

# **Commercial Sex Worker Harm Reduction Initiative Project Directory**

**A Guide to Contacts and Services  
in Central and Eastern Europe  
and the Former Soviet Union**

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# About the OSI/ IHRD Commercial Sex Worker Initiative

**E**conomic and political changes over the past decade have created extreme financial hardship in Eastern Europe and former Soviet Union, particularly for women. These difficulties have resulted in a dramatic increase in the number of women and girls in the sex work industry, either voluntarily or against their will. Some are illegal foreign immigrants fleeing hardship and poverty in search of a better life; others are the victims of trafficking and sexual exploitation. One thing they all share is an expanded risk of HIV infection.

According to researchers, those with the least amount of control over their working environment are the most vulnerable to HIV and other sexually transmitted diseases. This tends to be younger sex workers, women who are linked to pimps and those selling sex on the street. Data also indicate a strong correlation between commercial sex work and drug use. Some drug users turn to sex work out of financial necessity to support their addiction, while sex workers often seek an escape from their harsh lives through drug use. The desperate exchange of sex for drugs or drug money is a high-risk encounter that reduces appropriate judgment around safer sexual behaviors. And clearly, the sharing of needles and syringes is a well-documented mode of HIV transmission.

In recognition of the need to provide targeted HIV prevention services to commercial sex workers (CSWs), the International Harm Reduction Development program (IHRD) announced the first of two related calls for funding proposals in May of 2000. The first grant competition (known as “Part A”) sought to enable organizations that provide social care and/or medical services to sex workers to add-on or enhance drug-related harm reduction efforts. These activities would aim to reduce the harms associated with illegal drug use that are based on a respectful and non-judgmental approach to drug users and could include: staff training on drug-related issues; needle exchange and other HIV-prevention efforts; development of health education materials for drug users; provision of condoms, bleach kits and other necessary items; targeted outreach and support services for drug users; legal services; and treatment referrals for women and men selling sexual services.

A second call for proposals was issued to all IHRD/Soros-funded harm reduction projects in June of 2000. This initiative (known as “Part B”) offered funding to create new or enhanced activities targeting the needs of sex workers. These activities could include: staff training on sex worker issues; development of health education materials for sex workers; targeted outreach and support services for sex workers; legal and medical treatment referral services for women and men engaged in sex work; and expanded needle exchange and replacement therapy services targeting sex workers.

With the help of an expert review committee and critical input from the Public Health Coordinators at the national Soros Foundations and UNDP partner offices, IHRD screened more than 60 applications from 18 different

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countries. For Part A, 10 organizations were selected in: Belarus, Bulgaria, Estonia, Poland (2), Romania, Russia, Turkmenistan, Ukraine and Uzbekistan. For Part B, 23 organizations were selected in: Belarus (1), Bulgaria (3), Latvia (1), Lithuania (1), Poland (1), Russia (8), Ukraine (7), and Slovakia (1). Direct service funding for the entire initiative totals more than \$335,000, and activities were launched at the end of 2000. There is no guarantee of multi-year funding.

Because this is a pilot effort, IHRD developed a comprehensive evaluation component. All 33 CSW projects were asked to submit quantifiable objectives that describe the number of staff and volunteers to be funded by the grant; the number of clients to be reached; the services to be delivered; and the organizational capacity to be developed.

To assist the CSW projects in meeting their goals, IHRD has created a technical assistance package that includes the following:

- IHRD works with a team of Technical Advisors (TAs). Most of the TAs live and work in CEE/FSU, and have exceptional experience in the design and delivery of harm reduction services. The TAs will visit the projects and offer needed assistance. They will especially focus on linking Part A projects with the broader harm reduction network in their respective countries and regions.
- All projects will be invited to participate in IHRD's training program. Over the next 18 months, a total of 7 different trainings are being offered to the 150+ harm reduction projects that IHRD helps to support. Each of the 33 CSW projects can send 2 people to a choice of 3 different trainings. The training topics are: organizational development; evaluation, research and technology; HIV issues; women and drug use; overdose prevention and safer injection; outreach, secondary exchange and drug education; and serving minorities and community outreach.
- The 10 Part A organizations will be invited to participate in a special workshop on harm reduction and sex worker issues. IHRD has identified a training team to facilitate this effort and arrange appropriate site visits.
- IHRD wants to support linkages among the 33 CSW projects and between the CSW projects and existing networks that address sex work issues in both the East and West. All grantees will receive ongoing updates about sex worker-related issues, including access to educational materials, research reports and conferences. Additionally, IHRD will support project staff to participate in skills building seminars and meetings, as much as possible. Beyond direct service funding, IHRD has made grants to several organizations addressing CSW issues, such as supporting the European Project AIDS and Mobility for their upcoming conference entitled, "East-West mobility in Europe: Overcoming barriers to HIV prevention for migrant sex workers."

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The Vitebsk Women's Club was established in 1995 to reach women IDU with information, education, condoms, clean syringes and harm reduction supplies, and basic medical and psychosocial services. The Vitebsk Women's Club also supports AIDS awareness media campaigns and HIV education in schools and prisons. The CSW initiative will support nine staff and ten volunteers to reach 120 commercial sex workers with harm reduction efforts.

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Vstrecha has worked since 1995 to initiate HIV awareness and prevention services for a population of about 3,000 men who have sex with men in Minsk. This new CSW initiative will support a new population needs assessment and new outreach and harm reduction services targeted to male sex workers in Minsk.

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Dose of Love is a small and relatively new organization providing legal, medical and social services to injection drug users in the Black Sea port of Burgas. Dose of Love provides needle exchange, condom distribution, and free HIV and hepatitis B and C testing, counseling and referrals. The new CSW initiative will support new peer outreach staff to engage sex workers in drug-related harm reduction counseling and services.

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HSEF, and its predecessor agency "AIDS Campaign" have operated a sex worker outreach project for four years in Sofia, at the Greek border, at the Macedonian border at Kjustendil, and at the two major towns Vidin and Russe on the Romanian border. HSEF also conducts a health promotion project among Roma women in Sofia and Kjustendil. The new CSW funding will support six new outreach staff and four volunteers to reach an additional 300 women with education, harm reduction, skills building and support.

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The Initiative for Health Foundation is a drug harm reduction program that has provided health education and mobile syringe exchange in Sofia since 1997. The new CSW project will support two outreach workers and a driver to reach sex workers and engage those who are using drugs into drug-related harm reduction.

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Pleven 21st Century is an agency established in 1999 to improve health in the Pleven region through health awareness, peer education and prevention efforts. Pleven 21st Century has operated a harm reduction program for injection drug users for the past year, and will expand street outreach and harm reduction to reach approximately fifty commercial sex workers under this initiative.

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The Estonian AIDS Information and Support Center has had programs specifically for commercial sex workers since 1994 and for injection drug users since 1997, seeking to provide non-judgmental and appropriate services to vulnerable populations and to reduce official and societal stigma of HIV, drug use and sex work. The organization has worked to address cross-border travel and transportation of Russian and Estonian women to Finland, Sweden and other countries. This new CSW initiative will support four staff and eight volunteers to work with sex workers in Tallinn, Parnu and Narva.

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The AIDS Prevention Center is the leading agency for epidemiology and HIV surveillance in Latvia, and conducts AIDS awareness campaigns, professional trainings about HIV and AIDS, and has recently established a pilot syringe exchange program. Under this new CSW initiative, the AIDS Prevention Center will support five staff and three volunteers to build trust with sex worker populations and link sex workers with the services offered by the center.

## LITHUANIA

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The Vilnius Substance Abuse Treatment Center is a large, well-established organization with many years of experience in providing syringe exchange, substance use treatment and detox services, methadone maintenance, in-person and hotline counseling, comprehensive medical services, and professional training and advocacy on issues related to substance use and harm reduction. New CSW initiative funding will support three outreach staff to engage at least forty commercial sex workers in harm reduction services.

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The Cracow Association of Help to Drug Dependent People has nine years of experience in providing on-site drug treatment and harm reduction, on-site support groups for people with HIV, education and drug-related harm reduction for women in prison, syringe exchange, and shelter for the homeless. The organization currently provides services to approximately 50 female street sex workers and 40 men who have sex with men. The new CSW funding will support six outreach workers to contact sex workers on the streets and in the gay clubs of Cracow to engage these populations in drug-related and HIV-related harm reduction services.

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The TADA Harm Reduction Program has worked for five years to reduce the spread of HIV and STDs in Poland and to provide associated psychosocial, legal and basic medical assistance to vulnerable populations. With new CSW initiative funding, TADA will support teams of outreach workers in Warsaw, Szczecin, Poznan, Bialystok and Gdansk to provide information and referrals, psychosocial and legal counseling, syringe exchange and harm reduction services.

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The Youth Counseling and Sex Education Unit has provided youth counseling related to sexual health and drug use since 1984, and has worked with TADA and other organizations to conduct street outreach to sex workers for several years. The new CSW initiative will partially support three street workers and additional staff to conduct sustained outreach at the German border and to work with officials to improve harm reduction services for sex workers in the region.

## ROMANIA

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Founded in 1992, ARAS is an established agency dedicated to providing AIDS information and education, offering a range of social services, and promoting the health and rights of people living with HIV and AIDS. For the past year, ARAS has operated an HIV prevention program targeted to sex workers and their clients in three sex trade areas of Bucharest, and has worked with public health authorities to expand services to this population. This new CSW initiative will support one staff person and ten volunteers to allow ARAS to expand its drug-related harm reduction efforts with sex workers who are using drugs.

## RUSSIA

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The Against AIDS Fund in Penza was founded as an HIV prevention organization in 1995. The new CSW initiative will allow the Against AIDS Fund to support seven outreach and direct service staff to extend its syringe exchange, peer education, STD counseling and screening, legal counseling, and other services to commercial sex workers in the Penza oblast.

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AIDS Infoshare is one of Russia's largest AIDS resource and training centers, and has run a project to provide outreach, education and direct services to commercial sex workers for three years. AIDS Infoshare has produced a range of educational materials, and has conducted numerous trainings for Russian AIDS service organizations and health professionals in eight Russian regions. Funding from the IHRD CSW initiative will allow AIDS Infoshare to conduct two large training seminars related to sex worker outreach and harm reduction counseling, and will support the production of a brochure, a wallet card, a counseling guide and a newsletter focused on harm reduction for sex workers.

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The AIDS-Stop Foundation has conducted HIV and STD prevention and harm reduction services among youth, drug users and sex workers in Novorossiysk since 1998. This new CSW initiative will support five new staff and two volunteers to reach approximately 370 sex workers with peer outreach, toll-free hotline counseling, and on-site STD and mental health counseling.

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The Krasnoyarsk Regional Youth Community Organization "We Are Against AIDS" Project was founded in 1997 to initiate HIV awareness and prevention campaigns in Krasnoyarsk. The agency's new CSW project will support six staff and several peer outreach workers to offer condoms, information, syringe exchange and HIV testing to approximately 500 sex workers in the Leninsky / Right Shore District and on highways around Krasnoyarsk.

## Maria (Mothers Against Drugs)

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Founded in 1996, Maria provides harm reduction and syringe exchange, in-patient and out-patient drug rehabilitation, group and individual counseling and legal services targeted to drug users in the Volgograd region. Maria also conducts public awareness campaigns and trainings for parent and teacher organizations and law enforcement. This new CSW initiative will support six new staff and several volunteer outreach workers to offer information and services tailored specifically to sex workers.

## RUSSIA (continued)

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The Saratov branch of NADA (No to Alcohol and Drugs) has provided harm reduction services to injection drug users since 1998. This new CSW project will support seven staff to train 30 volunteer peer outreach workers and offer harm reduction and syringe exchange, HIV and STD screening, medical check-ups and basic obstetric and gynecological care to high-risk women in the Saratov region.

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Pervouralsk Without Drugs is a relatively new organization created to provide harm reduction, addictions counseling, syringe exchange and HIV and STD prevention support to drug users in Pervouralsk. The new CSW initiative will support six staff and several volunteers to reach approximately 200 women with information, education and counseling tailored specifically to the needs of commercial sex workers.

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Founded in 1988, the Return Foundation serves more than 8,500 injection drug users in St. Petersburg through its syringe exchange and drug treatment center. The Return Foundation also provides hotline information and counseling, mobile van outreach, and a medical and social support program for drug-using women and their children. The new CSW initiative will support three staff and two volunteers to expand outreach specifically to commercial sex workers and increase the accessibility of its HIV testing and counseling, basic medical consultations, harm reduction and drug treatment programs to sex workers in St. Petersburg.

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The Tartarstan Republic Center on AIDS Prevention was established in 1989 to initiate HIV prevention campaigns, offer HIV testing, and organize treatment and support of people with HIV in the Republic of Tartarstan. The new Project Renewal CSW initiative will support three full-time outreach workers and several other staff and volunteers to improve accessibility of health and harm reduction services to sex workers. The project plans to reach approximately 500 sex workers and plans to conduct trainings for medical workers and local militia.

## SLOVAKIA

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Odyseus is an organization created in 1997 to help drug users and sex workers protect their health and well-being. The agency works to offer street-based needle exchange, safer sex education and HIV testing, and provides advocacy and extensive training for injection drug users and sex workers. The new CSW initiative will support four staff and fifteen volunteers to extend outreach hours, produce new outreach materials, provide additional training for outreach staff, and reach a new population of young Roma women outside of Bratislava.

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Annageldy was founded in 1993 to provide health education, training and social services to a range of populations in Turkmenistan. The new Annageldy CSW initiative will support two staff and approximately five volunteers to reach 500 women in Ashgabat, Blakanabad, and Turkmenbashi.

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All Together is a new and relatively small organization created to build AIDS awareness and mobilize HIV prevention efforts among high-risk injection drug users and sex workers in Lviv. The new CSW initiative will partially support three outreach workers and three other staff to expand harm reduction efforts targeted to commercial sex workers.

### Anti-AIDS Charitable Fund

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The Anti-AIDS Charitable Fund was founded in 1995 to provide HIV prevention, care, support and harm reduction programs in central Ukraine. The new CSW project will support one new counselor, two current staff and two volunteers to expand outreach, education, and harm reduction services to sex workers and their clients along the Kiev-Kharkov highway.

### Donetsk Society of Assistance for the AIDS-Infected

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Founded by a group of doctors in 1996 to mobilize AIDS awareness and improved services for people with HIV, the Donetsk Society of Assistance for the AIDS-Infected conducts AIDS education campaigns and serves more than 3,000 people with harm reduction, psychosocial support, basic medical care and other services. The new CSW project will support eight staff and ten volunteers to reach at least 400 sex workers with information, offer a range of health services, and conduct trainings with local legislators and militia.

### Nikolaev Charity Fund - Unitus

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Unitus is a new organization dedicated to HIV and STD prevention in the Nikolaev region of southern Ukraine. The new CSW initiative will support six staff and twelve volunteers to reach at least 100 sex workers with information, counseling, condoms, clean syringes, and an array of basic medical and psychosocial services.

### Poryatunok

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Poryatunok is a relatively new organization that runs a four-site syringe exchange and harm reduction program serving more than 700 injection drug users in the Kremenchuk region. The new CSW initiative will support four outreach volunteers to expand its contacts with commercial sex workers and offer harm reduction counseling and services, HIV and STD screening and basic medical care to approximately 100 new clients.

## UKRAINE (continued)

### Odessa Charity Fund “The Way Home”

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The Way Home was created in 1996 to offer medical, psychosocial and legal services to homeless people, neglected children and drug users in Odessa. The harm reduction program of The Way Home now serves more than 500 people each day. The new CSW project will support seven staff and five volunteers to expand mobile outreach, information materials, harm reduction, legal services, HIV and STD testing and treatment, and basic medical care and referrals targeted specifically to the sex workers in and around Odessa.

### Regional SALUS Foundation

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The SALUS Foundation in Lviv was founded in 1996 to improve HIV and STD prevention, testing and treatment in the western Ukraine, focusing particularly on the needs of drug users, sex workers and men who have sex with men. SALUS conducts broad AIDS awareness campaigns, HIV and sexual health education, peer and professional counseling, HIV and STD screening, rape crisis counseling, and a program to prevent trafficking of female sex workers in the western Ukraine. The new CSW funding will partially support eight staff and eight volunteers to expand outreach and harm reduction services to sex workers in the Lviv region.

### Vinnitsa Public Congress “Stalist”

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Founded in 1998, Stalist has a mission of preventing AIDS, STDs and drug addiction, and operates school-based AIDS prevention program for youth, and a harm reduction program reaching more than 500 injection drug users. The new CSW funding will partially support seven staff and a large number of volunteers to expand its mobile outreach efforts, offer increased psychosocial and legal services, and work with local authorities, police and health care officials to improve the health of sex workers in the Vinnitsa region.

## UZBEKISTAN

### Women and Children Centre “SABO”

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Founded in 1998, SABO has focused on creating educational programs and social services for high-risk women and youth, including injecting drug users and commercial sex workers, in Uzbekistan. In its first two years, SABO developed information, education and counseling programs, legal counseling, food assistance and contraceptive distribution efforts. SABO's new CSW initiative will support eight staff and twelve peer outreach workers to reach 480 women in eleven districts in Tashkent.

## OSI Partners

At the core of the Soros Foundation network are the national and regional foundations in more than 29 countries. IHRD also works with the United Nations Development Program in countries where it is not possible to work within the Soros Foundation network. Below is a list of public health contacts that work on harm reduction issues at partner foundations and organizations in 25 countries of Central and Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Republics. The priorities and specific activities of these foundations and organizations vary greatly, but all share a common mission of promoting and supporting more open societies. Further information about these foundations and organizations can be found on the Soros Foundation network's website at [www.soros.org](http://www.soros.org)

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## Additional Contacts for Funding, Training and Technical Assistance

Many international organizations are becoming increasingly involved in supporting educational, medical, legal and social interventions related to sex work, drug use and HIV. With the intent of helping to link IHRD-funded programs with these international agencies, we provide introductory lists below. The following lists are not meant to be comprehensive, but are a starting point for individual projects to identify appropriate information networks, funders and in-country resource contacts.

## Additional Contacts for Funding, Training and Technical Assistance

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