Demographic characteristics of women living with HIV

- **Prevalence**
  - There are **142** HIV positive women to **100 thousand** female population
  - **4 out of 10** persons registered with HIV+ are women aged 35 (on average)
  - Women with HIV+ live:
    - **50%** in big cities (Chisinau and Balti)
    - **20%** in rayon centres and small towns
    - **30%** in villages

- **Incidence**
  - 1 in 2 new cases of HIV+ are among women (46%)
  - 3 out of 270 new cases of HIV+ identified among women refer to women in penitentiaries
  - 4 more new cases of HIV+ are registered per **100 thousand** women in towns as compared to villages
  - Out of 10 new HIV+ cases in women:
    - 7 are young (aged 20-39) (66%)
    - 3 are adults (aged 40 and over) (28%)
    - or adolescents (aged up to 19) (6%)
  - Fertility rate among women with HIV+ is **6.8%**, as compared to **4.1%** for the general population

Source: Ministry of Health, Bio-behavioural survey among the groups with high risk of HIV infection, round 2012/13

Source: NBS based on the Ministry of Health data, 2014

Ways of getting infected with HIV among women

- In 2014, out of all the new cases of HIV+ among women, the ways of getting infected were:
  - **90%** through sexual contact
  - **3%** through injecting drugs
  - **7%** other

- Women infected with HIV+ as a result of unprotected sexual contact:
  - **4 out of 10** – with occasional partner
  - **6 out of 10** – with husband

- Are likely to be infected with HIV:
  - 1 in 9 female sex workers in Chisinau
  - 1 in 5 female sex workers in Balti

Source: Ministry of Health, Bio-behavioural survey among the groups with high risk of HIV infection, round 2012/13

Source: NBS based on the Ministry of Health data, 2014

Source: Soros Foundation Moldova, Social-economic survey among persons with HIV, 2012
Education level and health condition of women with HIV

Education level of the HIV+ women

- Low level of education have:
  - 9% of female injecting drug users
  - 16% of commercial sex workers
- Secondary specialized education have:
  - 30% of women using injecting drugs
  - 18% of commercial sex workers

Health condition of women with HIV

- Women with HIV+ suffer from:
  - Sexually transmitted infections - 1 in 6 women
  - Tuberculosis - 1 in 4 women
  - Viral hepatitis - 1 in 2 women

- 6 out of 10 women with HIV+ benefit from free antiretroviral therapy (63%)
- AIDS status is set for 1 in 4 women with HIV+, at the average age of 37 (28%)
- Over half of women are diagnosed with HIV+ and with AIDS in the same year (56%)
- 8 out of 10 women with HIV+ are knowledgeable about HIV
- 1 in 10 women with HIV+ does not know any symptom of the sexually transmitted infections

Population attitudes towards persons with HIV

Of the total number of respondents:

- 2/3 consider that kids with HIV+ should study in separate classes
- 41% Think that persons with HIV should not use public transportation means
- 79% Consider that persons with HIV should declare their status

A woman with HIV+ would be accepted as a school teacher by:

- 51% women
- 46% men
- 33% women
- 26% men

Source: Soros Foundation Moldova, Population perceptions regarding discrimination, 2011

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