



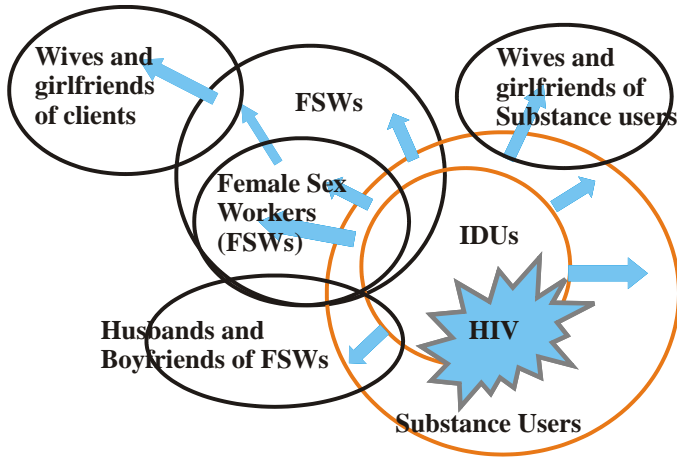
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DRUG ABUSE AND HIV AIDS FEMINISATION OF THE EPIDEMIC



ACHIEVEMENT INDICATORS

For women drug users

changed level of information they access on risk and vulnerabilities
increased access to services for HIV/AIDS prevention
increased networking and access to services for women empowerment for women partners of substance users
better access to HIV prevention services
better access to legal support
self empowerment in safe negotiation skills

WOMEN: DRUG ABUSE AND HIV

IND/149: Reducing substance use-related HIV vulnerability in female drug users and female partners of male drug users

Duration: 12 months (project being extended with additional UK funds)

Budget: US\$ 250,000 (project being revised with additional \$375,000 UK funding)

The objective of this project is to strengthen the technical capacities of women's groups and NGOs working on drug demand reduction to reduce HIV related vulnerabilities among women partners of male drug users. 1) A situation assessment report on substance use related HIV vulnerabilities among women users and female partners of male drug users is carried out, 2) service providers are strengthened, 3) technical capacities of the National Institute of Public Cooperation and Child Development National Institute of Public Cooperation, and the Department of Women and Child Development are strengthened and 4) Demonstration sites are put in place.

OUTPUT AND ACTIVITIES

Technical capacities strengthened

- 1) Identify networks of women's groups and NGOs
- 2) Provide support to 20 NGOs to launch pilot initiatives on reducing vulnerability of partners
- 3) Establish Helplines, electronic networks, telephones and other relevant communication channels for women partners of drug users
- 4) Document good practices

Demonstration sites

- 1) Develop an information tool kit
- 2) Train a cadre of 50 trainers from NGOs working in drug demand reduction and HIV prevention through training of trainers workshops
- 3) These trainers will select and train women peer volunteers from 450 NGOs engaged in drug demand reduction work
- 4) Act as information nodes and knowledge networks

Service providers strengthened (Female peer educators)

- 1) Training of a cadre of 30 trainers for women-empowerment programs
- 2) Identify key entry points for implementing programs to mainstream substance abuse related HIV concerns in ongoing programs
- 3) Support the establishment of referral linkages of the SHGs/micro credit groups with the RRTCs and other NGOs

Situation Assessment

- 1) Prepare a study on substance use related HIV vulnerabilities among women users and female partners of male drug users
- 2) Publish, launch and disseminate the desk study