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Third Round of Thematic Discussions on the Implementation of UNGASS

Children with substance abuse problems and juvenile justice

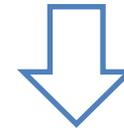
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1st Public health issue



Dealt with appropriate
health and child
protection institutions

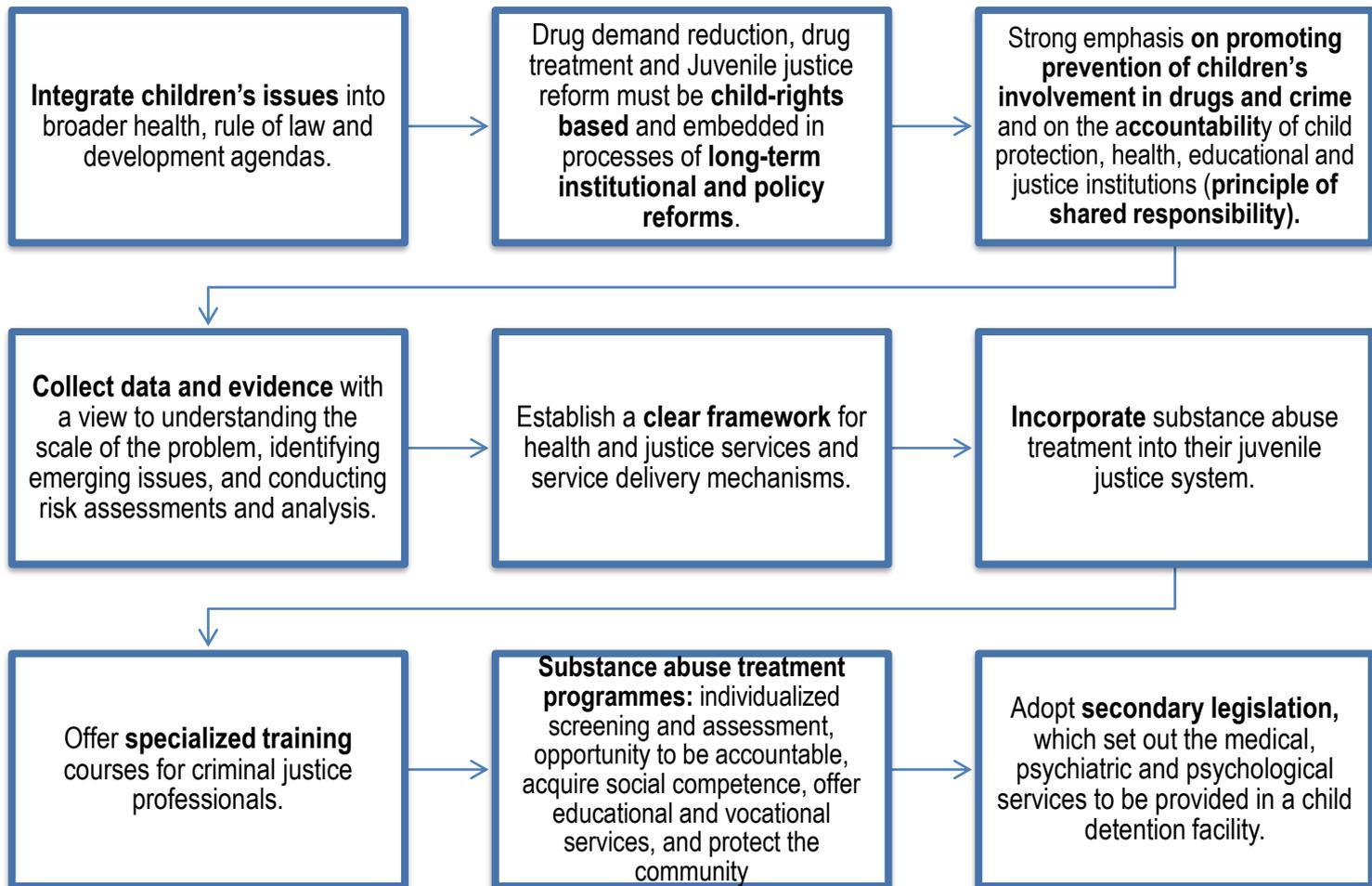
Benefit from policies and
measures aimed to
rehabilitate them and
promote their rights to
health and protection

Current situation: Increasing number of Children with substance abuse problems who **do not receive adequate treatment** and end up being dealt with **exclusively by the juvenile justice system** rather than by the health and child protection systems.

Common Challenges

- Lack of Governmental Commitment to fulfilling the rights of the child
- Inadequate legislation and enforcement
- Lack of specialized institutions and lack capacity of professionals
- Adoption of punitive approaches rather than preventative or restorative, and rehabilitative approaches
- Lack of inter-institutional communication and co-operation mechanisms
- Violence against Children
- Lack of engagement of the family, community media and civil society

Systematic Approach



Global Programme on Violence Against Children in the Field of Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice

in support of the SDGs 3, 5 and 16, by means of the Global Programme on VAC, is supporting countries to operationalize this **systemic approach**

Supports Governments to take measures in order to ensure that the treatment of substance abuse problems of children who are in contact with the juvenile justice system is a pre-requirement to prevent recidivism and promote their social reintegration.

Provides technical assistance to prevent and treat children in the juvenile justice system with substance abuse problems.

Contributes to the rehabilitation and social reintegration of those children.

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Thank you!