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MOU Sub-regional Action Plan

Responding to Emerging Drug Control Challenges in SE Asia

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THE MOU PROCESS

1. Duration: over a decade and a half
2. Sub-regional Action Plan (SAP) regularly revised
3. Financial contribution from Member States themselves
4. Senior Officials Committee provides continuous monitoring – annually, and in addition to individual project steering committee meetings
5. MOU Ministerial endorses (next meeting: May 2009 in Pattaya, Thailand)

MOU PRIORITIES

1. Law enforcement
2. Drug demand reduction
3. Alternative development
4. Int'l cooperation on judicial matters
5. Drugs and HIV/AIDS

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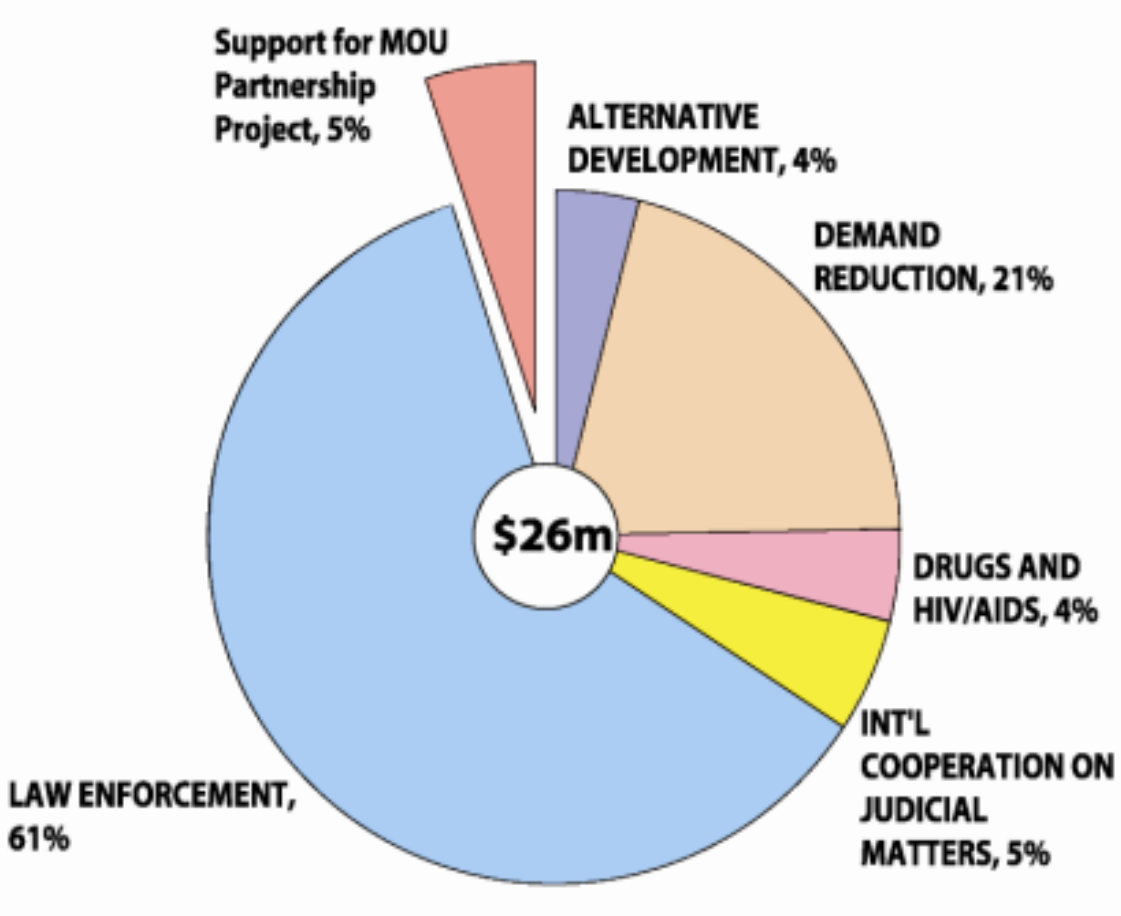

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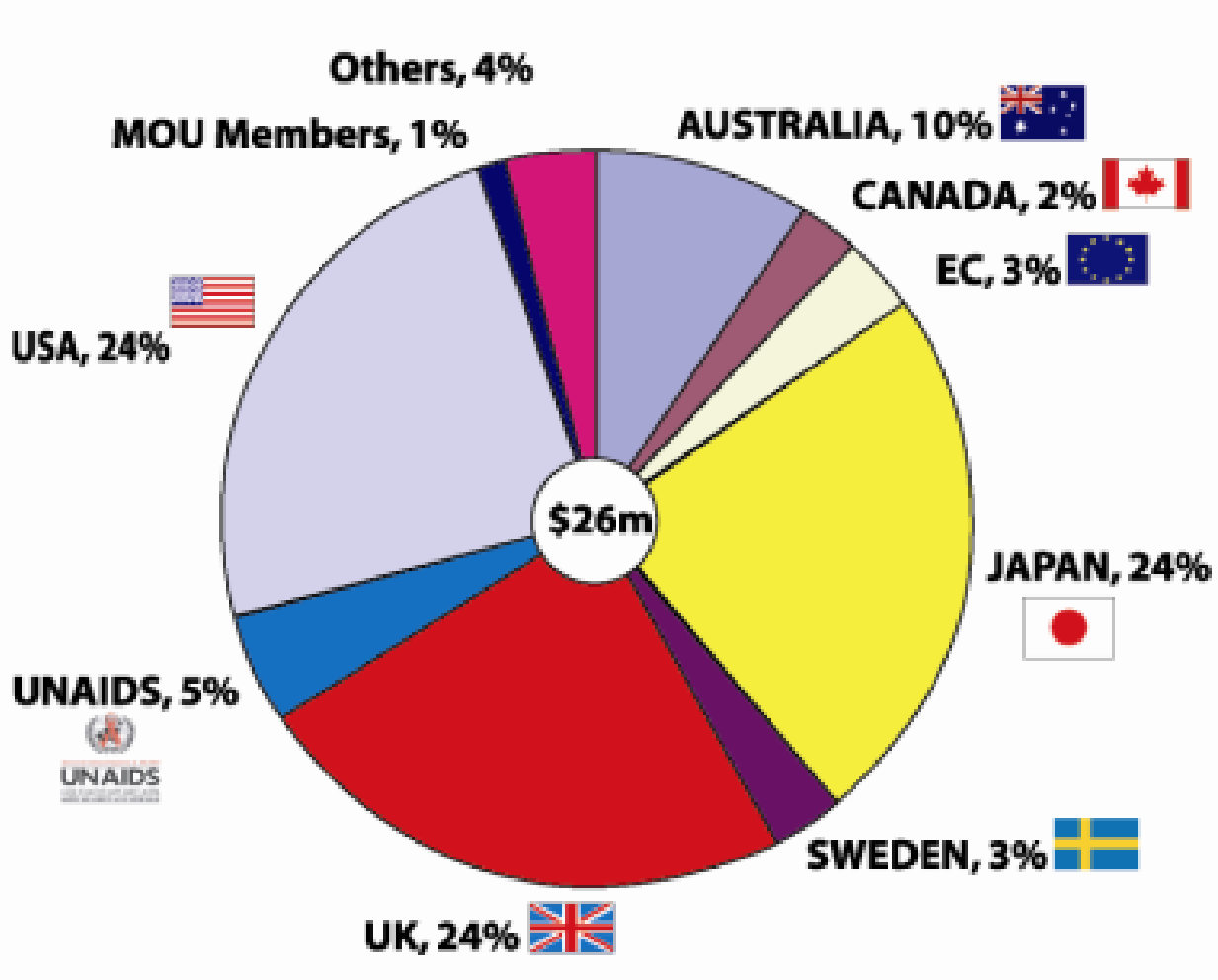
MOU PARTNERSHIPS (1990-2008)



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EMERGING DRUG CONTROL CHALLENGES

1. TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME TRENDS

- **IMPACT OF INFRASTRUCTURE CORRIDORS**
- **IMPACT OF TRADE LIBERALIZATION**
- **WEST AFRICAN NATIONALS – establishing a presence in region – use of women from region as couriers**
- **INCREASING TREND: REGION AS IMPORTER – heroin and hashish from West and Central Asia; ATS from Canada; cocaine from South America**
- **REGION AS TRANSIT – hashish via Viet Nam to Canada**
  - **Viet Nam – Canada (hashish)**
  - **China – Australia (cocaine)**
  - **Cambodia – Australia (ATS)**

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EMERGING DRUG CONTROL CHALLENGES

2. ATS

- Asia's huge population and growing affluence drives world demand
- Primary drug of abuse in 3 MOU countries – increasing in importance in another 2
- Large-scale ATS production in countries with limited known demand
- Crystal meth
- Lack of ATS treatment options

3. PRECURSORS

4. OPIATES

- Seizures declining
- Reversal – resumption of cultivation?

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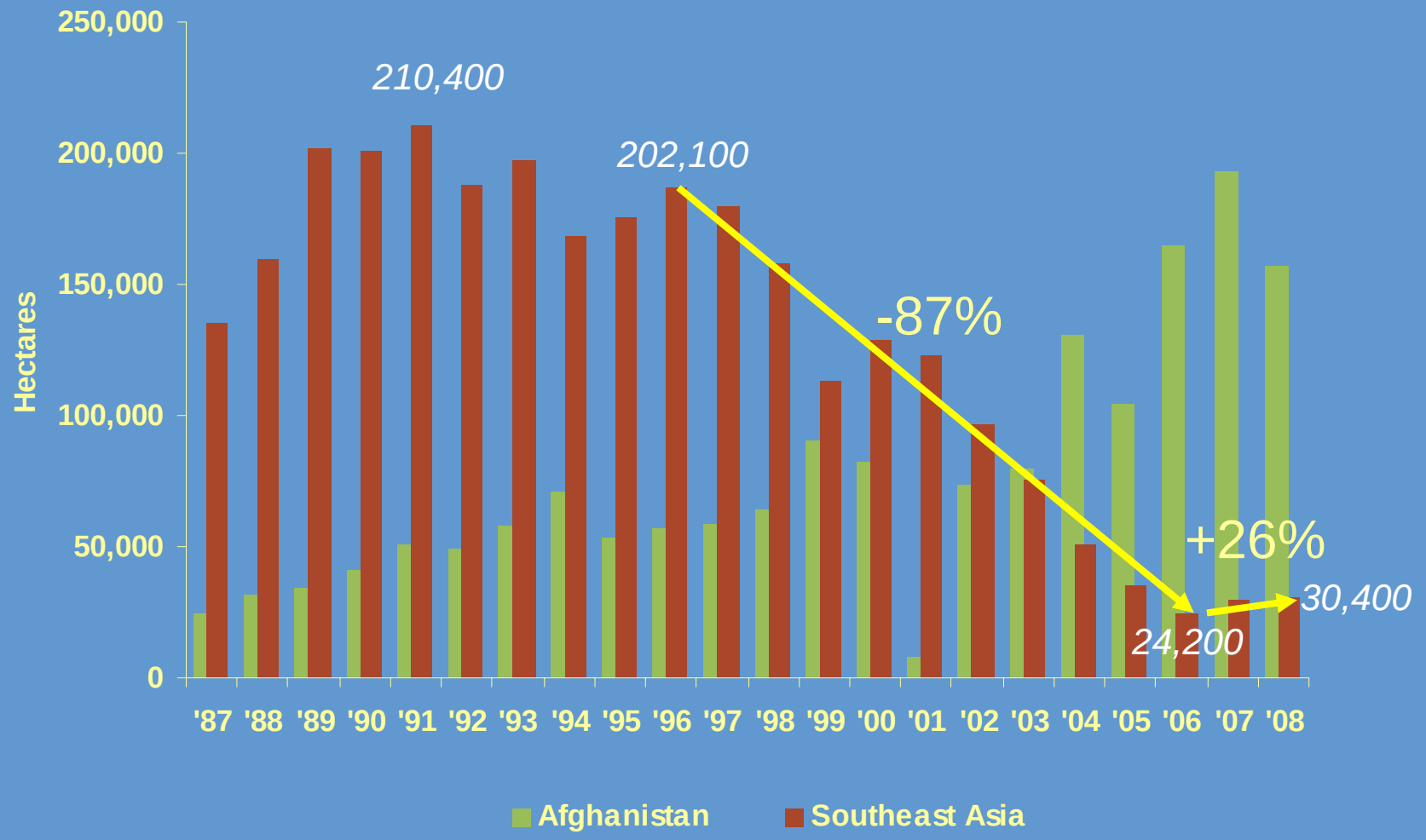
Opium poppy cultivation in Afghanistan & South East Asia



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1. Law enforcement

Objectives:

- **(a) increased capacity, (b) better trans-boundary cooperation, (c) improved information / analysis**

Projects:

- **Continuing (I61): BLO Mechanism**
- **Re-new: Precursor control (build on 4 previous projects)**
- **New: Clandestine Laboratories**
- **New: Strengthening Info/Intel exchange**
    - **Training on intelligence cycle**
    - **Equipment to respond to the uneven capacity level in different countries**

2. Drug demand reduction

Objectives:

- **Develop sub-regional and in-country institutional capabilities for prevention, treatment and rehabilitation**

Projects:

1. **Continuing (J88): SMART (ATS data and analysis)**
2. **Continuing (I13): Prevention of ATS abuse in youth**
3. **New: ATS Treatment options (methodology, capacity building, best practices)**
4. ***Note: Treatnet II now operating in region – Cambodia, Lao and Viet Nam (UNODC/WHO – Joint Action Programme)***

3. Alternative Development

Objectives:

- **(a) improve regional cooperation to share good practices,**
- **(b) develop capacity to plan and implement AD projects,**
- **(c) develop an effective monitoring capacity for illicit crops**

Project:

- **Extension (H84): Regional Collaboration on Community-based Alternative Development**

4. International Judicial Cooperation

Objective:

- **enhance cooperation for MOU countries to cooperate on MLA and extradition**

Project:

- **Follow-on (to C74): Judicial cooperation and mutual legal assistance**

5. Drugs and HIV

Objective:

- **(a) prevent transmission of HIV among and from drug users and in custodial settings**
- **(b) ensure provision of adequate treatment and care**

Project:

- **New: Assessment of efficacy of treatment and risk reduction in Custodial Settings**

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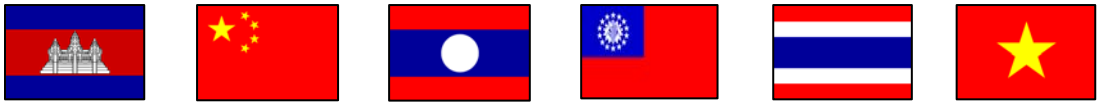

MOU PRIORITIES (rolling plan)

1. Law enforcement	$ 3.0m
2. Drug demand reduction	$ 1.0m
3. Alternative development	$ 0.5m
4. Int'l cooperation on judicial matters	$ 1.3m
5. Drugs and HIV/AIDS	$ 0.5m
	$ 6.3m

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LINKAGE BETWEEN

THE MOU SAP AND

THE UNODC REGIONAL PROGRAMME

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Linkage to the UNODC Regional Programme 2009-2012

1. Illicit trafficking

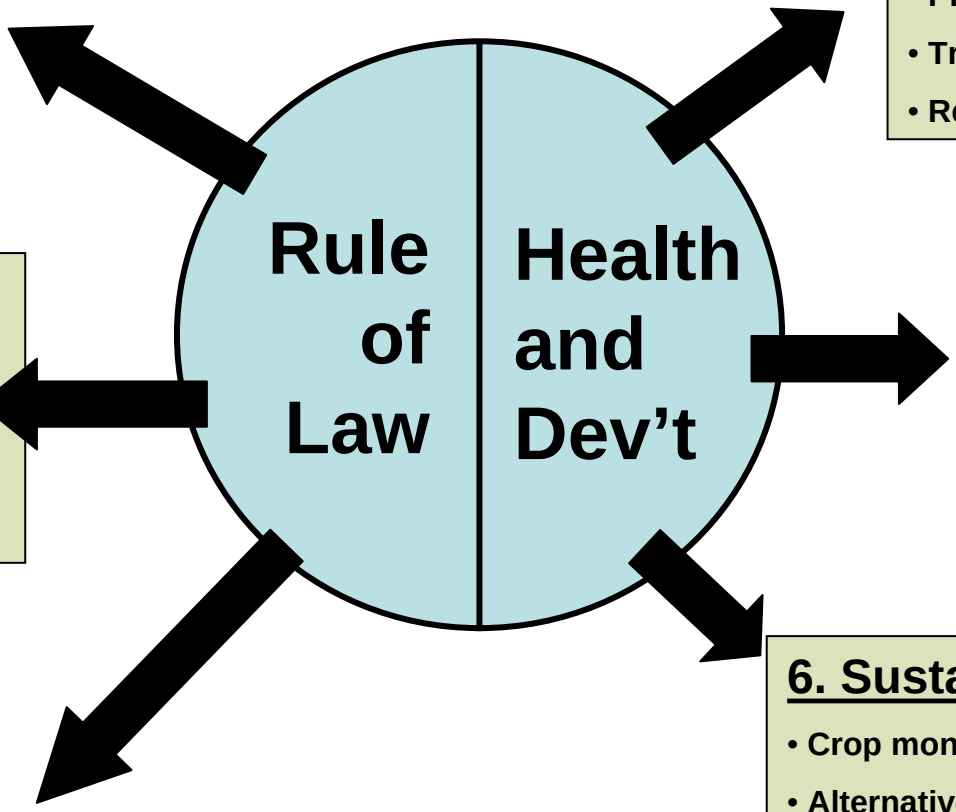
- Border control
- Human trafficking
- Drugs and precursors
- Environment
- Smuggling Migrants

2. Anti-corruption

- Advocacy
- Institutions
- Asset recovery
- Money laundering

3. Criminal justice

- Ratification
- Legal frameworks
- Justice systems
- Transnational justice



4. Drug demand reduction

- Prevention
- Treatment
- Reintegration

5. HIV/AIDS

- Coverage
- Strategic knowledge
- Mainstreaming

6. Sustainable livelihoods

- Crop monitoring
- Alternative livelihoods
- Sustainability and integration

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RP + SAP overlap

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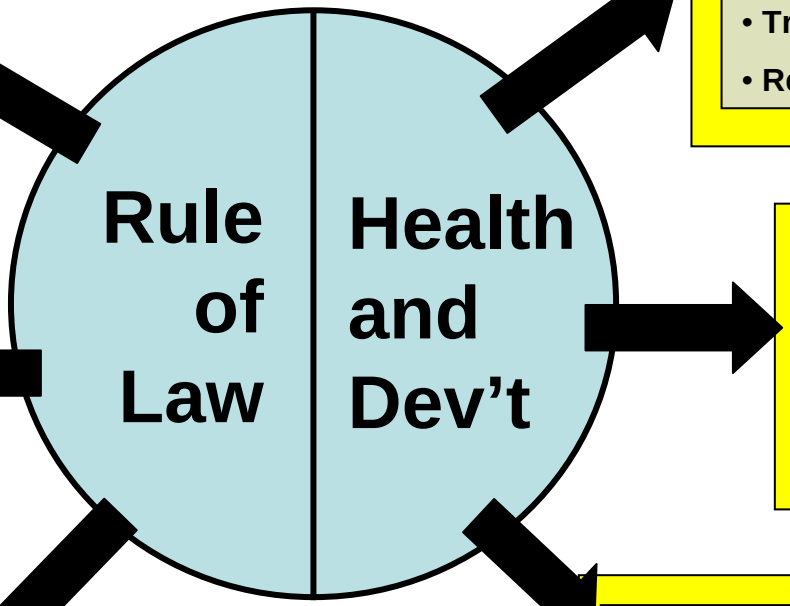

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LINKAGE BETWEEN THE MOU SAP AND OTHER REGIONAL INITIATIVES

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Broadening the linkages within the region

1. ACCORD Plan of Action (2000)
2. ASEAN Secretariat - UNODC Memorandum of Understanding on Drug Control and Crime Prevention (2003)
3. ASEAN Charter (2007) – Items 7, 8, 9 and 12

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