

Living a nightmare haunted by "powder"

DESTINY; Elena, a young woman of 34 years in Chisinau – Republic of Moldova, has often seen death eyes. A former drug addict, she barely managed to escape from this nightmare. He learned then that is infested with the dreaded virus, HIV. For several years, Elena has managed to quit drugs, but now is dependent on the fists full of drugs that I take in pills to fight AIDS.

Elena's life turned into a permanent struggle with drugs. She began to eat "drugs as meals" at 20 years old and since then; all the days have become cursed.

Pleasure for a "thrill" was inspired by her former lover who consumed drugs hopelessly. **"I did not understand why he was ready to give everything in return for a dose.** One day I asked him to give me to try because I wanted to know feelings, "says Elena strangled voice. That moment was just the beginning of my nightmarish life.

LIVE OR DIE

For years, every day, the young woman lived in Chisinau illusion of perfect life. Then in a few moments of lucidity she immediately with a dose of "dust" was lost forever. Another tragedy has changed her destiny: the death of her lover. "After he died, I realized that I was my limit. I understood then that I live or I die".

Following years in a row in a rehabilitation program to get rid of the desire to consume drugs Elena added. "It was very hard to quit, but I was not sorry. **Then Elena suffered another shock. In 2005, she found out that she was infected with HIV.** She said she sensed that once HIV results suddenly gave positive test results another nightmare in her life began and her life revolves now around some effects of the pills, which she has to devour almost every hour to survive.

I thought it WILL NOT happen to me

"I had many friends who use drugs and among them, many had HIV. **I never thought I would happen to me, "she said.**

Elena says that "discrimination" is the first word taught after learning that he has HIV. "I needed a doctor dermatologist. I received in the office, but he didn't want to touch me. After my appointment I wanted to wash hands, but my doctor said not to touch the taps, door handle, nothing, "says Elena. Now Elena is working

with an organization, which fights and protects the rights of persons with HIV / AIDS.

This road went through

"Where there are drugs there's no morality. It does not matter if someone is sick, or if you're healthy, "says Elena.

All the pain she went through strengthened Elena who says that she takes the mistakes she made. "I had to go through this I think to understand that my role in society. I think what happened to me helps me help others still suffering, "says Elena.

Injectable drugs are preferred by young

Psychologists say that the average age of people in The Republic of Moldova dependent on drugs is between 18 and 25 years.

"Most young people prefer soft injectable drugs that can consume and in nightclubs also, "said Victor Ianovschi, a psychologist at the Center for Psycho-Social Rehabilitation of the Republican Dispensary Narcology.

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