The government of Ukraine remains committed to ending AIDS by 2030 and considers HIV prevention as one of the most significant contributing factor. That is why Ukraine was among the founding members of the Global HIV Prevention Coalition in 2017.

In Ukraine, HIV-infection is concentrated in key populations and for that reason the government is focusing its prevention interventions primarily to those who are most at risk.

In 2017 we updated the size-estimation of key populations; it helps us plan to reach 90%. By beginning of 2019 we have managed to provide HIV prevention interventions to 57% of people who use drugs, 51% of sex workers, 36% of men who have sex with men.

We have observed the reduction in HIV prevalence and incidence among people who use drugs (notably among those of them who are younger than 25), which we believe is due to the scale up of prevention programs.

The Government of Ukraine has proposed a new bill on "National framework to respond to TB, HIV, and Hepatitis by 2030". Among other things, the strategy includes the target of "90% coverage of key populations with HIV prevention programs."

Since 2016, opioid substitution therapy, that had previously been funded by international donors, was fully picked up by state budget funds. Now it finances nearly 12 thousands patients. By the end of 2023, we would like to double the number.

Ukraine is a leader among EECA countries in introducing the PreP. 15 hundreds people are benefit from the intervention now and demand is growing. We believe the PreP helps further reduction of HIV incidence among MSM and most importantly among those younger 25.

Over the last 12 months, we have carried out an in-depth assessment of PMTCT program. We are addressing the gaps and I am confident that the Ministry of Health of Ukraine will apply for the certification of mother-to-child transmission elimination in 2020.

**With the support of Ministry of Finance** we have made another important step to follow up the government’s transition plan from donors to domestic finance, which is building a solid foundation for sustainable public financing of HIV prevention.

In 2019, the government has allocated 83 million UAH to start HIV prevention intervention with the domestic funding. The first cohort of 49 non-government
organizations has been selected through national procurement system ProZorro and already received these funds to provide a basic HIV prevention package to key populations in 24 regions and the capital city Kyiv. The basic package includes distribution of condoms, syringes and needles exchange program; HIV testing services, screening for tuberculosis, counseling and outreach.

Here I would like to thank our international partners especially the Global Fund and PEPFAR. Your substantial financial support has enabled the government to launch a viable mechanism for the procurement of HIV prevention programs that are delivered to key populations by non-government organizations.

Yes we are concerned that our efforts have not translated yet into significant program outcomes but the first data encourage us to follow up. We will be revisiting our prevention approaches, where appropriate. We also hope to start ripping the prevention effect of ART, scaling up HIV testing and diagnosis and following the global strategy to stop HIV.