

ORIGINAL: 26.04.2010

WP 7

Title: Referral, management, treatment and care of HIV/STIs and co-infections

Leader: AHP (DE)

Associated partners involved: HESED (BG), NIHD (EE), RKI (DE), MAT (DE), SPWSZ (PL), ARAS (RO), PRIMA (SK)

Collaborating partner: KompNet (DE), League of PLH in Moldova (MD), LRAC (UA), THBB (DE), Ministry of Health (BG), CORRELATION II (NL)

Duration: 21 months

Start: M8

End: M28

Specific objective 4:

Number	Title
4	Referral and treatment systems: To augment by mid 2012 the country-specific evidence on treatment and care of HIV and co-infections and to enhance interlinks in referral systems for diagnostic, treatment and care of STIs, HIV/AIDS and co-infections

Indicators:

Process Indicators:

16) Instrument and procedure developed for stocktaking survey on country-specific conditions in diagnostic and treatment of HIV and Co-infections, including mapping and organigram in M10.

Output Indicators:

17) 15 HIV-treatment specialists participate in recurrent workshop and expert on-site visits on Management of HIV Co-infections in Germany in M18 and M20.

18) Country-specific guidelines for referral and management of HIV Co-infections are drawn up (D9) in M26

Outcome Indicators:

19) The elaborated guidelines for referral and management of HIV Co-infections are applied by 70% of partners participating in WP7 for improved linkages between treatment systems in M28

Description of the work:

The lead partner Aids-Hilfe Potsdam as a branch organisation of the German AIDS-Help is a major stakeholder in the field community care and support for the PLHIV. It draws on interdisciplinary expertise in counselling, care and referral for medical treatment in HIV-specialised clinics/practices. A medical expert (HIV-treatment physician) will be subcontracted via competitive tender for the purpose of compiling the results of the stock-taking survey on treatment and referral and management of HIV Co-infections.

No	Activity	Partner involved	Month
1	<p>Preparatory work and desk review, including current European initiatives and projects:</p> <p>1) Access/Impact</p> <p>2) ACTIVATE project coordinated by PENTA – Paediatric European Network for treatment of AIDS: http://www.pentatrials.org/contacts.htm;</p> <p>3) CORRELATION II - http://www.correlation-net.org, (especially the WP7: Hepatitis C Intervention Strategies and WP8: HIV/AIDS Policy Review and Recommendations, coordinated by EATG)</p> <p>Build of contacts with institutions and physicians involved in treating HIV/AIDS in the participating EU countries</p>	AHP and all associated partners	8-9
2	<p>Conducting a stocktaking of country-specific medical conditions in HIV and co-infections' diagnostic and treatment, including mapping, and organigram or treatment referral system.</p>	<p>AHP (DE), HESED (BG), NIHD (EE), SPWSZ (PL), ARAS (RO), PRIMA (SK)</p> <p><i>Report: AHP</i></p>	<p>10-15</p> <p>MILESTONE</p>
3	<p>Common development of education programs with basic and special knowledge in HIV and co-infections.</p>	AHP	15-16
4	<p>Implementation of recurrent workshops for HIV-treatment professionals and two medical expert on-site visits to German treatment settings (Potsdam and Rostock) will be organized.</p> <p>These will be 2 3-day training workshops (including hospitation to HIV treatment department, out- and in-patient clinics) for 2 HIV-treatment specialists from each of the participating in the WP7 countries. The background of the invited medical experts will be infectology, internal medicine, general medicine.</p>	<p>1. Exchange visit Potsdam: HESED, NIHD, ARAS <i>Organiser: AHP</i></p> <p>2. Exchange visit Rostock: SPWSZ, PRIMA, SALUS <i>Organiser: MAT</i></p>	<p>18 June 2011</p> <p>23 Nov 2011</p>
5	<p>Piloting of individual STIs/HIV case management and referral and screening of HIV patients for TB, Hepatitis B and C, including an on-site of WP leader (AHP) to treatment institutions in Estonia (Tallinn and Narva- see p.6)</p>	AHP and all associated partners on the spot	17-25

6	On-site visit to HIV treatment clinics in Tallinn and Narva (EE) connected to piloting of case management for HIV Co-infection and development of guidelines	AHP to NIHD (EE)	18 -25
7	Development of country-specific guidelines in managing HIV/HBV- and HIV/HCV co-infection is planned	AHP	26 DELIVERABLE D8
8	Diagnostic and clinical pathways for all HIV, Tuberculosis, Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C and STIs will be worked out and presented at concluding expert workshop in Berlin	AHP, RKI, MAT SPI and Collaborating partners	28 MILESTONE
9	Evaluation of work package activities and report on indicators achieved.	AHP	28

Deliverable:

Number	Title	Month of delivery
D8	Guidelines for referral and management of HIV Co-infections	26

Milestone:

Number	Milestone title	Month of achievement
1	Report on stocktaking survey on country-specific medical conditions in diagnostic and treatment of HIV and Co-infections, incl. organigram	15
2	Workshop for presentation of the treatment guidelines	28