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Estonian Network of People Living With HIV (ENPLWH)



- Estonian network was created in 2005 for people by people, living with HIV and AIDS and also by people who remain indifferent to the epidemic consequences in society and work in the interest of the state.

Organizations mission statement:

- To improve quality of a life of PLWH, by involving of all interested stakeholders for providing psychological, social, advisory, legal aid, education and advocacy on availability of medical products and diagnostics for PLWH in Estonia.



Who we are?

- HIV- positive people.
- People with relations to people living with HIV.
- Not indifferent people to the epidemic consequences.
- Individuals and organizations serving PLWH.
- People making decisions, forming policy and public opinion.



TB is the main AIDS defining disease in Estonia

- The proportion of HIV-positive patients among all TB patients has increased somewhat in recent years being 9.5% in 2009.
- The proportion of MDR-TB cases among all TB cases is quite high and has also risen in recent years – from 11% in 2006 to 17% in 2009
- Almost 10% of MDR-TB cases are XDR-TB. MDR-TB prevalence among HIV-infected TB cases is higher than among other TB cases (22% in 2007) (*National Tuberculosis Registry. National Institute for Health Development*).

National TB prevention programme for 2008-2012

- Political commitment to TB control in Estonia
- Treatment for all TB patients is free of charge and according to DOTS/DOTS Plus recommendations
- Co-operative management of TB/HIV patients
- TB services can be the entry point for HIV patients and vice-versa
- HIV testing/treatment for TB patients is available within the TB services
- Infectious Disease Control Law (2003): compulsory isolation (by court order) for smear positive TB patients not following treatment rules.

Strategic directions of activity of ENPLWH:

- Improvement of access to medical and non medical services and support.
- Lobbying and advocacy on the rights of PLWH.
- Formation of the tolerant attitude of a society toward PLWH.
- Increasing of organizational ability of NGOs and support groups of the Network.
- Struggle against stigma and discrimination.



Bless you and thanks for your attention!

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