Drug Abuse and Drug Dependence Treatment Situation

According to statistical data for the year 2008:

- The total number of registered drug users in the country made 9,057 persons
- Injecting drug users (IDUs) made about 69.5% (6,574 persons)
- Mainly, people taking drugs appear to be males at the age of 15-64 years
- Urban population is more exposed to using drugs than those who live in rural areas
- First time registered in 2008 made 956 persons

First time registered drug users, 2000-2008
• The rate of drug users under 18 years old made 66 persons or 0.7% from the total number of registered drug users
• The most spread type of drugs in Kyrgyzstan is heroin (4,302 heroin users)
• Cannabis users made 2,274 and Opium users made 1,775 persons;
• There are 50 governmental settings for drug dependence treatment in Kyrgyzstan
• In total there are 342 narcological beds
• The expenses of drug treatment are covered by the patients or the medical insurance
• The injection mode of drug use has the tendency to increase (69.5% in 2008, 63.6% in 2007, 68.7% in 2006 and 68.2% in 2005)

![Prevalence of IDUs in 2008 by regions](image)

• General number of drug users, who got inpatient treatment in 2008 made 384 persons, 171 patients got outpatient treatment and 1,158 persons got methadone treatment
• 1,033 patients underwent rehabilitation in 2008

**HIV/AIDS Situation**

**According to statistical data for the year 2008:**

• Cumulative number of HIV cases made 2,031 persons (1,553 males and 478 females)
• 1,890 of them were citizens of Kyrgyzstan
• 1,363 of them were IDUs (67.1%)
552 new HIV cases were registered in 2008 (181 among them were females).

277 newly registered persons were IDUs. It is 35% higher than it was in 2007 (552 against 409 new HIV cases).

Among 552 persons 532 were citizens of Kyrgyzstan

88.8% of new cases were registered in Osh (490)

**HIV prevention, treatment and care services for injecting and other drug users in Kyrgyzstan:**

- needle and syringe exchange programs
- HIV testing and counseling
- antiretroviral therapy
- prevention and treatment of sexually transmitted infection;
- condom programs for injecting and other drug users and their sexual partners
- targeted information; education and communication for injecting and other drug users and their sexual partners
- prevention, diagnosis and treatment of tuberculosis
- referral for drug dependence treatment
- referral for other medical and social services
- 23 needle and syringe exchange programs which serviced 6,169 persons in 2008

The level of infections among males was higher than among females. The most spread infection in Kyrgyzstan was tuberculosis (5,000 cases), then follow HIV (2,031 cases) and HCV.

About two thousand people with AIDS live in Kyrgyzstan. By the year 2009, 552 new cases of infection have been recorded. In addition, the level of infected males is three times higher than the number of infected females.

In 2008 there were 145 cases of death because of AIDS.

**Training of Trainers**

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At the moment there is no elaborate training program for medical staff, which focuses on the issue of drug dependence treatment and rehabilitation. For now, the Kyrgyz State Medical Institute for Advanced Study is the only institution which offers a 5 day training course for general practitioners and physicians. Nurses can enrol for 2 months of special training at the Republic Drug Treatment Centre and the Republic Health Centre.

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- Ministry of Health
- Republic Rehabilitation Centre

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