Drug Abuse and Drug Dependence Treatment Situation

For now, there is no data available on the issue of drug dependence and rehabilitation. However, it is one of our main objectives to develop an efficient record system in cooperation with our local focal point.

As for the treatment situation, the Association Casa Famiglia Rosetta (ACFR) is currently supporting GLO/J71 – Treatnet II, which will last until 2011. The main objective of the collaboration will be to sustain training with its cascade effect, by developing good practices in training for medical staff in the areas of prevention, treatment and rehabilitation as well as HIV/AIDS treatment and counselling. The initiatives will take place in 3 African countries, namely Côte D’ivoire, Nigeria and Mozambique.

HIV/AIDS Situation

According to UNAIDS Epidemiological Fact Sheet on HIV and AIDS (2008):

- Estimated number of people living with HIV: 1,500,000
- Adults aged 15 to 49 prevalence rate: 12.5%
- Adults aged 15 and up living with HIV: 1,400,000
- Women aged 15 and up living with HIV: 810,000
- Children aged 0 to 14 living with HIV: 100,000
- Deaths due to AIDS: 81,000
- Orphans due to AIDS aged 0 to 17: 400,000
As suggested in the chart below, the historic trends concerning HIV prevalence rates among the adult population from 1988 up to 2009 suggest a stabilization of the national prevalence.

Treatment situation according to the UNAIDS Country Progress Report (2010):

- The total number of units which offer counseling and testing on health (CTH) is 359.
- In the centre region 59% of those units are found.
- The proportion in the south and north is 28% and 13%.

Due to the limited access in the north region, the Ministry of health is considering the opening of more sites in this region. Additionally, the Ministry of Health defined the following priority activities for the service centers:

- Training of all health staff and counselors on the new approach on CTH
- Training for all health professionals in rapid HIV tests
- Use of mass media to disseminate publicity about CTH
- Distribution of political-strategic guidelines on CTH and guidelines for CTH implementation in the community
- Creation of educational material

As for the national strategy on how to confront the issue of HIV/AIDS, the government designed the Response to HIV and AIDS Strategy within the Civil Service (Estratégia de Resposta ao HIV & SIDA na Função Pública), 2009-2013. However, the AIDS situation drastically worsened in 2009, so that a new strategy was formulated, namely the Strategy for the Acceleration of Prevention of HIV Infection (Estratégia de Aceleração da Prevenção da Infecção pelo HIV) for the period 2009-2010.

The strategy is characterized by eight priority areas of action that include the following:

- Counseling and testing
- Distribution of condoms
- Sexually transmitted infections
- Male circumcision
- Technical and institutional capacity building
- Coordination of the response
- Communication for behavior change
- Monitoring and evaluation
Training of Trainers according to the Treatnet Training Package

The Regional Training of Trainers (TOT) on TREATNET II training package for Sub-Saharan African region, was successfully completed and it took place in Mombasa, Kenya, between the 4th and 17th, October 2009. In this ToT a total of 50 trainers were trained 3 different Volumes.

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National Counterparts

- Ministries of Health (Health and Medical Services)
- Association Casa Famiglia Rosetta (ACFR)
- The Joint UN Team on AIDS (UNODC, WHO, UNAIDS, Civil Society and Government Officials)
- National AIDS & STIs Control Programme (NASCOP)

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