HIV / AIDS STATISTICS IN ROMANIA AND IN CLUJ COUNTY TODAY

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Abstract: The article presents a statistical picture of the HIV-AIDS in Romania and Cluj county. In Romania, the first case of AIDS was reported in an adult in 1985, and a child - in 1989. The number of cumulative cases of HIV/AIDS in Romania recorded between 1985 and 2010 is 16,299, half the children aged up to 14 years at diagnosis. A feature of HIV/AIDS in Romania is that, unlike other Eastern European countries, most patients come from orphanages 80s. The danger of major epidemics of HIV/AIDS would cover Romania in the near future, given that the Eastern European region recorded more cases of disease, and prostitutes in the EU come mainly from Romania. In the last decade, Romania has been developed to target prevention programs on vulnerable groups - injecting drug users, who have taken control the spread of HIV/AIDS.

According to the survey conducted in 2009 - “Survey on HIV transmission risk behaviours among young people living with HIV / AIDS in Romania” - 74% of young people who started their sexual life had stable partner in the last 12 months; the duration of relationship varied between 6 months and over one year. 33% of participants in the study argued that their stable partner is a person also living with HIV/AIDS, while 63% of respondents stated their stable partner is HIV positive person.

A HIV / AIDS peculiarity in Romania is that, unlike other Eastern European countries, most patients come from the 1980’s orphanages. In 1987, the nurses in the orphanages began to do daily blood transfusions to children, in order to treat their anaemia, reusing syringes to more children. Some doses of blood were infected, and 10,000 orphans have contracted the AIDS/HIV virus. From which, 3,000 have already died. By 2000, Romania claimed 60% of all the paediatric HIV infections in Europe.

The spread of disease had also the EU’s support free movement of persons. In 2008, Romania has exceeded the leading Russia as regards the number of prostitutes in EU, which represents an additional threat, according to Time Magazine. “HIV infections are in the East, but HIV does not respect national boundaries,” warns Martin Christopher Donoghoe, project manager for HIV/AIDS in Europe. "If you stop supplying clean needles to injecting drug users, there is a potential for the epidemic to rage out of control," says Donoghoe.

In late 2009, the HIV/AIDS situation in Romania

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recorded a decline in the number of people diagnosed in 2009, compared to 2008: 342 new cases, compared to 436 cases in 2008, and 391 in 2006, according to the official data of the Ministry of Health. In the period 1985-2009, 16,077 people were diagnosed with HIV / AIDS, of whom 9802 aged less than 14 years. There were living 9980 people, 87 deaths were registered in 2009. Out of 9980 people diagnosed with HIV / AIDS living in 2009, 8857 were under treatment.

The danger of a major HIV/AIDS epidemic breaking out in Romania in the near future is possible, considering that the Eastern European region reports more and more cases of disease, and the prostitutes in the EU come mainly from Romania, says Time Magazine. Under the title “Eve of an HIV epidemic in Romania,” the magazine points out that due to the lack of money, Romania, until recently an example in the region in preventing AIDS, it is in the danger of an HIV epidemic among injecting drug users.

In the last decade, Romania developed HIV / AIDS prevention programs in vulnerable groups - injecting drug users - which prevented the spread of HIV / AIDS. Only in 2009, six NGOs distributed about 1.6 million syringes to a number of 7500 IDUs. Since 2010, however, the funding programs aimed at prevention of HIV / AIDS have been withdrawn, as Romania, leaving the group of developing countries, was no longer able to receive any investment benefit for such purposes. Starting from June 2010, UNICEF, the Open Society Institute and the Global Fund for Fighting AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria withdrew funding for HIV programs in Romania.

A. HIV / AIDS STATISTICS IN ROMANIA TODAY
GENERAL DATA ON 30 JUNE 2010.

I. Adults (> 14 years old*) = 7.103
   Children (0-14 years old*) = 203
   People who have discontinued ARV therapy = 425
   Persons who received ARV prophylaxis = 366
   Patients taking antiretroviral therapy = 7.306
   Adults (> 14 years old*) = 8.498
   Children (0-14 years old*) = 236
   HIV + AIDS recorded patients = 8.734

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II. HIV / AIDS STATISTICS IN CLUJ COUNTY TODAY

I. Patients’ active record on 30 June 2010
   -0-14 years old = 6
   -15-19 years old = 1
   ->20 years old = 120
   Total = 127

II. Curative HIV / AIDS program beneficiaries in the period 01 January to 30 June 2010

   Patients under antiretroviral treatment
   -0-14 years old = 6
   -15-19 years old = 1
   ->20 years old = 99
   Total = 106

   Antiretroviral prophylaxis - Exposure categories
   -New-born = 2
   -pregnant- 0
   -accidental - 41
   Patients who discontinued the antiretroviral treatment = 5

III. New cases of infection 01.01-30.06.2010

   -0-14 years old = 2
   ->14 years old = 4

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