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*Office on Drugs and Crime*

# **Prevention of spread of HIV amongst vulnerable groups in South Asia**

## **Project RAS/H71**

*Presentation to*

### ***Regional Training of Trainers Programme***

*25 to 29 April 2006,*

*The Claridges Hotel, New Delhi, INDIA*

## Goal:

**Reduce the spread of HIV among vulnerable groups  
in South Asia**

## Means:

**Evidence-based interventions are in place to reduce  
drug-related HIV vulnerabilities**

# Main Outputs

- Situation assessment report of drugs and HIV among street children in your country.
  - Vulnerabilities of substance using street children and responses available at selected sites in South Asia (RSA type report).

# Main Outputs...

- A tool/methodology in place, which could be used to periodically collect the information about profile of vulnerabilities among substance using street children- KAP draft questionnaire

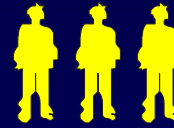
# Main Outputs...

- An intervention-design with demonstrable feasibility and effectiveness.
  - Using outreach workers to reach out to street children
  - Identifying peer volunteers- peer to peer contact
  - Delivering 'key messages' on drugs and HIV

# 1. Design and methodology

**In each country**

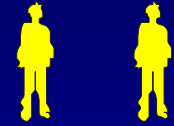
**PAC members +  
Project Team  
RAS/H71**



Intervention Coordinator



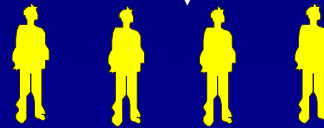
Outreach workers



2 outreach workers per site

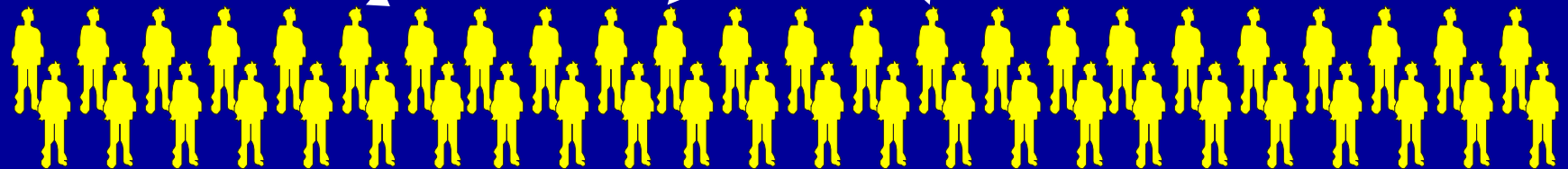


Peer Volunteers  
(current users st chd)



4 PVs per site / per  
month in rotation

Peer Volunteers  
(current users)



48 PVs per site

# Main Outputs...

## Creating an enabling environment to access services-

The agency would establish contact with other agencies in the locality and will establish / advocate for establishing 'street-child-friendly' substance use/HIV related prevention and treatment services- develop a referral network by mapping services.



- The effectiveness and impact of the intervention will be indicated by:
  - Change in risk behaviour profile of substance using street children (this would come from pre and post comparison design).
  - Presence of ‘street-child-friendly’ substance use treatment services.

The Outreach workers would go out in the field and recruit substance using street children.

Identify peer volunteers who are current users

The Intervention Coordinator and OW conduct a baseline assessment and train them to function as peer volunteers (or 'agents of change' or 'health ambassadors' or some such catchy term).



These peer volunteers then interact with their peer group and spread the message regarding adoption of safer practices, aided by some promotional material.

The volunteers / some of the children contacted by them undergo reassessment towards the end.

# Main Outputs...

Document activities carried out under this output of the project and disseminate lessons learned in national and regional meetings organised by the projects in UNODC ROSA.



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**Good Luck**