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IND/E41: Community Wide Demand Reduction in the North Eastern States of India

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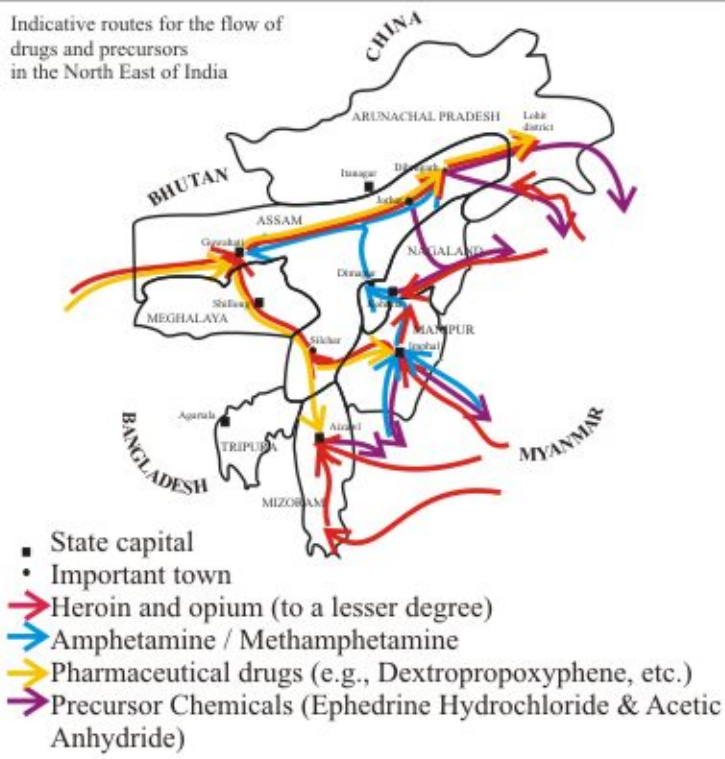
This project helped to establish an infrastructure comprised of NGO-based regional resource and training centres (RRTC), 25 NGO-based de-addiction cum rehabilitation centres and 40 Community Extension Centres, consisting of suitable community-based organizations (CBOs). The intention was to mobilize NGOs, CBOs and enterprises to reduce and prevent drug abuse on a large scale in the north eastern states of India which are highly exposed to drug abuse and related HIV/AIDS infection.



Under the project, NGOs established Self-Help Groups (SHGs) in their communities.

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| Drug demand reduction trainings | 26 |
| Detoxification camps | 24 |
| Drop-in-Centres (DICs) | 20 |
| Income-generation programmes | 14 |
| District-level programmes | 10 |
| Peer Educators | 40 |
| Committees of Concern (COCs) | 4 |
| Self Help Groups (SHGs) | 90 |
| State Support Persons | 4 |
| Technical trainings | 25 |
| Family support centres assisted | 5 |

Indicative routes for the flow of drugs and precursors in the North East of India



ACCOMPLISHMENTS AS AT DECEMBER 2003

Training and Capacity building:

- Training and capacity building of service providers through 33 skill-building programmes.
- HIV awareness and care training for NGOs working with drug users, 20 supported by the National AIDS Control Organization (NACO).
- 26 sensitisation and awareness trainings on drugs and HIV.

Networking and Advocacy:

- Inter-sectoral cooperation between Government and civil society strengthened through the formation of Committees of Concern which brings together policy makers, programme implementers, NGOs to address Drug and HIV concerns.
- Substantive issues-based networking among NGOs and civil society capacitated.

Strengthening and establishing institutional capacities:

- Setting up of 3 Regional Resource and Training Centres in Manipur, Mizoram and Nagaland.
- Vocational and workplace therapy programmes supported for 9 enterprises.
- Supported a number of drug de-addiction and rehabilitation centres and other agencies.
- Strengthened community based organizations to address drug related HIV concerns.
- Setting up of 24 detoxification camps.
- Setting up and strengthened Drop in Centres (DICs).

Empowering human capacities across the Northeast:

- Creation of women self help groups, 30 capacitated with revolving funds.
- Identification, training and placement of peer educators, 120 trained and 40 placed in NGOs.
- Formation of 90 self help groups.