

India: Study on female drug use



UNODC's ongoing study on female drug users in the Northeastern states of India aims to understand the extent, trends and pattern of drug use among women in the region. 1000 women respondents are taking part in the study, which will help in addressing drug use related issues amongst women and enable the strengthening of programmes designed specifically for women drug users. The data enumerators have been trained by UNODC and in a meeting organized in April 2014, they came together to share their experiences in data gathering so far. Many data enumerators felt that often the respondents were drowsy and intoxicated and therefore unable to respond to the questions. In such cases the interview had to be stopped and continued on the next day. It was also felt that many women did not feel comfortable answering questions on sexual behaviour and domestic violence. However, all data enumerators agreed that the diversity of respondents participating in the survey will ensure a comprehensive understanding of the problem in Northeast India.

Upcoming events

29 May 2014, New Delhi, India – Presentation of India Anti-Corruption Referral

UNODC is presenting an anti-corruption referral on vigilance and anti-corruption desks in India- a product developed by UNODC with the support of the Siemens Integrity Initiative. The presentation will take place in New Delhi, India.

India: Anti-corruption focus group meeting, 'In dialogue series'



Under the Siemens Integrity Initiative, in May 2013, UNODC launched two anti-corruption reports that provide important recommendations to strengthen Indian legislation in line with the UNCAC and address grass root challenges as perceived by the Government and public and private sector. Since a need was felt by organisations working in this area to discuss ways to take forward these recommendations jointly, UNODC has been conducting a series of focus group meetings with senior professionals from the Government, private sector and civil society. The first of these meetings took place in January 2014 in New Delhi and in Bangalore, wherein UNODC presented its work on an anti-corruption referral of key vigilance desks across India. The second series of focus group meetings took place in April 2014 in New Delhi and in Mumbai, during which the need to enhance awareness and sensitization on probity issues was discussed. In line with this, UNODC presented its work on developing two online sensitisation modules on (i) probity in public procurement and (ii) business integrity. The third series of meetings is scheduled for May 2014 in New Delhi where the group will discuss how the sensitisation modules can be used by organisations.

Bangladesh: Combating wildlife crime



Rich in bio-diversity, Bangladesh is vulnerable to wildlife crime like poaching of animals, illegal trade in protected species etc. Responding to these threats, the Department of Forest, Government of Bangladesh, together with UNODC, presented an implementation plan for Wildlife and Forest Crime Control. It was presented at a workshop attended by Representatives from the Police, Customs, Border Guard, Ministry of Environment & Forests, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and Ministry of Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs. The plan was developed by taking into consideration the recommendations of a wildlife and forest crime assessment previously conducted in the country. This assessment was conducted using the Wildlife and Forest Crime Analytic Toolkit developed by the International Consortium on Combating Wildlife Crime.

Internal News Corner

The Office would like to welcome on board:



Ms. Nidhi Mehrotra

Nidhi joined the Office in New Delhi in May 2014 as a Finance and Administrative Assistant. She provides support to the Office's work on anti-human trafficking.

Mr. Prabhjeet Gulati

Prabhjeet joined the Office in April 2014 and is based in New Delhi. He is the Project Officer for the regional project on drug control and drug law enforcement. Prabhjeet is an officer from the Indian Revenue Service (Customs & Central Excise).



The Office bids farewell to Ms. Anju Pun

who was with UNODC since May 2013. She was based out of the Nepal office and supported the Office's work in the area of HIV prevention among female drug users and in prisons in Nepal. We wish her all the best as she leaves to take up her new assignment with an NGO in the field of child rights.

The Office would like to congratulate

Mr. Abraham Lincoln who has been selected against the post of Expert, HIV and AIDS. We wish him all the very best in his new role.

