Drug Abuse and Drug Dependence Treatment Situation

According to UNODC World Drug Report 2010:

- Among the age group between 15 and 64 years, the annual prevalence use of opiates (as % of the population) was estimated 0.17 for the year 2004.
- Based on a 2006 school survey, the annual prevalence use of cannabis (as % of the population) for the same age group was estimated 2.7 for the year 2004.

The fact that Sierra Leone is currently recovering from a civil war increases the country’s risk of instability and hampers efforts to control drug trafficking. As for matters of crime prevention, the United Nations have recently implemented the peace operation UNIPSIL.

Drug dependence treatment situation:

Since October 2009, when GLO/J71 was introduced to national authorities as well as partner agencies and the civil society, we are cooperating with two regional hospitals offering specific drug dependence treatment (see contact details below).

HIV/AIDS Situation


- It is estimated that about 50,000 adults and children are living with the HIV virus.
- The percentage of young women aged 15 – 24 who are HIV infected 3.6 in 2006 (no males targeted).
- The percentage of females among the most at risk populations who are HIV infected in 2005 was 8.5% (no males targeted)
Since the first case of AIDS was reported in 1987, HIV and AIDS prevalence has been increasing. According to recent population-based zero-prevalence surveys, the HIV prevalence has increased from 0.9% in 2002 to 1.53% in 2005. According to the survey the urban-rural divide showed a prevalence rate of 2.1% in the urban areas and 1.3% in the rural areas.

National policies against HIV/AIDS covers the following areas:

- Gender and human rights
- workplace programs
- stigma and discrimination
- HIV prevention
- care and support
- civil society involvement (monitoring and evaluation)

Treatment situation according to the UNAIDS Report on Declaration of Commitment to HIV and AIDS (2007 – 2008):

- Records by the Ministry of health (MOH) indicate that less than 10% of the population has access to Voluntary Confidential Counseling and Testing facilities.
- The same applies to women in regard to having access to Prevention of Mother to Child Transmission.
- The percentage of adults and children with advanced HIV infection receiving antiretroviral therapy comprised in 88.9% 2006 and Adult and Children 100% in 2007.
- The percentage of HIV positive pregnant women who received antiretrovirals to reduce the risk of mother to child transmission was 71.8% in 2006 and 75.6% in 2007.
- In 2007, the percentage of women and men aged 15-49 who received an HIV test in the last 12 month and who know their results made up 9.2% with Men and 8.4% with women.
- In 2007, the percentage of most of risk populations reached with HIV prevention programs comprised 53.7% with people under 25 years and 73.7% with people above 25 years.
- Percentage of orphaned and vulnerable children aged 0 – 17 whose households received free basic external support in caring for the child was 1.3% in 2005.
Training of Trainers

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

- Ministry of Health,
- Primary Health Care Services
- Department of Non Communicable Diseases Mental Health and Research,
- National Drug Law Enforcement Agency
- WHO/ Focal Point of Mental Health and Substance Abuse,
- National Federation of Anti-Drug Organizations (NAFADO)

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