PROJECT FACTSHEET

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North Macedonia

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Implementer:
Združenie za poddrška na lugeto što živeat so HIV – Zaedno Posilni Skopje

Project description:

The project aims to improve the quality of life of people living with HIV in North Macedonia by strengthening access to modern treatment and promoting a more inclusive and supportive healthcare environment. It focuses on reducing stigma and discrimination, ensuring that patients can access services with dignity, respect, and without barriers. By contributing to a more responsive healthcare system, the project supports better health outcomes and social inclusion.

In parallel, the project promotes increased awareness and early detection by encouraging more people to get checked and, if needed, connect with quality care and support services. It also strengthens the capacities of patient organisations to advocate for sustainable access to life-saving medicines and improved healthcare policies. Through these actions, the project contributes to national and global efforts to end AIDS and to build a healthier and more equitable society.

Expected results:

- Increased access to timely and effective modern HIV treatment for people living with HIV.
- Reduced stigma and discrimination, leading to a more inclusive and supportive social and healthcare environment.
- Higher levels of HIV status awareness and improved linkage to care and support services.
- Measurable progress toward achieving national and global targets for ending AIDS.
- Strengthened patient organisations' capacities to advocate for patient rights and access to medicine.
- Greater involvement of patients and civil society in promoting health rights and improving healthcare services.