Meeting the challenge of increasing non-medical use of controlled drugs
What proportion of existing prevention is evidence-based? Source: ARQ
Coverage of drug treatment
A dramatic average

**FIGURE 1.2**  NUMBER OF PEOPLE WITH DRUG USE DISORDERS RECEIVING TREATMENT WORLDWIDE

247 MILLION PEOPLE USED DRUGS IN THE PAST YEAR

29 MILLION SUFFER FROM DRUG USE DISORDERS
BUT ONLY 1 IN 6 PEOPLE WITH DRUG USE DISORDERS IS IN TREATMENT

The situation is even worse for women

Even though one out of three drug users is a woman, only one out of five drug users in treatment is a woman.
Quality of “treatment”?

Chained

Beaten

Locked up
Treatment in prison settings

Numbers of countries implementing interventions in at least one prison

- **56** Opioid-substitution therapy
- **11** Needle-syringe programmes
- **10** Both
Funding for drug prevention, treatment, care and rehabilitation
Should we be so surprised?
Invest in evidence-based drug prevention, treatment, care and rehabilitation
PREVENTION
Use the UNODC/WHO Standards
Keep children in school
Support parents, teachers and other educators to support children.
Strong Families

Families UNited

STRONG FAMILIES PROGRAMME
A family skills prevention programme for families living in challenged settings
Effective also to prevent violence, particularly youth violence and child maltreatment
TREATMENT

Treatment, health care, social protection and rehabilitation
Use the UNODC/WHO Standards
Evidence-based pharmacological & psychosocial treatment reduces use, dependence, HIV/AIDS, overdose and crime
Community-based management of opioid overdoses through take home naloxone and training
Quality assurance mechanisms, including training and certification
TREATNET FAMILY INTERVENTION

Focus on adolescents with drug use disorders and in contact with the criminal justice system, including violent extremism
Gender sensitive services for women with drug use disorders, including pregnant women
Treatment as an alternative to incarceration & punishment for people with drug use disorders
Treatment, care, rehabilitation of drug use disorders & mental health disorders in prison settings, PLUS continuity of care in the community
The consensus is already there
Large scale mobilization of resources at national and international level
Health and wellbeing of children, youth, families and communities particularly the most vulnerable
Thank you!

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