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DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION AND HIV/AIDS

IND/G86: Empowering communities for prevention of drugs and HIV in India

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This project aims to prevent and reduce the abuse of drugs and the spread of drug-related HIV in India. It will strengthen the capacity of government and civil society organizations to prevent drug abuse and scale-up interventions, which reduce the harmful consequences of drug use. Drawing on the findings of the recent *National Survey on Extent, Patterns and Trends of Drug Abuse* and the related recommended programme interventions, this project will: (1) help to develop a drug awareness program for schools; (2) help to develop a national drug awareness program; (3) establish self help groups for young women affected and afflicted by drug use and related HIV; and, (4) document good practices.

UNODC's APPROACH

- 1) Raise Awareness
- 2) Provide knowledge and refusal skills
- 3) Create a culture that fights substance use, sexual exploitation, rape and violence against vulnerable groups (children and women)
- 4) Encourage healthy choices

PRODUCTS IN PROGRESS AS OF JANUARY 2006

- 1) Assessment of existing content in formal school curriculum relating to drug abuse
- 2) Plan for appropriate content
- 3) Lifeskills module for in-school and out-of-school settings
- 4) Facilitators' Manual
- 5) TOTs demonstrated
- 6) Fun Pack on 'edutainment' approach
- 7) Model Drug Policy for Schools

PLANNED OUTPUTS AND ACTIVITIES

1. DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION IN SCHOOLS IN INDIA

- ✓ Guidelines for schools
- ✓ Modules on lifeskills education
- ✓ Training material produced
- ✓ Cadre of 200 master trainers
- ✓ Guidelines for service providers
- ✓ 1,000 service providers trained
- ✓ Pilot 200 school-based interventions.



3. YOUNG WOMEN'S SELF HELP GROUPS

- ✓ 100 Peer educators
- ✓ 50 Drop-In Centres
- ✓ Innovative interventions for SGHs
- ✓ Training SGHs on risk reduction and income generation
- ✓ Support e-network of peer educators



2. DRUG AWARENESS PROGRAMMES FOR YOUTH

- ✓ Community based drug awareness campaigns
- ✓ Messages developed; influencers sensitization programmes; disseminate messages; launch awareness campaigns; 2,000 peer volunteers trained in N.E. India; 40,000 community volunteers
- ✓ Media-for-prevention campaign
- ✓ Media workshop; media events; brochures; fund-raising events; partnership with private sector



4. GOOD PRACTICES RECORDED

- ✓ Monitoring and evaluation mechanism and indicators agreed
- ✓ Document good practices
- ✓ Disseminate and share sub-regionally
- ✓ Evidence based advocacy

