SIMONA+: Monitoring and advocacy by PLHIV and PLWUD
2007-2010

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MONITORING:
• Access and quality of diagnostics & treatment of HIV/AIDS/VH/TB in governmental facilities
• Coordination of governmental infectious, TB and narcological facilities

• ARV stock-outs in 3 cities
• No reserve medications for treatment of MDR-TB in 7 cities.
• No access to testing for HIV drug resistance in 10 cities; no such test when prescribing ART in 16 cities.
• 9 AIDS Centers have commissions; drug use was a barrier for ART in 2 cities
SIMONA+, phase 2, 2009-2010

**MONITORING**
- Stock-outs of drugs
- Access to ART at narcological clinics
- Access to narcological services at TB and infectious clinics

**ADVOCACY**
- Stock-outs of ARVs
- Access to ART at governmental narcological clinics
SIMONA+: how it works?

Internet office (St. Petersburg Kazan)

Informants (20 regions, the RF)

Regional Correspondents (20 regions, the RF)

Experts
SIMONA+: Geography

Бийск, Зима, Златоуст, Иркутск, Казань, Калининград, Красноярск, Курск, Москва, Набережные Челны, Новороссийск, Орск, Оренбург, Ростов-на-Дону, Санкт-Петербург, Тольятти, Уфа, Хабаровск
## Access to ART Dec'09-Jan'10

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<th>Category of respondents</th>
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<td>Doctors, infectious diseases</td>
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• In 18 of 19 cities, commissions function at the AIDS Centers
• In 10 of 18 cities, drug use is a reason to reject when prescribing ART
• Commissions consist from 4 to 8 doctors; a patient must pass 4-5 tests on the average
• In 14 of 18 cities, the commissions do not include social worker/peer counsellor
• Readiness of test results / investigation by other doctors, BUT NOT adherence
• In 2009, there were problems with availability of ARVs in 12 cities
• Number of new patients receiving ARVs in 2009
In the nearest past, were there any changes in prescribed drugs connected with the lack or surplus of medications?
What is the number of patients whose regimens were changed in 2009?
Correlation analysis: there is a statistically significant direct relationship between these two variables (correlation coefficient of 0.496, sig = 0.002)

- Shortage of drugs significantly affects the change of schemes in patients
Ground 1: Art. 27, Federal Law of 19 May 1995 N 82-FZ "On public associations": for carrying out its purposes, a public union has the right to: represent and defend their own rights and legitimate interests as well as of its members and participants.

Ground 2: FL of 27 July 2006 N 149-FZ "On Information, Information Technologies and Information Protection": a public organization has the right to receive information in order to implement its activities under the Charter.
Official Requests

• What kind of diagnostic tools and antiretroviral drugs, and in what quantity are available in your organization at the beginning of 2010?

• Within the frames of which projects/programmes were they supplied?

• For how many patients are these drugs calculated for the period January - August 2010?

• How many patients receive antiretroviral drugs as of January 2010?
Official Reply: NOT YOUR BUSINESS & we hope that we will avoid any drug supply problems
Advocacy Strategy, 2009-2010

- Legal Response
- Complaints, requests, letters, informing officials and public, promoting best practices of work
- Regular work with the media
SIMONA+ Partners

- All-Russian Unit of PLHIV
- NP ESVERO (Harm Reduction Network)
- UNAIDS
- UNODC
- GBC
- WHO
- Andrey Rylkov Foundation
- Agora Association
Thank you

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