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# DRUG ABUSE AND HIV/AIDS

**RAS/G23: Networking to Reduce HIV risk among young drug users**

**Revised Budget: US\$ 535,000**

**Project Duration: 2002-2005 (with extension into 2006)**

This project was one of UNODC's first efforts to contribute to the task of averting a drug-abuse-driven epidemic in South Asia. Its drug control objective was to reduce risk-taking behaviour and HIV transmission among young drug users in South Asia. Its strategy was to foster alliances, develop partnerships and create a regional network of multiple stakeholders working in the field of drug demand reduction and HIV/AIDS prevention. Through its demonstration sites, it showed that high-risk sexual and drug-injecting behaviour among street-based users could be significantly reduced through outreach programmes to current users who could change their own behaviour and act as change agents among their own drug-using communities. The project's other major outputs were: (a) situation assessment of drug abuse and HIV/AIDS in South Asia, (b) a regional network against drug abuse and HIV/AIDS comprised of multiple stakeholders (SARnet) and (c) sharing of experience and information on effective approaches for HIV prevention among drug users through peer-led interventions.

### ACTIVITIES AT THE END OF 2005

	BGD	MDV	IND	BHU	NEP	SRL
<b>RAS/G23 : Activities</b>						
<b>Networking and Advocacy</b>						
Sub-National network committees	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
National network supported	✓ (4)		✓	✓	✓ (9)	✓
Participation in Regional Network	✓		✓			✓
<b>Capacity Building</b>						
Stakeholders sensitised	50	15	93		35	38
Service providers trained through Training of Trainers program	25	25	60		25	9
Technical Support Consultant placed	1				1	1
<b>Study Tours supported Peer Led Interventions</b>						
Research Agency Contracted	3	1	8		3	
PLI sites supported	1		1		1	1
Recovering drug users supported as outreach workers	6		6		6	6
Trained drug users on risk reduction as peer volunteers	12		12		12	12
	313		331		282	224

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