

Home visits as the way of providing early care and help to people living with HIV (PLHIV)

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Objective

Increase the availability of social, psychological and legal services for PLHIV.

Methods

Many of PLHIV are diagnosed at a very late stage, when health condition is worse and they need to be admitted to hospital for inpatient care. Therefore, the full and timely provision of social-psychological assistance is only possible in home and hospitals through multidisciplinary team visits.

Real World, Real People NGO created a mobile team consisted of social workers, peer-counselors, physiologist to provide social-physiological support to PLHIV through visits in home and medical institutions countrywide.

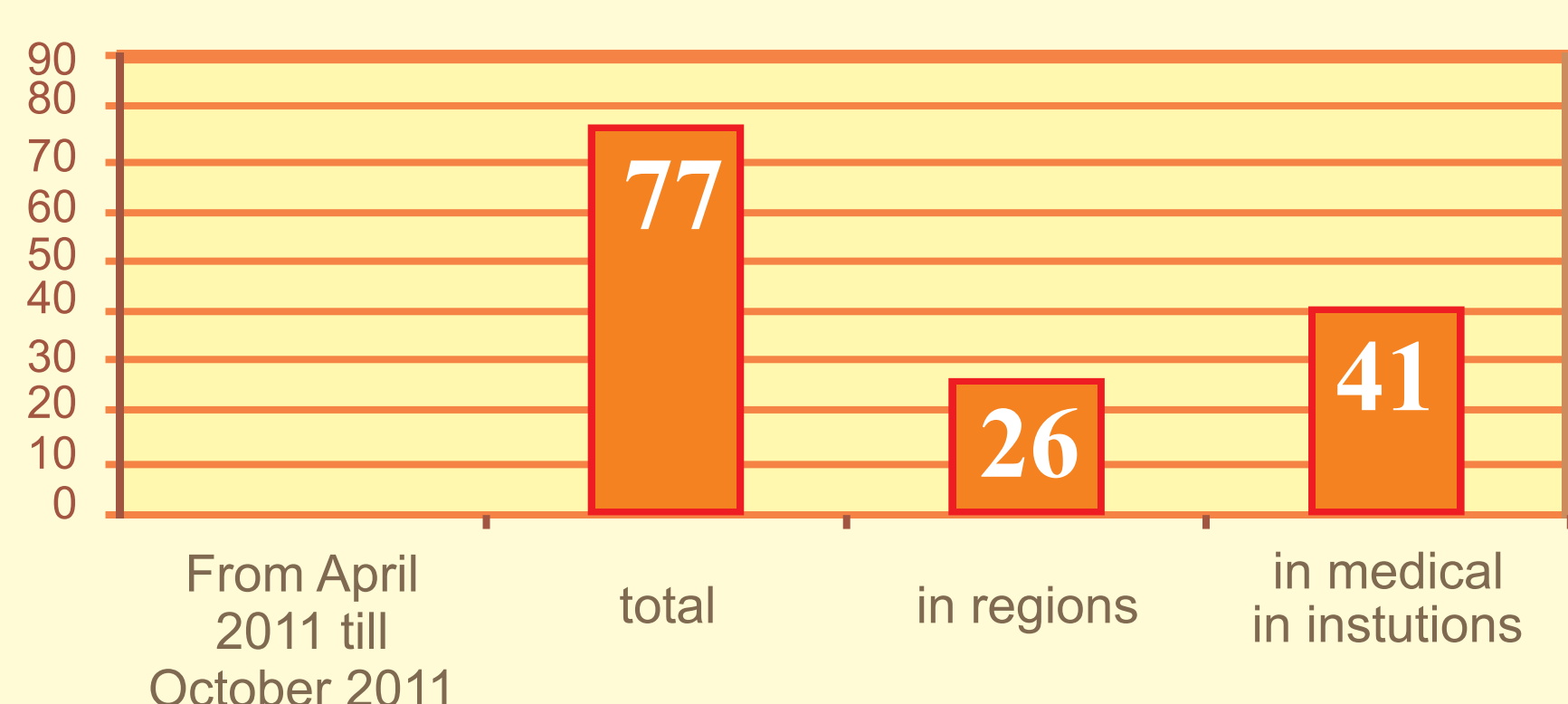
The analysis of the dynamic of numbers of home visits was done.

Result

From October 2010 till April 2011 42 home visits were implemented by the team to provide support to beneficiaries in general, 19 of them were in regions, 8 of them were in different medical institutions. From April 2011 till October 2011 77 home visits were implemented, 26 of them were in regions, 41 of them were in medical and other institutions.

As a result of home visits PLHIV received social-psychological support, as well as their social activity, life quality and self-interest in their problems had increased.

The number of home visits implemented from April 2010 till October 2011



Conclusion

The doubled number of home visits during last six months and five fold increased number of visits to hospitals, in comparison with previous half-year, shows increased demand on these services, especially in hospitals. To make this service more effective we need to cooperate with all possible medical institutions where PLHIV may be admitted after they were tested HIV positive.