Responding comprehensively to drugs and HIV

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Global Commitments

- Sustainable Development Goals

- 2016 Political Declaration on HIV and AIDS: On the Fast Track to Accelerating the Fight against HIV and to Ending the AIDS Epidemic by 2030

- UNGASS 2016 Outcome Document

- UNAIDS 2016 – 2021 Strategy on the Fast-Track to end AIDS
More than 11 million people inject drugs

1.4 million are living with HIV
5.6 million are living with Hepatitis C
1.1 million are living with both HIV and Hepatitis C

54% of new HIV infections globally in 2018 were among key populations and their sexual partners

SOURCE:
UNAIDS Data 2019,
UNODC, World Drug Report 2019
UNODC, WHO, UNAIDS Comprehensive Package: HIV Prevention, Treatment & Care among People who Inject Drugs
NSP & OST coverage insufficient to effectively prevent HIV and HCV!

Only 33 needles-syringes per PWID per year against the high coverage target of >200

Only 16% PWID are receiving OST – against the high coverage target of >40%

SOURCE: SARAH LARNEY AND OTHERS, THE LANCET GLOBAL HEALTH, 2017
Prisons are characterized by higher risks for the transmission of infectious diseases including HIV

- 4.6% living with HIV
- 15.1% have HCV
- 4.8% have chronic HBV
- 5 times more likely to be living with HIV than adults in general population
- HIV/AIDS and TB are among the main causes of death in prisons

Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) Global AIDS Monitoring (GAM) 2018; Dolan et al. (20)
Promoting access to HIV services for people who use drugs and people in prisons

GUIDANCE: development and dissemination of normative guidance on HIV

ADVOCACY: promoting human rights-based, gender responsive, public health-centered and evidence-based approaches, elimination of stigma, discrimination & violence

POLICY: supporting the revision, adaptation, development and implementation of effective legislation, policies and strategies

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE: supporting the development and implementation of comprehensive evidence-based interventions for HIV prevention, treatment and care

CAPACITY-BUILDING: strengthening the capacity of national partners including civil society organizations and supporting the meaningful engagement of the community based organizations
Narrowing the gap in HIV & Hep C harm reduction services in community & prisons

Country examples

**Kenya**: 10 NSP and 7 OST clinics housed within public health facilities in Nairobi, Kilifi, Mombasa, Kwale and Kisumu Counties.

- Around 4000 clients on OST
- Of whom about 60% received services through UNODC sites at the coast
- Established, an OST clinic in prison
Implementing HIV & Hep C programs with people who inject drugs

In 2018-19, over 700 HIV service providers trained in 11 high priority countries
Strengthening data & monitoring of HIV services

- Delivered training in monitoring & evaluation of HIV services for women who use drugs in 14 high priority countries
- Improved data collection and built country capacity for HIV monitoring in prisons
- Generated annual joint UNODC/ WHO/ UNAIDS/World Bank estimates on people who inject drugs, HIV and hepatitis C
- Developed harmonized indicators & data guidance on HIV key populations with WHO, UNAIDS, Global Fund, PEPFAR, and other partners
Responding to specific needs of women who inject drugs

- Development and dissemination of normative guidance on HIV prevention treatment and care among women who use drugs

- Training package on addressing specific needs of women who inject drugs

- Capacity-building programmes in 14 high priority countries
HIV prevention treatment, care and support for people who use stimulant drugs

- Development and dissemination of technical guidance on HIV, HCV prevention treatment and care among people who use stimulant drugs
- Training package on HIV, HCV prevention treatment and care among people who use stimulant drugs
- Roll out of the capacity-building programmes initiated
Supporting human rights based & HIV & Hep C sensitive law enforcement practices

- Strengthened partnerships between law enforcement and health sectors

- Produced an HIV e-learning tool for law enforcement officials

- Trained over 2000 law enforcement officers, and members of civil society and community-based organizations, parliamentarians and representatives of health, education and social sectors
HIV services in prisons

- Rolled out guidelines and SOPs on continuity of HIV, TB and HCV services for people in prisons, including for people who use drugs

- Generated strategic information: a national situation and needs assessment of HIV/AIDS and drug use in prisons

Thank You!

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