



Eastern Europe and Central Asia:
Right in the Spotlight

Annual Report 2018

AFEW Network

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Welcome note

AFEW Network continues its commitment to placing Eastern Europe and Central Asia right in the spotlight

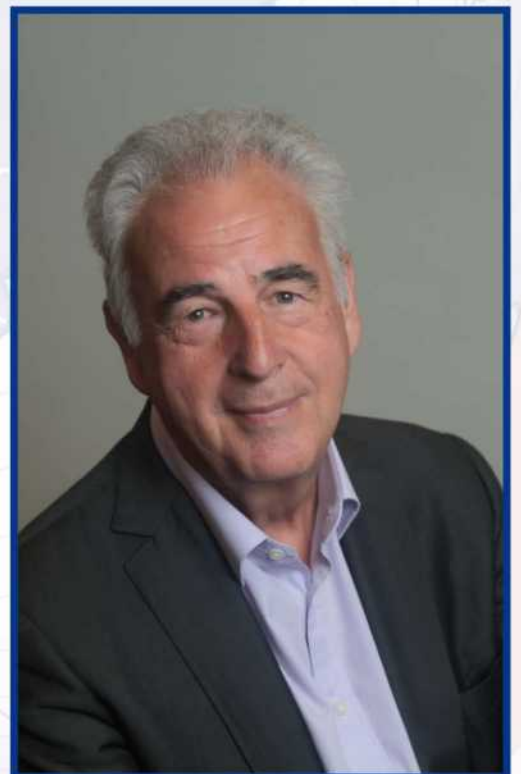
For the *AFEW Network*, 2018 was the year of the 22nd International AIDS Conference, 'Building Bridges, Breaking Barriers'. With the focus on Eastern Europe and Central Asia (EECA), the *AFEW Network* contributed to the EECA buzz during plenary sessions, panel discussions and the communities' zone at the conference as well as across the city of Amsterdam through various cultural activities. The *AFEW Network* builds bridges between the East and the West, between government officials and civil society and between healthcare providers and communities. And, we built those bridges with even more passion throughout this past year.

With our colleagues and partners from EECA regional networks, as well as local community-based and non-governmental organisations, through a strong sense of togetherness and a shared spirit of cooperation, we presented our achievements in responding to the HIV epidemic. At the same time, we conveyed a strong message that so much work remains. We managed to tell the international community that the Eastern European and Central Asian region features an HIV epidemic we will lose control of if we fail to halt stigma and discrimination. Moreover, if we do not improve identifying, diagnosing and treating tuberculosis, the number of drug-resistant tuberculosis cases will threaten the public's health.

We face the enormous challenge now of maintaining that attention and ensuring that the world remains aware of our concerns for the EECA region. Thus, the *AFEW Network* continues to advocate at the international, regional and national levels for support for the key populations most at risk for HIV, tuberculosis and viral hepatitis. We continue mobilising resources for prevention, treatment and care. And, we continue our commitment to keep Eastern Europe and Central Asia right in the spotlight.



Anke van Dam. Executive Director of *AFEW International*



Michel Kazatchkine. Chair of the *AFEW International* Supervisory Board

AFEW International and AFEW Network

AFEW Network occupies a unique position as an Eastern European and Central Asian (EECA) regional network in public health. We recognise diversity, work towards strengthening regional solidarity, share our knowledge and mobilise communities to fulfil their rights. *AFEW International* is the secretariat of the *AFEW Network*. Furthermore, *AFEW International* implements activities, with members of the *AFEW Network* and on its own.

The *AFEW Network* is dedicated to improving the health of key populations in society. With a focus on Eastern Europe and Central Asia, *AFEW* strives to promote health and increase access to prevention, treatment and care for significant public health concerns such as HIV, tuberculosis (TB), viral hepatitis and sexual and reproductive health. We aim to do so by:

- >> Advocating for the human rights of key populations and upholding their rights to health.
- >> Engaging communities in our governance structure and in all of our activities.
- >> Eliminating the stigma associated with HIV, tuberculosis and hepatitis by providing support to community leaders and creating supportive environments.
- >> Developing and supporting health services for key populations.
- >> Utilising innovative strategies to promote healthy behaviours and improve the standards of care.

AIDS 2018
€659 000

Activities in the
Russian
Federation
US\$72 000

Bridging the gaps:
health & rights for key
populations 2.0
€1 433 000

Improved TB/HIV
prevention & care
– building models
for the future
€218 000

Fast-track
TB/HIV
responses
€53 000

Within 'Bridging the Gaps: health and rights for key populations 2.0', programmes have been implemented in four countries: Georgia, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Ukraine. Moreover, the *AFEW Network* continued its joint work at a regional level on three important themes. These themes included the assessment of harm reduction friendly rehabilitation services in the region, the assessment of labour migrants who use drugs and the assessment of the shrinking space for civil society.

In 2018, we presented the assessment of harm reduction friendly rehabilitation services in the EECA region during several national and international conferences. That assessment also led to the development of an action plan for three countries (Georgia, Kyrgyzstan and Ukraine) which advocates for the development of national guidelines and the provision of rehabilitation services. The action plan will be implemented in the coming years. In addition, the assessment of labour migrants who use drugs transformed into a well-visited and action-oriented session during the 22nd International AIDS Conference in Amsterdam. That assessment also fostered the exchange of knowledge about the living situation of migrants and drug use in the Russian Federation and Central Asian countries during the regional autumn school organised by the *AFEW Network*. Finally, the results of the assessment of the shrinking civil society space served as a springboard for discussions and dialogues in various forums, including within the EU–Russia Civil Society Forum. The shrinking civil society space assessment also proved useful in raising awareness of the situation in the region and inspiring local civil society resiliency. During the 'Bridging the Gaps' annual learning institute, which took place in Kyrgyzstan, the report served as a tool for communities to learn about different strategies and to share their experiences.

The *AFEW Network* held its Regional Autumn School in Ukraine in 2018. This annual event falls within the regional framework of the 'Bridging the Gaps' programme. A one-day training session within the Regional Autumn School for 2018 featured support from the International Network of People Who Use Drugs (INPUD), guidance focused on implementing the 'Comprehensive HIV and HCV Programmes With People Who Inject Drugs: Practical Guidance for Collaborative Interventions (or IDUIT)'. The *AFEW Network's* regional autumn schools provide an ideal opportunity for the network to exchange knowledge, find answers to a range of questions and become acquainted with new, innovative practices in working with key populations.



Artem from Kropyvnytskyi, 'Bridging the Gaps: health & rights for key populations' project:

If I had not become involved in the 'Bridging the Gaps: health & rights for key populations' project, I would probably be in prison now, I would be actively using psychoactive substances and my relationship with my family would have been destroyed. Through this project, as well as through the AFEW–Ukraine programme offering mini-grants to youth, I received important experience that helps me to live now. Currently, I work in a similar organisation, in a project for prisoners, even though I could easily be in their place now.

Thanks to the 'Bridging the Gaps: health & rights for key populations' project, I realised which path to take, and that doing good things is better for me.

73



VIOLATIONS

73 human rights violation cases were addressed within the project in Eastern Europe and Central Asia.

In total, 604 delegates from Eastern Europe and Central Asia (EECA) attended the 22nd International AIDS Conference AIDS 2018 in Amsterdam, the Netherlands. In addition, at least 55 young people from EECA were brought to Amsterdam by the Amsterdam Youth Force (supported by *AFEW Network*) to participate in the Global Village. *AFEW International* put considerable effort into ensuring not only that people from EECA could attend the conference, but that their voices were heard. During AIDS 2018, there were 16 speakers from EECA, representing 5% of all conference presenters. Overall, compared to AIDS 2016, representation from the EECA region increased from 3.9% to 10.5% during all of the official programme activities.

AFEW International raised more than €200 000 from donors in addition to funding secured from the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs. This funding supported 62 of 149 scholarships provided by the International AIDS Society. These resources also contributed to the Martine de Schutter Fund established by *AFEW International*. This specific fund provided scholarships as well as Russian and English interpretations during the conference. In addition, the fund enabled an additional 57 representatives consisting of key populations, scientists, clinicians and journalists from EECA to participate in the conference, including scholarships granted to community-based research programme participants. *AFEW International* joined the EECA campaign, 'Chase the virus not people!', managing logistics for the campaign during the conference. Through this campaign, EECA regional networks joined forces in response to the current situation urging the international community to address discrimination and stigma directed at key populations.

In addition, the Culture Initiative project, established by *AFEW International* within AIDS 2018, seeks to promote connections between people through art, food and cultural and artistic experiences. Through this initiative, artists from Georgia, Russia and Uzbekistan visited the Netherlands, and spent time with host organisations that provide services related to HIV. During the conference, their art was displayed in the Global Village, the civil society space open to the public during the conference. At a dinner hosted by *AFEW Network* in the Hermitage, artists as well as a wide range of stakeholders including community activists, Dutch and EECA government officials, as well as representatives of various United Nations agencies and donors (around 50 people in all) were granted a platform in which to interact in a much less formal way than most other conference-related events.

Yana Kazmirenko, a Martine de Schutter Scholarship fellow and journalist:

I participated in AIDS 2018 as a Martine de Schutter Scholarship fellow. During an informal meeting in Amsterdam, I met Martine's family and thanked her mother. It was difficult for me to hold the tears back, since her daughter died in a plane crash on her way to the 2014 International AIDS Conference.

My participation in the AIDS conference altered my perception of HIV prevalence and the ways of responding to it. The countries in the EECA region in which the AFEW Network has successfully operated for many years remain at the stage of accepting that there is an epidemic.

Thanks to the research conducted with assistance from AFEW International, many leaders of civil society organisations from Ukraine and the EECA region attended the conference. The presentation of their research became not only a ticket to Amsterdam, but also filled existing gaps in knowledge about their own key population groups. Preparations for the conference reinvigorated these organisations, and they became more visible. This transformation was experienced by Ukrainian transgender people, for instance. Following the conference, my notebook was filled with new contacts, experiences, interesting data from various presentations and outlines and ideas for future articles.



Abstracts from Eastern Europe and Central Asia

The number of abstracts submitted from EECA were triple the number at AIDS 2016. 187 abstracts from the EECA region were accepted, and that means a six-fold increase.



3 The 'Fast-track TB/HIV responses for key populations in EECA cities' project (Cities Project)

The 'Fast-track TB/HIV responses for key populations in Eastern European and Central Asian (EECA) cities' project aims to develop models of sustainable municipal responses to HIV and tuberculosis for key populations in Eastern Europe and Central Asia (EECA) by significantly contributing to achieving the 90-90-90 HIV/TB targets for key populations. More specifically, this project aims to strengthen collaboration between municipalities, non-governmental organisations and police officials in five cities: Almaty (Kazakhstan), Balti (Moldova), Odesa (Ukraine), Sofia (Bulgaria) and Tbilisi (Georgia).

Within the project, 16 healthcare professionals, municipal representatives and NGO staff from Almaty (Kazakhstan), Tbilisi (Georgia) and Kyiv (Ukraine) took part in a study tour to Amsterdam in 2018. LGBTI community members, people who use drugs and sex workers joined the study tour as well as municipal and healthcare officials. This study tour aimed to familiarise participants with how the municipality, non-governmental organisations and the police in Amsterdam established their collaboration when delivering services to key populations.

In addition, three training seminars took place in 2018 within the Cities Project. Two trainings took place in Tbilisi, one on collaboration between the municipality, the police and NGOs and another on financial sustainability. The third training on financial sustainability took place in Balti. *AFEW International* also facilitated the Cities Project progress meeting, which took place during the 22nd International AIDS Conference.

In September, *AFEW International* participated in the International City Health Conference in Odesa, Ukraine. During this conference, *AFEW International's* Executive Director Anke van Dam spoke during the plenary session on the shrinking civil society space in Eastern Europe and Central Asia and hosted a parallel session on migrants and internally displaced people.



Yuliya Kogan, leader of the people who use drugs (PUD) community, Ukraine:

It is difficult to overestimate the importance and benefits of the Cities Project for Odesa and the PUD community in Odesa. In 2017 before the project, people who use drugs were completely fragmented. Only after the launch of the Cities Project did the PUD community begin to form in the city. On Fridays, we launched PUD community meetings, during which we discussed our common vision for our future work, what we want, why we are organising and what we will do.

We continue to hold meetings for the community initiative groups, and we work in close cooperation with the municipality. I, as the leader of the PUD community, take part in the working meetings at the city and regional coordinating councils. All of our achievements, the barriers we identified to obtaining services related to harm reduction, problems that affect the community and everything that the initiative group agrees upon, I, as a leader, bring to the working group discussions at the city council.

It remains quite important that we do not just meet each other to discuss our problems, but that we learn throughout this time and actively take part in the life of the city by participating in joint actions, flash mobs, seminars, training seminars, sessions, presentations and speeches on television with our faces unmasked. On our shoulders, we have organised and conducted such large actions as 'Support. Don't punish', 'Action to support medical marijuana', 'Overdose Awareness Day', 'AIDS Memorial Day' and 'Tuberculosis Day'. The community of PUD in Odesa has grown and strengthened over these last two years. We are known within the community, our voice is heard and our work is respected, and we are proud of what we have accomplished. All of this success comes thanks to the 'Fast-track TB/HIV responses for key populations in EECA cities' project.

250  **CITY HEALTH CONFERENCE**
DELEGATES **ODESA**

In total, 250 delegates took part in the International City Health Conference in Odesa, Ukraine. This was the first conference of this type to take place in the Eastern Europe and Central Asia region.

4 Improved TB/HIV prevention & care

Building Models for the Future

In its fourth year of operation in Almaty, Kazakhstan, the project 'Improved TB/HIV prevention & care – building models for the future' aims to establish an effective partnership between public and private tuberculosis and HIV care providers. AFEW Network members in Kazakhstan and the Netherlands implement this project in cooperation with the Netherlands' KNCV Tuberculosis Foundation.

In 2018, the project team piloted an innovative approach to reduce stigma and to show the human face behind tuberculosis and HIV through the photo exhibition PhotoVoices. PhotoVoices empowers people affected by tuberculosis, HIV or both to express and communicate their experiences. By doing so, this works to rebuild their self-esteem through group coaching and learning how to use photodocumentaries to express their emotions and feelings. To achieve its goals, PhotoVoices supported a group of current and former patients in Kazakhstan to create a powerful series of images and quotes. The participants of the photo exhibition shared their stories during the 22nd International AIDS Conference in the Global Village and during the opening of KNCV's travelling exhibition, 'A Story of Hope', exhibited in the Municipal Hall in The Hague.

In addition, the project in Almaty successfully contributed to launching three new stigma intervention tools, one aimed at health facilities and healthcare workers and two intended to address self-stigma and shame amongst patients and aimed at providing patients with a way to voice their feelings and emotions. In total, 14 additional private facilities received accreditation to provide ambulatory tuberculosis care, bringing the total number of supported clinics to 34.

Within the framework of this project, AFEW International participated in the organisation of a side-event at the first-ever United Nations General Assembly High-Level Meeting on Tuberculosis in New York in September 2018. The speakers at the side event, 'No One Left Behind: scaling up integrated people-centred TB/HIV care towards universal health coverage', consisted of Michel Sidibe (UNAIDS), Ambassador-at-Large and the United States Global AIDS Coordinator Deborah Birx (PEPFAR), Dr. Tedros Ghebreyesus (WHO) and UN Special Envoy on Tuberculosis Eric Goosby. In addition, we presented results from the project 'Improved TB/HIV prevention & care – building models for the future' at the 49th Union World Conference on Lung Health in October in The Hague, The Netherlands.

The 'Improved TB/HIV prevention & care – building models for the future' is also being implemented in Nigeria and the Philippines. The Kazakh model focuses on collaboration between civil society organisations and public and private healthcare providers. This collaboration has led to an increase in tuberculosis case finding and improved treatment and care.



In total, 4 non-governmental organisations provided legal consultations and psychosocial support to patients treated in private sector facilities enabling them to deliver comprehensive TB/HIV care and creating more demand for TB/HIV services.



Symbat Sapargalieva, participant of the PhotoVoices project, Almaty, Kazakhstan:

The project 'Improved TB/HIV prevention & care – building models for the future' completely changed my life for the better. Before this project, I thought that after recovering from tuberculosis, I would turn the page for this part of my life and that I would live my former life. But, no. Thanks to the project, I realised that those of us who have been ill should contribute to the response to tuberculosis. Now, I openly speak about my illness and help those confronting tuberculosis. Today, I have new goals.

Most interestingly, because of my illness I was able to realise my dream. I have a small business, in which I make wooden bow ties. During the International AIDS Conference that I attended in the Netherlands, I showcased my bow ties in Amsterdam and in The Hague. This is an incredible achievement for a person who started her own business when being treated as an inpatient. Many thanks to the staff of AFEW International and KNCV for this project and for everything associated with it.

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Activities in the Russian Federation

In the Russian Federation, *AFEW International* supports the Andrey Rylkov Foundation for Health and Social Justice (ARF) to deliver services to people who use drugs in Moscow. In 2018, ARF continued serving as the secretariat to the Russian Forum of People Who Use Drugs.

During the 22nd International AIDS Conference, colleagues from ARF delivered 13 presentations and contributed to the conference programme. With the publication of the 'Fight, Hide and Unite' report, *AFEW International* and ARF raised awareness of the situation amongst Russian civil society, harm reduction, HIV and key populations during several events. In order to actively collaborate with the EU–Russia Civil Society Forum, *AFEW International* attended and presented at their meetings, leading to a plan for 2019 aimed at launching a working group on inclusive health within the forum. Thus, we will work towards including the right to health on the general agenda of human rights defenders and the broader civil society in Russia.

As a part of the preparations for the 22nd International AIDS Conference in Amsterdam, *AFEW International* supported five community-based organisations in their research. Those research projects led to abstracts submitted to and presented during the conference.

Elena Shastina, participant of *AFEW International's* community-based research, recipient of a Martine de Schutter scholarship to attend AIDS 2018, President of the NGO New Life, Russia:

My abstract was accepted for inclusion at the 22nd International AIDS Conference, AIDS 2018 in Amsterdam. AFEW International ensured that all of the sessions relevant for Eastern European and Central Asian delegates were interpreted. Thus, my presentation was available in English, even though I spoke Russian. This proved quite convenient, since my English-language skills are rather insufficient.

My presentation was scheduled for the first day of the conference, during the session 'Lost in transition: challenges of domestic funding for HIV and human rights', and I was the sixth speaker. I listened to the first five presenters and thought: What am I doing here? Those presenters summarised huge numbers, huge budgets and talked about the Global Fund... Meanwhile, here I was with my story about women who stopped taking pills after they had their babies, unaware that this would put them on deadly path. In addition, I was very nervous about presenting, because of the language barrier. My speech went well in the end. I adjusted my presentation to fit nicely into the theme of the session, sharing the results of my research and holding authorities accountable for their failure to treat HIV-positive women.

I would like to express my gratitude to AFEW International for their substantial help in preparing for the conference, and also with their help during AIDS 2018. Thank you for these new experiences, impressions and people!



In total, 170 delegates from the Russian Federation took part in AIDS 2018. This represents the largest single drop in delegates from the EECA region in comparison to AIDS 2010 in Vienna. In 2010 in Vienna, 447 delegates from the Russian Federation took part in the conference, whilst only 170 took part in 2018, marking a drop of 277 participants. This reflects the isolation Russia is currently experiencing, and the enormously challenging financial situation most Russian non-governmental organisations face.

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Emergency Support Fund for Key Populations

During the 22nd International AIDS Conference in Amsterdam, *AFEW International* together with Aidsfonds received funding from the Elton John AIDS Foundation to manage the Emergency Support Fund for Key Populations in Eastern Europe and Central Asia (EECA). Through this fund, *AFEW International* will use its long-term expertise and history in grant-making and support to strengthen the capacity of community-based organisations and non-governmental organisations in EECA to manage emergencies and become stronger agencies.

At the end of 2018, *AFEW International* and Aidsfonds with support from the Emergency Support Fund's Advisory Board consisting of representatives of EECA key populations developed the framework for the Emergency Support Fund for Key Populations in EECA and announced a call for applications. Funds will be dispersed beginning in 2019. Organisations from 10 countries in EECA can apply for small grants worth a maximum of €5000 per project. Through these small grants, *AFEW International* and Aidsfonds support organisations representing key populations, allowing them to survive difficult situations due to legal barriers, stigma and discrimination, financial challenges and political restrictions. Support will be provided to organisations that implement activities that ensure access to HIV prevention, treatment or services for key populations or projects that protect the human rights of key populations.



Anke van Dam, *AFEW International* Executive Director:

We are quite honoured to receive this funding for the next three years. Access to treatment in Eastern Europe and Central Asia remains a crucial need, particularly for the key populations most at risk and people living with HIV. Unfortunately, no more than 30% of people living with HIV can currently access treatment. Stock-outs of antiretroviral treatment occur regularly, and the Emergency Support Fund is a great way to address and avoid this.

EMERGENCY SUPPORT FUND

€5000

S M A L L G R A N T



With a maximum award of €5000, a small grant from the Emergency Support Fund will help support community-based organisations and non-governmental organisations in EECA.

AFEW International advocates for upholding the human rights of people living with HIV, people living with tuberculosis and hepatitis, people who use drugs, sex workers and LGBTIQ communities. *AFEW International* serves as a member of the EU Civil Society Forum on HIV, Tuberculosis and Viral Hepatitis, as well as the EU Civil Society Forum on Drugs and the EU–Russia Civil Society Forum. These civil society forums represent broad platforms for structured dialogues between the European Commission and the European civil society that supports policy formulation and implementation through practical advice.

AFEW International initiated the Working Group (WG) on public and inclusive health within the EU–Russia Civil Society Forum. Witnessing deteriorations in the implementation of social justice initiatives related to health, *AFEW International* identified a need to introduce a completely new topic to the Forum after participating in various General Assembly meetings. *AFEW International* aims to direct work within the Working Group to solidify solidarity with the European Union and Russian civil society organisations towards inclusiveness, particularly in relation to health.

The current Working Group aims to create an exchange platform and understand how other countries work on an inclusive health agenda.

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Public and Inclusive Health

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MAIN TOPICS

- Access to healthcare;
- Prevention and control of communicable diseases, including HIV/AIDS, viral hepatitis, TB;
- Improving the health and rights of marginalized groups in society, including people who use drugs, sex workers, prisoners, men who have sex with men, migrants;
- Cooperation on EU-Russia health systems and patient organizations, community networks of affected groups;
- Patient safety;
- Resilience of Civil Society by working together in other fields;

SCOPE OF WORK

- We have the objective of working in solidarity among EU and Russian Civil Society Organizations towards inclusiveness, particularly when it comes to public health areas
- WG produces an informal exchange, horizontal and vertical links, including implementation of co-projects between health-related CSOs from Russia and the EU

WORKING GROUPS

- Human Rights and Rule of Law
- Environment
- Social Issues and Civic Participation
- Democratic Structures and Processes
- Civic Education
- Historical Memory and Education
- Migration
- Human Rights in the Information Society
- Public and Inclusive Health

AFEW International initiated the Working Group on public and inclusive health within the EU–Russia Civil Society Forum together with the following organisations: Active Citizenship, Centre for Social Support 'Navigator', FOCUS-MEDIA Foundation, Humanitarian Action, Humanitarian Project, Kovcheg Anti-AIDS and Stichting Skosh.

Georgia

Bridging the gaps: health and rights for key populations 2.0. AFEW Network subgrants
(donor: Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands)

€87 547

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€70 230

Advocacy
€37 954

Research
€0

Direct
services
€81 816

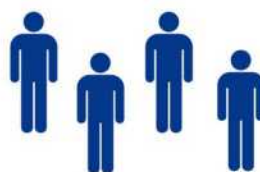
Online services and
access to information
€0

Capacity
building
€38 008

Total €157 777



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Georgian Network of People Who Use Drugs

33 138 people

In total, 33 138 people were reached through awareness-raising and advocacy videos via Facebook developed by the Georgian Network of People Who Use Drugs.



Levan Gviniashvili, instructor of the rehabilitation centre 'Tanadgoma'; 'Bridging the Gaps' project:

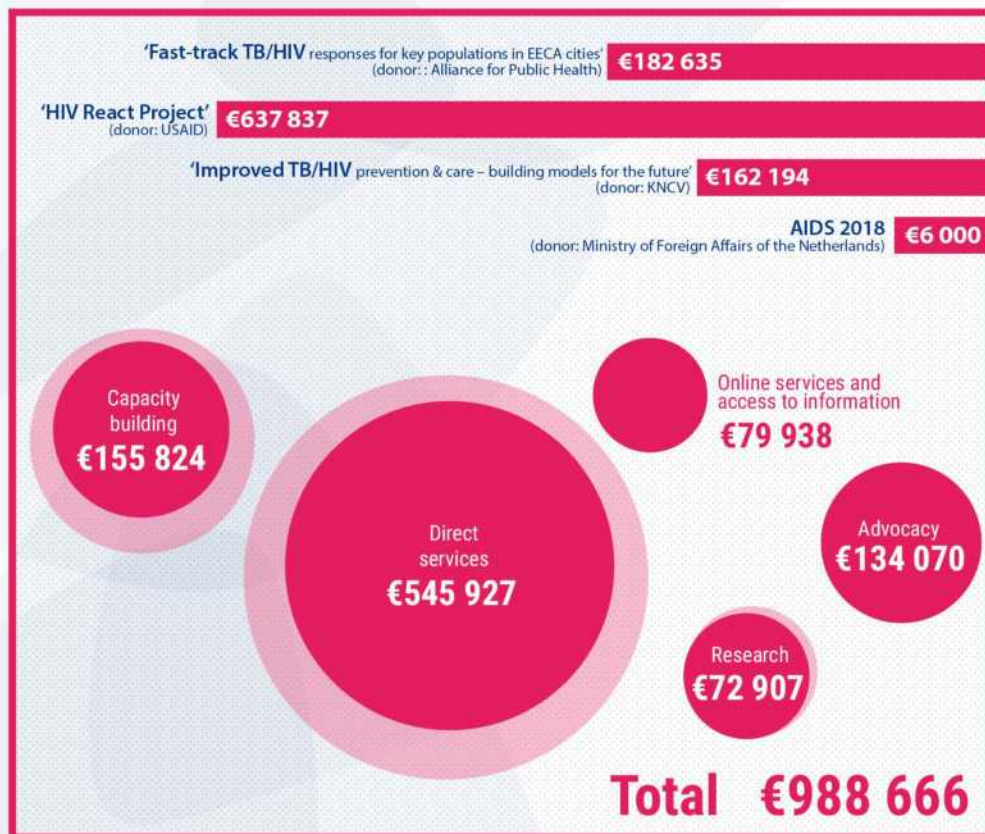
Georgia continues to enforce a strict drugs policy – people who use drugs are imprisoned for their drug use. This punishment does not guarantee remission. Moreover, often people who use drugs must fight for their rights on their own.

For this reason, the rehabilitation centre in Gremi, created with support from the project 'Bridging the Gaps: health & rights for key populations', remains crucial. Today, it is the only 24-hour centre in the country where all services remain free-of-charge. Importantly, we work to ensure that clients trust our instructors, individuals who also have a history of drug use.

Our clients often call the centre 'the island of hope'. From our 'island', they return to society with the desire to find a job and with a feeling that they are normal people with healthy ambitions and needed by someone else.

We have already rehabilitated more than 30 people. Following rehabilitation at Gremi, approximately 10% of our clients remain abstinent. Our component within the 'Bridging the Gaps' project focuses on solving specific problems for specific people with drug use. We aim to allow individuals to move their lives in the direction they want. We hope that in time the state will follow our example and also open these types of centres.

Kazakhstan



Anna, the client of operational research; Improved TB/HIV Prevention & Care – Building Models for the Future project:

Because of my work, I have to be in constant contact with HIV-positive people. My partner is also living with HIV. That is why I constantly have to do check myself as well. I think it is good to have such check-ups. In this way, you can know more about your health.

Thanks to the saliva rapid tests, I do not constantly need to have my blood tested. Saliva tests are easy to do. They are accurate and easy to interpret. With the saliva rapid tests I can do my test much easier and faster. I would like to express my gratitude to AFEW Kazakhstan and their employees for timely and high-quality testing! AFEW Kazakhstan helps me a lot with saliva testing which allows me to know more about my health situation.



1863
people



75
HIV cases
detected

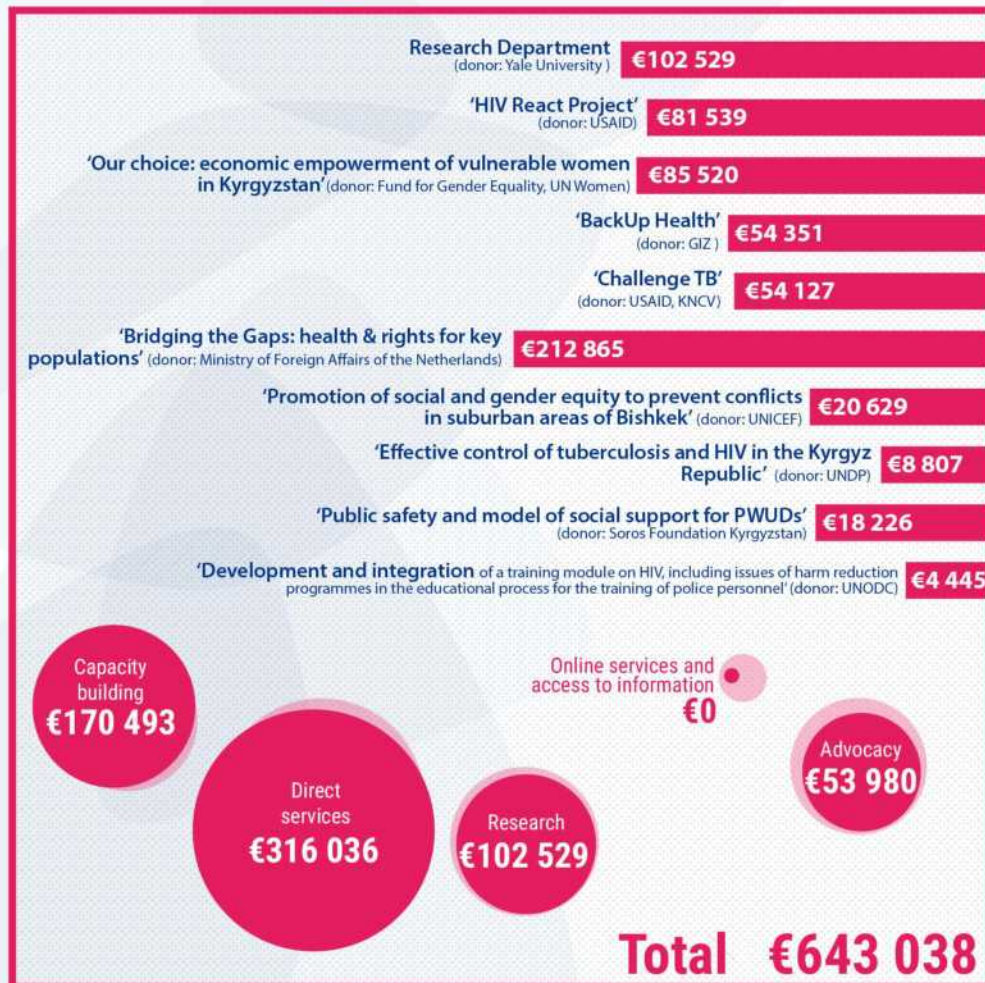


63
clients initiated
antiretroviral
therapy



In total, 1863 people and their sexual partners who inject drugs were tested for HIV as part of an operational study of rapid saliva-based HIV testing. HIV was detected in 75 clients, and 63 clients initiated antiretroviral therapy.

Kyrgyzstan



Sahiba, Social Bureau for Women Living with HIV; 'Bridging the Gaps: health & rights of key populations' project:

After learning that I am HIV-positive, I could not do anything and just cried. I was advised to contact AFEW-Kyrgyzstan and the social bureau for women living with HIV. I emerged from my depression there, although that process was slow. I also received help from a psychologist and a social worker.

At the social bureau, I was examined by a gynaecologist, and underwent all of the necessary medical tests. I also received training on economic and personal growth through one of AFEW-Kyrgyzstan's projects. After the trainings, I was presented with equipment to produce peanut butter. Now, I make peanut butter at home and sell it, providing for myself, my daughters and my newly born granddaughter.



35
HIV-positive women



In total, 35 HIV-positive women achieved an undetectable viral load with support from the City Centre for the Prevention and Control of AIDS and AFEW-Kyrgyzstan's social bureau for women living with HIV.

Tajikistan

'Bridging the gaps: health and rights for key populations 2.0' (donor: Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands) **€250 000**

Regional project 'PUDs and labour migration: awareness and access' (donor: Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands) **€31 543**

Online services and access to information

€18 022

Capacity building
€117 845

Direct services
€105 989

Advocacy
€39 687

Research
€0

Total €281 543

6x NGO



In total, 6 non-governmental organisations are now offering HIV testing for people who use drugs and other key populations in six cities of Tajikistan.

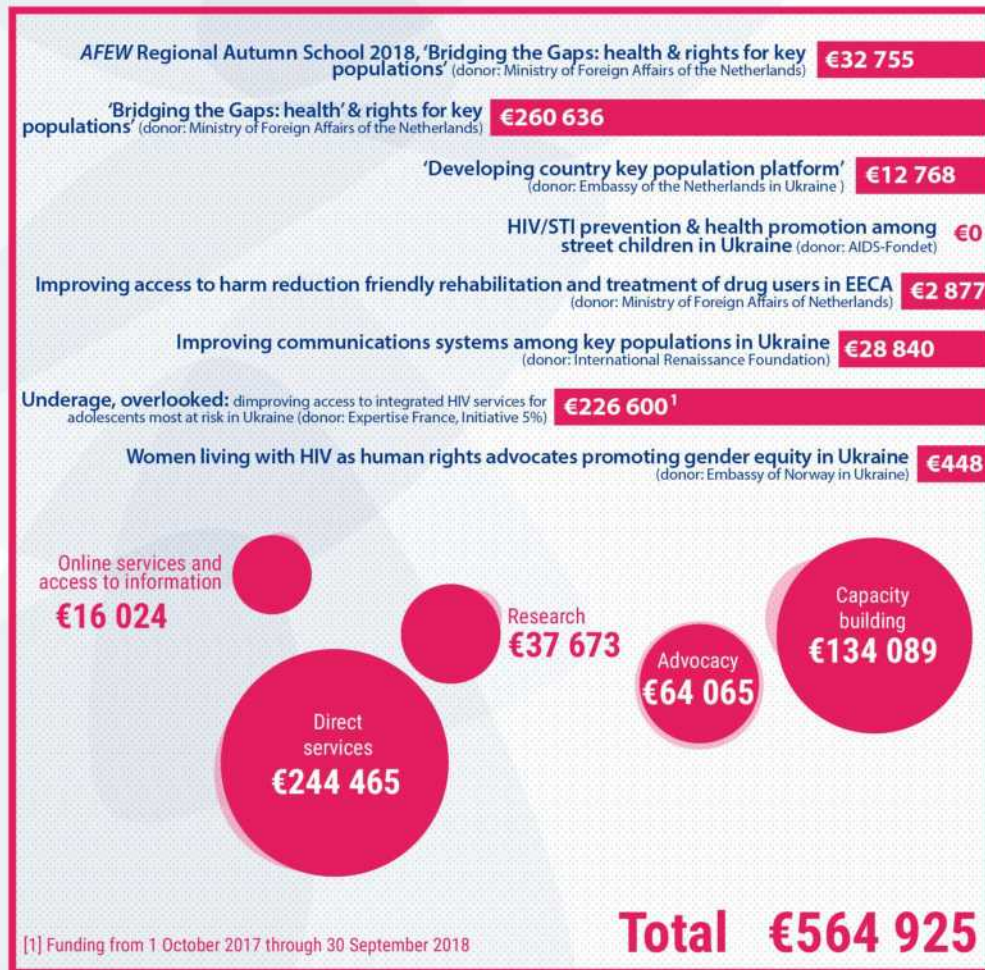
Zebo, former labour migrant, Khatlon, Tajikistan; Regional Project 'PUDs and labour migration: awareness & access' for Tajikistan:

A woman I know told me about the AFEW-Tajikistan office in Bokhtar. I went there, and they received me well, helping with food and treatment. They also had a business workshop for members of vulnerable populations, and I received credit from a microfinancing organisation. I bought everything I needed to open a small sales outlet in the neighbourhood. Sometimes, when I need to go to the city, my daughter takes over my duties. My children always help and support me in everything I do. My son also assists street market vendors, bringing home about 15 somoni a day (less than US\$2).

The trip to Amsterdam for the International AIDS Conference, AIDS 2018, was my first trip abroad. It was also the first time that I took part in this type of conference. I listened to many speakers and was inspired by their stories. During the several days of that conference, I received more sincere hugs and handshakes than I had since I learned about my diagnosis. After my presentation at the conference, the director of AFEW-Tajikistan Ikrom Ibragimov offered me a position as a consultant in the Bokhtar office of the organisation. Now, I receive a salary. I am so grateful to him and to all of the members of his amazing team. With their support, my life is improving.



Ukraine



Vira Varyga, community organisation 'Positive Women'; 'Women living with HIV as human rights advocates promoting gender equity in Ukraine' project:

For me, AFEW-Ukraine first and foremost is a reliable partner organisation. They are partners with whom it is always interesting to implement projects, new ideas and initiatives. AFEW-Ukraine is one of the few organisations ready to support our community of HIV-positive women, regardless of whether funding is available and whether we have joint projects. As an organisation, AFEW-Ukraine designs its activities solely based on clients' needs.

I'd like to extend my thanks to all of the AFEW-Ukraine team from the self-help group 'Kyianka+'. With your support, we were established, and with your participation we continue to develop new areas of activity thanks to our commitment to a common cause: changing the lives of women living with HIV for the better, since they become simply 'positive women', without the prefix of 'HIV'.

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**HIV
hepatitis B
hepatitis C
syphilis**

In total, 5811 tests for HIV, hepatitis B and C and syphilis were performed in Ukraine in 2018.



Financial Results

Fundraising

In 2018, *AFEW International* maintained relationships with major international governmental and non-governmental donors and signed new contracts totalling €9,8 million. All new contracts were granted for long- (more than one year) and short-term (one year or less) projects. The total amount of contract subsidies signed to date is around €84 million.

Income & Expenditure

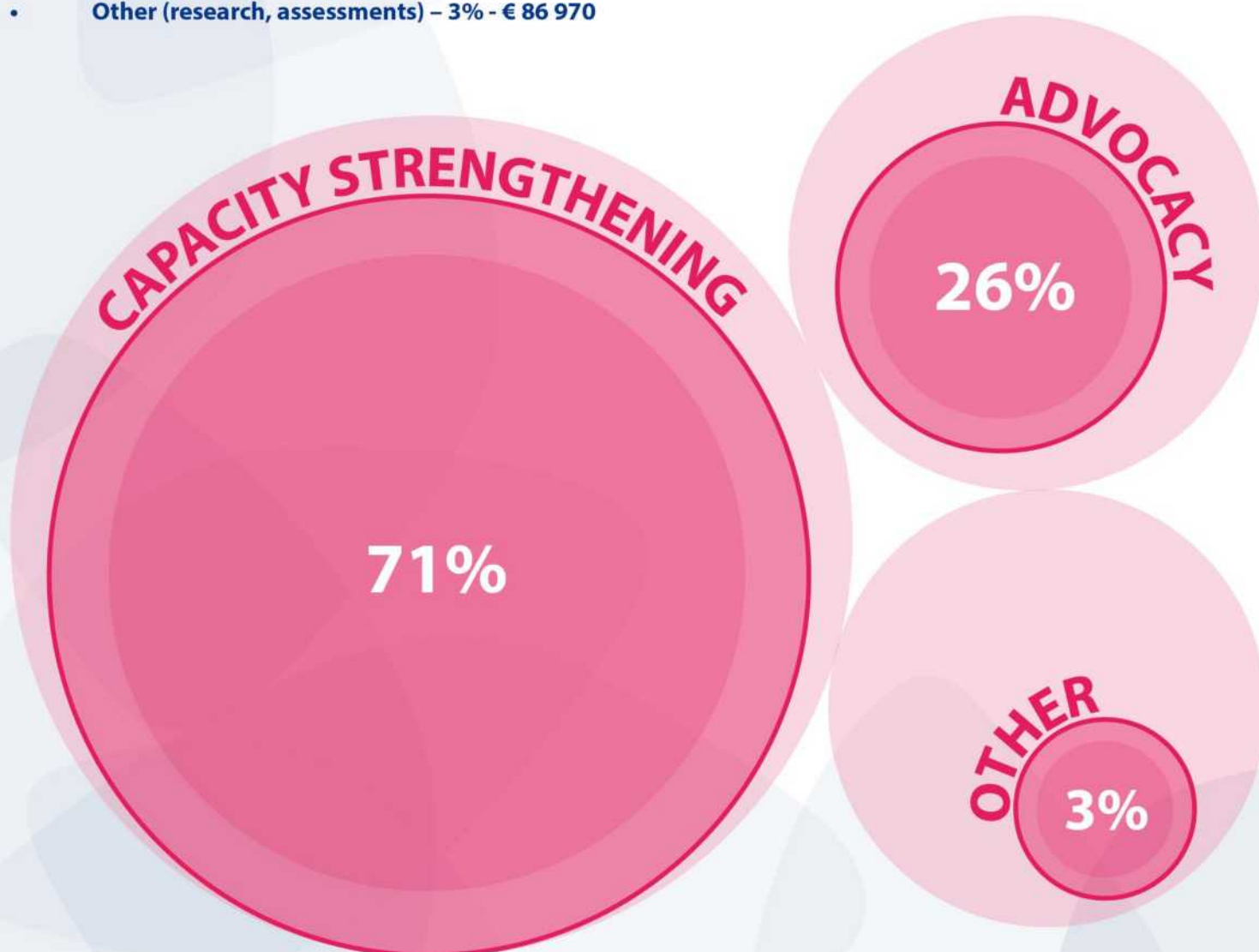
The total income available for core objectives in *AFEW*'s 17th operational year was €2 655 170, which represents 16% increase compared to 2017 (€2 287 228).

Expenditures in 2018 were lower than income, totalling €2 627 812. This is 15% lower than the expenditure in 2017 (€2 275 577).

Budget for the financial year 2019

AFEW objectives, described in the Strategic plan, are translated into three programme objectives. In 2010, *AFEW* decided on a new classification for its core programme objectives for a better reflection of what the organisation does.

- **Capacity Strengthening – 71% - € 2 058 290**
- **Advocacy- 26% - € 753 740**
- **Other (research, assessments) – 3% - € 86 970**



Financial Results

Balance Sheet

(As of 31st December 2018, after appropriation of the year-end surplus)

	2018		2017	
	EUR	EUR	EUR	EUR
Tangible fixed assets	5 160		5 039	
		5 160		5 039
Donors	4 637 900		4 508 951	
Other	168 861		317 192	
		4 806 761		4 826 143
Cash and cash equivalents		209 245		847 164
TOTAL ASSETS		5 021 166		5 678 346

Reserves and Funds:

Reserves				
Continuity reserve	169 303		141 945	
		169 303		141 945
Special purpose funds		6 274		6 227
Subsidy commitments	1 344 512		1 100 635	
Subsidy commitments	3 430 286		4 336 246	
Other liabilities	70 790		93 293	
		4 845 588		5 530 174
TOTAL LIABILITIES		5 021 166		5 678 345

Financial Results

Statement of Income and Expenditure for 2018 (x1€)	Actual 2018		Budget 2018		Actual 2017	
	EUR	EUR	EUR	EUR	EUR	EUR
INCOME						
Income from own fundraising:						
Grants from international Foundations/NGOs	6 463				58 616	
Other: Donations/Collections	27 423		23 868		14 468	
		33 886				
					73 084	
Income from joint activities		217 496		199 461		233 868
Subsidies from governments		2 411 648		2 211 671		1 988 151
Other income/loss		(7 860)				(7 875)
TOTAL INCOME		2 655 170		2 435 000		2 287 228
EXPENDITURES						
Spent on objectives						
Capacity Strengthening	1 811 025		1 661 603		1 567 403	
Advocacy	425 756		415 401		391 851	
Research/Assessments	60 422		55 437		52 153	
		2 324 203		2 132 441		2 011 406
Costs of raising income:						
Costs of own fundraising	78 834		16 154		15 246	
Costs of obtaining governmental grants			56 176		53 021	
		78 834		72 330		68 267
Management and administration						
Costs Management and administration	210 225		192 880		182 046	
Human Resource Development	14 550		13 349		13 857	
		224 775		206 229		195 903
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		2 627 812		2 411 000		2 275 577
Balance of income and expenditure		27 358		24 000		11 651
Allocation of Year-end result:						
Continuity reserve		27 358		24 000		11 651
Total allocation of Year-end result		27 358		24 000		11 651

AFEW International closed the financial year-end 2018 with a positive balance. Based on the Board's decision, the amount of 27 358 EUR have been added to AFEW International's reserves.

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