

ACTION PLAN

of the implementation of the National Programme on the Response to HIV epidemic

| NN | Priority activities | Implementing governmental and local authority | Timeframe |
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| 1. | Development of the multisectoral response to HIV | | |
| Objective 1. | Expanding response/political commitment of governmental and local authorities, as well as civil society to HIV epidemic | | |
| | To hold annually national conference with the aim of further development and support of the response to HIV epidemic | Ministry of Health | 2007-2011 |
| | To arrange a national conference on the issues of EVYP and MARA rights protection and fulfillment | Ministry of Culture and Youth Affairs Ministry of Education and Science | 2008-2011 |
| | To conduct a number of workshops for high-rank officers of the uniformed services on current issues of HIV response | Ministry of Justice Ministry of Defense National Security Services by RA Government Police by RA Government Ministry of Health | 2007-2011 |
| | To conduct workshops on the issues of advocacy for representatives of the Police by RA Government aimed at changing their attitude towards the populations vulnerable to HIV and formation of partnership between the Police and organizations implementing prevention projects among IDUs, FSWs, MSM | Ministry of Health Police by RA Government | 2007-2011 |
| | Through holding open discussions to ensure collaboration of the Inter-Faction/ Inter-Standing Committee Parliamentarian Group on HIV/AIDS, the Standing Committee on Health, Social and Environment Issues of the National Assembly and the Ministry of Health aimed at year by year increase in state financial allocations for HIV/AIDS services including support for procurement of drugs for ARV and OIs treatment, PMTCT, VCT, prevention programmes for vulnerable populations | Ministry of Health CCM | 2007-2011 |
| | To review relevant legislative clauses related to HIV prevention and effectiveness of HIV preventive activities among vulnerable populations and submit proposal for making amendments to them | Ministry of Health | 2007-2008 |
| | To conduct workshops for local authorities, the police representatives, employees of education system, as well as employees of departments of education, culture, sport and youth issues of regional administrations and Yerevan municipality, aimed at awareness raising and effective HIV prevention among vulnerable population including EVYP and MARA | Ministry of Health Ministry of Territorial Administration Yerevan municipality Police by RA Government Ministry of Education and Science Ministry of Culture and Youth Affairs | 2007-2011 |

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| | To arrange public events at the community level involving representatives of civil society and service providers to mobilize the communities for effective response to HIV epidemic | Ministry of Health Ministry of Territorial Administration Yerevan municipality | 2007-2011 |
| | To conduct workshops on the issues of advocacy for the local and national mass media representatives aimed at more efficient covering HIV prevention issues | Ministry of Health | 2007-2011 |
| | To arrange round table discussions, including TV talk shows, with the participation of stakeholders and young people | Ministry of Health | 2007-2011 |
| | To conduct a number of training-seminars for NGO representatives working with vulnerable populations, aimed at strengthening their capacity for implementing HIV preventive activities | Ministry of Health | 2007-2011 |
| | To develop national BCC strategy among populations vulnerable to HIV | Ministry of Health | 2007-2011 |
| Objective 2. | Combat stigma and discrimination of vulnerable populations, PLHIV and children born to HIV-infected parents | | |
| | To train NGOs and service providers to show a more tolerant attitude towards vulnerable populations including EVYP, MARA, PLHIV and children born to HIV-infected parents | Ministry of Health | 2007-2011 |
| | To conduct special training-seminars for the mass media representatives aimed at the issues of developing press releases, holding press-conferences as well as of the correct coverage of HIV-related issues | Ministry of Health | 2007-2011 |
| | To assist social partners (Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs, Union of Manufacturers and Businessmen, Trade union Confederation) in developing policies on HIV prevention at workplaces, social support and care policy and programmes for employees living with HIV, in developing and implementing programmes | Ministry of Health Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs | 2007-2011 |
| 2. | HIV Prevention | | |
| Objective 1. | HIV prevention among IDUs | | |
| | To continue implementation of HIV prevention and Harm Reduction projects | Ministry of Health | 2007-2011 |
| | To provide support for setting up a network of organizations implementing HIV prevention projects among IDUs | Ministry of Health | 2007-2008 |
| | To introduce substitution treatment programmes for IDUs infected with HIV | Ministry of Health | 2007-2008 |
| | To hold a number of training-seminars aimed at strengthening capacity of governmental and non-governmental organizations working in the field of HIV prevention among IDUs | Ministry of Health | 2007-2011 |
| | To hold a number of workshops for narcologists, including the issues of substitution treatment for IDUs infected with HIV | Ministry of Health | 2007-2011 |
| Objective 2. | HIV prevention among FSWs | | |
| | To continue implementation of HIV prevention projects among FSWs and expand their geographical coverage | Ministry of Health | 2007-2011 |
| | To hold a number of training-seminars among NGOs working in the field of HIV prevention among FSWs | Ministry of Health | 2007-2011 |

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| | To provide support for setting up a network of organizations implementing HIV prevention projects among FSWs | Ministry of Health | 2007-2008 |
| Objective 3. | HIV prevention among MSM | | |
| | To continue implementation of HIV prevention projects among MSM and expand their geographical coverage | Ministry of Health | 2007-2011 |
| | To hold a number of training-seminars aimed at strengthening capacity of NGOs working in the field of HIV prevention among MSM | Ministry of Health | 2007-2011 |
| | To provide support for setting up a network of organizations implementing HIV prevention projects among MSM | Ministry of Health | 2007-2008 |
| Objective 4. | HIV prevention among prisoners | | |
| | To continue and expand implementation of harm reduction and peer education projects among prisoners | Ministry of Justice | 2007-2011 |
| | To organize study tours for high-rank officers of CEIs to countries where harm reduction programmes are successfully implemented in CEIs | Ministry of Justice Ministry of Health | 2007-2011 |
| | To hold a number of workshops for CEIs high-rank officers aimed at increasing efficiency HIV prevention projects implemented in CEIs | Ministry of Health Ministry of Justice | 2007-2011 |
| | To develop and approve normative documents regulating implementation of HIV preventive and harm reduction activities in CEIs | Ministry of Justice | 2007-2008 |
| | To hold annual training-seminars for prisons staff on implementation of peer education and harm reduction projects | Ministry of Health Ministry of Justice | 2007-2011 |
| Objective 5. | HIV prevention among mobile population | | |
| | To carry out necessary studies for the development of more effective interventions targeted at mobile population representatives and their family members | Ministry of Health Ministry of Territorial Administration | 2007-2011 |
| | To design and implement HIV prevention projects focused on representatives of mobile populations and their families in rural and urban areas | Ministry of Health Ministry of Territorial Administration | 2007-2011 |
| | To conduct a number of workshops for representatives of NGOs and governmental organizations implementing projects on antitrafficking and HIV prevention among mobile population | Ministry of Health Ministry of Territorial Administration | 2007-2011 |
| | To hold annual workshops for representatives of NGOs and governmental organizations implementing HIV prevention projects among mobile population | Ministry of Health Ministry of Territorial Administration | 2007-2011 |
| Objective 6. | HIV Prevention among EVYP aged 10-19 and MARA aged 15-19 | | |
| | To provide support for setting up a network of organizations implementing HIV prevention projects among EVYP aged 10-19 and MARA aged 15-19 | Ministry of Health Ministry of Territorial Administration | 2007-2008 |
| | To implement HIV prevention projects among EVYP | Ministry of Health Ministry of Education and Science | 2007-2011 |
| | To develop the guidelines and materials on peer education among EVYP and MARA | Ministry of Health Ministry of Education and Science | 2007 |

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| | To conduct workshops for organizations implementing HIV prevention projects | Ministry of Health Ministry of Education and Science Ministry of Culture and Youth Affairs | 2007-2011 |
| | To implement HIV prevention projects among MARA | Ministry of Health Ministry of Education and Science | 2007-2011 |
| | To implement community based rehabilitation activities for EVYP and MARA | Ministry of Health Ministry of Education and Science Ministry of Culture and Youth Affairs | 2008-2011 |
| | To develop procedures on providing VCT to EVYP and MARA | Ministry of Health | 2007-2011 |
| | To carry out necessary studies for the development of more effective projects aimed at EVYP | Ministry of Health | 2007-2011 |
| Objective 7. | HIV prevention among adolescents and young people aged 15-24 | | |
| | To incorporate 24-hour course on the issues of HIV prevention and forming safer behavior into curricula of all educational institutions | Ministry of Education and Science Ministry of Health | 2007-2008 |
| | To build capacity of school teachers and lecturers of higher educational institutions for incorporation of HIV prevention educational projects | Ministry of Education and Science Ministry of Health | 2007-2011 |
| | To provide school teachers and lecturers of higher educational institutions with relevant guides for organization of educational process on HIV prevention | Ministry of Education and Science Ministry of Health | 2007-2008 |
| | To conduct workshops aimed at ensuring practical collaboration between programmes on formal education and peer education projects | Ministry of Education and Science Ministry of Health | 2007-2011 |
| | To conduct training-seminars for those working for youth clubs | Ministry of Health | 2007-2011 |
| | To build capacity for organization and functioning of youth-friendly health services | Ministry of Health | 2007-2011 |
| | To establish information/resource centers in schools at regional level collaborating with regional youth centers | Ministry of Culture and Youth Affairs Ministry of Education and Science | 2007-2011 |
| | To expand peer education through involving more educational institutions in the process | Ministry of Education and Science Ministry of Health | 2007-2011 |
| | To implement peer education among young people outside formal educational system, collaborating with regional youth centers | Ministry of Culture and Youth Affairs Ministry of Education and Science | 2007-2011 |
| | To provide support in setting up a network of organizations providing peer education for ensuring continuity of education | Ministry of Culture and Youth Affairs Ministry of Education and Science | 2007-2011 |
| | To build capacity for peer education | Ministry of Education and Science Ministry of Health Ministry of Culture and Youth Affairs | 2007-2011 |
| | To conduct information/education and condoms distribution projects | Ministry of Health Ministry of Education and Science | 2007-2011 |

| Objective 8. | HIV Prevention among the uniformed services personnel | | |
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| | To organize training-seminars for lecturers and officers providing educational courses on HIV prevention and forming safer sexual behavior among the uniformed services personnel | Ministry of Defense National Security Services by RA Government Police by RA Government Ministry of Health | 2007-2011 |
| | To conduct HIV prevention projects among personnel of the Ministry of Defense, National Security Service by RA Government and the Police by RA Government | Ministry of Defense National Security Services by RA Government Police by RA Government | 2007-2011 |
| | To train the relevant number of staff for implementing HIV prevention projects | Ministry of Defense National Security Services by RA Government Police by RA Government | 2007-2011 |
| | To develop and disseminate information/educational materials on HIV and STIs prevention, safer sexual behavior and VCT-related issues | Ministry of Defense National Security Services by RA Government Police by RA Government | 2007-2011 |
| | To organize training-seminars and re-training of VCT services providers | Ministry of Health Ministry of Defense National Security Services by RA Government Police by RA Government | 2007-2011 |
| | To develop system of rules and standards for ensuring safety of professional activities implementation | Ministry of Justice Ministry of Defense National Security Services by RA Government Police by RA Government | 2007-2008 |
| | To recommend to the Criminal-Executive Department of the Ministry of Justice, National Security Service by RA Government and the Police by RA Government provide inspectors of guards company and patrol duty service with means of prevention (first-aid kits, gloves, etc.) and guidelines on their proper use | Ministry of Justice National Security Service by RA Government Police by RA Government | 2007-2011 |
| Objective 9. | Prevention of mother-to-child HIV transmission | | |
| | To conduct training-seminars and re-training of VCT services providers from all antenatal clinics of RA | Ministry of Health | 2007-2011 |
| | To provide all pregnant women with HIV testing accompanied by pre- and post-test counseling | Ministry of Health | 2007-2011 |
| | To continue providing ARV preventive treatment to HIV-infected pregnant women and infants born to them in accordance with the National HIV/AIDS Care and Treatment Protocols | Ministry of Health | 2007-2011 |

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| | To provide infants born to HIV-infected mothers with formula | Ministry of Health | 2007-2011 |
| | To conduct training-seminars on provision of PMTCT | Ministry of Health | 2007-2011 |
| Objective 10. | Provision of Voluntary Counseling and Testing for HIV | | |
| | To provide population with HIV counseling and testing | Ministry of Health | 2007-2011 |
| | To ensure timely procurement and delivery of sufficient number of test-kits for HIV laboratory diagnostics | Ministry of Health | 2007-2011 |
| | To set up HIV testing laboratories | Ministry of Health | 2007-2011 |
| | To conduct training-seminars and re-training of VCT services providers | Ministry of Health | 2007-2011 |
| | To conduct training-seminars for HIV laboratory specialists | Ministry of Health | 2007-2011 |
| Objective 11. | Prevention of HIV transmission through donated blood and blood products | | |
| | To ensure laboratory control over all samples of donated blood | Ministry of Health | 2007-2011 |
| | To use PCR for donated blood screening aimed at solving the problem of seroconversion | Ministry of Health | 2007-2011 |
| | To ensure timely procurement and delivery of sufficient number of test-kits with their quality control | Ministry of Health | 2007-2011 |
| Objective 12. | Strengthening HIV prevention in health care institutions | | |
| | To develop and introduce sanitary and epidemic standards ensuring sanitary-epidemic regime for HIV prevention in health care institutions | Ministry of Health | 2007-2011 |
| | To develop and introduce sanitary and epidemic standards organizing work of HIV-testing laboratories (including the issues of HIV transmission prevention) | Ministry of Health | 2007-2011 |
| | To conduct training-seminars for raising awareness of health care workers on HIV prevention | Ministry of Health | 2007-2011 |
| 3. | Treatment, care and support | | |
| Objective | Ensuring universal access to treatment, care and support | | |
| | To ensure registration of ARV drugs | Ministry of Health | 2007-2011 |
| | To conduct follow-up for HIV/AIDS patients | Ministry of Health | 2007-2011 |
| | To develop and approve National HIV/AIDS Treatment and Care Plan | Ministry of Health | 2007-2008 |
| | To review and periodically update the National HIV/AIDS Treatment and Care Protocols in accordance with WHO recommendations | Ministry of Health | 2007-2011 |
| | To ensure continuous provision of ART to all those in need | Ministry of Health | 2007-2011 |
| | To continue building capacity on provision of ART through training-seminars, study tours and experience sharing | Ministry of Health | 2007-2011 |
| | To establish laboratory infrastructure for determination of sensitivity and resistance of HIV to drugs | Ministry of Health | 2007-2008 |
| | To train relevant laboratory specialists | Ministry of Health | 2007-2008 |
| | To provide HIV in-patient treatment | Ministry of Health | 2007-2011 |
| | To provide PEP | Ministry of Health | 2007-2011 |
| | To increase adherence to treatment among HIV/AIDS treatment | Ministry of Health | 2007-2008 |
| | To ensure registration of drugs for OIs treatment | Ministry of Health | 2007-2011 |
| | To ensure diagnosis, prevention and treatment of OIs | Ministry of Health | 2007-2011 |
| | To strengthen laboratory infrastructure for OIs diagnostics | Ministry of Health | 2007-2011 |

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| | To conduct a number of training-seminars for physicians providing OIs treatment and prevention | Ministry of Health | 2007-2011 |
| | To conduct training-seminars for organizing and implementing collaborative activities of HIV and TB programmes | Ministry of Health | 2007-2011 |
| | To refine upon the National HIV/AIDS Treatment and Care Protocols, having included there the chapter related to care and support including part on care and support for HIV-infected and affected children | Ministry of Health | 2007-2011 |
| | To provide support in setting up a network of organizations providing care and support to PLHIV | Ministry of Health | 2007-2011 |
| | To ensure palliative care including home-based care | Ministry of Health | 2007-2011 |
| | To develop the activities of the Service Delivery Mobile Team providing treatment, care and support | Ministry of Health | 2007-2011 |
| | To build capacity of organizations providing care and support to PLHIV as well as capacity of self-help groups | Ministry of Health | 2007-2011 |
| | To build capacity of those providing treatment, care and support | Ministry of Health | 2007-2011 |
| | To develop and introduce HIV/AIDS programmes for adults and children with mental disabilities | Ministry of Health | 2007-2011 |
| 4. | Monitoring and Evaluation | | |
| | To develop and introduce the National M&E system, strengthening logistics of organizations | CCM Ministry of Health | |
| | To develop key indicators of the National M&E system | CCM Ministry of Health | 2007 |
| | To develop and approve data collection procedure (forms of HIV cases registration and reporting, mechanisms of data collection, information flow, data analysis and dissemination) | Ministry of Health | 2007 |
| | To conduct biological and behavioural HIV surveillances (epidemiological surveillance) in accordance with the National Guidelines on biological and behavioural HIV surveillance | CCM Ministry of Health | 2007-2011 |
| | To form working group on monitoring and evaluation under the CCM coordination | CCM Ministry of Health | 2007 |
| | To conduct scientific and practical researches in the field of HIV/AIDS | Ministry of Health | 2007-2011 |
| | To ensure monitoring of the implementation of the National Programme on the Response to HIV epidemic | Ministry of Health CCM | 2007-2011 |
| | To ensure performing annual evaluation of the National Programme on the Response to HIV epidemic implementation and presenting the results on the CCM | Ministry of Health CCM | 2007-2011 |

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| 5. | Management, Coordination and Partnership | | |
| 6. | Financing and financial resources mobilization | | |
| | To hold National Conference of Donors | Ministry of Health CCM Ministry of Finance and Economy | 2007-2011 |
| | To develop civil society capacity on fundraising and resources mobilization | CCM Ministry of Health Ministry of Finance and Economy | 2007-2011 |
| | To develop and introduce coordinating mechanisms for avoiding duplication of activities conducted by different organizations | CCM Ministry of Health | 2007-2011 |