



Deutsche AIDS-Hilfe e.V.

Germany's experiences on the road to
Universal Access

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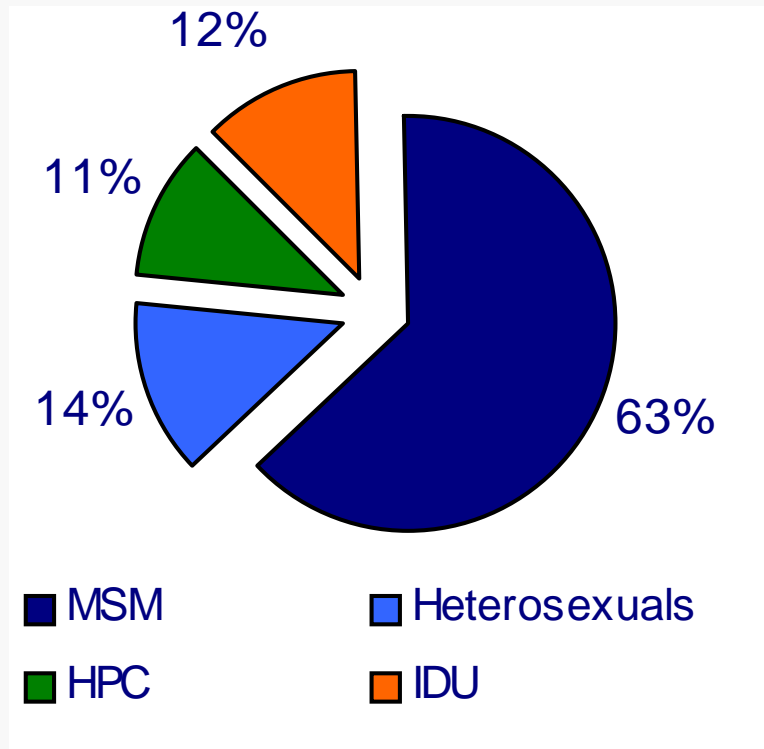
HIV/AIDS – The Situation in Germany, 2009, I

HIV prevalence	< 0.1 %
Pop. total	~ 82.000.000
PLWHA total	~ 67.000
MTCT p.a.	~ 25
Blood Safety p.a.	no new infections
New Aids-related Illnesses p.a.	~ 1100
Deaths among PLWHA p.a.	~ 550

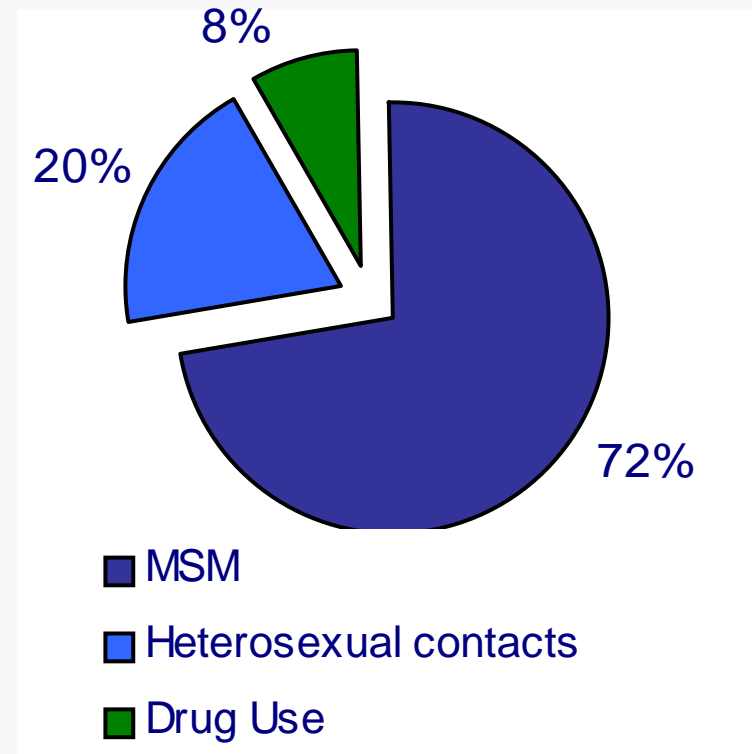


HIV/AIDS – The Situation in Germany, 2009, II

Risk of Infection
(% of total no. of PLWHA)



Modes of Transmission
in New Infections 2009





Topics and challenges

- MSM: Testing Campaign
- MSM: New Prevention Efforts
- Prison Population: Access to Prevention, Substitution Therapy
- Migrant Population: Access to Treatment, Care and Support
- 1/3 unaware of their HIV infection
- Late Presenter: 1/3 late diagnosed, 1100 AIDS cases

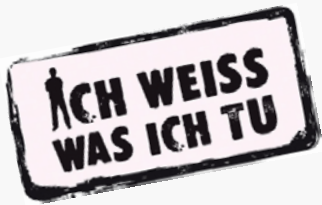


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I know what I'm doing !

- First national MSM Prevention Campaign – supported by regional prevention initiatives
 - The focus lies on gay health – not illness
- Promote different forms of risk minimization – not only condom use
 - Integration of HIV+/ HIV-





First National Testing Campaign among MSM

I - Goals

- Minimize Unknown Infections (30%)
- Low Threshold VCT Opportunities for most vulnerable MSM
- Strengthen VCT Offers in Local Aids Service Organisation
- Use Testing & Counselling as Primary Prevention
- Strengthen Quality Standards in Counselling & Testing

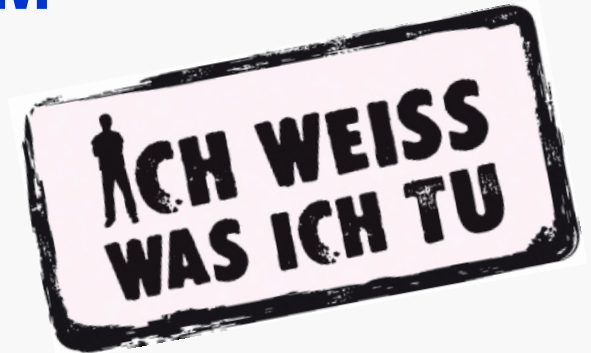


**Without rubber?
Only tested!**



National Testing Weeks for MSM

II - Implementation



- 12 Weeks Duration
- 511 Nation-wide VCT Events in 48 Aids Service Organisations and 40 Health Centres
- 20 VCT Events in Cruising Areas (e.g. with buses)
- Application of different tests (rapid, ELISA)
- Check for HIV – but also other STIs, Hepatitis



Prevention and Counselling on the Internet

- e.g. European-wide cooperation on Gay Romeo





IDU and HIV/AIDS 2009

Developments

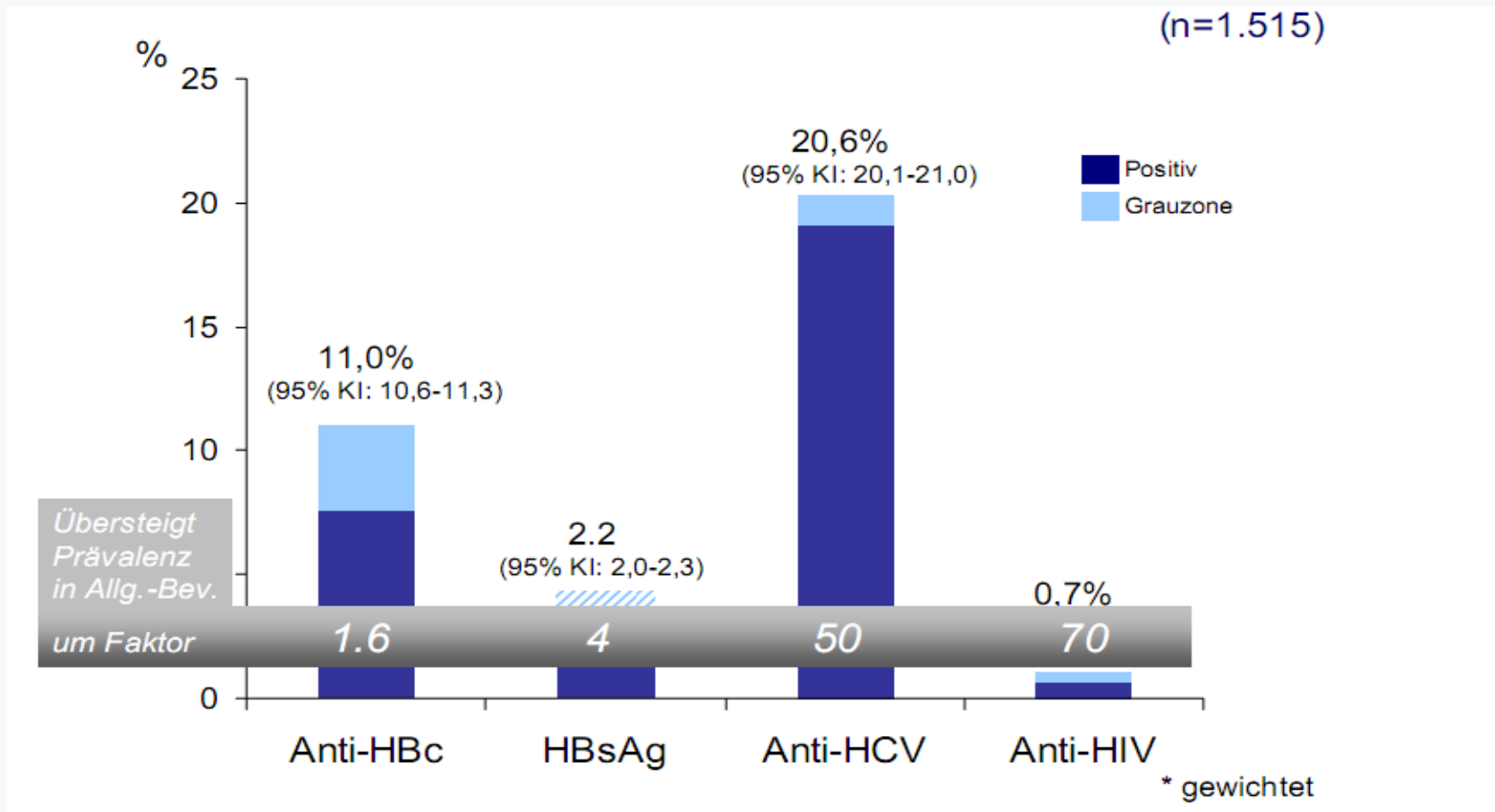
- HIV Prevalence remains stable
- HCV still high
- Methadone Programmes running
- Diamorphine Treatment has started
- Self Help Network has turned 20 years





Prison Population and HIV/AIDS

I – The Situation



Weilandt, C. (2008). Infektionskrankheiten unter Gefangenen in Deutschland



Prison Population and HIV/AIDS

II – The Situation

- Only one prison offering needle exchange
- Hardly Free and Anonymous Access to condoms
- Lack of Access to therapy:
 - OST
 - ART
 - HCV treatment
- In some federal states: mandatory testing
- Lack of reliable and comprehensive data



Prison Population and HIV/AIDS

III – Prevention

- Long Tradition of
 - Cooperation with Prison Officials, Physicians etc.
 - Work in Prisons: Provision of Information/ Prevention Material
- Installation of Peer-to-peer Trainings
(Manual „Harm Reduction in Prison“)
- Certificate for attaining Minimal Prevention Standards
(Provision of Condoms, Offers to Vaccination, OST in general, VCT, ...)



Migrants and HIV/AIDS in Germany

I – The Situation

15,3 Mio. ppl. with migration background , 1/5 of total pop.

Challenges:

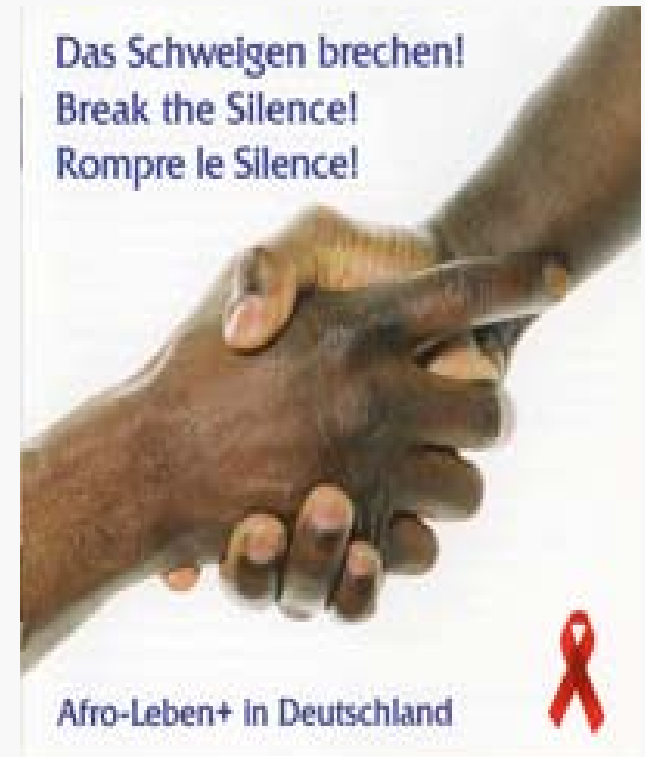
- Heterogeneous groups and ways of transmission:
 - 11% PLWHA = only HPC (most infections in country of origin)
 - HPC = ½ of all new infections among ppl with migration backgr.
 - Ways of Transmission among migrants from EECE: IDU, MSM
 - Mobile populations, sexworkers, gender differences
- Unsecure residence permit/ without health insurance
- Discrimination in own communities
- Fear of being stigmatized
- Lack of (surveillance) data on HIV/AIDS



Migrants and HIV/AIDS

II – Developments

- Abolishment of § 87 that constrained access to health care for undocumented people
- Local solutions for lack of access to treatment: Anonymous health insurance certificates etc.
- Community based participatory prevention project – PaKoMi
- Network enhancement
- Better surveillance system





Participatory Quality Development, Criminalization of HIV Transmission, HIV and Travel

- Development of Quality- Management-Tools for the work of our member organisations (cooperation with scientific institutions) <http://www.qualitaet.aidshilfe.de/>
- Collection of and legal advice on cases of Criminalization of Transmission in Germany; cooperation with OSI
- Installation of Website and Publication of a brochure/ guide on HIV related travel restrictions <http://www.hivtravel.org/>



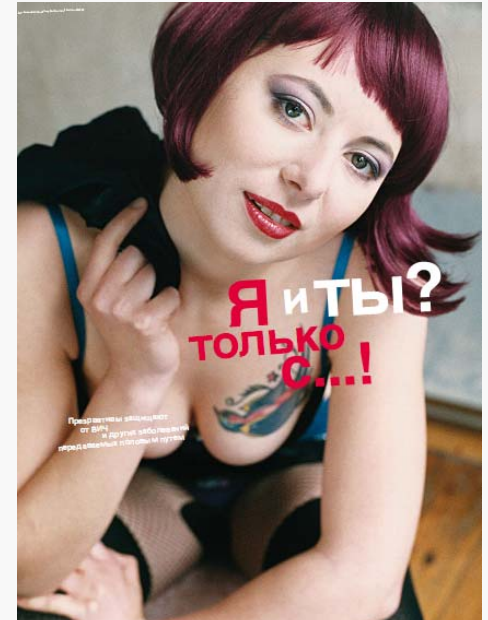
Challenges and Needs in the Future

- Enhance testing among most vulnerable groups
- Fighting Stigmatization – e.g.
 - HIV and workplace
 - Migrant communities and HIV
- Keep achieved standards in prevention (financial cuts)
- Adequate HIV prevention and access to treatment for migrants and mobile populations
- Strengthen Harm Reduction in prison
- Strengthen new ways to approach MSM
- Face challenge of late presenter



Our International Department

- Focus on Eastern European Countries
- Exchange of Good Practices in Prevention and Advocacy
- Implementation of Prevention and Advocacy Projects
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Thank you for your attention!