



*Asian Consortium on Drug Use, HIV, AIDS and Poverty*

# Second Asian Consultation on the prevention of HIV related to drug use

January 21- 23, 2010, Century Park Hotel, Bangkok Thailand

---

**21 January 2010**

## **Track on compulsory drug dependence treatment centers (CDDTCs)**

### **Plenary**

The Challenges of HIV and Access to Drug Dependence Treatment in Asia – Ms Tripti Tandon, Lawyers Collective, India

### **Background:**

Compulsory drug dependence treatment in its various manifestations is a common approach in Asia but it is seldom monitored and/or evaluated. Available evidence has shown that the interventions used do not comply with internationally recommended approaches and their effectiveness and efficiency are questionable.

The consequences of the increased utilisation of the compulsory drug dependence treatment centers (CDDTCs) approach has resulted in more HIV risks, more stigma and discrimination for drug users, violations of human rights - especially the right to due process and the right to health, as well as significant deflections from international standards and principles for the provision of evidence based drug dependence treatment. High relapse rates and high financial and humane costs burden the community and drug users and their families. The utilization of compulsory treatment centres in the region will be reviewed with the aim to increase advocacy to stop the confinement of drug users in the name of drug dependence treatment in the CDDTCs.

The workshops are to explore the extent of the problem and issue a joint statement on behalf of Response beyond Border/the Second Consultation on the Prevention of HIV Related to Drug Use on the essential principles and standards which are to inform drug dependence treatment services.

The session on the CDDTCs Track will be convened through 3 separate workshops in the course of two days:



*Asian Consortium on Drug Use, HIV, AIDS and Poverty*

## **Workshop 1 – 21 January (1:30 – 3:00 pm)**

The chair has 10 minutes for welcome and summary/closing. The presentations will be of 15 minutes each, with 20 minutes for overall discussion /Q&A.

**Chair:** Dr. Fabio Mesquita, World Health Organization, Western Pacific Regional Office (WHO WPRO)

**Rapporteur:** Sonia Bezziccheri, UNODC RCEAP

### **Presenters:**

1. Overview of the compulsory drug dependence treatment centres (CDDTCs) in South East and East Asia (history, background, modality, UN principles, cost effectiveness, wider implications) – Ms Sonia Bezziccheri UNODC Regional Centre for East Asia and the Pacific.
2. Human rights and drug dependence treatment in Asia: Where have we contravened the law? - Mr. Richard Pearshouse.
3. Experiences of forced drug dependence treatment in compulsory drug treatment centers in South Asia – Mr. Raju R.K. of India Harm Reduction Network (IHRN)/Asia Network of People Using Drugs (ANPUD).
4. Policy challenges of drug dependence treatment in the Mekong Sub-region – Dr. Mukta Sharma of HAARP.

## **Workshop 2 - 21 January (3:30 – 5:00 pm)**

Workshop 2 will be split into 2 separate regional workshops: one for South Asia and one for East and Southeast Asia

### **A. South Asia**

The Chair has 10 minutes for welcome, and summary/closing. Presentations will be of 10 minutes on country specific situations (preferably in bullets which needs to be collected from the presenters, before the workshop). The presentations will be followed by 1 - 2 minute response and interaction on what and how things can be changed which will be captured by an assigned Rapporteur who is to draw comments/suggestions.

Chair

Rapporteur

1. India
2. Pakistan
3. Nepal
4. Bangladesh
5. Afghanistan



*Asian Consortium on Drug Use, HIV, AIDS and Poverty*

## **B. East and Southeast Asia**

The Chair has 10 minutes for welcome, closing and summary. 10 minutes are for each presentation on country specific situations (preferably in bullets which needs to be collected from the presenters, before the workshop). The presentations will be followed by 1 - 2 minute response and interaction on what and how things can be changed which will be captured by an assigned Rapporteur who is to draw comments/suggestions.

**Chair:** Dr. Cho Kah Sin, UNAIDS Regional Support Team

**Rapporteur:** Anne Bergenstrom

### **Presenters:**

1. Cambodia – David Harding, Mith Samlanh/Friends International
2. Malaysia – Datuk Zaman Khan, Vice President, Malaysia AIDS Council
3. Myanmar – Tom Mklynn, ANPUD
4. Thailand - Mrs. Tanita Nakin, Senior Narcotics Prevention Advisor, Office of the Narcotics Control Board.
5. Indonesia – Lili Herawati, ANPUD

### **Expected outcomes of Day 1/Workshops 1 and 2:**

- What are the main issues / challenges at regional/country levels?
- What is the extent of the problem in the region and what are the implications for human rights and access to HIV/drug dependence treatment?
- What are country specific challenges?

Rapporteurs **to report outcomes of Workshop 1 and 2 of the CDDTCs track to Plenary on day 2 (22 January).**

## **Workshop 3 – 22 January (1:30 – 3:00 pm)**

### **The Way Forward**

The chair has 10 minutes for welcome and summary/closing. The presentations will be of 15 minutes each with 20 minutes for overall discussion/Q&A.

**Chair:** Anindya Chatterjee of HAARP

**Rapporteurs:** **Fabio Mesquita, WHO WPRO and Sonia Bezziccheri, UNODC RCEAP**

### **Speakers:**

1. Juana Tomás-Rosselló UNODC, on Evidence and Community-based Approaches of TREATNET.
2. Karyn Kaplan, TTAG Thailand and Raju, India Harm Reduction Network (IHRN)/Asia Network of People who Use Drugs (ANPUD) on the 'way forward' from community perspective.



*Asian Consortium on Drug Use, HIV, AIDS and Poverty*

3. Richard Pearshouse on 'principles of engagement' with CDDTCs for the two sub regions
4. Cho Kah Sin, UNAIDS Regional Support Team, on 'way forward' and PCB recommendations.

### **Expected outcomes of Day 2/Workshop 3 – Report on Plenary 3**

- What are concrete recommendations for way forward at country and regional levels?
- Which organizations will be responsible for which recommendations:
  - UN (UNAIDS, UNODC, UNICEF)
  - ANPUD
  - Donors
  - Parliamentarians
  - Human Rights Watch / Civil society

**Dr Fabio Mesquita and Ms Sonia Bezziccheri are to report to 3<sup>rd</sup> Day Plenary (23 January) on overall outcomes of the CDDTCs workshops: concrete recommendations on way forward for 5 constituencies: UN, ANPUD, donors, parliamentarians and civil society.**