Drug Abuse and Drug Dependence Treatment Situation

According to annual statistical data for the year 2008:

- The total number of registered drug users in the country made up 15,506,000.
- Mainly, people taking drugs appear to be males at the age of 15-64 years.
- The rate of drug users among children under 15 years old made 977,000 persons.
- Most of them are Marijuana users (330,000 people).
- The most widely spread type of drug in Brazil are solvents (3,121,000 users).
- Marijuana users made up 4,472,000; Opium users 715,000.
- There are 2,254 governmental settings for drug dependence treatment.
- In total there are 37,994 beds available for drug dependence treatment.

In urban areas, the following treatment services are available:

- Primary health care services
- Mental health care services
- Services by specialized drug treatment facilities
- Inpatient
- Outpatient
- Psychiatric hospital
- Social welfare services
- Services for prison inmates

In rural areas, drug dependence treatment is only available at primary health care wards.

**List of services provided at rural and urban primary health care wards:**

- Screening
- Assessment
- Referral for specialized services
- Treatment planning
- HIV prevention
- Family interventions
- Linkage with community organizations

**The services offered at mental health care wards and specialized outpatient facilities also include:**

- Social rehabilitation
- Relapse prevention
- After care
- Detoxification
- Counseling

**Drug Treatment situation 2008:**

- 12,198 first-time drug users were recorded in 2002 (UNAIDS – 2006)
- Currently, there's a lack of an epidemiological survey regarding the most current drug use, especially crack and ecstasy / LSD.
- There is no official system for collecting information at national level.

CAPS ADs (day care services) are an articulated networks, inter-and intra-sector. They offer individualized therapeutic supported by psychiatric beds in general hospitals, with evidence-based pharmacological and psychosocial interventions. Some of them offer 24h service.

The Ministry of Health set targets to increase access to integral and differential treatment. Assistance is offered free of charge at all levels of care through a cross-sector network of health care focusing on the CAPS AD in conjunction with the Program of Family Health (PSF), Agents Program Community Health (PACS), Programs of Harm Reduction (PRD) and Network and Basic Health. This is a health network connection and integration with other networks of support, with emphasis on rehabilitation and social integration.

**HIV/AIDS Situation**

By 2009, there were 730,000 people living with HIV. The rate of HIV in infection among IDUs has decreased in Brazil, with an estimate that 0.2% of drug users inject. Preliminary version of the epidemiological bulletin, 26/11/2009, notice 0 cases IDUs in under 13 years of age in 2009, and 235 cases users 13 years of age or older against 735 in 2008.
Needle and syringe exchange programs, HIV Testing and counseling, Antiretroviral therapy (ART), Prevention and treatment of sexually transmitted infections (STI), Condom programs for injecting and other drug users and their sexual partners, Targeted information, education and communication (IEC) for injecting and other drug users and their sexual partners, are available.

HIV/AIDS situation 2008 according to the collected data:

- The estimated cumulative number of HIV cases comprised 13,661 by 2008.
  20,744 of these cases were males (22.3%) and 13,734 were females (14.2%).
- 481 HIV positive persons were under 14 years old (3%).
- 894 HIV infected persons were IDUs, which accounts for 8.7% of the total population.
- By 2008, the cumulative number of patients diagnosed with AIDS was 506,499.
- New cases of AIDS comprised 33,689.
- 11,060 AIDS patients died.

Nationwide prevention treatment and care services including prison settings:

- Needle and syringe exchange programs
- HIV Testing and counseling
- Antiretroviral therapy (ART)
- Prevention and treatment of sexually transmitted infections (STI)
- Condom programs for injecting and other drug users and their sexual partners
- Targeted information, education and communication (IEC) for injecting and other drug users and their sexual partners
- Vaccination, diagnosis and treatment of viral hepatitis (HBV, HCV)
- Prevention, diagnosis and treatment of tuberculosis (TB)
- Referral for drug dependence treatment
- Referral for other medical and social services

Training of Trainers

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There are 9 different institutions offering training for medical staff. The training is intended for general practitioners or physicians nurses, psychiatrists and psychologists. The participants can chose to be trained at primary health care wards, mental health care wards, specialized drug treatment facilities or psychiatric hospitals.

Within the Permanent Program of Human Resources Training specialized courses were funded with modules related to the consumption of alcohol and other drugs (AD). In the course of the program, 20 trainers have so far trained 838 professionals. However, programs specializing on the us of AD for health professionals are still scare. Since the year 2002
the Ministry of Health encourages, supports and finances the establishment of permanent training centres, in cooperation with public universities and other educational institutions like for instance the National Policy of Drugs Bureau (SENAD).

**National Counterparts**
- Ministry of Health
- CAPS Diadema
- GREA Association
- Therapeutic communities federation FEBRACT
- Campinas Mental health coordination

**Academic Institutions**
- National Project Evaluation and Monitoring of Psychosocial Care Centres (AVALIAR CAPS)
- National Policy of Drugs Bureau (SENAD)
- University of Brasilia (UNB)
- UNIFESP University
- Sao Paulo University – PAI/PAD,
- Salesianos University.
- Rio de Janeiro University

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