



World Vision's HIV Response for Children in Eastern Europe and Central Asia

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Children in Crisis

Trafficking 

Migration for labor 

War, armed conflicts, political unrest 

Limited access to health/social services 

Enabling environment for sex work/drug use 

a crisis of deep vulnerability,
insecurity and trauma beneath the
veil of.....

quasi-modern societies

democratic governments

high literacy rates



The Journey

social orphans
street life and work
institutionalization
running away or ageing out



Risk and Vulnerability of HIV for Children is Exacerbated by


Weakened family ties and cultural traditions 

Violation of traditional values and norms 

Early Sexual début 

Sexual education seen as a taboo 

Sex outside marriage culturally acceptable for men 

Casual sex rarely available, making commercial sex and also abuse common 

Lack of women's rights, empowerment and awareness in sexuality and self-protection 

Lack of enforcement for prevention 

Lack of employment opportunities locally 



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Strategic Framework

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STRATEGY OVERVIEW

Strategic Goal - HIV epidemic halted and reversed, its impact mitigated in the communities we serve in Eastern Europe, Central Asia, Middle East.

Strategic Objectives/Pillars

Prevention

Facilitate reduction of risk and vulnerability to the new HIV infections.

Care


Improve the well-being of OVC, PLHIV, families and communities affected by HIV.


Advocacy


Create an enabling policy and program environment for minimized HIV transmission and maximized care/support.

Key Overarching Principles

 Prioritizing child focus, gender equality and empowerment of women/girls

 Implementing in partnership with FBOs, PLHIV, children and youth organizations

 Mobilizing communities to promote and facilitate social change

 Mainstreaming HIV Response into programs and sectors

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Prevent HIV Risk & Alleviate HIV Vulnerability

**Mainstreaming HIV
=INTEGRATION**

**Specific HIV-
focused
interventions**

- 🎗 Ongoing secondary research for evidence/best practices; documentation of lessons learnt & best practices of own programs
- 🎗 Programmatic modeling of HIV prevention/care/advocacy through comprehensive pilots
- 🎗 Contextualized scale-up of the effective pilots & planning their sustainability

Romania – “Together for the Future”

Constanta County teenagers living with HIV (TLWH) - enhanced access to prevention, care, support and education services with local communities participation.

- 🚫 **“Clubbing”** life skills, communication skills, recreation, arts and crafts
- 🚫 **Peer Network** of activists for public awareness campaign
- 🚫 Planning the future – **registered CBO**
- 🚫 **Significant dependence** - “World Vision is our friend & family!” – **how to detach?**



BiH – HIV Prevention Among Roma



“Classical” best practices of peer education/peer networking & comprehensive IEC/BCC work perfectly, if combined with community participation & ownership promotion!!!

Russia – HIV Prevention Among Vulnerable Adolescents/Youth

Sensitized and mobilized pairs of faith leaders & social workers promote AB

Adolescents say:

🚫 “We started re-estimation our own life values”

🚫 “The opportunity of open & sincere dialogue with adults, who became our mentors is so encouraging”

Institutionalization of both the curriculum & partnerships is going to be challenging.....



Conflict & violence across the region put children at risk & increase their vulnerability to HIV

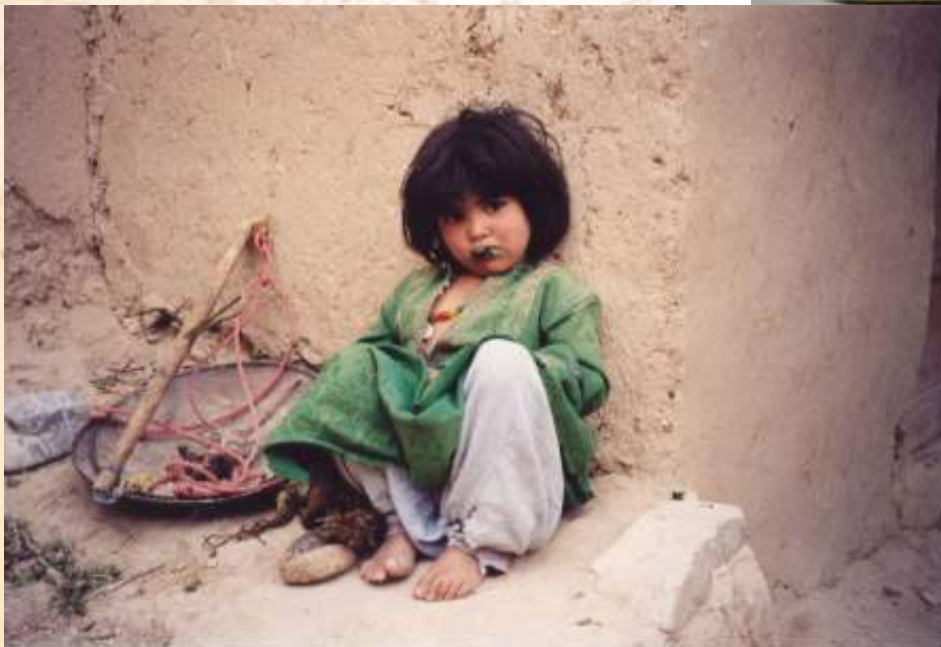


As the region continues to experience conflict and war, over 1.8 million people displaced from their homes as of now.

The Journey

From abandonment

To street life & work

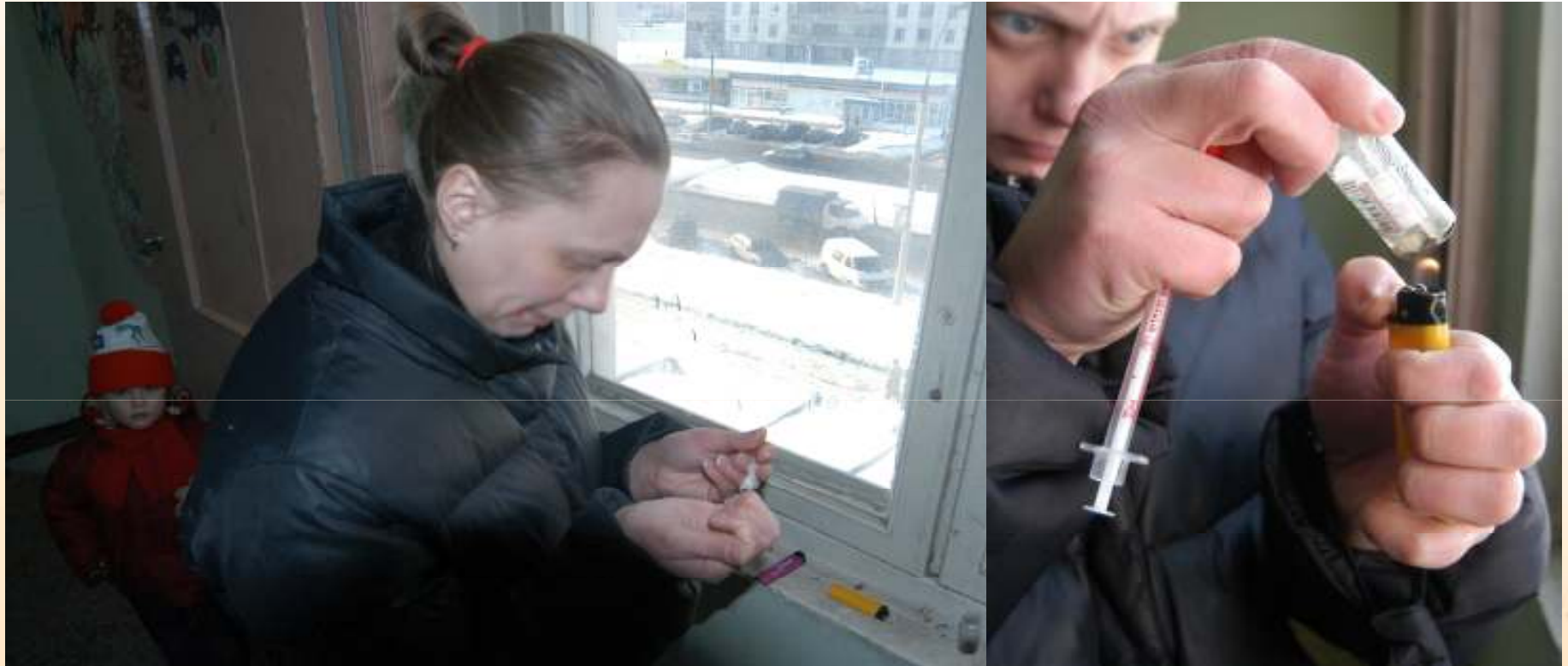


OCEANIA

- 🚫 Nearly 18 million children live in extreme poverty
- 🚫 Of one million children living in public care institutions the vast majority being social orphans

- 🚫 Street children are strikingly visible in big cities
- 🚫 200,000 people are trafficked annually
- most of them children

Uzbekistan – Harm Reduction for HIV Prevention



- ⚡ Around 17,000 beneficiaries during the past 12 months for HIV prevention
- ⚡ Prohibiting or limiting harm reduction punishes drug users, their families, loved ones and their communities.
- ⚡ Building Child Protection into harm reduction programs should be more rewarding for communities, families and most importantly children.



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GENERATION

**Our vision for every child,
life in all its fullness;**

**Our prayer for every heart,
the will to make it so.**