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Self-Identity, Risk and Health perception among adolescents

Factors of risky sexual behavioral practices among Ukrainian adolescents



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Convention on the Rights of the Child

Committee on the Rights of the Child

General comment No. 20 (2016) on the implementation of the rights of the child during adolescence

59. The Committee urges States to adopt comprehensive gender and sexuality-sensitive sexual and reproductive health policies for adolescents, emphasizing that unequal access by adolescents to such information, commodities and services amounts to discrimination. Lack of access to such services contributes to adolescent girls being the group most at risk of dying or suffering serious or lifelong injuries in pregnancy and childbirth. All adolescents should have access to free, confidential, adolescent-responsive and non-discriminatory sexual and reproductive health services, information and education, available both online and in person, including on family planning, contraception, including emergency contraception, prevention, care and treatment of sexually transmitted infections, counselling, pre-conception care, maternal health services and menstrual hygiene.

Health Behaviour in School-aged Children WHO cross-national study

Study waves in Ukraine: 2002, 2006, 2010, 2014, 2018* (* for 2018 data – preliminary results are included, N >12 000)

For investigation of the sexual behavioral

- Mandatory questions
- Optional questions
- Country specific questions (HIV: awareness, access)



Partners of the study:

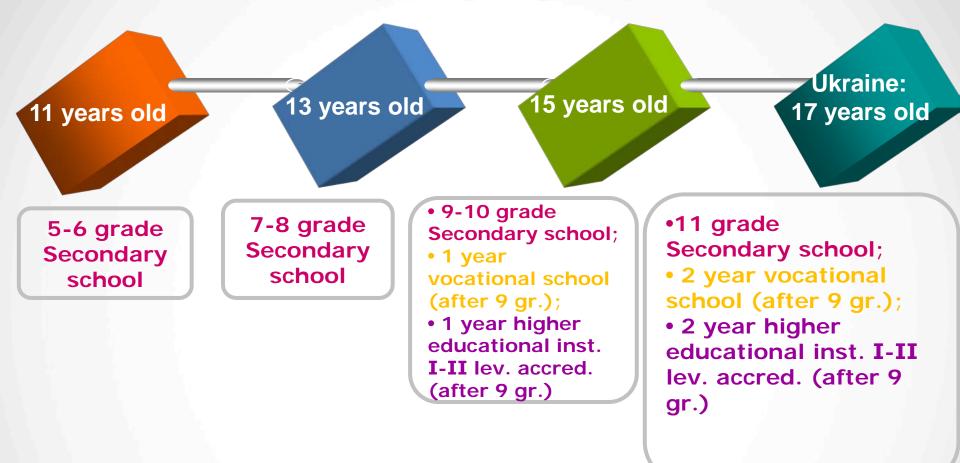
- Ministry of Health of Ukraine (working group)
- Ministry of education and science of Ukraine
- Ministry for Youth and sports of Ukraine
- Ministry for Social policy of Ukraine
- UNICEF Ukraine
- World Health Organization
- Public Health Center

- AFEW

National Sample size enables analysis by age, gender, type of settlement, region, type of family material status etc.

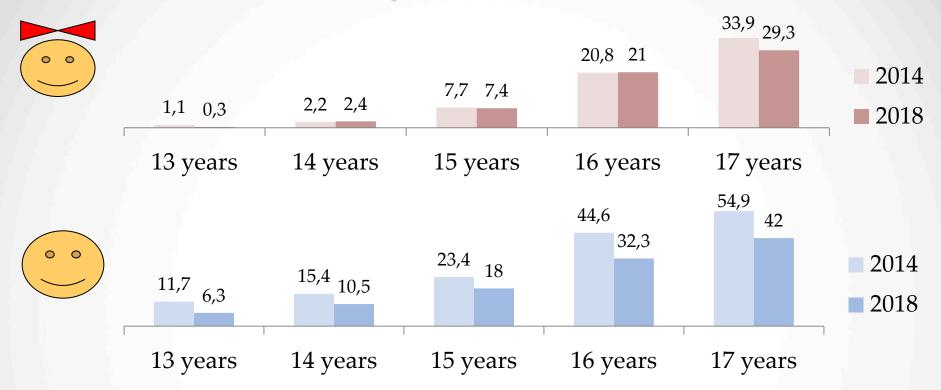
Methodology– self-administrated questionnaire in formal classrooms + Individual envelope

Study target groups:

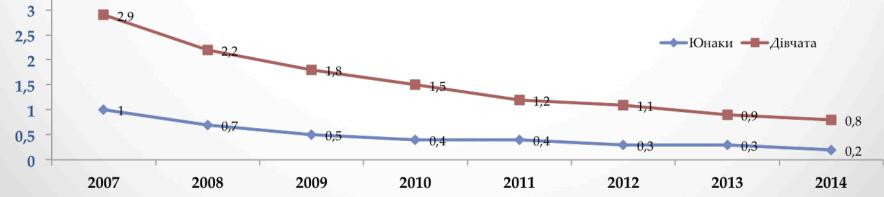


Age range: from 10 to 18 years old adolescents.

Sexual behavior: experience of sexual intercourse



The incidence of syphilis in Ukraine (MOH data), among adolescents 15-17 years of age, by 10 thousand people



Sexual behavior: experience of sexual intercourse (2)

MICS-2012:

of 15.

23,2% among 15-19 year olds and 84.5% among 20-24 year-olds have had an experience of sexual intercourse.< 1% women aged 15-24 had their debut before they have reached the age

Abortions

56 girls under the age
of 14
855 girls aged 15-17
years old

Official MOH data, 2016

Child deliveries

118 girls under the age of 14

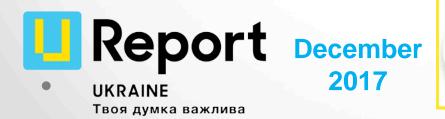
4702 *girls* aged 15-17 years old

Sexual behavior: condom use

HBSC-2014 data shows that girls aged 14-17 years are more likely than boys to report condom negligence during their last sexual intercourse. Preliminary results in 2018 – no big gender differences. 2014 (2018): 13% (23%) 31% (26%)

Adolescents under the age of 15 are more vulnerable and more likely to practice unprotected sex

Every fifth teenager, who is sexually active, uses condom during every sexual intercourse







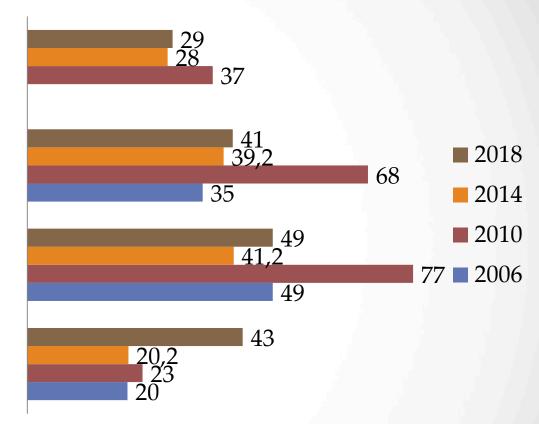
Awareness level on HIV prevention

postpone the beginning of sexual life

limit number of sexual partners

to use condom during every sexual intercourse

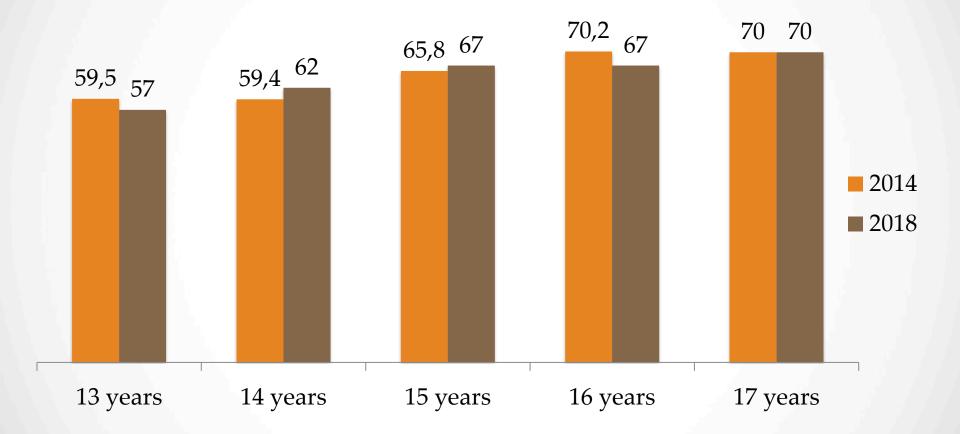
to get vaccinated



Correctly define the ways of HIV transmission 17% (2018) 21,4% (2014), 17% (2010), 15% (2006)

Adolescent knowledge on HIV testing

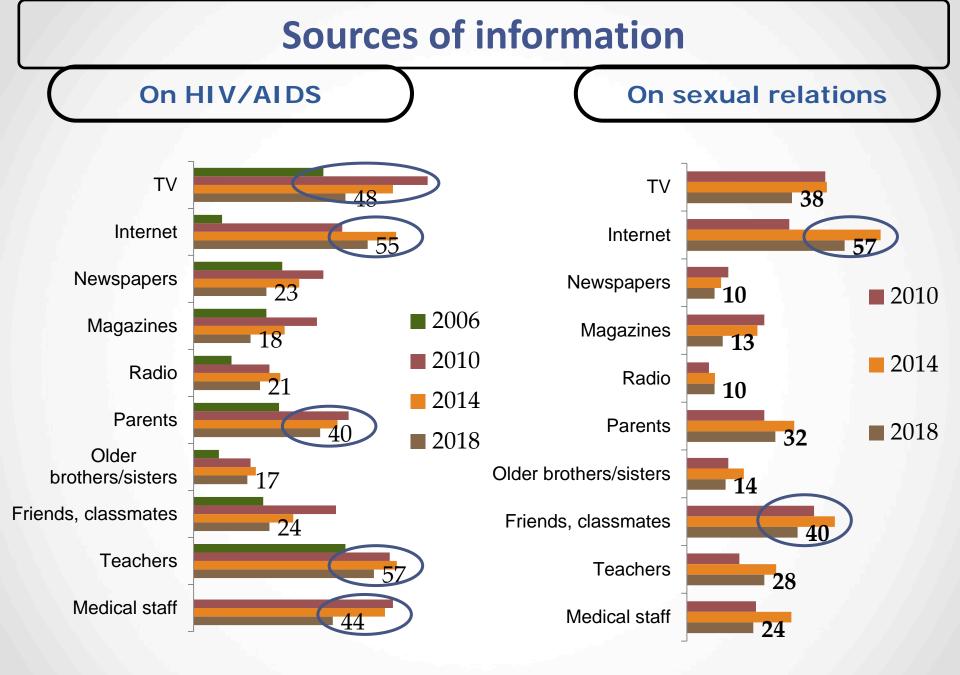
Adolescents who know where to go if they want to get tested for HIV,%



<u>2018 (11-17 y.o.)</u>: \bigcirc 55%

60%

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Factors of risky sexual behavioral practices

- Low level of sexual culture
- Gender stereotypes
- Low awareness of safe sex practices (unwanted pregnancy, STDs)
- No availability of condoms (price, cultural norms, quality)
- Limited opportunities of the discussion, consultation (parents and teachers are not ready; limited consultation time and unclear areas of responsibilities for medical workers; shortage of social workers etc.)
- Demonstrative sexuality is still a norm (mass media, marketing etc.)
- Social risk factors restructured families with stepfathers; fathers pay less attention; conflict families; bullying; peers, who use psychoactive substances.

Recommendations

•Expand the interaction network of Youth Friendly Clinic (YFC) with medical staff working in schools, increase trust and motivation of young people's to address to YFC.

 Improve the process of preparing professionals for Sexology and reproductive health in pedagogical and medical schools.

 Inform teens about places where they can get tested for HIV or to obtain necessary information on HIV and STI transmission.

•To increase the awareness of children and adolescents as a necessary means to ensure the preparation and awareness of teachers and other staff of educational institutions on HIV/AIDS, HIV transmission, healthy lifestyle.

•Further conduct of sociological research among teenagers in Ukraine within international research projects.

Priority steps

SIGNIFICANTLY IMPORTANT:

•Strengthening the informing of adolescents about safe behavioral patterns.

•Involvement of adolescents in modern innovative projects in order to form sexual culture.

•Motivation for HIV testing and counseling, including information dissemination on adolescents' opportunity for HIV testing from the age of 14 years without the need to have parental consent.

•Development of the system of adolescents' effective referral in accordance with their medical, social and psychological needs.

•Providing **focused preventive services** that meet the adolescents' needs of adolescents.

•Strengthening organizational, technical and staffing capacity of organizations working with adolescents.

•Professional development of specialists responsible for the formation of sexual culture of children and adolescents

Achievements

- Implementation of the integrated course «Health Basics» with the • further advocacy to promote it to the curricula of high school level and vocational schools
- National program "Health-2020: Ukrainian dimension" lacksquare
- National Targeted Social Program to Fight HIV/AIDS in 2014–2018 • (adolescents are included in the program)
- General comment No. 20 (2016) on the implementation of the rights \bullet of the child during adolescence was presented on December 6th, 2016. Informational materials are being prepared for medical, social workers, decision makers using HBSC data.
- Advocacy report "Strengthening the Adolescent Component of the HIV/AIDS programme"
- Creation of a working group under the Ministry of Health of Ukraine to promote the integration of services aimed at adolescents into the primary health care system as a part of the current health care reform in Ukraine



Increasing awareness



«Knowledge Center» is an online resource for Eastern Europe and Central Asia region*.

Main goal: to mitigate the HIV risk among adolescents by:

- achieving the improved health and social protection outcomes and supporting the progressive realization of their right;
- providing information and learning possibilities
- Improving communication and knowledge sharing
- Providing support for sustainable development of organizations that work in the area of HIV prevention among adolescents and youth.

• «Knowledge Center» has been created primarily for representatives of governmental and non-governmental organizations working on HIV prevention among adolescents. The platform is useful for decision makers, researchers, parents as well as for adolescents themselves.

*Ukraine, Belarus, Moldova, Georgia, Azerbaijan

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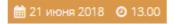
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