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REGIONAL PROGRAMME
for Afghanistan and Neighbouring Countries

Call for Proposals

Organising and conducting practice-oriented in-service training for Farsi speaking general practitioners on drug dependence treatment

under

RER/V09- "Sub-programme 3 Prevention & Treatment of Addiction among Vulnerable Groups" of the Regional Programme for Afghanistan and Neighbouring Countries

Organizational Section/Unit:	**United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) Country Office Iran**
Location:	**I.R of Iran**
Proposed period:	**February- May 2016**

Background

Afghanistan and its neighbouring countries are severely hit by the problem of drug use especially the use of opiates. According to the UNODC World Drug Report 2015 the prevalence of opioid use is estimated 2.92 % (m 4.30%/ 1.45% w) in Afghanistan, 2.27% in Iran and 0.54% in Tajikistan among the adult population respectively. The same report states the number of treatment episodes and/or opioid users in treatment in the three countries in 2013 as: Afghanistan 13,925; Iran 764,000 and Tajikistan 902.

Drug dependence results in social and health adversities for individuals, families and communities thus calling for quality drug dependence treatment. Quality drug dependence treatment and care services play a key role in reducing the demand for drugs, HIV transmission amongst drug users, drug related crime, incarceration and relapse. Drug treatment programmes in the three counties have been expanding in the recent years, but could still be improved. Among others, there has been shortcoming in training on practical aspects of quality drug treatment with the result that the existing scientific knowledge is not necessarily accompanied with applying of proven methods of treatment.

Under its Outcome 7: "Countries of the region deliver drug dependence treatment and care services based on scientific evidence" the Regional Programme for Afghanistan and Neighbouring Countries aims to support improvement of evidence-based and quality drug treatment. Moreover, the need for practice-oriented training on drug treatment has been expressed since many years by drug treatment clinicians, mangers and also by programme officials frequently. It has been also part of bilateral discussions of Senior Drug Control Authorities of the Islamic Republics of Afghanistan and Iran. In this context, a joint training of Afghan and Iranian drug treatment physicians taking place in Iran with a more advanced and

scaled drug treatment programme has been included in agreement with the Iranian Drug Control Headquarters (DCHQ) in the work plan of the UNODC Regional Programme.

Task

To organise and conduct a hands-on practical two weeks training for 25 GPs on evidence-based quality drug treatment in Iran for practicing drug treatment physicians from Afghanistan, Iran and Tajikistan starting in the last week of April 2016.

Activities

Under the Sub-programme 3 of the UNODC Regional programme for Afghanistan and Neighbouring Countries and in close cooperation with the Iranian Drug Control Headquarters it is expected that the selected institution plans, organises and conducts successfully a 2-weeks training for 25 (10 Afghan, 2 Tajik and 15 Iranian) physicians working in the area of drug treatment. The treat shall comprise of theoretical and practical components in the format of a supervised internship in running relevant drug treatment facilities, and shall ensure the provision of an overview on all minimum elements of drug treatment as to be practiced by physicians including the following:

- Initial interview and comprehensive assessment of drug use and its adverse impact at individual, family and social levels
- Developing a treatment plan
- Pharmacological treatment of drug dependence (opioid substitution therapy, detoxification with and without opioid agonists, maintenance therapy with opioid antagonists)
- Short-term treatment in inpatient and outpatient settings
- Residential treatment
- Relapse prevention
- Basic rehabilitation and monitoring of treatment outcomes
- Overview on psychosocial interventions

Outputs/Deliverables

- Annotated agenda of the training in-line with the proposal: 6 weeks before the training
- Presentations/handouts of the training: 4 weeks before the training
- Two weeks training comprising of both theoretical and practical components in-line with the proposal
- Full report of the conducted training in English: 2 weeks after the conducted training

Duration of work

The work will be accomplished between February and May 2016.

Eligible Applicants

The following are the minimum criteria for applying institutions:

- Be a recognised academic centre
- Have at least 5 year of practical experience in the field of drug treatment
- Have proven experience in training general practitioners on drug treatment
- Have an operational drug treatment centre affiliated to the teaching institution
- Have an adequate financial operation and administration system in place

Eligible applications

Eligible institutions can submit proposals. Because of the inter-country nature of the Regional Programme proposals should be submitted in English. All applications must contain following items:

1. ***Resumes:*** A detailed resume of the proposing institution highlighting demonstrable expertise, experience and commitment to the topic area and the activity
2. A ***typed proposal***, 2-10 pages in length, detailing the content of the training together with an overview of the agenda of the training. Beside the theoretical component of the training the proposal should clearly detail the methodology and location(s) for the practical components of the training ensuring practicing opportunity for all participants of the training. Since most institutions would not have affiliated treatment centres in all required settings (e.g. inpatient and residential), it is important that the proposal depicts, in which locations the practical training in the various settings is to take place.
3. ***Detailed Curriculum vitae of all proposed training team members*** highlighting on their experience and expertise justifying their nomination

Application deadline

14 February 2016 (25 Bahman1394)

Verification:

The final payment shall follow the successful delivery. The work of the selected and contracted institution including the deliverables will be closely monitored and assessed jointly by UNODC and DCHQ. Divergences between the submitted proposal and shortcomings in the delivery and/or shortages in delivery may lead to proportionate reduction/or cancellation of payment.

Submission

Interested applicants are invited to submit their proposals in two separate sealed envelopes:

1. **First envelope** containing the financial proposal as to the annex IV of the attached General Terms and Conditions.
2. **Second envelope** containing the: full proposal, CV of the applying institution, and CVs of all trainers involved in the training

The envelopes should be sent, referencing the activity name, to the attention of:

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