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- **GF grant:** since 2007 - five projects in Kazan (Tatarstan), St. Petersburg, Tomsk, Vologda, Ulan-Ude (Buriatia)
- **National Priority Project on Health 2008 -2009:** 24 projects in 22 regions
- **Program objectives:**
 - raise awareness among migrant workers on HIV/STI prevention,
 - promote healthy life style
 - increase access and use of preventive means (condoms)

Major target group:

migrant workers from Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Ukraine, Armenia, Azerbaijan



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Major services:

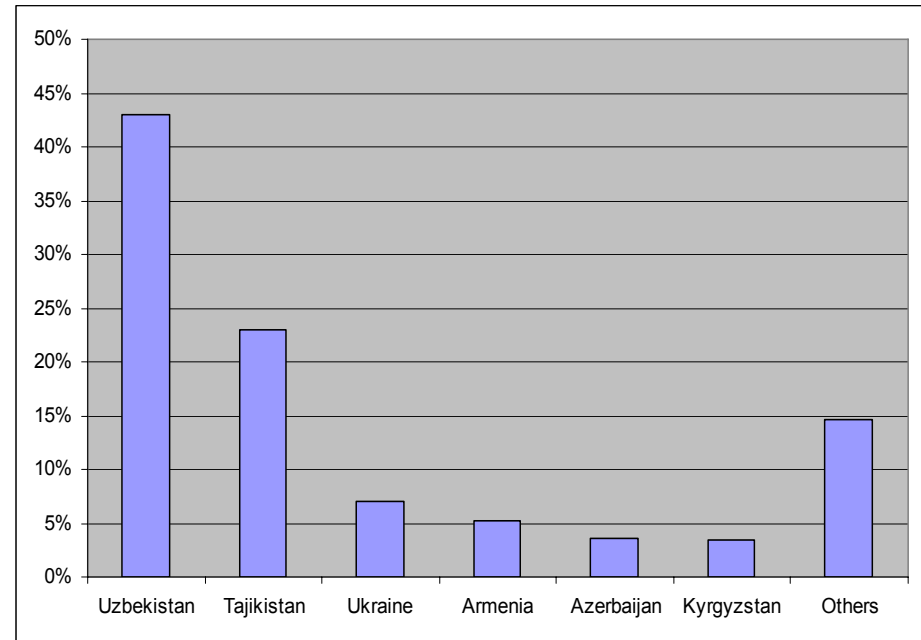
- Providing information on HIV/STI prevention and healthy life style promotion
- HIV testing and counseling
- Counseling on health, social, and legal issues
- Medical referrals
- Provision of condoms

Key approaches:

- Outreach
- Individual counseling
- Group education



OHI survey among 1600 migrants (2008)



- **Socio-demographics**

- Mean age - 30
- 51% married
- 78% secondary/vocational education
- 69% stay in Russia ≤ 1 year
- Employment - mostly in construction and trade

- **Health status**

- 91% assess their health as perfect or good

- **Program outcomes**

HIV knowledge: 56% vs. 22%

Access to condoms: 60% vs. 7%

Condom use: 50% vs. 31%