Inter-country Consultation on Preventing HIV among IDUs
Scaling Up: From Evidence to Action
9-13 April, 2007, Kolkata, India

April 9
19:30 Dinner Reception

April 10
Day 1: The Policy Environment
08:00 - 08:45 Registration
08:45 - 09:30 Welcome and Introduction
   Opening Remarks: Honorable Minister In-charge Dr. S.K. Mishra, Health & Family Welfare, WB
   Introduction: Rajenda Shukla, Director, West Bengal State AIDS Control Society (TBC)
09:30 - 11:00 Scaling Up HIV Prevention among IDUs in South Asia: the key issues & gaps
   Chair: Mariam Claeson, HIV/AIDS Coordinator, South Asia Region, World Bank
   Speaker: Suresh Kumar
   Discussants:
   - Munir Ahmed, CARE Bangladesh
   - Bijay Pandey, Recovering Nepal
11:00 -11:15 Coffee/Tea

Theme: overcoming policy and legal barriers
11:15 -12:30 Scaling up an Essential Harm Reduction Package: overcoming barriers in South Asia
   Chair: Asma Bohkari, National AIDS Programme Manager, Pakistan
   Speaker: Alex Wodak, St. Vincent’s Hospital, Australia
   Discussant: Luke Samson, Sharan, India
12:30 -13:30 Lunch
13:30 - 15:30 Oral Substitution Therapy: experiences with methadone and buprenorphine
   Chair: Gordon Mortimore, DFID
   Panelists:
   - Suresh Kumar - Bringing opioid substitution treatment to scale
   - Anju Dhawan, All India Institute of Medical Sciences, India - Oral buprenorphine substitution program
   - Farzad Kasraei, Iran Prison Organization - Methadone in prison setting
15:30 - 16:00 Coffee/Tea
16:00 - 18:00 The Status of Legal Frameworks in the region: key findings of the UNODC Report
   Chair: Gary Lewis, Representative, Regional Office for South Asia, UNODC
   Speaker: Anand Grover, The Lawyers Collective, India
   Discussants:
   - Taking action at the local level: Soumen Mitra, Special Inspector General of Police, Presidency Range, West Bengal

18:30 Legal and Policy concerns related to IDU Harm reduction in SAARC Countries
   Guest: Honorable Mr. Oscar Fernandes, Convener of the Parliamentary Forum On AIDS, India
   UNODC media launch of report
20:30 Dinner hosted by UNODC
DAY 2: Overcoming barriers to scaling up HIV prevention among IDUs

Theme: overcoming stigma, gender and socioeconomic barriers

09:00-11:00 HIV/AIDS, Sex Work and IDU - overcoming stigma and gender barriers
Chair: Asa Andersson, Regional Advisor HIV/AIDS, Sida
Speaker: Khuat Thi Hai Oanh, Institute of Social Development Studies (ISDS), Vietnam
Panelists:
- KH Bobby, Manipur Network of Positive People (MNP+), Imphal, India
- Pratima Murthy, National Institute of Mental Health & Neurosciences, India
- Annie Mangsatabam, Integrated Women and Child Development Center, India

11:00 - 11:15 Coffee/Tea

11:15- 12:30 The Nexus of Poverty, IDU and HIV: how to tackle the socioeconomic determinants
Chair: Jimmy Dorabjee, Centre for Harm Reduction, The Macfarlane Burnet Institute for Medical Research and Public Health, Australia
Panelists:
- Shanti Ranganathan, TTK Hospital (Chennai), India
- Saifur Rehman, National AIDS Control Program, Afghanistan
- Tariq Zafar, Nai Zindagi, Pakistan

12:30-13:30 Lunch

Theme: overcoming barriers to measuring HIV among IDUs

13:30-15:30 How to Strengthen Surveillance of HIV among IDUs - getting the denominator right and other challenges
Chair: Sujatha Rao, Director NACO, India (TBC)
Speaker: Steve Jones, CDC - Strengthening surveillance of HIV among IDUs
Panelists:
- Faran Emmanuel, Canada-Pakistan HIV/AIDS Project - Experience from South West Asia
- Tasnim Azim, ICDDR-B, Bangladesh Respondent Driven Sampling- experience from Bangladesh
- Samiran Panda, Sparsha, Kolkata - Rapid situation and response assessment

15:30-15:45 Coffee/Tea

Theme: overcoming cross-border barriers to collaboration

15:45-18:00 Cross Border Collaboration: global context, regional examples
Chair: KN Pradeep, Country Manager, Aus AID
Speaker: Ted Hammett, Abt Associates - Vietnam-China experiences
Discussants:
- Mohammad Zafar, Ministry of Counter Narcotics, Afghanistan
- Chingmak Kejong, Eleutheros Christian Society, Nagaland, India

19:30 Film “When Institutions Care” followed by discussion
This film illustrates partnership between NGOs, SACS and the police working with IDUs in Kolkata. It highlights the role of each and acknowledges the strengths of working together to provide comprehensive support to street-based IDU. It will be shown at the Warsaw International Harm Reduction Conference in May 2007.
April 12  
**DAY 3: Learning the lessons from West Bengal HIV prevention program**

**8:30 - 9:00**  
Introduction to field visits  
*Speaker: Mahesh Nathan, Team Leader, PSU-West Bengal State AIDS Control Society*  

**9:00 - 15:00**  
Field Visits  
*Box lunch will be provided*  

**15:00 - 16:30**  
Field Visit debriefing - Operationalizing HIV prevention among IDUs: comments on field visit and country perspectives  
*Moderator: Gordon Mortimore, DFID*  
*Panel:*  
- Miodrag Atanasijevic - Afghanistan  
- Bijay Pandey - Nepal  
- Munir Amed - Bangladesh  
- Min Thwe - Myanmar  

*Tea/coffee during session*  

**16:30 - 18:30**  
Country Team meeting - break out session  
*Country focused discussions, including follow up action agenda with experts*  
*Finalization of presentations for next day*  

April 13  
**Day 4: Scaling Up HIV prevention among IDUs - a country focus**

**08:30 - 10:15**  
In Focus: Country by Country Actions - what next?  
*Chair: Mariam Claeson, South Asia HIV/AIDS Program Coordinator, World Bank*  
*Presentations by country teams:*  
- Afghanistan  
- India  
- Nepal  

**10:15 - 10:30**  
Coffee/Tea  

**10:30 - 12:30**  
Cont.  
- Myanmar  
- Pakistan  
- Bangladesh  

*Scaling Up! Summary feed-back on country actions and inter-country collaboration and commitments from panel of development partners*  
*Panel of development Partners: Monica Beg (UNODC), Denis Broun (UNAIDS), Pia Bergman (SIDA), KN Pradeep (AusAID), Rep (DFID)*  

**12:30 - 13:00**  
Wrap up and Closing  

**13:00 - 14:00**  
Lunch