



## Eurasian Women's Network on AIDS

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**Consortium Lead organization:** EHRA.

**Consortium partners:** ECOM, EWNA, Teenergizer, SWAN.

**Reporting period:** 01 January – 31 December 2022

**Activity 1:** Consortium Management and Coordination: face-to-face and virtual meetings of consortia members to strategize for collaboration, to reflect on progress, to plan collaboration and joint advocacy, to discuss lessons learnt.

Description	Objective	Main results
Face-to-face meetings of consortia members	Meetings of consortia members to strategize for collaboration, to reflect on progress, to plan collaboration and joint advocacy, to discuss lessons learnt.	Face-to-face meeting was canceled due to the war.

**Activity 3:** Follow good governance practices by conducting Governance/Board regular meetings and general assemblies to keep networks transparent, accountable and responsible.

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EWNA Annual General Assembly	Ensuring the accountability of the Board and the Secretariat, reviewing the implementation of the Network's strategic plan, and strengthening the capacity of EWNA women activists.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Reports on the programmatic and financial activities of the Secretariat and the Board of the Network for the year of 2021 were approved.</li> <li>2. An audit of the goals and objectives of the Network's strategic, operational and communications plan was conducted.</li> <li>3. Participants discussed the dynamics of the membership and the election of country representatives.</li> <li>4. Presentation of the EWNA member code of conduct and implementation of the document in the professional practice of the Organisation.</li> <li>5. An experience exchange platform was organised with the supervisory board and EWNA partners (EHRA, ECOM, ENPUD, UNAIDS, UNFPA).</li> </ol>

**Activity 4:** Provide expert support to ISP-led national organizations by conducting technical assistance and field visits on community-led monitoring, budget advocacy/ resource accountability, funding and accessibility of quality and gender-sensitive services for ISPs, government relations, public relations.

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<p>EWNA Consultant to organise FGD and ensure community engagement with CEDAW submissions (Belarus and Uzbekistan)</p>	<p>Engaging with regional, intra-regional and global rights and treaty bodies and policy fora to advance advocacy agenda. Main objective: to ensure that access to services for women ISPs is included in key policy agendas and country human rights reports.</p>	<p>In January 2022, the Eurasian Women’s Network on AIDS filed an alternative report on Uzbekistan's compliance with the CEDAW Convention for women living with HIV. In its concluding observations, the CEDAW Committee recommended Uzbekistan to (1) decriminalise HIV transmission, (2) remove the ban on adoption for people living with HIV, and (3) oppose violence against women living with HIV and women from key populations.  <a href="https://ewna.org/2022/03/03/cedaw-recomendation-to-uzbekistan/">https://ewna.org/2022/03/03/cedaw-recomendation-to-uzbekistan/</a></p> <p>In January 2022, organisations and/or representatives of women living with HIV and women who use drugs in Belarus participated in preparing and submitting a shadow report to the UN Committee CEDAW (83rd PSWG, 2022) led by EWNA.  <a href="https://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/15/treatybodyexternal/Download.aspx?symbolno=INT%2FCEAW%2FNGO%2FBLR%2F47764&amp;Lang=ru">https://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/15/treatybodyexternal/Download.aspx?symbolno=INT%2FCEAW%2FNGO%2FBLR%2F47764&amp;Lang=ru</a></p> <p>In the List of issues and questions prior to the submission of the 9th periodic report of Belarus, the CEDAW Committee asked to indicate the steps taken by the State party to: (1) Protect other vulnerable groups of women and girls, such as women living with HIV/AIDS and children, including girls, subjected to corporal punishment; (2) Encourage women who are survivors of domestic violence to report it, ensure victim-centred services, such as a counselling hotline and services targeting the specific needs of women with disabilities and women living with HIV/AIDS, and the availability of crisis rooms and shelters, including for long-term stays; (3) Remove the administrative liability (fines and arrest) of women sex workers and prohibit the disclosure of any related information by the authorities to third parties  <a href="https://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/15/treatybodyexternal/Download.aspx?symbolno=CEAW%2FC%2FBLR%2FQPR%2F9&amp;Lang=en">https://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/15/treatybodyexternal/Download.aspx?symbolno=CEAW%2FC%2FBLR%2FQPR%2F9&amp;Lang=en</a></p>

**Activity 6:** Building resilience of ISP-led organizations so that they can continue to provide uninterrupted advocacy and essential HIV and other services for ISP communities they serve by delivering 3rd online course on sustainability and survival of NGOs; engaging LGBT organizations to build new strategic country level partnerships with foreign embassies; develop new community-led strategies on HIV and mental health services integration.

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EWNA Consultant to conduct supervisions for women-leaders	Providing psychological assistance to women-leaders to overcome stress and other conditions during an emergency situation.	163 individual psychotherapy sessions for EECA women-leaders were conducted.

**Activity 6:** Overcoming gender-based and human rights barriers to services and ensuring safety of activists in case of violence by supporting national actions on “No Excuse for Violence!” campaign, conducting Annual Feminist School, developing policy paper on intersectionality and health.

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“No Excuse for Violence!” campaign	Overcoming gender-based and human rights barriers to services and ensuring safety of women activists in case of violence	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. With the International campaign for the elimination of violence against women 2022, the Eurasian Women’s Network on AIDS (EWNA) and the Women and Harm Reduction International Network (WHRIN) called for an end to all forms of violence against women who use drugs in the joint statement.</li> <li>2. EWNA provided mini-grants to women activists from 8 countries (Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, Moldova, Ukraine and Estonia) as a part of the 8th regional campaign “No excuse for violence!”. They held women-led activities aimed to mobilize the community of women who use drugs against violence in the EECA region.</li> <li>3. From November 25th to December 10th EWNA has posted violence survivors stories on its Facebook page.</li> <li>4. Campaign was supported by the Alliance for Public Health and stories were published on the REAct campaign “16 Days of Activism against GBV”.</li> </ol>
EWNA Annual Feminist School		15 women activists from Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Georgia, Russia, Ukraine, Moldova, and Estonia were trained and developed leadership and activist capacity through a feminist and gender theory lens to strengthen the response to HIV and human rights in the Eastern Europe and Central Asia region.