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Innovations:

Development of a national curriculum on combined treatment OST and HIV for medical doctors and nurses.



Programme and Objective

Harm Reduction Project (HRP)

- Support to the Scaling Up of the National OST (Opioid Substitution Therapy) Programme

Programme Components and Objectives

The HRP is complimentary to the activities planned in the field of the Opioid Substitution Therapy (scaling up of the Methadone Maintenance Programme (MMTP) to 9 (nine) sites, 1800 (one thousand eight hundred patients) under the GFATM grant Rd. 10 provided to Nepal.

The HRP provides support to MoHP and other concerned ministries like the Ministry of Home Affairs (MoHA) in the national response to HIV and Drug Use - Harm Reduction. This includes technical assistance and support to the review, planning, implementation and coordination of the national Harm Reduction activities.



Programme Components and Objectives

Support to the scaling up of the national OST programme:

- Support to the NCASC and other relevant stakeholders to the overall coordination and implementation of the national OST programme
- Technical assistance to the NCASC and other relevant partners in OST related issues
- Capacity enhancement in the field of OST and combined HIV treatment of governmental and non-governmental organizations (including staffs of SSUs and Medical Units)
- Support to the development of a national training curriculum for OST and combined HIV treatment for medical doctors and nurses in cooperation with the Tribhuvan University Teaching Hospital TUTH.
- Support to the development of national OST guidelines and standards

Currently working on

- Transition from the emergency response Methadone Maintenance Programme (MMTP), implemented by UNODC (funded by GIZ PPP project for methadone substitution) to the NCASC to become a national programme.

Latest Research Studies:

- Current research on a specific drug cocktail used by injecting drug users in Nepal and South Asia (South Asian cocktail)

