

**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	<b>Day 1: The Policy Environment</b>
08:00 - 08:45	Registration
08:45 - 09:30	<b>Welcome and Introduction</b> <i>Opening Remarks: Honorable Minister In-charge Dr. S.K. Mishra, Health &amp; Family Welfare, WB</i> <i>Introduction: Rajenda Shukla, Director, West Bengal State AIDS Control Society (TBC)</i>
09:30 - 11:00	<b>Scaling Up HIV Prevention among IDUs in South Asia: the key issues &amp; gaps</b> <i>Chair: Mariam Claeson, HIV/AIDS Coordinator, South Asia Region, World Bank</i> <i>Speaker: Suresh Kumar</i> <i>Discussants:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Munir Ahmed, CARE Bangladesh</i></li><li>• <i>Bijay Pandey, Recovering Nepal</i></li></ul>
11:00 - 11:15	Coffee/Tea
<b>Theme: overcoming policy and legal barriers</b>	
11:15 - 12:30	<b>Scaling up an Essential Harm Reduction Package: overcoming barriers in South Asia</b> <i>Chair: Asma Bohkari, National AIDS Programme Manager, Pakistan</i> <i>Speaker: Alex Wodak, St. Vincent's Hospital, Australia</i> <i>Discussant: Luke Samson, Sharan, India</i>
12:30 - 13:30	Lunch
13:30 - 15:30	<b>Oral Substitution Therapy: experiences with methadone and buprenorphine</b> <i>Chair: Gordon Mortimore, DfID</i> <i>Panelists:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Suresh Kumar - Bringing opioid substitution treatment to scale</i></li><li>• <i>Anju Dhawan, All India Institute of Medical Sciences, India - Oral buprenorphine substitution program</i></li><li>• <i>Farzad Kasraei, Iran Prison Organization - Methadone in prison setting</i></li></ul>
15:30 - 16:00	Coffee/Tea
16:00 - 18:00	<b>The Status of Legal Frameworks in the region: key findings of the UNODC Report</b> <i>Chair: Gary Lewis, Representative, Regional Office for South Asia, UNODC</i> <i>Speaker: Anand Grover, The Lawyers Collective, India</i> <i>Discussants:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>A human rights bill: Sapana Malla, Forum for Women, Law and Development, Nepal</i></li><li>• <i>Taking action at the local level: Soumen Mitra, Special Inspector General of Police, Presidency Range, West Bengal</i></li></ul>
18:30	<b>Legal and Policy concerns related to IDU Harm reduction in SAARC Countries</b> <i>Guest: Honorable Mr. Oscar Fernandes, Convener of the Parliamentary Forum On AIDS, India</i> UNODC media launch of report
20:30	Dinner hosted by UNODC

April 11	<b>DAY 2: Overcoming barriers to scaling up HIV prevention among IDUs</b> <i>Theme: overcoming stigma, gender and socioeconomic barriers</i>
09:00-11:00	<b>HIV/AIDS, Sex Work and IDU - overcoming stigma and gender barriers</b> <i>Chair: Asa Andersson, Regional Advisor HIV/AIDS, Sida</i> <i>Speaker: Khuat Thi Hai Oanh, Institute of Social Development Studies (ISDS), Vietnam</i> <i>Panelists:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>KH Bobby, Manipur Network of Positive People (MNP+), Imphal, India</i></li> <li>• <i>Pratima Murthy, National Institute of Mental Health &amp; Neurosciences, India</i></li> <li>• <i>Annie Mangsatabam, Integrated Women and Child Development Center, India</i></li> </ul>
11:00 - 11:15	<i>Coffee/Tea</i>
11:15- 12:30	<b>The Nexus of Poverty, IDU and HIV: how to tackle the socioeconomic determinants</b> <i>Chair: Jimmy Dorabjee, Centre for Harm Reduction, The Macfarlane Burnet Institute for Medical Research and Public Health, Australia</i> <i>Panelists:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Shanti Ranganathan, TTK Hospital (Chennai), India</i></li> <li>• <i>Saifur Rehman, National AIDS Control Program, Afghanistan</i></li> <li>• <i>Tariq Zafar, Nai Zindagi, Pakistan</i></li> </ul>
12:30-13:30	<i>Lunch</i>
<b>Theme: overcoming barriers to measuring HIV among IDUs</b>	
13:30-15:30	<b>How to Strengthen Surveillance of HIV among IDUs - getting the denominator right and other challenges</b> <i>Chair: Sujatha Rao, Director NACO, India (TBC)</i> <i>Speaker: Steve Jones, CDC - Strengthening surveillance of HIV among IDUs</i> <i>Panelists:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Faran Emmanuel, Canada-Pakistan HIV/AIDS Project - Experience from South West Asia</i></li> <li>• <i>Tasnim Azim, ICDDR-B, Bangladesh Respondent Driven Sampling- experience from Bangladesh</i></li> <li>• <i>Samiran Panda, Sparsha, Kolkata - Rapid situation and response assessment</i></li> </ul>
15:30-15:45	<i>Coffee/Tea</i>
<b>Theme: overcoming cross-border barriers to collaboration</b>	
15:45-18:00	<b>Cross Border Collaboration: global context, regional examples</b> <i>Chair: KN Pradeep, Country Manager, Aus AID</i> <i>Speaker: Ted Hammett, Abt Associates - Vietnam-China experiences</i> <i>Discussants:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Mohammad Zafar, Ministry of Counter Narcotics, Afghanistan</i></li> <li>• <i>Chingmak Kejong, Eleutheros Christian Society, Nagaland, India</i></li> </ul>
19:30	<b>Film "When Institutions Care" followed by discussion</b> <i>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.</i>

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*