

*DoD HIV/AIDS Prevention Program
Status Report
May 2003 to September 2004*



Russian Federation



BACKGROUND

Introduction/General Information

The population of Russia is estimated at 143.78 million people, with an average life expectancy of 66.4 years. Russian is the official language, with the estimated literacy rate at 99.6%. Russia is an industrial economy, although still in economic re-development. The annual per capita income is estimated at \$9,700.

Country HIV/AIDS Statistics and Risk Factors

The HIV/AIDS prevalence rate in the general population is estimated to be 0.9%, with an estimated 860,000 people living with HIV/AIDS.

Military HIV/AIDS Information

There are no reliable estimates of the size of the Russian military. There has been no forcewide testing, making the HIV prevalence rate unavailable.

PROPOSED PROGRAM

Russia has not submitted a plan for HIV/AIDS prevention as of this date; however, the joint US–Russia *Current Issues in Prevention, Diagnosis, and Treatment of HIV and AIDS in the Military* workshop was held in Moscow, 31 August to 2 September 2004, including more than

120 attendees representing militaries in 17 countries. Workshop proceedings have been completed and will be published soon.

PROGRAM RESPONSE

Military-to-Military

DHAPP staff met with representatives from the Russian Federation Ministry of Defense (MOD) in June 2003 to develop plans and strategies for implementing an HIV/AIDS prevention program within all branches of the Russian military. In March 2004, DHAPP staff met with the Country Team to determine the venue, agenda and list of countries to be included in the August–September 2004 regional workshop. Copies of a wide range of HIV/AIDS training publications (translated from English to Russian) were also provided on CD-ROM media. DHAPP funds were also used to purchase computer and audio-visual equipment needed to support briefings during the August–September 2004 regional workshop, with the understanding that those items would be transferred to the Russian MOD for use in HIV/AIDS prevention media development and educational programs for Russian military officers and enlisted personnel.

Contractor-Based Assistance

None during this reporting period.

Clinical Provider Training

DHAPP funds sponsored a total of 7 representatives from the Russian Ministry of Defense (including primary care physicians, epidemiologists and diagnosticians) in separate MIHTP courses—the first in January-February 2004; the second in April-May 2004.

Interoperability

None during this reporting period.

PROGRAM IMPACT

Master Trainers and Peer Educators

None during this reporting period.

Number of Troops Trained

None during this reporting period.

Potential Number of Troops Affected

The entire Russian Federation Ministry of Defense has the potential to be reached with these efforts.

Counseling and Testing (CT)

DHAPP funds were used to provide materials or equipment (e.g., computers, audio-visual devices, etc.) needed to develop and implement HIV/AIDS prevention training for military populations, counselors and medical personnel; and to support other activities associated with the prevention of HIV/AIDS in the Russian Federation Ministry of Defense.

Laboratory Capability/Infrastructure

DHAPP funds were used to establish or enhance HIV/AIDS diagnostic testing capacity (e.g., infrastructure, laboratory equipment and supplies).

Mass Awareness

None during this reporting period.