

**WP6 – Access to early HIV and STI diagnostics for vulnerable groups**

Title	Objective	Timeframe	Activities	Involved	Deliverable/ Milestone
Mapping	Description and assessment of the current situation and services related to HIV/STI VCT provision for vulnerable groups	Month 7–12	Literature review of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- relevant EU and other programs in the field of HIV/STI services for vulnerable groups</li> <li>- scientific articles</li> </ul> Formation of International technical advisory group (ITAG): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- consists of the representatives of each partner organization (country);</li> <li>- participation in reviewing the results of the “Mapping” exercise</li> <li>- participation in advising on designing of the piloting interventions in partner countries;</li> <li>- technical advice during implementation;</li> <li>- participation in final assessment of the piloting results;</li> <li>- participation in drafting the practical recommendation guide comparing up-take, outcomes and cost-effectiveness of different approaches to early HIV/STI diagnostics</li> </ul>	NIHD	
		Month 7–12	Writing of local reports including: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Background information – general HIV and STI situation within the partner organization region, vulnerable groups, relevant legislation for provision of services, and other necessary background information</li> <li>2. Description of existing services for HIV and STI screening within the region</li> <li>3. Description of the barriers related to accessing HIV/STI</li> </ol>	AHW HESED AISC AHP LIC SPWSZ POMOST ARAS	

			VCT services among high risk groups within the region: 1) Desk review of existing reports and research in the region – focus on available (early) HIV/STI services for the respective in the partner countries and barriers; In case no previous information/data exists: 2) Face-to-face interviews or focus-group discussions with both clients and providers to identify and prioritize possible barriers to accessing HIV and STI services 4. Assessment of the quality of HIV/STI VCT services within the region (selection of one service or program and assessment of the quality using Code of Good Practice for NGOs)	PRIMA NIHD	
		Months 13–16	Development of joint-report based on local reports and literature review 1. First draft by the beginning of month 14 2. Final draft by the end of month 16	NIHD and ITAG	M1
		Month 17	2-day expert meeting in Tallinn to exchange experiences in provision of early HIV/STI services for vulnerable groups	NIHD and ITAG	D7
Piloting	Piloting of new approaches to provide HIV/STI VCT services for vulnerable groups in order to increase the uptake of testing and thereby reduce the proportion of people unaware	Months 13–16	Preparations for piloting: 1) Selecting a barrier(s) most in need to be addressed; 2) Determining whether a particular barrier or combination of barriers can be effectively addressed by the local partner organization; 3) Developing a protocol/guidelines for piloting including specific indicators for measuring the outcomes and impact.	AHW HESED AISC AHP LIC SPWSZ POMOST ARAS PRIMA NIHD	
		Month 17	1-day meeting in Tallinn to discuss piloting?		
		Month 17–18	1) Training of the personnel for piloting and other	AHW	

	of their infection(s)		preparatory work 2) Piloting on a small scale (with 5 to 10 clients); 3) Refining the protocol based on results of the piloting	HESED AISC AHP LIC	
		Months 18–22	Piloting	SPWSZ POMOST ARAS PRIMA NIHD	
		Months 22–24	Data entry and analysis of the piloting results in partner countries		
Assessment	Assessment of the outcomes of the piloting and development of the guidance for provision of HIV/STI VCT services for vulnerable groups in order to ensure early diagnosis and prevent further spread of infections	Months 25–28	Development of joint-report based on local piloting reports	NIHD and	
		Months 25–30	Development of guidelines – practical recommendations for providing early HIV/STI VCT services for vulnerable groups	ITAG	M2
		Months 31–36	Evaluation of work package activities and report on indicators achieved	NIHD	