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PAKJ85: HIV/AIDS PREVENTION, TREATMENT AND CARE FOR FEMALE INJECTING DRUG USERS AND FEMALE PRISONERS IN PAKISTAN

Sub regional project for the provision of comprehensive HIV prevention, treatment and care package to female injecting and non-injecting drug users (including those involved in sex work and spouses of male drug users) in the community and in prison settings.

Background

Pakistan has, at present, a concentrated HIV/AIDS epidemic country. WHO/UNAIDS estimates that there are between 46,000-210,000 adult HIV positive cases in Pakistan. The overall seroprevalence of HIV among IDUs is 21%, with high variability between cities. Preliminary findings of another study (2007) to assess the risks of spouses of IDUs revealed that 15-20% of the spouses inject drugs. The number of females in prison is lower than the number of males and there is little or no knowledge of drug use and HIV among female prisoners. Moreover female prisoners often have more health problems (in number and severity) than male prisoners. Many suffer from chronic physical and mental health conditions resulting from lives of poverty, drug use, family violence, sexual assault, malnutrition and poor preventive health care.

Objective

1. Provide HIV Prevention/ Harm reduction services female injecting and non-injecting drug users in community and prison settings
2. Develop an enabling environment to provide gender-sensitive approaches to comprehensive HIV services

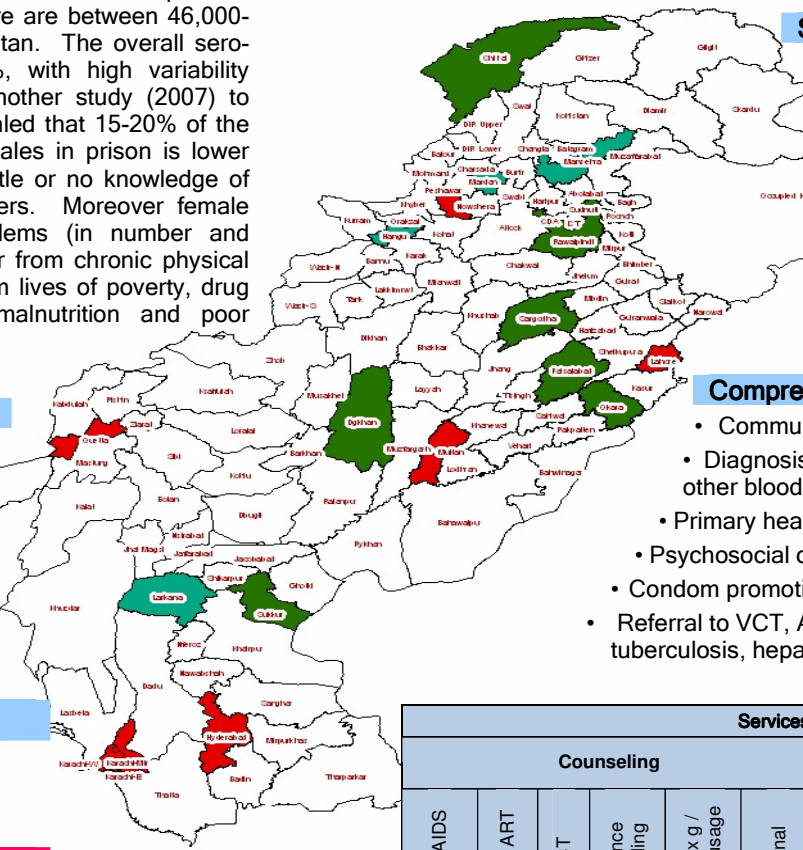
Funding Arrangements

Project Budget: US\$1,708,485

Donor: Norway

Required Funding for Extension in 2011:

US\$ 1,096,000



Sites

The project is being implemented at 11 sites and 9 prisons

- **Community Interventions**
(D.G Khan, Okara, Faisalabad, Sargodha, Chitral, Sukkur)
- **Prison interventions**
(Larkana, Mardan, Haripur, Mansehra)
- **Prison and community interventions**
(Karachi, Hyderabad, Peshawar, Lahore, Multan)

Comprehensive Package

- Community based outreach through peer-education;
- Diagnosis and treatment for sexually transmitted infections and other blood borne diseases;
- Primary healthcare including abscess management;
- Psychosocial counseling;
- Condom promotion and distribution;
- Referral to VCT, ART, drug dependence treatment, testing and treatment for tuberculosis, hepatitis B, and C.

Services in Prisons (Oct 2008-Dec-2009)													
Counseling			Condom	Training	Drug Treatment	Primary Health Care	Tests & Referrals						
Drug Counseling	Psychological Assistance	HIV Counseling					HIV	HBS	HCV	Syphilis	TB	ART	
416	865	1467	1605	1136	89	0	810	495	86	96	28	8	16

Services in Community (Oct 2008-Dec-2009)																
Counseling						Primary Health Care	No of NS	Condom	STI treatment	Referral						
HIV and AIDS	OD4 and ART	PPTCT	Adherence counseling	Safer sex g / condom usage	Nutritional					Tests						
										HIV/CD4 Count	HBS	HCV	Syphilis	ART	TB	Intensive Medical Care
1,905	510	64	1,933	1,566	1,068	1,851	589	103	9	510	74	84	27	510	36	89

Partnerships

From Government of Pakistan, Ministry of Narcotics Control, Anti Narcotics Force, National AIDS Control Programme and from UN agencies, UNAIDS, WHO and UNFPA are co-implementing partners.