

# ***Gender Interventions in the Global Fund programmes: experience of the Eurasian Women's Network on AIDS***



A SERIES OF WEBINARS FOR  
STRENGTHENING THE ENGAGEMENT OF  
NETWORKS LED BY WOMEN LIVING WITH HIV

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# About us

- The Eurasian Women's Network on AIDS (EWNA) brings together women leaders from 12 countries across Eastern Europe and Central Asia and is a key organisation designed to protect the rights of women living with HIV and those who are vulnerable to HIV.
- EWNA supports women to develop and strengthen their potential and make women's voices heard in decision-making processes at different levels.



# Our Values



Commitment to women's community



Respect for Diversity



Learning from each other



Mutual support



Feedback provision



Flexibility and Safety



Empowerment



## **2021: Regional project “Sustainability of services for key populations in the region of Eastern Europe and Central Asia” (SoS\_project)**

- Women-led documentation and analysis of cases of violation of the rights of people living with HIV in the Russian Federation
- Preparation and submission of alternative/shadow reports to UN treaty bodies (CEDAW) on discrimination against women living with HIV and representatives of key populations – Kyrgyzstan and Russian Federation
- Raising awareness and training of people living with HIV in the countries of the EECA region on HIV legislation – Knowledge HUB on HIV decriminalisation
- Community-led advocacy for the decriminalisation of HIV transmission in the countries of the EECA region – Russian Federation and Uzbekistan

# 2021: Outcomes examples - CEDAW Concluding observations on the 5<sup>th</sup> periodic report of Kyrgyzstan

## Women living with HIV/AIDS

44. The Committee recommends that the State party:

- (a) **Decriminalize** HIV/AIDS transmission (article 149 of the Criminal Code) through consensual sexual relations between adults;
- (b) **Ensure access** to health care, including confidential testing, antiretroviral treatment and psychological support, and the confidentiality of information regarding women's HIV status, and impose deterrent penalties for the disclosure of such status;
- (c) **Eliminate repressive elements** of epidemiological investigation and review the wording of HIV infection codes;
- (d) **Ensure that women living with HIV/AIDS are not isolated from their children** based on their HIV status and that they have adequate access to childcare facilities, free from stigmatization;
- (e) **Prohibit the practice** of employers requiring HIV certificates for access to and retention of employment.

## **2022: Regional project “Sustainability of services for key populations in the region of Eastern Europe and Central Asia” (SoS\_project 2.0)**

- Women-led research “Sexual and reproductive health and rights of women living with HIV” in Serbia and Georgia
- Women-led gender assessment: How countries address barriers to HIV services for women living with HIV, sex workers and women who use drugs (15 SEECA countries)
- Community capacity building and support in order to address issues of the mental health for women living with HIV in EECA (Armenia, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Tajikistan, Ukraine and Uzbekistan)
- Coordination, support in development and submission of CEDAW alternative/shadow reports prepared by the community of women living with HIV in Uzbekistan

# 2022: Tools and Reports

- SRHR 2022: Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights of Women Living with HIV In Georgia.
- Data for Change: Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights of Women Living with HIV in Serbia.
- Tool for HIV and mental health activists: Contribution of the Community of Women Living HIV to closing gaps in mental health services.

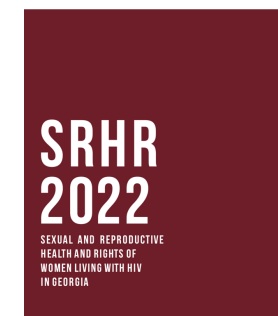


Инструмент для активистов в сфере ВИЧ и психического здоровья

**ВКЛАД СООБЩЕСТВА ВИЧ-ПОЗИТИВНЫХ  
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- Women-led gender assessment: How countries address barriers to HIV services for women living with HIV, sex workers and women who use drugs (15 SEECA countries)
- Women-led monitoring of violence against women living with HIV, including factors preventing support/help seeking behaviour for women living with HIV who experience violence in Kazakhstan and Moldova
- Community capacity building and support in order to address issues of the mental health for women living with HIV in EECA in Georgia, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Ukraine and Uzbekistan
- Coordination, support in development and submission of CEDAW alternative/shadow reports prepared by the community of women living with HIV in Georgia



## 2023: Examples of key findings of Women-led gender assessment: How countries address barriers to HIV services for women living with HIV, sex workers and women who use drugs

Thematic areas reviewed	Women living with HIV	Sex workers	Women who use drugs
Women's participation in developing policies, guidelines and strategies relating to their health and rights	83%	47%	50%
Women's participation in developing policies, guidelines and strategies on vertical transmission of HIV*	67%	0%	29%

Thematic areas reviewed	Women living with HIV	Sex workers	Women who use drugs
<b>Women-led research</b>			
People living with HIV Stigma Index*	93%	79%	79%
Access to sexual and reproductive health and rights	57%	37%	30%
Violence / Types of violence	47%	27%	50%
Budget allocations in response to HIV	23%	13%	20%
Access to ART and Interruptions**	13%	7%	4%
<b>Community-led monitoring of services</b>			
Trainings on community-led monitoring of services	33%	20%	43%
Community-led monitoring of services	17%	10%	40%
<b>Registered women-led organisations</b>	57%	40%	20%

# Thank you!

In solidarity with women's communities across EECA and globally

Stand with Ukraine

