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## Tajik and EU Experts Discussed Drug Prevention Plans in Tajikistan

The experts from the European Union (Poland) presented proposals and plans for the implementation of the Prevention Component of the Central Asia Drug Action Programme's sixth phase (CADAP 6), funded by the European Union and implemented by a Consortium of EU Member States led by Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH.



During 1-3 September 2015 local experts and drug prevention specialists from government, non-governmental and international agencies dealing with drug demand reduction issues and prevention work (Drug Control Agency, Ministry of Health and Social Protection, Republican Narcological Centre, Ministry

of Justice, Ministry of Culture, Ministry of Internal Affairs, Ministry of Education and Science, Customs Committee, Committee of Youth, Sport and Tourism, Committee of Women and Family Affairs, Committee of Religious Affairs, local public organizations, journalists, international organisations and projects) briefed on the ongoing initiatives and programmes in the drug prevention field and presented the country's current needs in drug prevention measures.

Tajik and EU experts drafted detailed plans in information dissemination on the drug problem and other prevention activities at the national, local and frontline level. As an outcome of the workshop, experts and focal points including those partners who are engaged in the prevention work at the frontline level (teachers, doctors, representatives of the non-



government sector and others) were selected for developing and further implementing drug prevention programmes under CADAP 6. Local communities where planned prevention initiatives would be implemented have also been preliminarily identified.

The Prevention Component has been implemented in Tajikistan within the previous phases of CADAP together with Drug Control Agency, Ministry of Health and Ministry of Education, featuring drug awareness mass media campaigns and work with local communities.

### **CADAP Visit to Jalal-Abad and Participation in the Coordination Meeting of State Law-Enforcement Agencies**

On 15-16 September 2015 a meeting of heads of law enforcement agencies' southern divisions in Jalal-Abad (Kyrgyzstan) was organised with support of the UNODC Criminal Justice Programme where CADAP Project Leader and National Coordinator participated in the prevention session. The issues discussed included enhancement of law-enforcement services' interaction and joint prevention of drug crimes; information on UNODC international standards on prevention of drug use; joint activities on prevention of drug use for the first half of 2015 and areas for further improvement of cooperation in the field of



harm reduction presented by representatives of State Drug Control Service, Ministry of Interior and Ministry of Health.



The representatives of each national agency presented their own prevention activities, as well as potential ways for multi-sectoral dialogue and joint collaboration. The discussion focused mainly on the potential districts or towns in southern part of Kyrgyzstan in which CADAP Prevention Component plans to establish the drug prevention model, addressing family, community, teachers and police involvement.



Guided visits took place to the 'Atlantis' Rehabilitation Centre in prison # 10 and to the Opioid Substitution Treatment site in the Narcological Department of Jalal-Abad Centre for Mental Health.

The Atlantis Centre was built in 2004 with the full financial support of CADAP. Now it needs improvements, including new equipment, educational material and training for staff.

Staff members of Jalal-Abad oblast Narcological Department provided CADAP 6 with a list of needs to be shared with the Treatment Component for their review and consideration.



## **Turkmen and EU Experts Agreed on Drug Prevention Activities at a Workshop in Ashgabat**

A round table discussion as part of an assessment mission within the framework of the Prevention component of CADAP 6 was arranged with participation of the national partners of CADAP 6, institutions and public organizations involved in the implementation of drug prevention activities in Ashgabat on 28-29 September.

During the two-day workshop participants from government agencies engaged in drug prevention activities (State Service for the Protection of the Security of Healthy Society, Ministry of Health and Medical Industry, Ministry of Interior, Ministry of Education and local public organizations) exchanged information on the current initiatives and Programmes in the drug prevention field and discussed further action on drug prevention measures to be implemented within CADAP 6 Programme.

Based on the results of the evaluation conducted at the end of the round table discussions, the meeting was productive and useful for the national experts.

## **Regional High Level Dialogue on Successful Transition to Domestic Funding of HIV and TB Response in Eastern Europe and Central Asia**

CADAP Project Leader participated as a speaker at the Regional High Level Dialogue on Successful Transition to Domestic Funding of HIV and TB response in Eastern Europe and Central Asia that took place in Tbilisi, Georgia on 29-30 September 2015. The event was hosted by the Ministry of Labour, Health and Social Affairs of Georgia and organised together with the Eurasian Harm Reduction Network, the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB and Malaria, United Nations Office for Drugs and Crime, UNAIDS and World Health Organization acting as the event co-organisers, United Nations Development Programme and World Bank as supporting agencies.



## **EU Experts in Drug Treatment and Drug Strategies Visited Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan**

Experts from the European Union (Germany and the Netherlands) met with their national partners in Dushanbe and Bishkek to discuss trainings' plans and planned activities within the sixth phase of CADAP.

During the meeting at the Republican Narcological Centre in Bishkek on 8 October 2015 local specialists in drug users' rehabilitation together with the EU experts

discussed the national working group's composition and tasks. It was agreed that the EU experts will conduct various trainings in medical and psycho-social rehabilitation of opioid drug users for local experts from Central Asian countries including Kyrgyzstan. The EU Experts proposed to train 10-15 experts in drug rehabilitation, social workers and former drug users during the period of 2016-2018. After completion of trainings local experts will get certificates of the Frankfurt University of Applied Sciences and replicate trainings to local specialists to further improve standards of medical services rendered for drug users in accordance with the EU best practices.

After meeting with staff of the Bishkek Humanitarian University on 9 October 2015 it was agreed that in addition to the existing course for social rehabilitation of people living with HIV, a new course in social adaptation of drug users will be institutionalised.

During the meeting with representatives of the State Service for Execution of Sentences, the EU experts discussed the envisaged activities and plan of minor refurbishments and procurement of equipment. They also conducted meetings with their partners from the State Drug Control Service to discuss analysis of the drug situation, the state of play of drug policy and relevant legislation in Kyrgyzstan.

A similar mission was conducted by the same EU experts to Tajikistan on 5-6 October where they met with representatives of the Drug Control Agency, Republican Clinical Centre of Narcology, Republican Centre for Monitoring and Prevention of Drug Use, Republican Rehabilitation Centre, Ministry of Internal Affairs, Ministry of Justice (Main Department of Execution of Criminal Sanctions), local NGOs and international organisations.



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