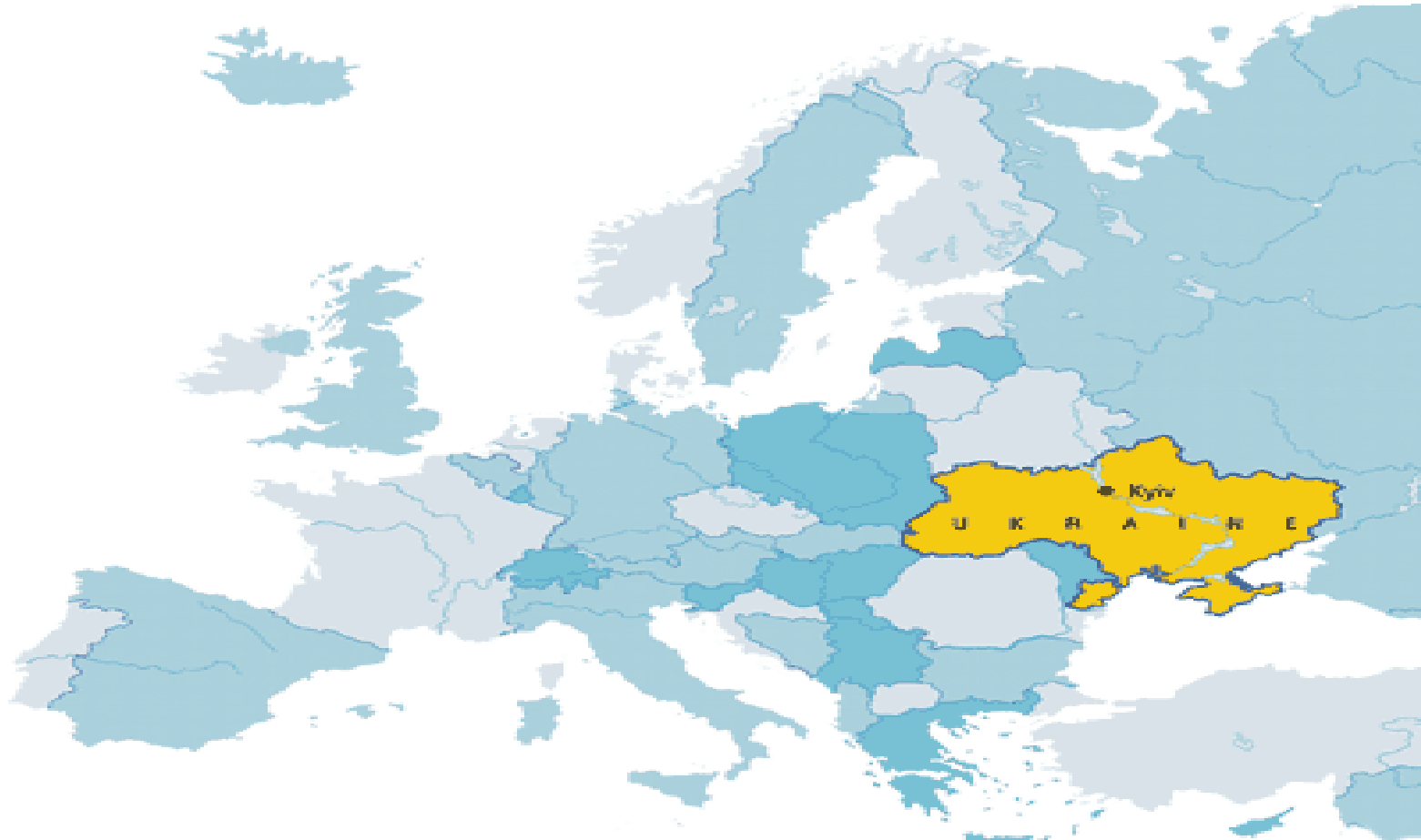


The experience of Harm Reduction Programs Realization in Ukraine

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Geopolitical location of Ukraine



Stages of HIV-infection development in Ukraine

- **Low level of epidemic status - 1989-1994**

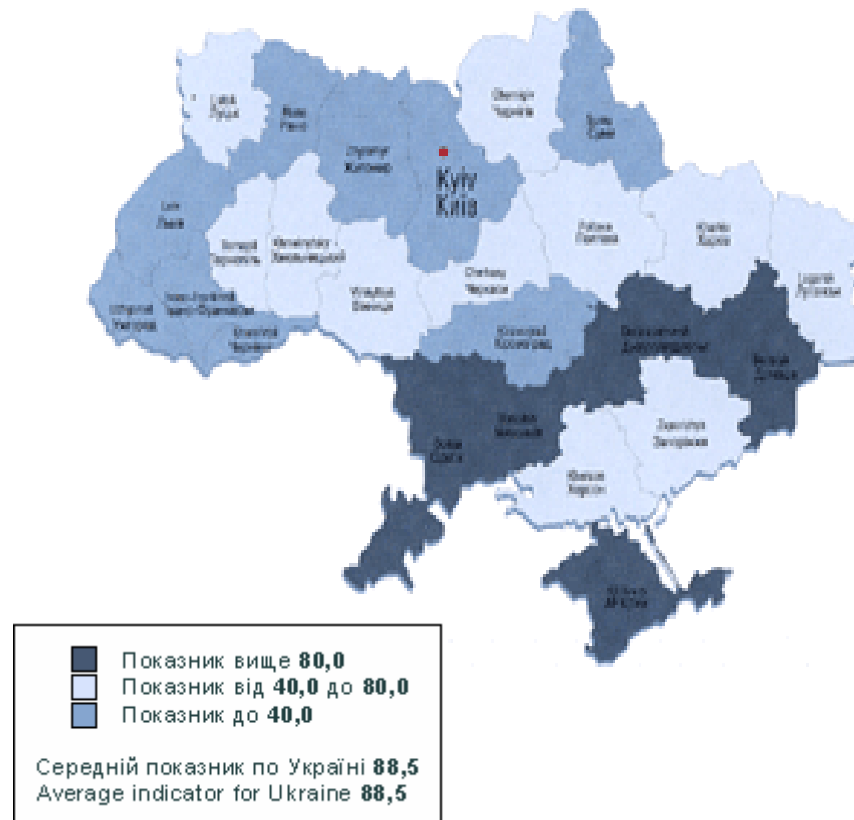
- **Concentrated stage - since 1995**

- the level of HIV-infection among the drug users of Nikolayev and Odessa only during half a year has grown from 1,5% to 50% (Nikolayev) and 30% (Odessa) and has reached a stable level of 8-10% for the whole Ukraine.

Level of people with HIV-infection in Ukraine (for 100Thousand people)

In 2001 the average indicator of HIV-infection spreading in Ukraine significantly grew comparing to 2000 (78,4).

Recent research shows 88,5 people for 100 thousand of population. In the row of southern and eastern regions of Ukraine. This indicator is higher than the average level in the whole country 2-4 times.



Statistics data

•On the 1st of July 2001, starting since 1987, 39752 people with HIV-infection were officially registered in Ukraine.

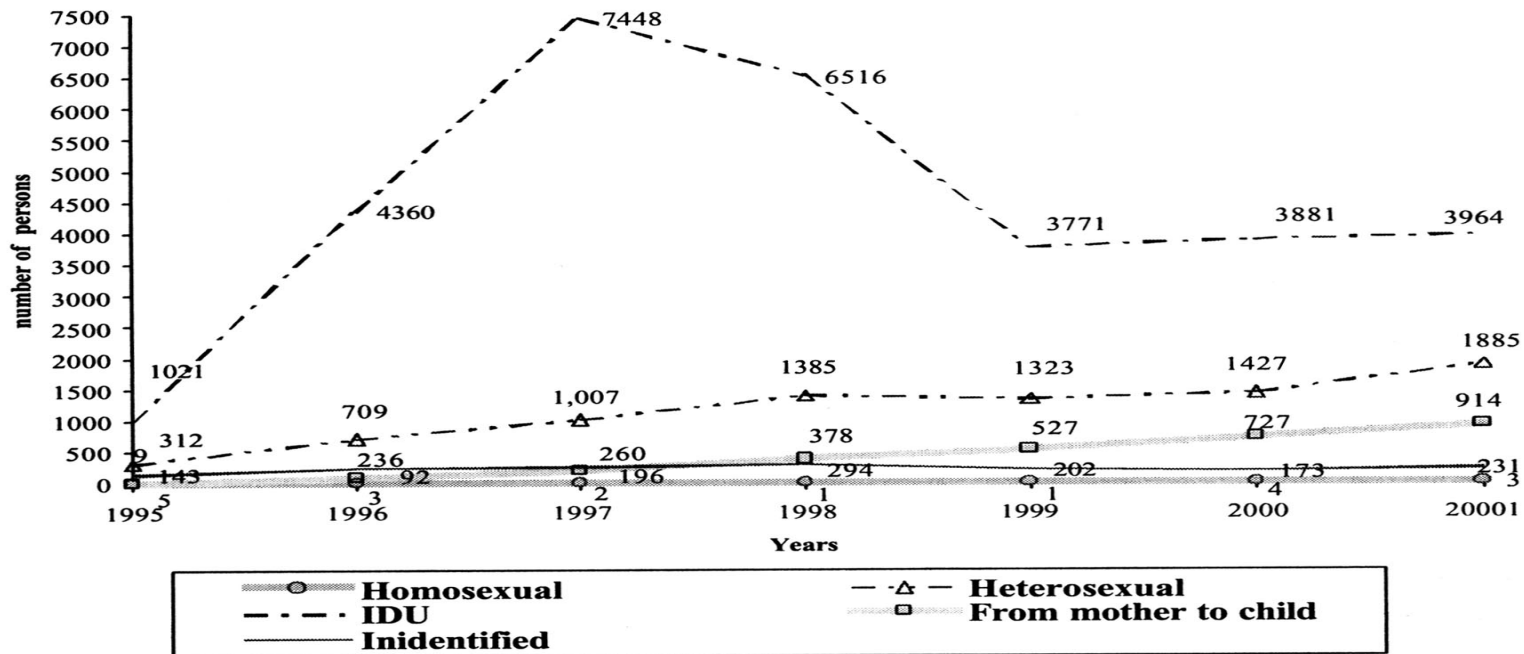
Among those, more than 2000 children and 291 foreigners. 2332 people were diagnosed with AIDS, and 1200 adults and 40 children have already died of AIDS.

(Data of the public Health Ministry of Ukraine)

•According to the UNAIDS and WHO in 1999 there were already more than 250 thousand HIV-positive people in Ukraine.

Number of HIV infections in Ukraine (1995-2000)

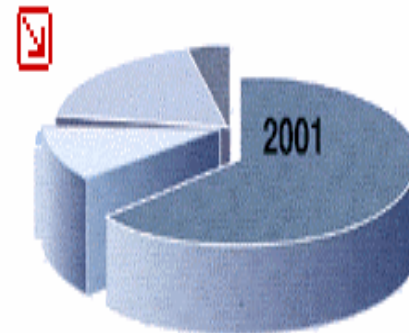
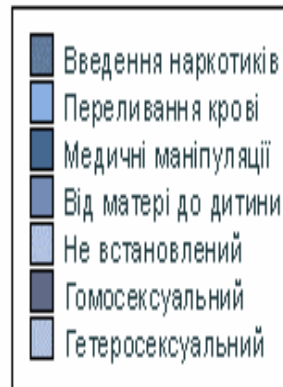
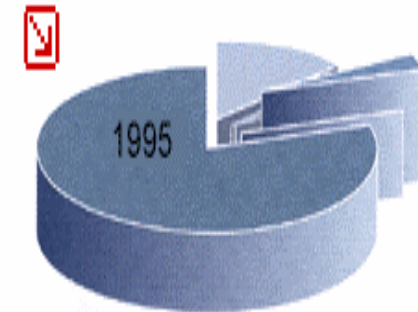
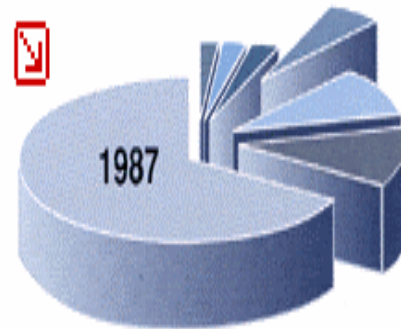
Figure 1.2.1 Number of HIV infections in Ukraine 1995-2000, by mode of transmission (number of persons)⁸



Dynamics of HIV-infection growths

The way of HIV-infection transmission in Ukraine is the parental one. In 2000 73,8% were made up of the parental way. This way continued to be a leading one in 2001 and 2002 also.

Шляхи передачі ВІЛ
(у % до загальної кількості випадків)



Strategy of Harm Reduction Ukraine

“... providing of HIV-infection prevention among people using drugs in particular by the way of injections. Creation of conditions for exchange of used syringes and needles on the sterile ones”
The Law of Ukraine “About the prevention of getting AIDS and social protection of the population”. 1998

