Country Partnership

Brazil and UNODC partnership in the context of HIV

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1995 Bahia
First needle and syringe programme
2008: Regional consultation on HIV in prisons (Sao Paulo)

- First regional consultation on HIV in prisons
- Established foundation for common comprehensive HIV prevention, treatment and care in prisons policy

2009: National consultation (MoH, MoJ, CSOs)
2012 International expert group meeting on HIV and stimulant users

Organised by UNODC and hosted by the MoH
Brazil a UNODC High Priority country
HIV and people who use drugs
Current situation

✓ Increased use of stimulant drugs
✓ Decrease of prevalence of injecting drug use
✓ Concentrated epidemic:
  ✓ General population: 0.6%
  ✓ PWUD: 5.9 %
✓ Persistence of stigma and prejudice towards people who use drugs which creates barriers to health services and health actions;
✓ The STD / HIV among people who use drugs shall be more related to the practice of unprotected sex than by sharing syringes.
A partnership with Ministry of Health

- Initiated in 1994
- Several projects
- “Improving Management, Surveillance, Prevention and Control of STD, AIDS and Viral Hepatitis among Drug Users, Sex Workers, Prison Population and People Living with HIV/AIDS”
HIV and use of stimulant drugs

National technical meeting in Brasilia Objectives:

☑ To review the recommendations of the global technical meeting on stimulant drugs use and HIV held in January 2012 and discuss guidelines for the Brazilian agenda for HIV in contexts of stimulant drugs use.

☑ To provide a debate on the current context of drug use in Brazil, existing scientific data and their association to the AIDS and viral hepatitis epidemiologic profile.

☑ Establish priority lines of action for the reduction of vulnerabilities to STD/HIV and viral hepatitis among this specific population.
Strengthening Partnerships with CSO

- A total of 130 CSOs have ongoing projects in partnership with UNODC and the Ministry of Health.

- Human rights, advocacy and legal advisory as it relates to HIV/AIDS and viral hepatitis;

- Strengthening and scaling up the access of vulnerable populations to HIV/AIDS prevention and care services;

- Scaling up HIV, syphilis and viral hepatitis testing and HIV prevention during the gay parades to be carried out in Brazilian municipalities;

- Capacity building of civil society organizations on HIV prevention.
Viva Melhor Sabendo
(“Leave better knowing”)
Scaling up HIV testing among people who use drugs

✔ HIV rapid oral fluid testing offered on a voluntary basis and respecting confidentiality;
✔ HIV testing carried out by civil society organizations;
✔ 10 harm reduction NGOs already in the field providing testing;
✔ 40 other NGOs recently selected from a call for proposals will receive training to start providing the
Municipality of São José do Rio Preto
Mobile clinic

- Since 1998
- Testing and counselling HIV, STIs
- Treatment
- Nurses and MD
- Referral
A PARTNERSHIP AT MUNICIPALITY LEVEL
Example Sao Paulo
HIV & Drug Use Prevention and Treatment
Open Arms Programme

- Community-based drug dependency treatment for crack users implemented by the municipal government of São Paulo;
- Social support (food, hygiene, housing etc.);
- Income generating opportunities;
- Health care;
- Mobile unit for HIV testing among the participants of the programme (mainly crack users);

- HIV prevalence among participants of the programme – 4%
- Syphilis prevalence – 26%
Brazil among the 24 UNODC High Priority Countries to address injecting drug use and HIV burden, including in prisons

Workshop in Manaus
Enhancing Partnerships Between Law Enforcement and Civil Society Organisations in the context of Drug Use and HIV
HIV in prisons
A partnership with Ministry of Justice and Ministry of Health
Thank You

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