The critical partnership for HIV prevention: building positive relationships with police to support civil society and HIV programmes

In the context of HIV prevention, treatment and care among key populations, the importance of an enabling legal and policy environment is well documented. Among other factors influencing and impacting the environment in which harm reduction services are provided for people who inject drugs, the role of law enforcement and policing is central.

This workshop will examine how HIV programmes and civil society organizations can build critical and positive partnerships with police to enhance HIV service delivery to key populations. The workshop will draw on both lessons learned from UNODC’s work in building partnerships between police, HIV programmes and civil society organizations to provide harm reduction services in countries with concentrated epidemics among people who inject drugs, and the experiences of police from the Law Enforcement and HIV Network. The workshop will also present participants with newly released training guidelines for law enforcement officials on HIV service provision for people who inject drugs.

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ENHANCING PARTNERSHIPS BETWEEN LAW ENFORCEMENT AND CIVIL SOCIETY: LESSONS FROM THE FIELD
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THE LAW ENFORCEMENT AND HIV NETWORK: GROWING POLICE SUPPORT FOR HIV PREVENTION
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OPERATIONALIZING THE ENABLING ENVIRONMENT
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LAUNCH OF UNODC TRAINING GUIDELINES ON LAW ENFORCEMENT AND HIV SERVICE PROVISION FOR PEOPLE WHO INJECT DRUGS

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