

## KEY FACTS ON HIV EPIDEMIC IN MONTENEGRO AND PROGRESS IN 2011

(pop. 621 240)

Montenegro is a low prevalence country with an estimated HIV prevalence of 0.01%. By the end of 2011, authorities in Montenegro had reported a cumulative total of 128 HIV cases, 62 AIDS diagnoses and 32 deaths among AIDS cases to the WHO Regional Office for Europe and the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC). For the year 2011, they reported 9 new HIV cases, 3 new AIDS cases and 1 death among AIDS cases. The rate of newly diagnosed HIV infections in 2011 was 1.5 per 100 000 population. Of the newly reported infections with information about transmission mode in 2011 (89%), 50% were infected through heterosexual contact and 50% through sex between men. 8 of the 9 newly diagnosed cases in 2011 were male. By the end of 2011, the cumulative number of reported mother-to-child transmission cases was 3 (0 in 2011).

During 2011, the total number of people tested for HIV was 22 106. Testing in Montenegro has been significantly improved by opening Counselling Centres for confidential counselling and testing/VCT, and now there is a network consisting of seven regional counselling centres in health care centres and one in the Institute for Public Health. HIV testing is anonymous and free of charge for the patient - the cost is covered by the National Health Insurance Fund. In 2011, 1 306 people received VCT services.

The number of people receiving antiretroviral therapy (ART) had increased from 13 in 2002 to 40 in 2010. One facility in the county was providing ART as of December 2010.

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