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## Annexure: 2

# South Asia Knowledge, Attitude & Practice in Drug Users (SAKAPiDU) Base assessment instrument

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## Instruction Manual

*The questions to be asked and what is spoken are in bold italic text.*

Interviewer should approach the study subject in a non-threatening manner. It is advisable to establish a rapport through exchange of introduction, pleasantries and some casual conversation before beginning the actual interview, even if the drug users has been briefed about the purpose / nature of the interview by someone else.

### *Questionnaire*

*Hello, I am (name) and I am working with (agency). We are trying to find out how we can help drug using young people avoid getting the sickness called HIV/AIDS. We need to ask you some very personal questions. Everything you tell me will be kept strictly confidential. Because we sincerely want to help all the people of [x country] avoid AIDS, if you agree to give the interview, it is really important that you are willing to be very truthful. Is it all right to begin?*

Site ID Number : xxx/\_\_\_

Date Of Interview : \_\_/\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_

Patient ID Number : \_/\_\_\_

\*The Site Id Number refers to identity of the site where this interview is taking place. The first 3 spaces marked as xxx stand for the Id of the country while the next 3 numbers refer to the identity of your country.

\*\*Date of interview is filled up as dd/mm/year

\*\*\*Patient Id number is a code where B/01 to B/50 stands for the serial number of the drug user during baseline assessment. Similarly R/01 to R/50 stands for the serial number of the same drug user during reassessment

There are 4 sections to this questionnaire. All the questions need to be filled up completely. When in doubt specify / write in detail the response rather than marking any of the options.

## A. Demographic parameters

### 1. Age (in years)

*How old are you?*

_____ years
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Date of Birth, if participant remembers: __/__/____
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If the subject is not sure of his exact age or date of birth ask him to arrive at an approximate figure.

### 2. Sex

0=Male	1=Female
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### 3. Marital status

*Tell me whether you are*

1.	Married
2.	Never married
3.	Staying together
4.	Divorced
5.	Separated
6.	Not known

Married' and 'Never married' are self-explanatory terms. 'Staying together' refers to cohabitating without a legally sanctioned relationship. 'Divorced' should be marked only when the legal formalities according to the locally applicable laws are completed. 'Separated' should not be marked if wife is away only for a small duration / for a specific reason, for example if the wife has only gone to her parent's place for child-birth or if the husband is staying someplace else for employment purpose etc.

### 4. Occupation

People who have specific educational qualification in a particular field are 'professionals' i.e. Doctors, Lawyers etc. 'Administrators' are senior level people employed in service usually in managerial or supervisory capacity, while people working in offices at junior level would be classified as 'clerical workers'. Drivers, conductors, cleaners/helpers will be classified as 'transport workers'. 'Skilled workers' are people who have received formal / informal training in a particular skill such as electricians / mechanics / factory workers/ handicraftsmen etc., while menial laborers will be classified as 'unskilled workers'. Businessman, Farmer, CSW and student are self-explanatory terms. Beggars, thieves etc. will be classified as 'Unclassifiable'.

**What kind of work do you do?**

1.	Professional
2.	Administrator
3.	Clerical work
4.	Business / self-employed
5.	Transport worker
6.	Skilled worker
7.	Unskilled worker
8.	Farmer
9.	Housewife
10.	Student
11.	Sex worker
12.	Unclassifiable
13.	Not known

**5. Education**

***Tell me about your education***

The highest level of education achieved should be taken into consideration. For example a person studied till class 7<sup>th</sup> will be classified under ‘primary’ while a person studied till class 11<sup>th</sup> will be classified under ‘high school’.

1.	Illiterate
2.	Just literate
3.	Primary (upto 5 yr formal education)
4.	High school (upto 10 yr formal education)
5.	Higher secondary(upto 12 yr formal education)
6.	Graduate (upto 13 yr formal education)
7.	Post Graduate (upto 15yr formal education)
8.	Professional
9.	Not known

**6. Employment status**

***Tell me more about your work***

Interviewer to use own judgment depending upon the time spent by the respondent in any remunerative job, particularly the one marked in question 4. If the person is involved in more than 2 jobs consider the job in which more time is spent.

1.	Currently employed (full time)
2.	Currently employed (part time)
3.	Currently unemployed
4.	Not known

**7. Residence**

*Where are you living these days?*

Interviewer to use his own judgment depending upon the locality the respondent is currently living in.

1.	Urban
2.	Urban (slum)
3.	Urban (homeless)
4.	Rural

**8. Religion**

1.	Hindu
2.	Muslim
3.	Buddhist
4.	Christian
5.	Not known
6.	Sikh
7.	Other (Specify) _____

**B. Drug use: Any drug except exclusive tobacco use**

**9. Drugs used and the life time pattern**

*Now I would like to know about all the drugs except tobacco, which you have been consuming, for example have you consumed these drug(s) in the period mentioned?*

Drug	Last 1 year		Last 30 days		Last 24 hours		Age 1st use
	0=Yes	1=No	0=Yes	1=No	0=Yes	1=No	
1. Alcohol	0=Yes	1=No	0=Yes	1=No	0=Yes	1=No	
2. Heroin	0=Yes	1=No	0=Yes	1=No	0=Yes	1=No	
3. Opium	0=Yes	1=No	0=Yes	1=No	0=Yes	1=No	
4. Other opiates	0=Yes	1=No	0=Yes	1=No	0=Yes	1=No	
(specify)							
5. Cannabis	0=Yes	1=No	0=Yes	1=No	0=Yes	1=No	
6. Others (specify)	0=Yes	1=No	0=Yes	1=No	0=Yes	1=No	
7. Combinations	0=Yes	1=No	0=Yes	1=No	0=Yes	1=No	
(specify)							
8. Injectable route (any drug)	0=Yes	1=No	0=Yes	1=No	0=Yes	1=No	

Mark the appropriate box as v even if the respondent has used the substance only once during the specified period. ‘Injectable route’ refers only to use of drugs through this route in a non-medical context.

**10. Size of drug using network (of friends/ relatives etc.)**

The size of drug using network refers to the number of drug users among friends / relatives with whom the respondent interacts regularly even if they are not using drugs together.

1.	0 (Usually takes drugs alone).
2.	Between 1 and 5.
3.	Between 6 and 10.
4.	Between 11 and 15.
5.	More than 15.

*Questions only for IDUs*

Now I want to ask specifically about the drugs you inject.

**11. Have you taken any drug by Injectable route ever?**

0=Yes	1=No
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**If the response to above question is “no” jump to question number 23.**

The drug here refers to a psychoactive drug, taken in a non-medical context.

**12. Frequency**

**How often do you inject in a typical day/ week/month?**

Mark the response depending on frequency of injecting. If the frequency is less than even once / day, mark weekly or monthly frequency as applicable.

1.	Daily (more than 5 times a day).
2.	Daily (less than 5 times a day).
3.	More than five times a week.
4.	Less than five times a week.
5.	More than four times a month.
6.	Less than four times a month.
7.	Very rarely.

**13. Have you ever switched from non-injection to injection mode of taking drugs?**

0=Yes	1=No
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The question applies only to the injection drug users who were using some other drug through non-injectable route, earlier and than at some point of time shifted to the Injectable drug use.

**14. (If yes), what were the reasons?**

Tick more than one if applicable.

1.	My friends forced me into it.
2.	I liked it better than non-injection route.
3.	Non-injection drugs were not available.
4.	Other (specify) _____ _____ _____
5.	Not applicable.

**15. Have you EVER shared any injection equipment while injecting drugs?**

0=Yes	1=No
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Questions 16 - 19 apply only if response to question 15 is 'yes'. If the response is 'No', jump to Question 20.

**16. Last IDU**

*Did you share any injection equipment the LAST TIME you injected drugs?*

0=Yes	1=No
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**17. Number of sharing partners**

*The last time you injected with others how many people shared the same needle/syringe?*

1.	0 (Usually takes drugs alone).
2.	Between 1 and 5.
3.	Between 6 and 10.
4.	Between 11 and 15.
5.	More than 15.

**18. Cleaning**

*The last time you injected with others, did you clean the needle/syringe between people?*

0=Yes	1=No
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Q. 19 is applicable only if the response to question 18 is yes, otherwise jump to Q. 20

**19. Method(s) used for cleaning**

*How (was it) cleaned?*

1.	Bleach.
2.	Other (specify) _____
3.	Not applicable.

**21. Have you ever stopped taking injections and shifted to some other mode of taking drugs?**

0=Yes	1=No
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**22. (If yes) what were the reasons?**

*Tick more than one if applicable.*

1.	Injections were costlier.
2.	Injections were not easily available.
3.	I became aware of hazards of injection use.
4.	I no longer can find veins on my body for injecting.
5.	I no longer enjoy injections / I enjoy some other substance more.
6.	Other (specify) _____ _____.

**20. Have you had any abscesses on your skin in the**

*past month?*

0=Yes	1=No
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*past year?*

0=Yes	1=No
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The abscess refers to an abscess on the body occurring only at injection site.

**21. Have you ever stopped taking injections and shifted to some other mode of taking drugs?**

0=Yes	1=No
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This question refers to a scenerio where an injection user has stopped taking injections and switched to some other form of drug taking at some point of his drug-using carrier.

**22. (If yes) what were the reasons?**

Tick more than one if applicable.

1.	Injections were costlier.
2.	Injections were not easily available.
3.	I became aware of hazards of injection use.
4.	I no longer can find veins on my body for injecting.
5.	I no longer enjoy injections / I enjoy some other substance more.
6.	Other (specify) _____ _____.

**C. Sexual behaviour**

Now I want to ask about your sex life

0=Yes	1=No
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**23. Have you ever had sex?**

*If the response to question 23 is NO, jump to question number 40*

**24. How old were you when you first had sex?**

“First sex” here refers to any form of PENETRATIVE sexual activity between two individuals of either gender including, oral, vaginal or anal sex. It DOES NOT include encounters where only foreplay has taken place (hugging, kissing, fondling etc.)

1.	Less than 15 years.
2.	Between 15 and 18 years.
3.	Between 18 and 25 years.
4.	More than 25 years.
5.	Not applicable / Never had sex.

*If the response to above question is 5, then jump to question number 39.*

**25. Approximately how many different sexual partners you have had sex with in**

		<i>Past year</i>	<i>Past one month</i>
1.	Did not have sex		
2.	One		
3.	Between 2 and 5		
4.	Between 6 and 10		
5.	Between 11 and 15		
6.	More than 16		

Question 25 includes penetrative sex with all kinds of partners belonging to either gender.

**26. In the past month how many of these were**

		<i>Non-commercial non-regular partners</i>	<i>Commercial sex partners</i>	<i>Regular partners</i>
1.	0			
2.	One			
3.	Between 2 and 5			
4.	Between 6 and 10			
5.	Between 11 and 15			
6.	More than 16			

Regular partners are ones in the ongoing ‘steady relationship’(whether married or otherwise); Commercial sex partners are those with whom a commercial transaction takes place as a condition for sexual activity (trading sex for money – by either of the partners); Non-commercial Non-regular partners are those who are best described as ‘casual’ partners i.e. people not involved in a long term or commercial relationship.

**27. Have you ever had anal sex with a partner?**

0=Yes	1=No
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Ask irrespective of the sexual orientation of the respondent. Ask irrespective of the respondent being an active / passive partner in the anal sex encounter with the partner of either gender.

**28. How often did you use condoms in the past month when you had sex with**

	1=Always	2=Occasionally	3=Never	4=Not applicable
<i>Non-commercial non-regular partners</i>				
<i>Commercial sex partners</i>				
<i>Regular sex partners</i>				

‘Always’ refers to consistent use of condoms. Not using condoms even once would qualify for ‘Occasionally’.

**29. How often do you use condoms during anal sex?**

Ask irrespective of the respondent being an active / passive partner in the anal sex relationship.

1.	Always.
2.	Occasionally.
3.	Never.
4.	Not applicable.

**30. Did you use a condom on last occasion when you had sex with**

*Non-commercial non-regular partner*

0=Yes	1=No	2=Not applicable
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*Commercial sex partner*

0=Yes	1=No	2=Not applicable
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*Regular partner*

0=Yes	1=No	2=Not applicable
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Ask the respondent 3 separate questions (for all 3 categories of partners). If they don't remember mark as 'no'.

**31. How often did you consume drugs just before/after having sex in the past one month.**

<i>While with..</i>	1=Always	2=Occasionally	3=Never	4=Not applicable
<i>Non-commercial non-regular partners</i>				
<i>Commercial sex partners</i>				
<i>Regular sex partners</i>				

The question pertains to any drug use by the respondent including alcohol. 'Always' refers to consistent use of drugs before/after sexual activity. Using drugs even once would qualify for 'Occasionally'.

32. This question pertains to any drug use by the partner of the respondent including alcohol. 'Always' refers to consistent use of drugs before/after sexual activity. Using drugs even once would qualify for 'Occasionally'.

**How often did your partner consumed drugs just before/after having sex in the past one month..**

<b>While with..</b>	1=Always	2=Occasionally	3=Never	4=Not applicable
<i>Non-commercial non-regular partners</i>				
<i>Commercial sex partners</i>				
<i>Regular sex partners</i>				

**33. Did you and/or your partner consume drugs just before/after having sex on last occasion when you had sex with**

<i>Non-commercial non-regular partner</i>	0=Yes	1=No	2=Not applicable
<i>Commercial sex partner</i>	0=Yes	1=No	2=Not applicable
<i>Regular partner</i>	0=Yes	1=No	2=Not applicable

**34. In your experience do you tend not to use condoms while intoxicated with a drug?**

Ask respondent about his/her own perception.

**35. Have you had a thick yellowish/greenish discharge with foul smell from your penis/vagina in the past 12 months?**

0=Yes	1=No
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**36. Have you had an ulcer or sore in your genital area in the past 12 months?**

0=Yes	1=No
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**37. Did you have pain/burning while passing urine in the past 12 months?**

0=Yes	1=No
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**Questions 38 and 39 are asked only when answer to any question from 35 to 37 is yes**

**38. Did you seek any treatment for the above symptoms?**

0=Yes	1=No
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Any treatment /advise sought at formal/organized facility would qualify for 'yes'.

**39. Did you continue having sex while you had these symptoms?**

0=Yes	1=No
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**D. HIV / AIDS awareness / attitude**

**40. Have you ever heard of HIV/AIDS?**

0=Yes	1=No
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**41. Can HIV/AIDS be transmitted by contaminated syringes/needles?**

0=Yes	1=No
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**42. Can HIV/AIDS be transmitted by blood transfusion from an infected person?**

0=Yes	1=No
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Don't know would qualify for 'No'

**43. Can a pregnant mother transmit HIV/AIDS to her unborn child?**

0=Yes	1=No
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Don't know would qualify for 'No'

**44. Can HIV/AIDS be transmitted through breast-feeding?**

0=Yes	1=No
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Don't know would qualify for 'No'

**45. Can you recognize whether your partner is HIV positive or not, just by looking at him / her**

0=Yes	1=No
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Don't know would qualify for 'No'

**46. Can people protect themselves from HIV to some extent by having one uninfected faithful sex partner?**

0=Yes	1=No
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Don't know would qualify for 'No'

**47. Can people protect themselves from HIV to some extent by using a condom correctly and every time they have sex?**

0=Yes	1=No
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Don't know would qualify for 'No'

**48. Will you shake hands with an HIV positive person?**

0=Yes	1=No
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Don't know would qualify for 'No'

**49. Will you share a meal with an HIV positive person?**

0=Yes	1=No
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Don't know would qualify for 'No'

**50. Do you have risk of getting infected with HIV?**

0=Yes	1=No
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Don't know would qualify for 'No'

**51. Have you ever been tested for HIV?**

0=Yes	1=No
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Don't know would qualify for 'No'

**52. (If no) would you like to be tested?**

0=Yes	1=No
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If the answer is yes, continue with the interview and at the end, share the name, contact details etc. of the nearest voluntary HIV testing facility.

**Would you like to share results of your HIV test with your partner / spouse..**

**53. If tested positive?**

0=Yes	1=No
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**54. If tested negative?**

0=Yes	1=No
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'Partner' here refers to the partner in sexual activity only. If a subject has both, a spouse and a partner (as different people), disinclination to share results with any of them would qualify for a 'no'.

**55. Have you ever been approached by someone to give you information about HIV /AIDS?**

0=Yes	1=No
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The question specifically refers to information about HIV/AIDS provided through a personal interaction in one-to-one or group settings. Information accessed through mass media (print or electronic) is not included here.

**56. If yes when was that?**

1.	Less than one month back.
2.	More than one month back.
3.	More than three months back.
4.	More than one year back.

**57. What are the reason(s) you are not enrolled in a treatment for drug abuse currently?**

1.	I do not believe I require any treatment.
2.	I did try to take treatment but it did not work.
3.	Other (specify) _____.