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Matic S, Lazarus JV, Nielsen S, Laukamm-Josten U (eds) Progress on Implementing the Dublin Declaration on Partnership to Fight HIV/AIDS in Europe and Central Asia

When the Member States of the WHO European Region signed the Dublin Declaration on Partnership to Fight HIV/AIDS in Europe and Central Asia in February 2004, they could not have known what a historic document it would become. Fully two years before the rest of the international community, the European Region made a call in this Declaration for “universal access to effective, affordable and equitable prevention, treatment and care”. Now, four years after the Declaration signing, this initial progress report, published by UNAIDS and the WHO Regional Office for Europe, takes stock of the situation in the Region by discussing which indicators can best help us to understand current efforts to combat HIV, how to interpret the most recent data collected for these indicators and how to improve HIV efforts.

The report was a massive undertaking that draws on all of the key national and international actors who were able to contribute. Readers will note that while large amounts of data on HIV and related issues exist, there is still a need to streamline indicators, to ensure that such indicators are relevant for the European Region context and to harmonize data collection.

This progress report on the Dublin Declaration is in line with global efforts to harmonize and streamline monitoring and evaluation activities. It assesses progress by using data from existing surveillance and monitoring efforts in the European Region. Major sources include routinely collected epidemiological data on HIV and STIs; data on access to HIV prevention, treatment and care services; and additional information collected through the UNGASS monitoring process, the publications of the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction and national HIV monitoring efforts. Using these data, the report qualitatively assesses the progress made on implementing the 33 actions of the Dublin Declaration. It comprises 15 thematic chapters followed by 9 country profiles.

In reviewing the thematic chapters, several broad imperatives for HIV efforts in the European Region have emerged. They include the need to:

- simplify data collection on HIV and other sexually transmitted infections, ensuring that the collected information is useful and relevant for individual countries while avoiding overlap and reducing the burden of reporting placed on the Member States;
- ensure that the information collected is accessible and available to other agencies and the general public;
- establish greater accountability;
- amend legal and regulatory frameworks to enable them to better address HIV-related stigma, exclusion and discrimination;
- intensify, scale up and improve the targeting of HIV efforts to reduce inequities;
- work for greater harmonization of the highest standards of prevention and treatment programmes and policies;
- expand the use of internationally recognized evidence-based interventions;
- strengthen cooperation between countries on such efforts;
- increase civil society and private sector involvement; and
- retain strong European political leadership and accountability for the Dublin Declaration, the Millennium Development Goals and the universal access goals.

In addition to the progress report, a much shorter policy brief with key findings and recommendations is available in English and Russian at the WHO website below.

Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) and the World Health Organization. *Monitoring progress on the Dublin Declaration on Partnership to Fight HIV/AIDS in Europe and Central Asia*. Copenhagen, WHO Regional Office for Europe, 2008. Available at www.euro.who.int/aids.



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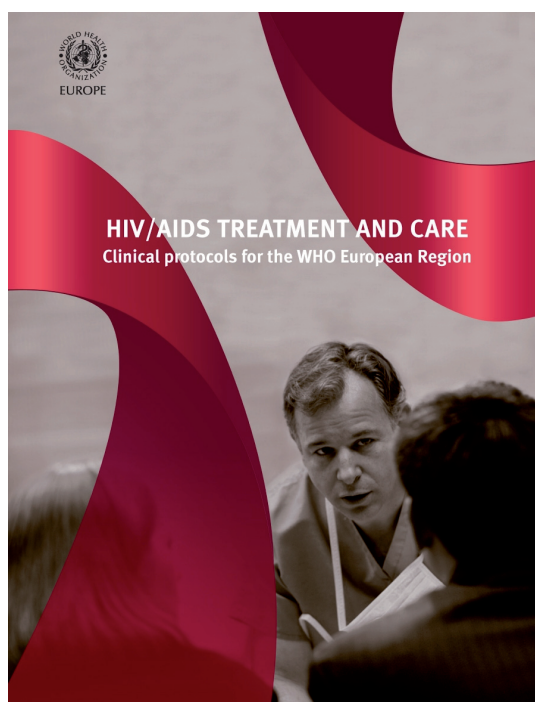




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