

**CIVIL SOCIETY
OPERATIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS
(RUMAH CEMARA)**

Your Excellency, Mr. Ambassador of Portugal, And distinguished guests,

Good Morning, and thank you for this platform to share a Community perspective.

My name is Subhan Panjaitan, the advocacy officer at RUMAH CEMARA, a community based organization in Indonesia, working in Drugs and HIV-AIDS Prevention, Treatment and Advocacy. I will take this opportunity to share **our operational recommendation** to the **Joint Commitment to Effectively address and counter the world drug problems**.

First of all, I would like to appreciate International forum and especially Indonesian Government who has already done the progress to work the drugs policy related to rehabilitation program so well. I believe, that we have the same goals to do the best for a better human being today and in a future.

However, working directly with people directly affected with drugs on a daily basis, gives us an edge in compiling and analyzing the needs of these communities. Thus, herewith are the additional points needed in the operational recommendations. These points are measureable and can be monitored on a regular basis by both the Government and/or the Community. They are as follows:

- a. Improving the quality of evidence-based treatment services (government or community managed). The quality services include: (1) Competent human resources, (2) Evidence based methods; and also (3) implementing the values and professional ethics.
- b. Evaluation on drugs policies and regulations based on effectiveness and implementation as well as the public understanding of these policies.
- c. The active participation of communities in planning, strategic decision making forum, implementation and monitoring evaluation in rehabilitation programs.

- d. Encourage the Government and Communities to synchronize the perception of the definition of **substance use disorder, as a chronic relapsing disease**. And to consistently internalize this definition into international and national policies, thus increasing access to health services and minimizing the negative impact of substances use disorder. This is important as Indonesia's progress in increasing universal access to health, including drugs users has been hampered by state supported raids and continued criminalizing towards people who use drugs.
- e. To minimize the miscommunication and mis-coordination between stakeholders and government agencies by applying a **one gate policy** in handling of drugs treatment. Therefore, it is important to strengthen treatment services as a comprehensive service and not as separated partial services spread throughout agencies.

That's all our statement and recommendations, may what i have delivered be usefull in our life in this world and here after. I don't forget to say thank you to Chairman, The ambassador of Portugal to give me the opportunity to delivered this message and If you found many mistakes in my statement please forgive me.

Thank You