FCAA Data Spotlight:
HIV Philanthropy for Eastern Europe & Central Asia

This infographic — distilled from FCAA’s most recent annual resource tracking report, *Philanthropic Support to Address HIV/AIDS in 2018* — provides a first deep-dive on HIV-related philanthropy disbursed to Eastern Europe and Central Asia.

The region is home to an estimated 1.7 million people living with HIV (PLWHA) and one of the fastest growing HIV epidemics in the world. According to the UNAIDS Global AIDS Update 2020, new HIV infections in the region increased by 72% between 2010 and 2019. Additionally, the region has one of the lowest treatment coverage rates in the world, with only 38% of all PLWHA accessing antiretroviral therapy by the end of 2018. The region’s epidemic is also concentrated predominantly among key affected populations, particularly people who inject drugs (PWID). Unfortunately, comprehensive harm reduction service coverage remains low in the region.

It is important to note that this is the first FCAA infographic to exclude a top funder list. Due to the dangerous political environment and human rights conditions experienced by grantees in this region, several of the top funders submit their data anonymously. However, we can report that grantmaking to this region is concentrated among a small number of funders: the top 10 funders in the region represented 93% of all grantmaking in 2018.*

**IN 2018:**

$11,487,391 of HIV-related philanthropy supported efforts in Eastern Europe and Central Asia

**FUNDING DISTRIBUTION**

- **19** Grantmakers
- **188** Grants Given
- **131** Grantee Organizations

*Additional statistics are quoted from UNAIDS and Avert.*
TOP 5 FUNDED COUNTRIES

RUSSIA $2,951,266
ROMANIA $1,821,155
UKRAINE $689,448
KYRGYZSTAN $594,494
GEORGIA $521,990

Top 5 countries account for 57% of total funding to EECA

INTENDED USE

It is important to note that nearly half of all HIV-related philanthropy to the EECA region supported advocacy, far outpacing global HIV-related philanthropy (46% vs. 19%).

These advocacy grants include several efforts focused on harm reduction and drug policy initiatives and, importantly, on strengthening the role of civil society in the region’s HIV response.

ADVOCACY $5,225,959
TREATMENT $4,765,371
PREVENTION $4,442,605
HUMAN RESOURCES $1,953,187
SOCIAL SERVICES $1,847,525

According to UNAIDS, political, legal and technical hurdles currently block the use of PrEP in many countries of the region. In 2018, roughly $1.2 million (10%) of HIV-related philanthropy to EECA supported PrEP.

70% of PLWHA in the region live in Russia.
Additionally, 1 in 4 people who inject drugs in Russia is also living with HIV.
Criminalization of key populations continues to significantly hinder access to HIV testing and treatment in the region. The harsh criminalization of populations such as sex workers and PWID also results in a disproportionate impact on the incarcerated/prison population in the region, although data on this population is widely underreported. In 2018, roughly $8 million in HIV-related philanthropy to the region addressed programs for key populations.


FCAA members, such as Aidsfonds, are addressing this increase by strengthening the capacity of civil society in the digital space including youth-focused programs that use news items, videos, interactive tests, surveys, and infographics to raise awareness among MSM regarding PrEP, among other issues.

Other funders, such as ViiV Healthcare, are funding HIV testing and linkage to care for young people, including support for the Teenergizer movement that has united teenagers from the region of Eastern Europe and Central Asia.