



## RUSSIA

# DHAPP

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE HIV/AIDS  
PREVENTION PROGRAM

REDUCING THE INCIDENCE OF HIV/AIDS  
AMONG UNIFORMED PERSONNEL IN  
SELECTED AFRICAN NATIONS AND  
BEYOND

## WINNING BATTLES IN THE WAR AGAINST HIV/AIDS

### BACKGROUND

#### **Country Statistics**

The estimated population of Russia is 141 million people, with an average life expectancy of 66 years. Russian is the official language of Russia, which has an estimated literacy rate of 99%, evenly distributed between men and women. Russia ended 2008 with its tenth straight year of growth, averaging 7% annually since the financial crisis of 1998. Although the Russian Government has laid out plans to diversify the economy, energy and other raw materials still dominate Russian exports. Over the last 6 years, fixed capital investment growth and personal income growth have averaged above 10%, but both grew at slower rates in 2008. During the past decade, poverty has declined steadily and the middle class has continued to expand. Russia has also improved its international financial position, running surpluses since 2000. The GDP per capita is \$15,800.

#### **HIV/AIDS Statistics**

The HIV prevalence rate in Russia's general population is estimated at 1.1%, with approximately 940,000 individuals living with HIV/AIDS. The most vulnerable populations in Russia include intravenous drug users, commercial sex workers, and men who have sex with men.

#### **Military Statistics**

The Russian military consists of approximately 1.1 million active-duty members. Russia expends 3.9% of the GDP on the military. Military HIV prevalence rates are unknown.

## PROGRAM RESPONSE

### **In-Country Ongoing Assistance**

Bilateral military programs for HIV prevention in the Russian military were suspended during FY08.

## OUTCOMES & IMPACT

No activities occurred during this fiscal year because the bilateral military HIV programs have been suspended indefinitely by the US Embassy in Moscow. Programs supported by other PEPFAR agencies (USAID and CDC) are in the process of being mainstreamed into Russian governmental agencies as the Russian economy and infrastructure continue to improve.

