

1. AIMS

The United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime Regional Office for South Asia (UNODC-ROSA) has developed an intervention tool-kit comprising six modules under the project entitled 'Prevention of transmission of HIV among Drug Users in SAARC¹ countries' (Project code - TD/RAS/03/H13). In view of the heterogeneity that exists in the SAARC region with regard to the pattern of drug use (including injecting drug use) as well as HIV prevalence among drug users, the project has undertaken this activity to help develop capacity in the region for scaling up HIV interventions among injecting drug users (IDUs) and other opiate users. The present document is the first in the series of six modules with the following aims:

- ♦ To introduce the HIV intervention tool-kit to the reader in the centre of the drug-use related HIV epidemic in South Asia, and
- ♦ To provide a practical guide for situation and response assessment in relation to drug use.

¹ The South Asian Association for Regional Co-operation