

Nepal: Study tour for officials working in prisons



UNODC organized a study tour to Thailand for high level prison officials from Nepal. The study tour helped in learning from Thai experiences in prison management with a special focus on how to better health systems for prison inmates. As an outcome of this visit, UNODC will be further engaging with the Government of Nepal to

identify existing gaps with a specific focus on the implementation of the Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners. The study tour included visits to correctional centres, prison hospitals and NGOs working in prisons, which provided a comprehensive understanding to address health and behavioural concerns in prisons. Thailand has 143 prisons with approximately 300,000 inmates, out of whom 50,000 are women. Around 90 percent of the women and 20 percent of the men inmates are in prison for narcotic related offences.

India: Study on hepatitis C



UNODC in partnership with YRG Care disseminated the findings of a study on hepatitis C prevalence in India, specifically among vulnerable populations including people who inject drugs. The study was conducted by YRG Care and is the first-ever such study conducted in India. The presentation of the study was followed by a panel discussion that focused on raising awareness and increasing the reach of treatment. Chairing the panel, Secretary, Ministry of Health, Government of India, announced his intention to set up a task force to develop a national treatment strategy on hepatitis C. On the occasion, UNODC released a brochure that gives information on hepatitis C.

UNODC partners with the Government of Australia



UNODC and the Australian Customs and Border Protection Service, Government of Australia have signed a Memorandum of Understanding to jointly conduct border strengthening workshops in South Asia. Under this collaboration, one workshop each will

be conducted at the following borders: Bhutan - India, Bangladesh - India and Nepal - India. The workshops will be conducted in 2015-16 and will focus on furthering the knowledge of agencies working at borders to effectively identify people who are being trafficked or smuggled. The workshops will build inter-agency cooperation within the region and provide an opportunity for the participants to network across borders.

Internal news corner



The Office bids farewell to Mr. Nimesh Jani who worked with UNODC as the Regional Anti-Corruption Advisor. We thank Nimesh for the commitment, dedication and energy he brought to the Office. We wish him all the very best for his future career.

India: Counter terrorism workshop for criminal justice practitioners



After a first Training of Trainers (ToT) organized in July 2014 by UNODC in collaboration with the National Police Academy of India (NPA), a second workshop was organized in November 2014. The 3-day workshop on "Global legal framework against terrorism and the relevant criminal justice response measures" was conducted by 6 trainers who were trained at the previous ToT. The workshop brought together 29 participants including judicial officers, prosecutors and police officials. The workshop focused on the global legal framework against terrorism, and specific counter-terrorism areas such as mutual legal cooperation, financing, use of the internet for terrorism and protection and support of witnesses and victims. UNODC provided training tools and manuals for the workshop as well as mentoring support. The UNODC -NPA partnership will be expanding in 2015, with the introduction of new areas of focus including investigation techniques within a human rights framework.

Upcoming events



Commemorating World AIDS day on 1st December, UNODC in collaboration with the Indian Drug User Forum (IDUF) and the NGO - Dayspring will be organizing a musical performance by members of the drug using community. The commemorations continue

till 2 Dec, with a football match, which will be played between development partners and community members.