

THE THIRD CENTRAL ASIAN FORUM OF PARTNERS WORKING ON HIV COUNTERACTION

RESOLUTION

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In course of 25 years epidemic of HIV-infection turned to be a subject of the greatest anxiety within the whole community worldwide. According to data by experts, 33 million people infected with HIV-infection in the world nowadays. Only in 2007, 2 million people died from the epidemic, and almost 3 million contaminated with HIV-infection. Quarter of all people, living with HIV, are the youth aged from 15 to 24 years. According to the evaluation data 42 200 people living with AIDS were accounted in Central Asia in 2007. According to the official statistics based on the registration of cases in CA countries a cumulative number of HIV registered cases was by January 1, 2008 – 250090. 3494 people died; AIDS caused 794 deaths. The world experience proves that well-timed and effective measures may control spread of HIV, and uncontrolled HIV prevalence may destructively affect population health and social-economic development of states.

From the moment of first cases registered in Central Asian states, main response undertaken by countries is Programs on HIV counteraction.

Resources from international donors and Global Fund on fight with AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria as well mobilized to fund the Programs. During the Programs implementation international partners, including the UN agencies: UNAIDS, UNDP, UNESCO, UNICEF and number of other regional projects and entities: Central Asian AIDS Control Project/WB&DFID, Capacity Project/USAID CARHAP/DFID, CDC/USAID, PSI, UNODC, AFEW, Soros Foundation provided assistance and support in Central Asia. Religious leaders, Mass media representatives, people living with HIV got involved into counteraction to epidemic.

Taking into account a great number of partners in countries, the emphasis should be made on coordination issues both at national and regional levels. Special role is given to collaboration between Central Asian countries.

In this regard, the Forum participants consider the following necessary:

- To develop partnership with representatives of governmental, non governmental, religious, international organizations and other representatives of private sector on the national and regional levels.
- To join the efforts of partners involved into HIV counteraction in Central Asian to ensure well concerted, prioritized interventions for the most vulnerable groups.

