

ANALYSIS OF HEALTH TECHNOLOGY ASSESSMENT COUNTRY PROFILES ALL OVER THE WORLD

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A health technology is the application of organized knowledge and skills in the form of devices, medicines, vaccines, procedures and systems developed to solve a health problem and improve quality of lives – such definition is given by WHO in 2007 and is widely used in the world.

Health technology assessment (HTA) is not a new concept. Most high-income countries created relevant programmes in the 1980s. Since 2000, some middle-income countries have established specialist units, committees or programmes in order to perform evaluations and provide recommendations to decision-makers.

The aim of our investigation was to assess the state of the development of HTA network in the world and ability of international organizations to cumulate the information about HTA from different countries.

It has been established that WHO provided survey about HTA system from Members in 2015. It has been collected 111 HTA country profiles. It is known, WHO Member States are grouped into six regions: Africa (AFR), Americas (AMR), Europe (EUR), Eastern Mediterranean (EMR), South East Asia (SEAR) and Western Pacific (WPR). Detailed research showed that largest share of countries gave the HTA profile was from Europe – just above 30% (it should be noted, Ukraine is not in the list), in second place – AFR almost 20%, the least number of countries are from SEAR – above 6%.

It may be concluded, there are a lot of countries – Member States, all over the world that provide HTA on different level of implementation both developed and developing countries. Given results confirm the importance of the support of HTA system amplification in Ukraine in the conditions of building of effective public health system.