

■ Promote and develop multi-faceted services carried out by the partners, through local training and the preparation of educational materials

■ Promote and develop a peer education program for sex workers and a good practices guideline, which includes reports, a manual, and campaign materials

WP3

Create and enable policy environment to increase the access to HIV/AIDS and STI services for sex workers

To promote human rights and equality regarding public health policies and accessibility to these services, and enable legal and policy changes for preventing and addressing violence against sex workers, implement the following activities:

■ Develop human rights-based advocacy tools for national implementation, including policy papers and the development of regional and national campaigns

■ Address violence against sex workers by producing a booklet with cases of gender-based violence against sex workers

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**Strengthening
of HIV/STI
interventions in
sex work
in Russia and
the Ukraine**

Due to processes of marginalisation, stigmatisation and criminalisation, sex workers in the regions of St. Petersburg and Lviv are a significantly vulnerable population to HIV/AIDS and STI. Structural determinants - such as limited access to services and assistance, violence and drug use - contribute to their social exclusion.



The CONECTA project, developed by the Tampep International Foundation (Netherlands) in partnership with the Humanitarian Action (Russia), and the Salus Charitable Foundation (Ukraine), aims to reduce the transmission of HIV and STI among sex workers, while developing comprehensive and rights-based services and approaches for sex workers in the region of St Petersburg (Russia) and Lviv (Ukraine).

The project's goal is to increase the effectiveness of service providers, community based organisations (CBO) and policy makers by implementing a programmatic approach to HIV and STI among sex workers. Moreover, to develop a good practices model in line with international human rights standards that can be replicated on a national scale.

Beneficiaries ■ The project targets service providers and sex workers in the framework of building up comprehensive multifaceted services addressing sex workers' specific needs in Russia and the Ukraine.

Activities ■ To implement the CONECTA project, the Tampep International Foundation, Humanitarian Action and the Salus Charitable Foundation, along with regional networks, and making use of their long expertise and partnership, carries out activities in three main areas (work packages) in order to reach its goals.



WP1

Build up capacity in information, dissemination and networking

To **improve** the capacity of NGOs and CBOs in the development of a comprehensive regional response to the extreme vulnerabilities of sex workers to HIV and STI, implement the following activities:

- Produce a Russian and a Ukrainian National Prostitution Mapping Report
- Produce two Regional Prostitution Mapping Reports, one of the St. Petersburg and one of the Lviv areas
- Promote and improve the communication among NGOs that provide services for sex workers, by means of national training programmes, one regional seminar, and regional newsletters.

WP2

Enhance the possibilities of services to respond to sex workers' needs

To **strengthen** the capacities of service providers and CBOs in developing comprehensive, accessible, acceptable, sustainable, high-quality, and user-friendly HIV and STI prevention, treatment, care and support, implement the following activities: