovative strategies to promote healthy behaviours.

Bridging the gaps:
health & rights for key
populations 2.0
€1 345 000

AIDS 2018
€460 000

Fast-track
TB/HIV
responses
€50 000

Activities in the
Russian
Federation
US\$145 000

Improved TB/HIV
prevention & care
– building models
for the future
€223 000

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Bridging the gaps: health & rights for key populations project 2.0

'Bridging the gaps: health & rights for key populations 2.0' is a global programme that works towards a world that without HIV amongst key populations. This consists of a world where no hostility is directed towards homosexuality, where a drug user can access clean needles without risking arrest and where a sex worker does not fear violence from clients nor from the police. In Eastern Europe and Central Asia, *AFEW International* is implementing programme activities in Georgia, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Ukraine.

In 2017 in Kazakhstan, *AFEW* held the Regional Autumn School, an annual event within the framework of its regional activities under the 'Bridging the gaps' project. Representatives of the *AFEW Network* from Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, the Netherlands, Tajikistan and Ukraine, as well as sub-grantees of the 'Bridging the gaps' project and partner organisations from Poland, the Russian Federation and Uzbekistan took part in the event. The autumn school offers a platform in which to discuss strategies, barriers to services, innovations and opportunities for cooperation. The *AFEW Network* finalised and presented three important regional assessments as a part of the 'Bridging the gaps' project during the autumn school: an assessment of harm reduction friendly rehabilitation in the region; an assessment of labour migrants who use drugs; and an assessment of the shrinking civil society space.

Natalya Popova, client of the 'Bridging the gaps' project through the civil society organisation 'Vita', Tajikistan

Upon release from prison, I again returned to drugs and alcohol. When I learned about my pregnancy and the possible consequences of injecting drug use, I decided to undergo a medical examination and I applied for support from 'Vita' (civil society organisation 'Vita' works with key populations – people living with HIV, people who use drugs, incarcerated persons – implementing the project 'Bridging the gaps: health and rights for key populations 2.0). When I was diagnosed as HIV-positive, I feared for the health of my unborn child. Social workers from civil society organisations helped me, and my son Damir was born healthy by caesarean section. To get rid of my drug-using habit, I enrolled in an opioid substitution therapy programme. I cannot even imagine how my life would have been if I had not received support from the project. Thanks to the 'Bridging the gaps' programme and the support of 'Vita', I underwent a medical examination and now I know my health status. Conversations and consultations with social workers motivated me to engage in raising my child.



Representatives from 10 countries took part in the first regional autumn school organised by *AFEW*



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AIDS 2018 Project

The AIDS 2018 project aims to engage Eastern Europe and Central Asian (EECA) participation in the 22nd International AIDS Conference, which will take place from 23 through 27 July 2018 in Amsterdam. Within this project, AFEW implements activities designed to increase the number of participants and the number of abstracts submitted from the EECA region.

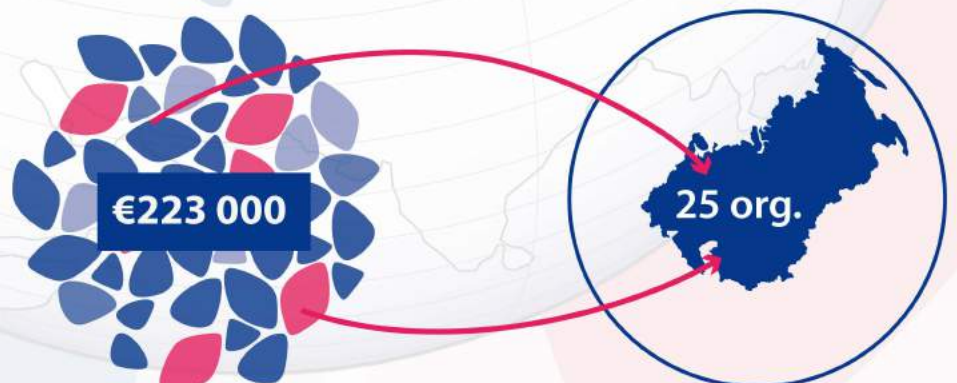
For nearly two years (2016–2018), a community-based participatory research project has been carried out by AFEW *International* within the AIDS 2018 project. This project consists of three stages: training, research implementation and the dissemination of results. Participants receive substantial technical, financial and practical support on every stage of a research project. In 2017, 25 organisations received small grants to conduct community-based participatory research by pairing with guidance, expertise and technical support from the AFEW *International* team. At the end of 2017, AFEW conducted a face-to-face training seminar on how to structure and disseminate research results and how to write a scientific abstract. Based on the participants' needs, AFEW *International* together with the Eurasian Harm Reduction Association and the Amsterdam Youth Force, launched a mentoring programme for applicants to AIDS 2018 to increase the number of high-quality abstract submissions from the EECA region.

Nataliia Dorofeyeva, 'UCO Legalife–Ukraine', Ukraine:

Thanks to AFEW, we not only received financial support to conduct important research for the community, but also received everything necessary to do conduct high-quality research – with extensive technical support. We completed two training seminars before we began our research. During the first training, many participants learned the theoretical basis of research, the types of research and methods of data collection amongst other topics for the first time. After the project was completed, we submitted two abstracts to the 22nd International AIDS Conference, AIDS 2018. As an aside, we knew nothing about 'abstracts' before the training. Now, we have an invaluable evidence base for our advocacy efforts. We would like to thank all of the organisers, participants, consultants and trainers of this project for their support and assistance to the communities.



€223 000 was distributed in the form of small grants to 25 organisations across Eastern Europe and Central Asia with a maximum grant size of €10 000 per organisation



3 The 'Fast-track TB/HIV for key populations in EECA cities' project (Cities Project)

'Fast-track TB/HIV responses for key populations in Eastern European and Central Asian (EECA) cities' is a regional programme piloting an innovative city service model to respond to HIV and tuberculosis. Specifically focusing on key affected populations, the Cities Project aims to develop models of sustainable municipal responses to HIV and tuberculosis amongst key populations in the region. By doing so, this project will significantly contribute to achieving the 90-90-90 HIV/TB targets for key populations. A concept introduced by the United Nation's programme on HIV/AIDS in 2013, 90-90-90 is a set of goals. The idea is that by 2020, 90% of people who are HIV infected will be diagnosed, 90% of people who are diagnosed will be on antiretroviral treatment and 90% of those who receive antiretroviral therapy will be virally suppressed. In addition, the project aims to strengthen collaboration between municipalities, non-governmental organisation and police officials in five cities: Almaty (Kazakhstan), Balti (Moldova), Odesa (Ukraine), Sofia (Bulgaria) and Tbilisi (Georgia).

In February 2017, the mayor of Odesa, Gennadiy Trukhanov, signed the Paris Declaration of Commitment to End AIDS, thereby joining a movement of cities across the globe initiated by the Mayor of Paris and UNAIDS in 2014. As a signatory, the city of Odesa committed to significantly increasing HIV testing and treatment coverage for its residents with the aim of ending AIDS by 2030 and by focusing on programmes for key populations.

In addition, in May 2017, the mayor of Odesa signed the 'Declaration of Interest to Align the city of Odesa with the Zero TB Initiative', establishing their commitment to the Stop TB Partnership. This made Odesa the first city in Ukraine and the EECA region to join the initiative. In June 2017, the same declaration was signed in Balti (Moldova) by Vice Mayor Igor Sheremet and by the Executive Director of the Stop TB Partnership Dr. Lucica Ditiu.

Moreover, in July 2017, Almaty (Kazakhstan) became the first city in Central Asia for which authorities signed the Paris Declaration committing to end the AIDS epidemic.

During 2017, two training seminars on collaboration between municipalities, police officials and non-governmental organisations were conducted by *AFEW International* in Sofia, Bulgaria and Odesa, Ukraine.

 x 87

87 participants attended training seminars conducted by *AFEW International* in Sofia, Bulgaria and Odesa, Ukraine



**Sergo Chikhladze,
public health policy
and management
specialist, programme
manager at
'Tanadgoma' – Centre
for Information and
Counselling on
Reproductive Health,
Georgia:**

It is a great pleasure to cooperate so closely with AFEW International within the 'Fast-track TB/HIV responses for key populations in Eastern Europe and Central Asia' project. During the first year of the project, we achieved great results. For instance, AFEW International led the elaboration of the communication plan, which greatly clarified collaboration amongst project partners in five different cities. Our collaboration will prove particularly interesting and productive in preparing for a three-day seminar in Tbilisi on how to improve the models of collaboration between civil society and municipal and state structures, which will take place in 2018.

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Improved TB/HIV prevention & care building models for the future

Launched in 2014, the project 'Improved TB/HIV prevention & care – building models for the future', seeks to establish an effective partnership between public and private tuberculosis- and HIV-related service providers in Almaty, Kazakhstan.

In 2017, the project engaged four non-government organisations providing psycho-social, social and legal support services to key populations, such as prisoners and former prisoners, people living with HIV and tuberculosis patients, people who use drugs and migrants. Two organisations — Doverie Plus and Zabota — also screen clients for tuberculosis and refer presumptive-positive patients to specialist services for further assessment.

Non-governmental organisations provided treatment adherence support to patients and ensured that the few rare cases of patients interrupting care (4 in 2017) were placed back on treatment and also provided legal consultations when needed. In total, Doverie Plus and Zabota screened 1786 clients for TB, 48 of who were symptomatic according to the criteria and 7 (15%) presumptive-positive cases which were confirmed as active tuberculosis infections.

The *AFEW Network* further increased engagement with private clinics from an initial two to the 18 currently working together. Private clinics in Kazakhstan are now engaged with the public healthcare sector. They form an integrated part of the national monitoring and evaluation system for public–private tuberculosis/HIV care provision in Almaty.



Roza Idrisova, Director of public foundation 'Sanat Alemi', Kazakhstan:

Social support for tuberculosis patients plays a key role in increasing adherence to treatment. Treatment success becomes possible by combining trust, human relationships and support from professionals, such as a psychologist and social worker. Our start-up successfully worked on providing self-help support groups and client management for TB patients. Thanks to that, the National Tuberculosis Programme has fully supported us. We expanded the number of self-help support groups to three and opened a second branch in the capital of Kazakhstan — Astana. We hope to cover all tuberculosis patients in need.

PEOPLE
SCREENED FOR
TB IN
KAZAKHSTAN

1786

48

SYMPTOMATIC
CASES

7

POSITIVE
CASES

5

Activities in the Russian Federation

In the Russian Federation, *AFEW International* supports the Andrey Rylkov Foundation for Health and Social Justice (ARF) to deliver services to people who use drugs (PWUD) in Moscow. In addition, we partner with ARF on international advocacy specifically addressing issues related to harm reduction, HIV and public health policy. The service delivery project aims to develop a flexible model to defend the health and human rights of people who use drugs in the Russian Federation within the new context of political opposition to effective HIV prevention and to the work of non-governmental organisations.

In 2017, this project distributed condoms and clean needles to 3500 clients. In addition, clients received rapid self-tests for HIV and relevant counselling. Social workers provided consultations on HIV, hepatitis C and B, sexually transmitted infections, drug treatment, post-injection complications and preventing and responding to overdose.

Providing human resource services and working closely with people who use drugs through the Forum of PWUD, ARF monitors and documents cases of rights violations. After being notified about rights violations through regional networks or via street outreach workers, a case manager is assigned to lead on each particular case and each case is documented so that work may proceed and information about it may be disseminated.

Vyacheslav Matyushkin, social worker and street lawyer, Andrey Rylkov Foundation, activist of the Forum of PWUD in the Russian Federation:

As a representative of the PWUD community, it is important for me that human rights activities aim to ensure that members of our community can maintain their dignity and protect their rights in the context of repressive drug policies pursued by Russia, regardless of any obligations to preserve our health and protect our human rights. Therefore, it is very important that, with the support of AFEW, we can document human rights violations and combine them into shadow reports on the implementation of various United Nations Conventions ratified by the Russian Federation. In such a way, we can convey the voice of the community to the highest levels. We can turn the information we receive on the streets into recommendations to the Russian government by the committees responsible for monitoring international obligations undertaken by Russia.



3500 clients received condoms and clean needles within the project.



3 500



Georgia

Bridging the gaps: health and rights for key populations 2.0 €151 775
(donor: Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs)

Assessment of rehabilitation services in EECA €840 968
(donor: Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs)

Advocacy
€43 243

Direct
services
€85 922

Research
€13 879

Capacity
building
€10 731

Total €153 775



1012 people who use drugs received 5324 services from social bureaus within the programme 'Bridging the gaps: health and rights for key populations 2.0' in Tbilisi and Telavi

10 680 Followers



10 680 followers liked the Facebook advocacy page 'Addiction is not a crime'

Through 'Bridging the gaps', I help myself

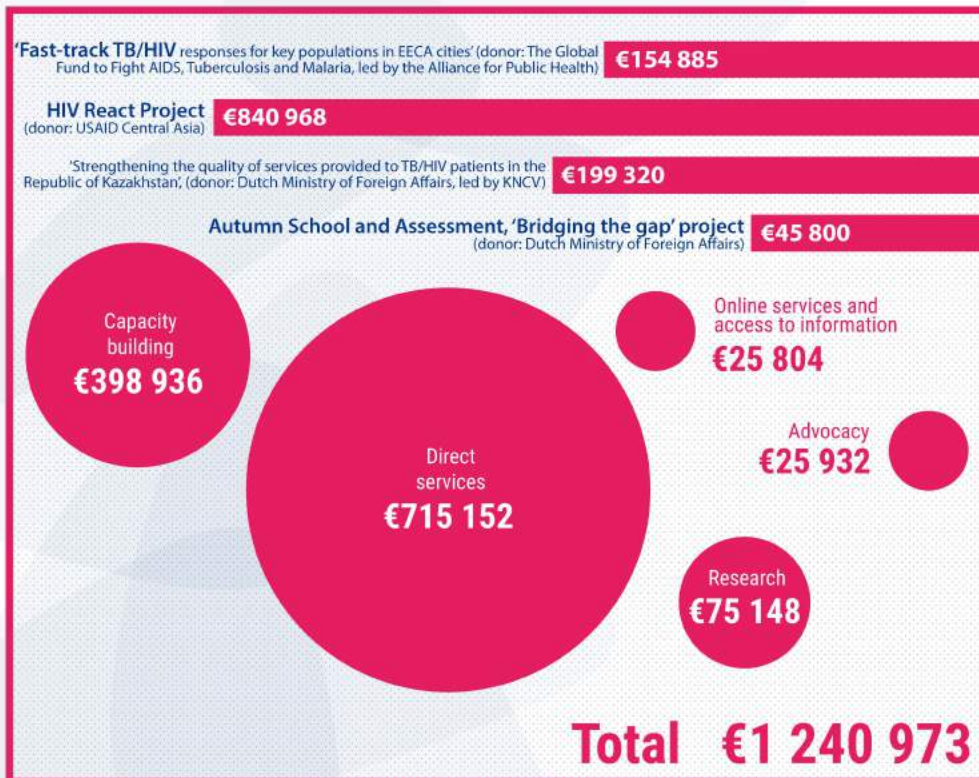
Karina Jorzhikashvili, a client of the Centre for Information and Counselling on Reproductive Health 'Tanadgoma', peer consultant and production employee of the social enterprise – printing house:

'I like what I am doing now in the organisation. For me, first of all, it is an incentive to being sober. It is like a self-defence mechanism. I know that I cannot think about any bad things here: about any drugs, about drinking, nothing. When I leave this place, I am calm, because I have to come tomorrow again. For me, to move forward is to be in this organisation and to help others. In such a way, I also help myself. I have meetings with a psychologist here every day. If something is wrong with me, I come and talk to the staff at the organisation.'

It would be better if there were more projects like 'Bridging the gaps: health and rights for key populations 2.0' (the project in Georgia is implemented by AFEW-Ukraine). I have been working in the organisation for six months now. If I did not have this type of opportunity, then what would have happened to me by now? To get out of prison and to work here for six months or get out and go right back right to prison? For an ordinary person, this would be an entirely and overwhelmingly stressful situation. But, imagine this happening to the person who uses drugs... It feels as though you were walking on a string and that string suddenly broke, and so did your life, it tore right there.'



Kazakhstan



30 Peer navigators → **2 816 Individuals**

30 peer navigators (selected and trained peer consultants from inmates) reached 2816 individuals by providing different services in 9 correctional institutions within the framework of the HIV React Project in Kazakhstan

945 Medical staff was trained on stigma and discrimination

945 medical staff from 38 public health clinics in Almaty completed training on stigma and discrimination within the framework of the 'Improved TB/HIV prevention & care – building models for the future' project

What does not kill us makes us stronger



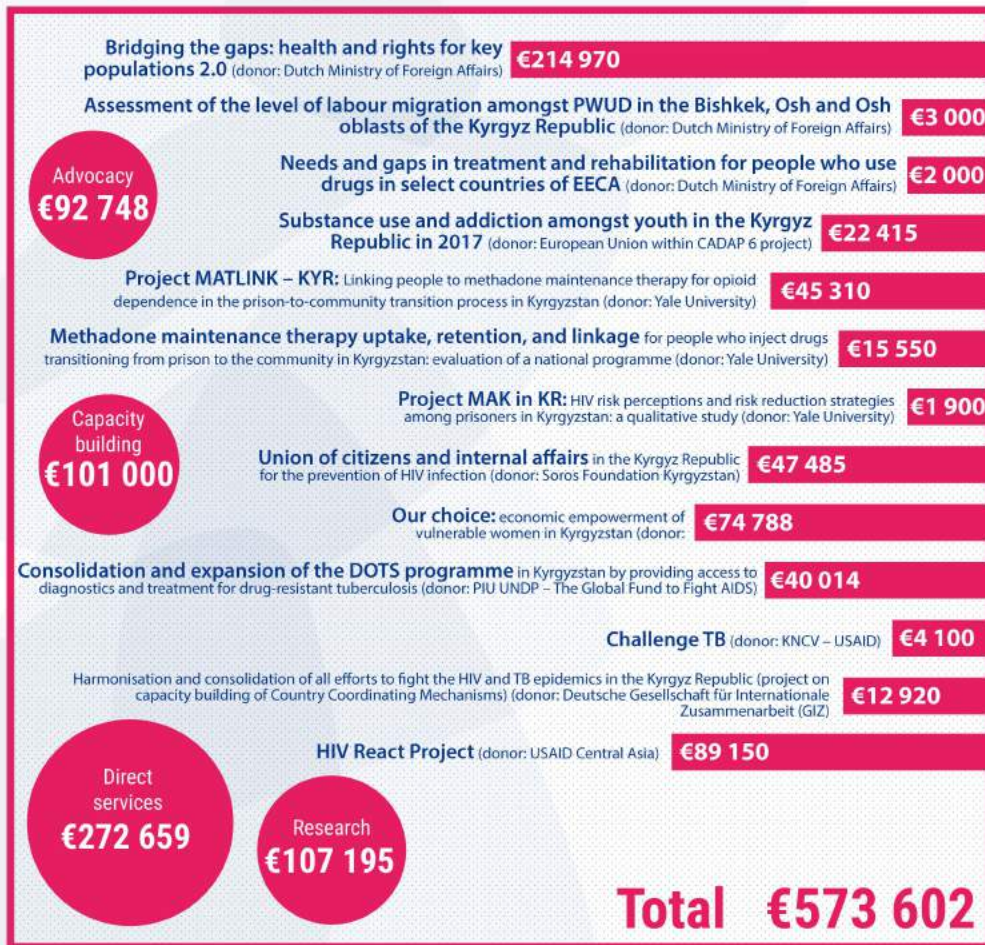
Sultanmurat, client of public foundation 'Sanat Alemi', Kazakhstan:

I did not know anything about tuberculosis (TB), except that it was a dangerous disease. When I learned that I had TB, I could not imagine how I got it. I started coughing up blood, which was very scary; but, even then, I did not suspect that it was TB. I wanted to get cured no matter what, but the treatment was very difficult. At the beginning, I could not tolerate the medicine and developed an allergy. I struggled and tried not to miss a single day of medication and injections.

Then, I heard about the public foundation 'Sanat Alemi' from other patients and began attending their self-help support groups. Receiving support from other patients and social workers during treatment is a great help. Being able to join training seminars and meetings with different specialists is very useful and provides a lot of interesting information. I gained the opportunity to ask questions I had had for a long time. I hope that in future 'Sanat Alemi' will maintain this spirit and support many other TB patients. I am also thankful to AFEW–Kazakhstan for their programme and for financially supporting 'Sanat Alemi' within the framework of the 'Improved TB/HIV prevention and care – building models for the future' project. Without AFEW, such important work for TB patients and their relatives would not be possible.

Tuberculosis completely changed my life. I began to appreciate life more, and learned to tolerate being unwell. I began to love my relatives even more, since they proved once again that they are there for me and that they would never give up on me during difficult times. I would like other TB patients to know that this disease is curable just like many others. The most important thing is to follow the treatment, to take the pills, to eat well and to do sports. You must believe in your recovery and not forget that what does not kill us makes us stronger.

Kyrgyzstan



426 people living with HIV registered in the case management programme

1 227 people tested for HIV in Kyrgyzstan

2 837 members of key populations received support from AFEW-Kyrgyzstan

With AFEW, I am doing something big, good and important



Evgeniy Yuldashev, community representative, HIV peer counsellor:

I spent 12 years of my life in penal institutions, I used drugs for 16 years and I now live with HIV. When I learned that I am HIV-positive, I had no one to help me. Back then, in prisons they sometimes handed out brochures with articles about people with HIV living their lives, taking antiretroviral therapy (ART), starting families. I was reading those articles and thinking, 'Unless I see such a person with my own eyes, I won't believe it.' Later, I told a friend of mine in prison about my HIV status and it turned out that he also had HIV. He took medication and looked so well that I felt I would like to be like him. That is how I began taking ART. In my last year before release, I became involved into the 'HIV React Project'.

After I got out of jail, I started looking for a job. Then, representatives from AFEW-Kyrgyzstan contacted me and offered me the opportunity of becoming a peer counsellor within the HIV React Project. I realised that peer counsellors represented the individuals whose support I lacked during my many years in prison. I decided that it was my duty, so I agreed.

My main task is to do what I like most – talk to people. I go to correctional institutions, meet with convicts, motivate them to get tested for HIV and to take ART, tell them about HIV prevention and harm reduction programmes as well as substitution therapy. In addition, I coordinate self-help groups for people living with HIV. I see that people's eyes light up after talking to me. Then, I meet them again later and I learn that someone began taking methadone, someone achieved an undetectable viral load and someone is already free, adhering to ART, has a job and feels great. With AFEW, I always feel that I am doing something big, good and important, which is why I enjoy working here.

Tajikistan

Bridging the gaps: health and rights for key populations 2.0 (donor: Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs)

€250 000

Advocacy
€99 444

Assessment of labour migration
(donor: Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs, UNAIDS)

€12 659

TB control programme
(donor: USAID)

€181 492

Strengthening supportive environments and scaling up prevention, treatment and care to contain the HIV epidemic in the Republic of Tajikistan (donor: UNDP Tajikistan)

€22 070

Strengthening supportive environments and scaling up prevention, treatment and care to contain the HIV epidemic in the Republic of Tajikistan – Lot 2 (donor: UNDP Tajikistan)

€47 743

Strengthening supportive environments and scaling up prevention, treatment and care to contain the HIV epidemic in the Republic of Tajikistan – Lot 4 (donor: UNDP Tajikistan)

€15 027

Reducing the social, medical, legal and economic consequences in the lives of women who return from labour migration or deported from the Russian Federation (donor: Open Society Institute Assistance Foundation – Tajikistan)

€8 850

Online services and access to information

€29 659

Community mobilisation and the health of young people
(donor: US Embassy in the Republic of Tajikistan)

€4 425

Capacity building
€82 325

Direct services
€303 877

Research
€26 959

Total €542 266

7665 Individuals received services



945 Professionals trained



Bridging the Gaps helps to make plans for future



Guljahon, HIV-positive person:

My husband and I learned our HIV status in 2011. Since 2015, we have both been clients of AFEW–Tajikistan. My husband Mavjudali initiated antiretroviral therapy (ART) right after he learned his status. At first, I did not accept my status and refused to get treatment. Social workers from AFEW–Tajikistan encouraged me to get treatment and assisted Mavjudali in resolving some personal problems. For instance, Mavjudali's parents did not know anything about HIV. When they learned that we were HIV-positive, they tried to protect themselves and other family members from HIV by ceasing to communicate with us. They separated their cups and plates, and asked us to take our meals in a separate room.

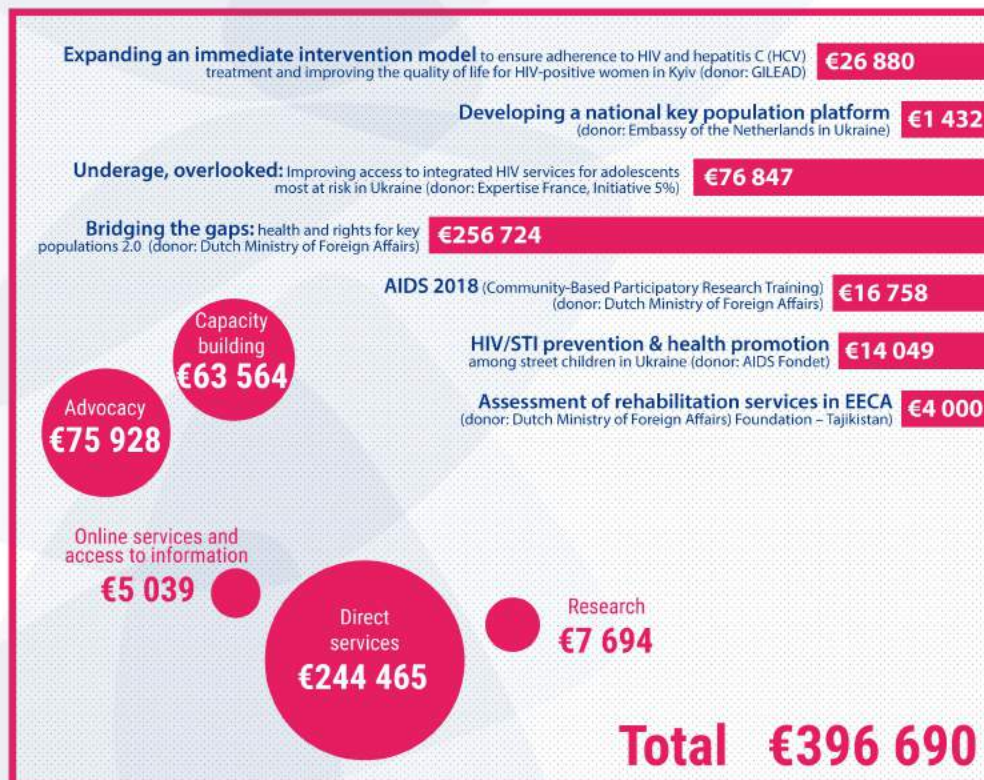
With support from social workers, I enrolled in ART and adhered to my treatment. Social workers visited Mavjudali's home and talked with his parents. During their regular meetings and conversations, they explained how HIV is transmitted, prevention measures and the consequences of stigma and discrimination. After regular family counselling, we overcame our differences and received support and understanding from our family members.

In 2017, with assistance from social workers from AFEW–Tajikistan, I passed a course on entrepreneurship and developed a business plan to open a sewing shop. I applied to the social protection agency in Qurghonteppa city and received an interest-free long-term loan for 2000 somoni (about €185). This loan allowed my long-term dream to come true, and I bought a sewing machine. Now, I sew clothes for myself and our daughters, and also receive orders from people I know.

3 new community-based HTC points established



Ukraine



Daria Kopyievska, activist from the social bureau 'Lily' (charitable foundation 'Return to Life'):

I have been working within the 'Bridging the gaps: health and rights for key populations 2.0' project implemented by AFEW-Ukraine) for almost a year now, and I really like it. With every new activity, task or action, I understand that volunteering is exactly what I need. It is a wonderful alternative to all the stupid things that I could have done instead of developing myself and the self-realisation I went through by helping others.

It all started with the Volunteer School, where for the first time I became acquainted with the project activities and its services for young people. I received some knowledge and skills, which I can now share with others. I know where to ask when I need help.

We — teenagers in trouble — receive the necessary materials, information, contraceptive and personal hygiene products and counselling and testing services we need, can actively participate in the life of the project, come up with our own proposals and organise events ourselves. We spend time in our 'VIP-Bunker' community centre in a friendly atmosphere. By participating in hobbies with groups, everyone can find things they like the best, meet interesting people and learn something new.

Volunteers constantly improve their knowledge and skills, learn how to cooperate with other organisations as well as how to help and provide peer counselling. Together with social workers, we analyse our behaviour, actions, see the consequences of our actions and together find ways to solve various problems. We are not afraid to bring friends and acquaintances who need support and help, because we know that our project is safe and what we are discussing here remains confidential.

The 'Bridging the gaps' project helped me to find my true calling



KYIANKA+

154 HIV-positive women received 2805 social support and other services needed through the self-help group 'Kyianka+'



BRIDGING THE GAPS

1215 adolescents who use drugs received 21 290 services within the 'Bridging the gaps: health and rights for key populations 2.0' programme



VIOLATIONS

90 cases of human rights violations were documented within the AFEW-Ukraine monitoring system

Financial Results

Fundraising

In 2016, *AFEW International* maintained relationships with major international governmental and non-governmental donors and signed new contracts totalling €8,4 million. All new contracts were granted for long- (more than one year) and short-term (one year or less) projects. The total amount of contract subsidies signed to date is around €82 million.

Income & Expenditure

The total income available for core objectives in *AFEW's* 16th operational year was €2 287 228, which represents 49% increase compared to 2016 (€1 539 028).

Expenditures in 2017 were lower than income, totalling €2 275 577. This is 49% lower than the expenditure in 2016 (€1 530 774).

Budget for the financial year 2018

AFEW objectives, described in the Strategic plan, are translated into three programme objectives. In 2010, *AFEW* decided on a new classification for its core programme objectives for a better reflection of what the organisation does.

- Capacity Strengthening – 78% - 1 899 300
- Advocacy- 19% - 462 650
- Other (research, assessments). – 3% - 73 050

78%
CAPACITY
STRENGTHENING

19%
ADVOCACY

03%
OTHER

Financial Results

Balance Sheet

(As of 31st December 2017, after appropriation of the year-end surplus)

	2017		2016	
	EUR	EUR	EUR	EUR
Tangible fixed assets	5 039		2 576	
EUR		5 039		2 579
Inventory				
For immediate and full use in the context of the objective		0		0
Accounts receivable and deferred assets				
Donors	4 508 951		6 164 227	
Other	317 192		130 578	
		4 826 143		6 294 805
Cash and cash equivalents		847 164		1 211 001
TOTAL ASSETS		5 678 346		7 508 382
Reserves and Funds:				
Reserves				
Continuity reserve	141 945		49 968	
Restructuring reserve	0		80 327	
Restructuring reserve Central Asia	0		0	
		141 945		130 295
Funds				
Special purpose funds		6 227		20 276
Long-term debts				
Subsidy commitments	1 100 635		2 207 454	
Short-term debts				
Subsidy commitments	4 336 246		5 069 406	
Other liabilities	93 293		80 951	
		5 530 174		7 357 811
TOTAL ASSETS		5 678 345		7 508 382

Financial Results

Statement of Income and Expenditure for 2017

(x1€)	Actual 2017		Budget 2017		Actual 2016	
	EUR	EUR	EUR	EUR	EUR	EUR
INCOME						
Income from own fundraising:						
Grants from international Foundations/NGOs	58 616				63 353	
Grants from Businesses	0				0	
Other: Donations/Collections	14 468		0		4 359	
		73 084				67 712
Income from joint activities		233 868		222 794		172 667
Subsidies from governments		1 988 151		2 000 206		1 295 093
Other income/loss		(7 875)		0		3 556
TOTAL INCOME		2 287 228		2 223 000		1 539 028
EXPENDITURES						
Spent on objectives						
Capacity Strengthening	1 567 403		1 502 170		1 069 676	
Advocacy	391 851		375 542		267 419	
Research/Assessments	52 153		0		0	
		2 011 406		1 877 712		1 337 095
Costs of raising income:						
Costs of obtaining governmental grants	53 021		52 898		35 720	
		68 267		67 614		45 920
Management and administration						
Costs Management and administration	182 046		227 674		147 759	
Human Resource Development	13 857					
		195 903		227 674		147 759
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		2 275 577		2 173 000		1 530 774
Balance of income and expenditure		11 651		50 000		8 254
Allocation of Year-end result:						
Continuity reserve		11 651		50.000		8 254
Total allocation of Year-end result		11 651		50 000		8 254

AFEW International closed the financial year-end 2017 with a positive balance. Based on the Board's decision, the amount of 11 651 EUR have been added to AFEW International's reserves.

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