



**Center for Information and Counseling on
Reproductive Health - Tanadgoma**

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Annual organizational report of 2014



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From Tanadgoma Chairperson:



Dear friends,

It is an honour for me to present Tanadgoma annual report of 2014, which summarized the organization's activities during 2014. First of all, I would like to thank each member of the organization. Their work has contributed to maintaining Tanadgoma's leadership role as one of the outstanding CSOs in the medical and psychological field.

Herewith, I would like to highlight several topics which were very important to our organization during the last year.

During the last two years it became quite difficult to raise funds. This was due to, on one hand, restricted resource mobilization by international foundations, and, on the other hand, increased internal competition between CSOs. However, Tanadgoma was able to not only maintain, but to some extent increase the volume of financing. The fundraising group and executive branch of the organization shall receive special gratitude for this!

Some of our donor organizations has already become long-term partners and provides us with very important support in achieving our strategic goals. At the same time, I would like to specifically note the role of institutional funding (from RFSU), which is very flexible and development-oriented. Through this support Tanadgoma was able to develop organizational structure and refine internal regulations.

Regional centers – branches - represent a very important component of our organizational structure. Their success comprises large share of the whole organizational development. I would like to extend thanks to the heads of the branches, as well as to each and every member of the branches. Their everyday work gives Tanadgoma possibility to be strongly positioned on regional levels.

During the years of its existence Tanadgoma has gradually transformed from a service provider organization into a highly appreciated expert organization. Big share of the organization's activities is comprised of research, thematic training and advocacy. It is

desirable that this tendency is well articulated and supported in the future, so that Tanadgoma becomes fully functional expert and resource center with highly qualified staff.

In the end, let me that each member of the board, with whom I was working during the last year. I am sure that concerted efforts of the board, executive branch and central and regional offices will guarantee further development and success of Tanadgoma.

Giorgi Lomidze

From Tanadgoma Executive Director:



Dear colleagues,

When Tanadgoma was founded back in 2000, the group of young activists would only dream about this organization growing fast and contributing to physical and mental well-being of so many individuals. Still this has come true. I am happy to present achievements of Tanadgoma during 2014. I believe that we have a long way forward, with support of our fellows and colleagues from partner organizations both in Georgia and worldwide.

Let me thank everyone who has been part of our development in 2014 – staff, volunteers, supporters and board members. Our added value is that we are a great team, which finds new ways to address existing gaps and problems in the environment. We should keep the same spirit!

Nino Tsereteli

Introduction

Since our establishment in 2000, we have been striving for not only developing our services and trying to reach more beneficiaries, but also delivering our expertise to other organizations both in Georgia and in other countries of the region. Tanadgoma has been fortunate to successfully develop both organizationally and programmatically, and had worked with various partners on local, regional and international levels.

Tanadgoma's **vision** is physically and mentally healthy society, where human right to health is protected, sexuality education is a part of education system, citizens have access to effective reproductive health services, hence spread of infectious diseases is hindered, number of abortions is decreased, use of family planning methods is high, specific attention is paid to high risk behavior groups (key populations), accordingly, psychological problems related to these topics are less prevalent and psychosocial rehabilitation services are widely available.

In order to realize this vision, **the mission of Association Tanadgoma is to improve the physical and mental health of Georgian population** through implementing prevention, educational, diagnostic and rehabilitation programs, as well as advocacy of these programs. Also, Tanadgoma provides technical support and expertise to improve capacities of the relevant organizations, communities and other stakeholders.

Tanadgoma shares and conducts its activities based on the following principles:

- All human beings are equal despite their race, sexual orientation, gender identity, religious affiliation or ethnic origin;
- Gender, human rights and non-discrimination are cross-cutting issues in organization's work.

Tanadgoma works throughout the country. Services of Tanadgoma are accessible for general population of reproductive age, however, the organization gives special focus and elaborates proactive programs for women and vulnerable, high risk behavior groups (key populations): men who have sex with men – MSM, injecting drug users – IDUs, commercial sex workers – CSWs, young people, prison inmates, LGBT community, victims of trafficking, people living with HIV, internally displaced persons – IDPs, etc.

Program portfolio:

According to the Strategic Plan of 2014-2016, in 2014 Tanadgoma had 3 strategic priorities:

1) Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights; 2) Mental Health and 3) Organizational Development.

Main achievements overall during 2014 are as follows:

- Kinds of services provided by Tanadgoma have expanded during 2014; besides, geographical location of psychosocial rehabilitation services have expanded: instead of planned 2 locations Tanadgoma's psychosocial rehabilitation services for ex-prisoners, probationers and drug users are available at 4 locations/cities (Tbilisi, Kutaisi, Zugdidi, Batumi);
- Tanadgoma continued to provide services in 5 cities, so geographical coverage, as well as kinds of target groups is maintained as it was by the end of 2013;
- Client satisfaction survey was conducted in the first half of 2014 and satisfaction rate is above 99%;
- Tanadgoma started active cooperation with the Ministry of Education and Sciences of Georgia on sexuality education incorporation into educational system;
- Entering the field of Tuberculosis is considered as success for the organization. This was connected to the global tendency to provide joint HIV/TB programs, and caused integration of TB prevention and treatment adherence into Tanadgoma range of activities. This trend is going to continue in 2015, due to successful fundraising in this direction.
- Tanadgoma entered also another new field of social entrepreneurship. In 2015 the organization will establish a social enterprise targeting reintegration of drug users/former prisoners. Enterprise would produce various promotional materials.

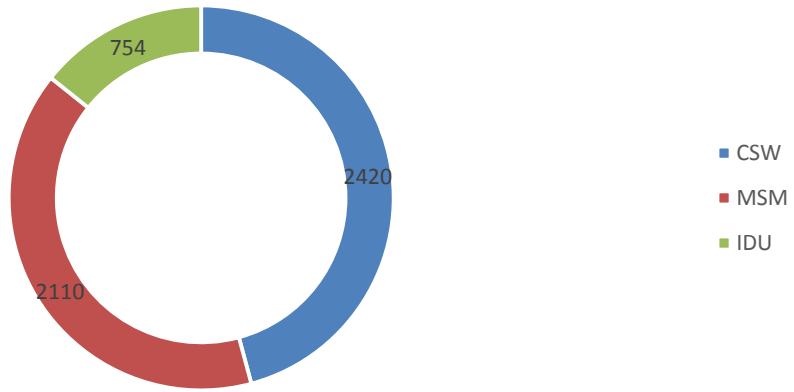
Results per strategic objectives: Strategic Objective 1

Providing STI/HIV prevention services for the high risk behavior groups in five cities – Tbilisi, Batumi, Kutaisi, Zugdidi, Telavi

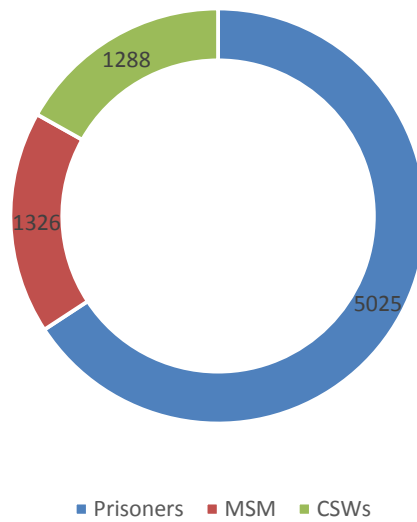
STI/HIV services are provided to all high risk behavior target groups (key populations) Tanadgoma is working with:

- 2420 CSWs, 2110 MSM and 754 IDUs (unique individuals) were reached through outreach sessions and indoor consultations;
- 35 trainings on SRHR issues were conducted for 343 persons (MSM, CSWs, prisoners and IDUs);
- 17978 booklets, 215568 condoms and 21709 lubricants were provided to target groups.
- 9808 representatives of the key populations (MSM, CSWs, prisoners, IDUs) were tested on HIV;
- 2023 IDUs were also tested on Hepatitis B and C.

Unique individuals from key populations reached by basic (minimal) prevention package in 2014



VCT conducted in 2014



Coverage of beneficiaries through services (basic package)

MSM is considered to be reached with HIV prevention programs if received at least two services from the list of basic package (provision of condoms, lubricants, counseling and information materials) and one of them has to be condom at least once within a 6 month period. Clients' participation in informational events on HIV/AIDS awareness and safe behavior can be regarded as counseling. In addition beneficiaries can also receive other services (HIV, STIs, a referral to another specialists, and others) depending on the client's needs.

FSW is considered reached if received at least two services from the list of basic package (condom, information materials and counseling) and one of them has to be condom at least once within a 6 month period. Clients' participation in informational events on HIV/AIDS awareness and safe behavior can be regarded as counseling. In addition beneficiaries can also receive other services (HIV, STIs, HBV, HCV testing, a referral to another specialists, and others) depending on the client's needs.

Coverage of beneficiaries through VCT

MSM and FSWs are considered to be reached with VCT if they have received post test counseling.



Advocacy for HIV/STIs prevention with the government in order to achieve increased state financing

As part of the advocacy agenda for increased funding (including state funding) of HIV prevention, Tanadgoma was involved in development of National Strategic Plan on HIV/AIDS for 2016-2018 as well as the Concept Note preparation for the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB and Malaria, under the New Funding Model. Tanadgoma has already established partnership with the Ministry of Labor, Health and Social Affairs, especially with its Center for Disease Control and Public Health, also with Georgian Harm Reduction Network, UN agencies working in the field and USAID contractors.

Besides, Tanadgoma established closer cooperation with the Department of Social and Health Services from Tbilisi City Hall, which contributes to Tanadgoma's advocacy project aiming at sensitization of city hall authorities in three cities – Tbilisi, Batumi and Kutaisi – towards HIV prevention needs among sex workers.

In 2014, under the GF-funded project and in cooperation with Curatio International Foundation, Tanadgoma conducted the first ever size estimation survey of sex workers, as well as Bio-BSS of sex workers, and size estimation of MSM in the country. These surveys are widely used for decision-making and advocacy processes in Georgia.

Increasing access to Information on reproductive and sexual health and rights for youth

Tanadgoma started active collaboration with the Ministry of Education and Science to incorporate sexuality education into educational system. By the end of 2014 Tanadgoma's experts joined the working group responsible for incorporation of healthy lifestyle issues in 1-6 grades mandatory subjects. Along with that, Tanadgoma has been conducting meetings with school teachers and students (14-17 y.o) on SRHR issues. In total 10 schools and 110 teachers were reached; 12 trainings for 179 participants (school students of IX-XI grades) were conducted.



Prevention of oncological diseases (breast and cervical cancer) among women at rural areas

Prevention work was conducted only in Samegrelo region by Tanadgoma Zugdidi branch. In total 490 women were reached through 20 outreach sessions with prevention education; and 30 women were trained as Peer Educators through 2 PE training.

Supporting community mobilization and providing technical support to LGBT and sex workers communities

For capacity building of LGBT communities and organizations Tanadgoma entered into partnership with 2 LGBT organizations ("Identoba" and "LGBT Georgia") for GF-funded 11-months tender (the project will be implemented in 2015). A proposal includes supporting establishment and functioning of LGBT resource centers in 3 big cities of Georgia (Tbilisi,

Kutaisi, Batumi). The centers' activities envisage leadership training for LGBT, as well as training on HIV, specifically targeting HIV counseling and testing for increased referrals to testing.

Apart from this, 8 community mobilization events for MSM communities were conducted in 2014 (Tbilisi, Batumi, Kutaisi); 267 MSM participated in these events.

As for community mobilization and technical support to sex workers, Tanadgoma conducted strategic planning training for sex workers' community organization "Women for Freedom" where 9 representatives of community participated.

Results per strategic objectives: Strategic Objective 2

Ensuring provision of sustainable and regular psychosocial services for the following groups: prisoners, people living with HIV and drug users

Tanadgoma continued provision of sustainable and regular psychosocial services and trainings for the following groups: prisoners, people living with HIV, drug users:

- 13 capacity building trainings were conducted for probationers, former prisoners and drug users, 122 persons participated in these trainings;
- 315 HIV+ prisoners participated in self-support psychological groups organized and facilitated by Tanadgoma experts.

3 Social bureaus started functioning at Tanadgoma premises in Tbilisi, Batumi, Kutaisi and Zugdidi, in addition to Tbilisi Social Bureaus. During 2014, all 4 Bureaus provided psychosocial and medical services to former prisoners and drug users:

- 919 drug users, probationers and former prisoners received individual psychological and medical (neurologist's and hepatologist's) consultations;
- 358 drug users, probationers and former prisoners received referral/social support;
- 189 meetings of "12 steps" group conducted; 5 persons participated in each meeting on average.

Contributing to institutionalization of psychosocial rehabilitation for drug users and prisoners



Tanadgoma experts and project coordinators met regularly on monthly basis with the Ministry of Corrections staff and penitentiary department staff in order to involve the penitentiary staff in project related activities and proper planning of future cooperation.

Tanadgoma organized and conducted 6 trainings on psychosocial rehabilitation services for penitentiary staff (including medical staff), 55 employees of penitentiary department participated in these trainings; 1 training on psychosocial rehabilitation needs was conducted for journalists where 8 persons participated.

Organizational Development

Results per strategic objectives: Strategic Objective 3

Organisational developments:

- During 2014 Tanadgoma board approved several policies and procedures: Anti-corruption and anti-fraud policy, Partnership Policy and Data Backup Procedures.
- Some other policies and procedures are in the process of development and due in 2015: a) Confidentiality policy; b) Internship procedures; c) HIV testing and counseling procedures, d) supplies (stock) management system; e) database management manual.
- **Fundraising group** was functioning on regular basis and submitted 23 proposals during the year 2014. Out of them 10 proposals turned out to be successful (43,5% of submitted proposals).
- Tanadgoma representatives participated in 13 **local and international training/conferences** as well as study visits. In total 47 Tanadgoma staff had been trained and/or took part in the study visits. 4 internal training for staff had been conducted during the year, with 39 participants in total. 3 new program staff was hired in 2014.
- **Internship program** continued in Tanadgoma from spring semester, 2014. In total 8 Interns participated in the program in 2014: 7 from Tbilisi State and Ilia State Universities, Social Sciences faculties and 1 from USA, Emory University, Rollins School of Public Health.
- **Monitoring and evaluation system** has been revised and implemented within the GF project. New positions of programs manager as well as monitoring and evaluation specialist introduced. Executive director and Programs manager, in consultancy with external expert from CTC, worked on internal monitoring and evaluation system, analyzed the gaps and updated the organizational data.
- **Cooperation and networking:** Tanadgoma continued to be involved in different national and regional networks and coalitions, such as Georgian Harm Reduction Network, HIV/STIs Prevention Task Force, Eurasian Harm Reduction Network,

Eurasian Coalition on Male Health, South Caucasus Network on HIV among MSM and Transgender, HIV in Europe Initiative, AIDS Action Europe, National Coalition on Child and Youth Welfare. In 2014, the organization joined a newly established “Coalition on Reproductive Health and Rights”. Also, during the reported period Tanadgoma has strengthened the links with the state structures and institutions, such as Ministry of Labor, Health and Social Affairs, especially NCDCPH – the new Principal Recipient of the GFATM grant, Ministry of Corrections and Legal Assistance. There were also new links and collaboration established with the: a) Ministry of Education and Science – through sexuality education work, b) with the Ministry of Justice – through funding of small grants on Health Lifestyle among minors at risk and in conflict with law, c) with the Tbilisi City Hall Health and Social Services Department.

Financial overview of 2014

	Year 2014
	(GEL)
Income:	
Income from commercial activities	354
Income from fundraising	1878484
Other non-cash income	416605
Other non-operating income	619
Total Income	2296062
Expenditure:	
Operational expenses	2266250
Depreciation	36710
Other non-operating expenses	12171
Total expenditure	2315131
Surplus/Deficit	(19069)

Income from fundraising Year 2014

	GEL	%
Global Fund	1 102 277	58.7%
RTI/USAID	113 375	6.0%
RFSU	117 095	6.2%
Caritas GERMANY	13 082	0.7%
CARITAS Czech Republic	17 719	0.9%
Stiching AIDS Foundation EAST-WEST (AFEW)	84 789	4.5%
UNFPA	-	-
AMFAR	-	-
Bemoni Public Union/EU	17 660	0.9%
Men and Nature (educational training)	-	-
Mainline	12 773	0.7%
European Union	182 590	9.7%
HIV/AIDS Alliance Ukraine	8 978	0.5%
URC	41 433	2.2%
UNDP	31 539	1.7%
Curatio	88 680	4.7%
Ministry of Justice	2 490	0.1%
IOM	10 520	0.6%
GPR	29 944	1.6%
Membership fundraising	540	0.0%
Other	3 000	0.2%
Total	1 878 484	100.0%