



Message for World AIDS Day 2022

Another year has passed, and as we approach 2023, it is time for reflection.

Whilst the COVID pandemic may have subsided at least for now, we have seen more turmoil in the world: the invasion of Ukraine, the monkeypox epidemic and the threat of a global recession.

On this World AIDS Day 2022, we need to continue to focus on our vision for the largest pandemic to hit the world – HIV. We have lost, cumulatively, between 30-40 million people to HIV/AIDS. Whilst global events need our immediate attention, we need to focus on the long-term goal – elimination of HIV as a global threat by 2030.

At EACS we will continue to respond to immediate needs: care for displaced persons living with HIV, monkeypox as a new and viable threat for GBSMSM; but our mission remains steadfast: improving care for people living with HIV.

There are many more things we need to achieve to reach our goals for 2030: access to testing, and innovative testing strategies, equity in access to preventative therapy, access to treatment and care, management of co-morbidities and multi-morbidity, and most importantly, all of this with 'zero stigma'.

There are huge discrepancies in our region: whilst some cities and countries are 'on track' to achieve zero transmissions, others are struggling with diagnosis, prevention services and linkage to care. In 2023, we will embark on an important piece of work with our partners at ECDC and CHIP to define 'standards of care for HIV in Europe'.

This will help with benchmarking and ensure that all across our region and the world we deliver the highest quality of care to prevent new HIV infections and improve the quality of life for people living with HIV.

As we end 2022, we need the time to reflect on the lives lost to the HIV pandemic. Amongst them were many dear friends, patients, colleagues, loved ones and family members. Let this not be in vain, we can make this better for people living with HIV currently and future generations.

We hope you will continue to engage with us as we continue to move forward to achieve our goals for 2030.

The response is only 'In danger' if we do nothing about it.

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