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# YOUNG WOMEN: DRUGS AND HIV/AIDS

**IND/H14: Coordinated HIV/AIDS/STD Response through Capacity Building and Awareness – CHARCA**

**Regional Office for South Asia**

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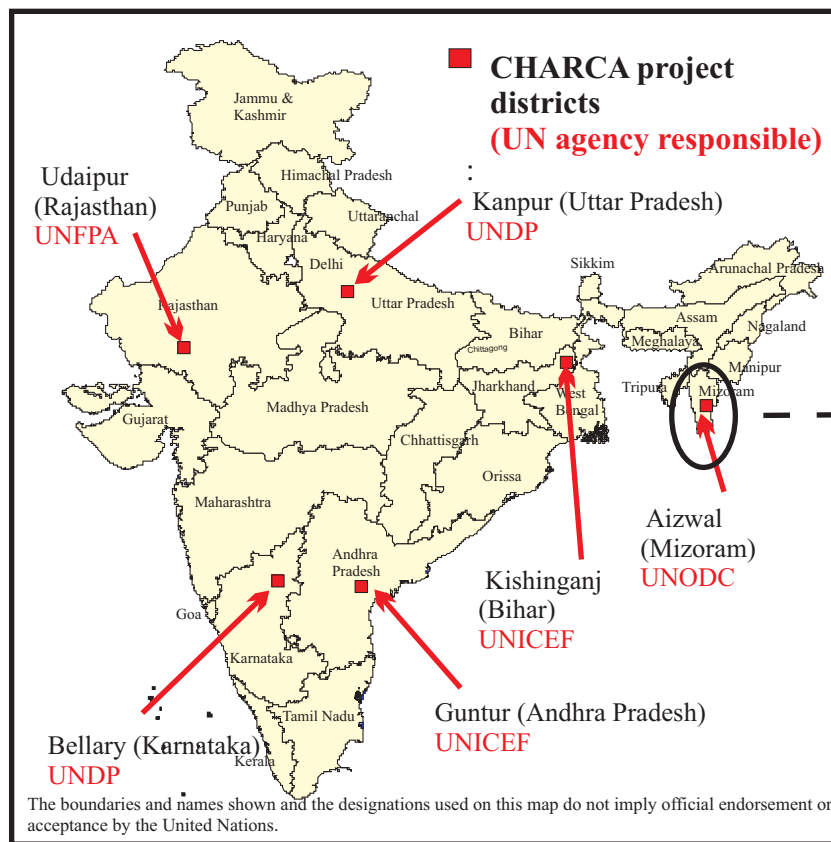
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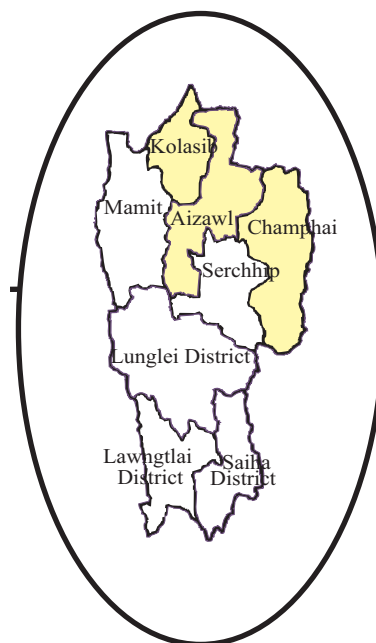
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CHARCA is a joint UN system project in partnership with the National AIDS Control Organization (NACO) of India. It aims to reduce the vulnerability of young women (aged 13-25 years) in the general population to the risk of HIV infection. It is being implemented in six localities in India. One of these is Aizawl in the state of Mizoram. Mizoram's geographical location makes it a conduit for drugs (heroin) entering from Myanmar. Pharmaceutical drugs like spasmoproxyvon produced elsewhere in India are also illicitly consumed in the state. The drug issue has become a major public health problem in recent years and has added to the risk of spreading HIV.



## MIZORAM



■ Districts with CHARCA operations

### UNODC CHARCA ACTIVITIES AS OF MARCH 2007

	Activities	Kolasib	Aizawl	Champhai	Total
1.	No of adolescent and Young Women trained	60	237	87	384
2.	Selection and placement of PEs	20	79	29	128
3.	Existing Drop In Centres	2	7	3	12
4.	Hmeichhe Buks/Women Centres	37	160	92	289
5.	No of NGOs	3	15	6	24
6.	Training of key influencers (e.g. YMA, MHIP, Church)			2	2
7.	Training of Doctors on adolescent friendly health services	1	1	1	3
8.	Pretest of GOLMAAL – Board Games on Gender, Drugs and HIV		1		1
9.	Talent Search "Youth Icon"		1		1
10.	Training of PEs on Reproductive Health	1	2	1	4
11.	Training of PEs on Legal Literacy	1	1	1	3
12.	Training of NGOs, CBOs and master trainers on legal literacy		1		1
13.	Training of NGOs, CBOs and master trainers on mental health	1	1	1	3
14.	Training of PEs on mental health	1	1	1	3
15.	Training of NGOs on micro credit		1	1	2
16.	Training of PEs on micro credit		2	2	4
17.	Media advocacy workshop		1		1
18.	Training of education department officials		1		1



### MIZORAM

Mizoram is one of the states having more than 5 percent HIV prevalence in high-risk groups and a narrowing gender gap. The

Mizoram society is in a state of transition, with a rapid increase in urbanisation. Many young Mizos aspire to associate themselves with symbols of modernity and progress. As a result, premarital sexual relations among young boys and girls is not uncommon. In such intimate relationships, young women's lack of control over their sexuality, the inability of young people to adopt safe sexual practices as well as the convergence of alcohol, drugs and sex are responsible for increasing vulnerability.