

***A BRIEF REPORT ON VOCCATIONAL TRAINING COURSE  
AND THE RECOVERING FEMALE DRUG ADDICTS  
IN KANDAHAR May 2006***

UNODC supported Kandahar MoPH/DRAT team identified 36 female drug addicts which were using different type of drugs such as: opium, heroin, hashish, pharmaceutical drugs and one of them alcohol. The addicts were took in confidence, mobilized and than provided home based treatment and counseling facilities at different times through DRAT female personnel in Kandahar city with a special curriculum.

Among 36 under treatment female addicts 35 have left addiction and currently leading a normal life free of drug hazards. Each drug addict has special background for involving in the addiction and most of them are poor and returnees from the neighboring countries of Iran and Pakistan.

22 recovering female drug addicts were introduced to vocational tailoring courses in three different location Kandahar city run by experienced female trainers for a duration of four months.

To avoid the re-involvement in drug addiction of the recovered female addicts and prevent some of them from begging which they were used to and to avoid prevention of other females to be suffered from the drug menace. Therefore in addition provision of vocational training opportunities to the trainees WFP office was approached by UNODC Kandahar office and a proposal for joint programming was submitted for supply of food stuff for the trainees and trainers which was agreed upon by WFP office that vocational course participants have been receive allocated food stuff for four months on regular basis which DRAT team will play an IP role and UNODC will provide technical support and cash incentives for trainees.



*Female recovering drug addicts vocational tailoring course trainees during their practice activities and they are satisfied thankful to UNODC and DRAT support for relieving them from paws of drug evils.*

WFP food assistance for vocational training will continue in future as well provided with successful implementation of the project by DRAT team.

The tailoring course of female trainees have made advancement and achievement now and most of them are able to make cloths for their own family members and in future they can sell their products in local market which will be an income generation source for them and thus have sustainability for their craft.

Moreover UNHCR Kandahar office has also been approached by UNODC Kandahar office for support to the recovered trained female drug addicts which most are repatriated returnees to be

provided one sewing machine to each trainee to create sustainability in their profession and earn their livelihood from their own vocational work. The head of UNHCR Kandahar office verbally agreed in principle for provision of such support to drug addicts which will be further followed and discussed to reach an understanding and agreement.

As such joint programming in regard to drug addicts vocational training course among the UN agencies and their active participation will be very useful and sustainable and can be utilize in other provinces too where DRAT offices are active.

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