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## **Resume**

### **EDUCATION**

March 6 - March 24, 2023 United States Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. International Visitor Leadership Program: Women in Politics and Civil Society (Multi-regional Project)

2021-current - National Academy of Law Sciences of Ukraine –Scientific-Research Institute of Intellectual Property - PhD student (Law)

2004 - Luhansk National Pedagogical University, MA in Sociology. Qualification - Sociologist, Teacher of Sociology

Diploma - Gender aspect of the study of management styles in the management of organizations

2003 – Luhansk National Pedagogical University, Bachelor's degree in Sociology

### **LEADERSHIP AND REPRESENTATION**

**Since September 2024 – member of the Communities Delegation to the Board of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria**

**2017, 2020, 2023 (present) - Co –chair of Human Rights and Communities Working Group - Global Fund National Dialog (Ukraine)**

- Facilitation of national dialog in the framework of writing country proposal for Global Fund to Fight with AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria for the communities of PLHIV, 9 communities of key populations, national stakeholders including government and UN agencies working on elimination HIV and TB in Ukraine.

**2019 – present – member of WHO advisory group of Women Living with HIV (WHO HQ Geneva) -** Facilitation of National and regional dialog for the community Women living with HIV to collect and bring the opinion of WLHIV to the global level.

**2019 – present – Co-chair of the Board, Global Network of People Living with HIV**

**2019 – present - Global Partnership to Eliminate All Forms HIV-related Stigma and Discrimination, representative in EECA region**

Facilitation of regional dialog on elimination of stigma and discrimination of communities of PLHIV, key populations, national and regional stakeholders including government and UN agencies working on elimination HIV and TB

**2019 – present - Alternative member from the community of PLHIV to the National Council on TB and HIV/AIDS, Ukraine**

Facilitation of National dialog for the community People living with HIV to collect and bring the opinion and needs of PLHIV to the National Council on TB and HIV/AIDS, Ukraine

**2018 – 2020 - NGO Delegation to the UNAIDS Programme Coordination Board, NGO Delegate, Europe**

- formation of global policies in the field of HIV/AIDS and Tuberculosis
- representation in the UNAIDS Program Coordinating Council of 40 countries of the European region
- bringing to the PCB the perspectives and expertise of people living with, most affected by, and most at risk of, vulnerable to, marginalized by, and affected by HIV and AIDS, as well as civil society and nongovernmental entities actively involved in HIV and AIDS in order to ensure that their human rights and equitable, gender-sensitive access to comprehensive HIV prevention, treatment, care and support are reinforced by the policies, programs, strategies and actions of the PCB and UNAIDS.

**2018 - present - CO "All-Ukrainian Network of People Living with HIV/AIDS", Member of Coordination Council - the highest governing body of the management system in the organization that forms and coordinates the organization's activities in between General Assemblies.**

- Facilitation of dialog, Capacity building and community development for the 32 community-led organizations
- Formation of a development strategy and coordination of the organization's activities
- Implementation of the organization's policy in various fields of activity.
- ensuring the adoption and implementation of decisions through the bodies of the organization, which deprive 100% of Life annually to provide with aid more than 1,000,000 beneficiaries, 150,000 of whom for people living with HIV
- Ensuring 100% access to treatment for 100% of Ukrainian patients
- Comprehensive and timely response to challenges related to war

Was elected twice in 2018 and in 2020 each time for the 2 years term

### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**2022 – present – Director, Human Rights, Gender and Communities Development Department, Charitable Organization “100% LIFE”, Ukraine**

Facilitation of national dialog in the framework of Global Fund communities of PLHIV, key populations, national stakeholders including government and UN agencies working on elimination HIV and TB

- Harmonization of the national legislation of Ukraine with the best world practices
- Coordination of work of organization with UN structures
- Fundraising of funding to ensure the humanitarian needs of people living with HIV and representatives of vulnerable groups are covered
- Management of projects aimed at the development of communities of people living with HIV and representatives of key populations groups
- Elimination of all forms of HIV-related stigma and discrimination
- Removal of legal barriers on the way to medical services for people living with HIV and representatives of key populations groups

**2016 - 2022– CO "All-Ukrainian Network of People Living with HIV / AIDS", Head of Regional Policy Team (since 2021 – Human Rights, Gender and Communities Development Team)**

- Development of 26 regional branches of the Network PLHIV in 25 regions of Ukraine.

Project management aimed at the development of communities of PLHIV, SW, PWID, MSM, ex-prisoners, women and adolescents living with HIV, TB patients.

- Advocacy for decriminalization of sex work, decriminalization of HIV transmission and non-disclosure, legalization or creation of institution of the same-sex partnerships, harmonization of legislation and drugs policies with the best world practices, advocacy of access to OST treatment and harm reduction programs in the penitentiary system.
- Elimination of HIV and TB related stigma and discrimination.
- Establishing partnership and collaboration with religious leaders and FBOs, high level political leaders, opinion leaders to remove human rights-related barriers to health services
- Implementation of the programs to remove human rights-related barriers to health services in frame of Breaking Down Barriers initiative
- Digitalization of educational programs, development of the digital systems for the transparent governance of NGOs

**October 2015 – February 2016: UNHCR, Senior Field Assistant, Severodonetsk Field Office, Luhanska oblast, Ukraine (Government Controlled Areas)**

- Assessment, preparation, delivery, and reporting of winterization assistance for Luhansk region;
- Coordination with Shelter, Supply and Protection units;
- Engaging and coordinating with local authorities, community members and partner organizations.
- analysis of field conditions, needs and gaps in terms of protection, as well as opportunities for strategic cooperation between UNHCR and community-based organizations and State institutions;
- facilitation of dialog and capacity-building with local partners and service providers

Achievements: 3000 people living across contact line had access to coal, wood, life-saving winter kits with all necessary winter stuff. All cases of violation of human rights were registered, addressed and solved or referred

**August 2015 – October 2015: UNFPA, Field Monitoring Specialist, Luhanska oblast, Ukraine (Government Controlled Areas)**

- establishing and coordination of the work of the regional GBV sub-cluster;
- monitoring the activities of implementation partners in the region, coordination with regional and national authorities
- monitoring the situation regarding the gender-based violence and the provision of reproductive health services in the Luhansk region

**August 2012– August 2015: Lugansk regional branch of the All-Ukrainian Charitable Organization "All-Ukrainian Network of People Living with HIV / AIDS", Head of program Department,**

- Managing project called "Consolidated program on HIV and TB in Ukraine, supported by the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria." The project aims to improve the lives of HIV-positive people, to prevent HIV infection among vulnerable groups, social support at the stage of outpatient treatment of tuberculosis;
- Organization of the procurement process;
- Program and budget management,

- Purchasing project related medicines, hygiene and food products for more than 10 000 beneficiaries;
- Building partnership with the authorities at all levels, advocacy for vulnerable groups;
- Facilitating recruitment and staff training procedures;
- Monitoring performance indicators; supervision of project staff;
- Protect the rights of PLHIV and vulnerable to HIV groups (access to treatment, gender equality, fighting stigma and discrimination)
- Organizing public events, press conferences, round tables, presentations intended to focus the media and public's attention on the issues of HIV-positive people;
- Participating in national advocacy companies;
- Participating in coordination meetings of international NGOs.

**2010– August 2012 Lugansk regional branch of the All-Ukrainian Charitable Organization "All-Ukrainian Network of People Living with HIV / AIDS", volunteer**

- Institutionalization of initiative group;
- Collaboration with local authorities;
- Budget and funding advocacy, fundraising;
- Writing of grant proposals;
- Data collection of cases of violation of human rights of PLHIV and prisoners;
- Case - management of PLHIV which human rights were violated

**2011 - 2012 - LLC "Bayadera-Logistic" Representative HoReCa**

**2008 - 2011 - JSC "Cherkasky plant autochemistry" Vamp ", Sales Manager**

**2007 - 2008 - MPP "AUTOMODULE", sales representative AT Engineering**

**2006 - 2007 - LLC "Plus 2" "Union Victan Trade" sales agent**

**2005 - 2006 - ICC "Lia" Marketing and Development, sociologist, expert analyst**

**2004 - 2005 - Municipal newspaper "Evening Alchevsk", leading correspondent**

**2023 – Ukraine** - facilitation of human rights, gender and communities sessions in the framework of 'National Dialogue with the participation of international partners on the effective preparation of Ukraine's Funding Request to the Global Fund on 2024-2026 for the implementation of programs to ensure a sustainable response to the HIV and tuberculosis epidemics in Ukraine in the context of the military aggression and during the post-war time".

Objectives:

Build a national consensus on sustainable response to HIV and TB epidemics in Ukraine in the context of the Russian Federation's military aggression and during the post-war time and to make sure that human rights and community component includes vision, perspective and reflects needs of key population.

To update key objectives and challenges faced by the communities vulnerable to HIV and TB during the war and post-war time regarding the coverage with HIV and TB prevention, diagnosis, treatment, care and support services by the end of 2023.

To identify key needs of the communities related to HIV and TB diagnosis and treatment as well as sustainability of HIV and TB prevention, care and support services, key sources of funding for these needs and the existing gaps in their coverage by the end of 2023.

To build a common vision for the participation of national and international partners in covering the needs and gaps for HIV and TB diagnosis and treatment as well as sustainability of HIV and TB prevention, care and support services.

To start a national dialogue on the preparation of a new national funding request of Ukraine to the Global Fund for 2024-2026 programs.

**2022– ILO** - South Africa - Training and facilitation in adding World of Work component to Global Fund applications. Providing design, and facilitation of the sessions with the ILO's Regional Coordinator for HIV and AIDS

Bringing the perspective and experience of GNP+ on work with UN agencies

**2022 – GNP+ global** - Facilitation of the sessions in the framework of conference AIDS 2022 – Montreal  
**2021- ongoing** - Ukraine - coordination and facilitation of regular meetings of Parliamentary Expert Platform "Fight for Health"- which unites Parliamentary members, representatives of communities vulnerable to or living with HIV, lawyers, healthcare professionals to develop and adopt National Laws that are in line with the best world practices and WHO guidance. As a result - new HIV law was developed by the Platform and adopted by Ukrainian parliament in 2023. 5 more laws in field of public health developed and expected to be adopted in year 2023

**2018-2020 – Ukraine** – Global Fund to Fight with AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria – creation, institutionalisation and capacity development of 4 National level communities-led organization - community of ex-prisoners, adolescents living with HIV, people affected by TB, people who use drugs. 2023 – All the organizations are operational and fully funded with the diversity of donor's funding

**2025** - Global Citizen Award, New York, USA

## **LINGUISTIC ABILITY**

Ukrainian – Mother tongue; Russian – Mother tongue, English – fluent, French – basic, Italian - basic

## **OTHER INFORMATION**

Lead of authoring groups of several textbooks and training courses officially adopted by Public Health Center of Ukraine, Facilitated more than 100 and participated as a trainer in about 50 trainings, workshops and schools on human rights, community straightening, access to treatment, health-related issues (including HIV/AIDS and tuberculosis). Carried out human rights workshops for governmental officials. As a Delegate delivered 8 productive interventions to the UNAIDS PCB that led to the/made an influence on adoption of decision points important for the constituencies I represented.

## **PERSONAL SKILLS**

- Fast and highly motivated learner;
- Team player and, at the same, always take initiatives in my area of responsibilities;
- Intercultural skills (worked with people belonging to different cultures and nationalities);
- Experience in organizing conferences and round tables;
- Respect deadlines.

**HOBBIES:** global politics with focus on Middle East, singing, guitar, piano

