

KEY FACTS ON HIV EPIDEMIC IN TURKMENISTAN AND PROGRESS IN 2011

(pop. 5 041 995)

By the end of 2011, Turkmen authorities had reported a cumulative total of just two HIV cases, one male and one female, to the WHO Regional Office for Europe and the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC), one of whom developed AIDS and died. Six public health facilities offer HIV testing and counselling services. Almost no other national data are available. A leading at-risk population is thought to be people who inject drugs, due to the country's proximity to Afghanistan and the opiates that are transported through central Asia.

Extensive prevention programmes have been undertaken in the country with the assistance of the WHO, the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and other agencies. However, an appropriate surveillance system needs to be developed. Unofficial reports indicate a substantial and unaddressed epidemic in progress.

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