

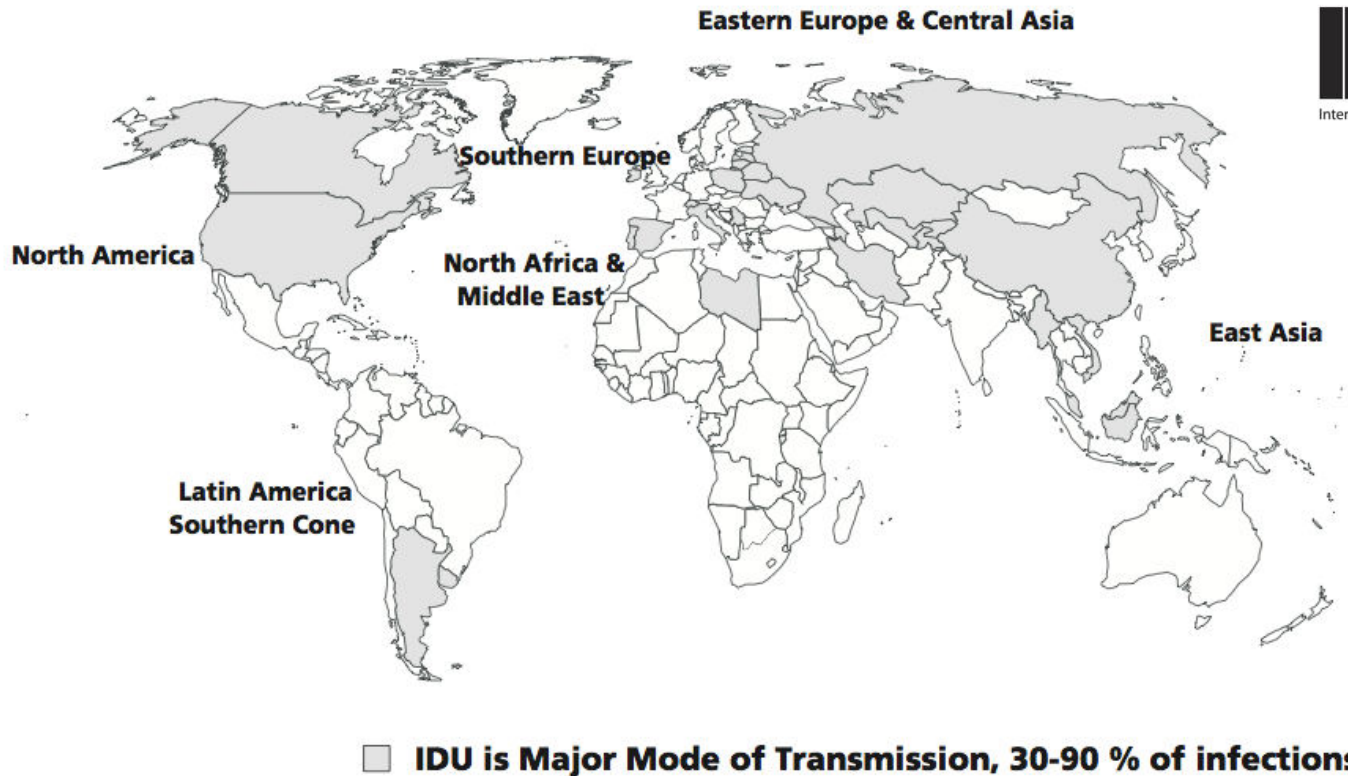
HIV, Hep C and People Who Inject Drugs



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Drugs and **HIV** have been linked since the beginning

Figure 1. Regions in which needle and syringe sharing is the major mode of HIV transmission



Regions of the South Hemisphere have a **different** reality

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Expectations:

- That there would be more open discussion about drugs and drug policy reform.
- That it would bring change.
- Hoped for leadership from progressive countries.
- Some members had very low expectations for a lack of trust on the consensus system at the UN.
- Dialogue around decriminalization and regulation.
- Recognition that the “Drug-Free” world approach has failed.
- At least a slight easing of the conventions.
- End death penalty and the militarized and full frontal confrontation approach that fuels the war on drugs.

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Outcomes:

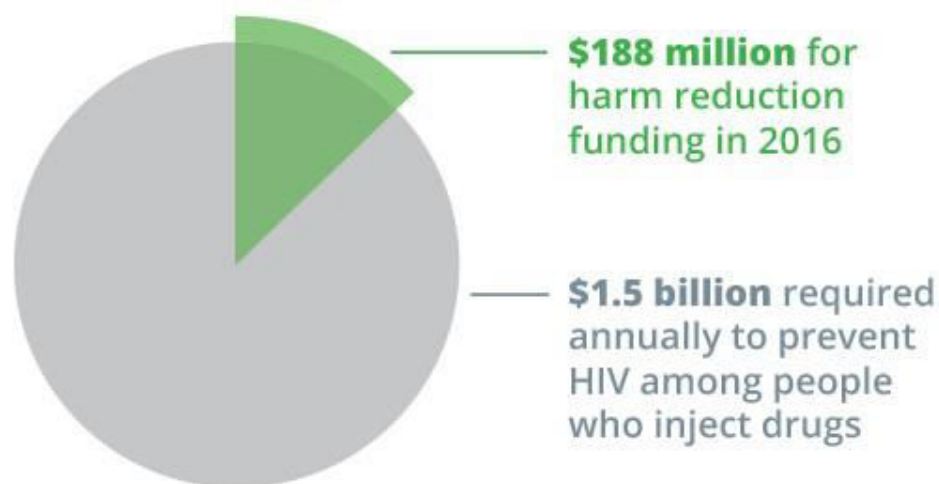
- “There wasn’t even a real opportunity, so there is no real outcome.”
- Dissappointingly predictable.
- Disastrous.
- There was some slight advances around OST and NSP language and focus.
- “Wasted resources, wasted time, wasted lives.
- The outcome document had already been written several weeks before.
- Disgrace.
- “Unfortunately if you expect reform, don't look to the United Nations.”

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Next steps:

- More energy and attention to country and local level actions and community.
- Need to strengthen our community and organizing capacity.
- More inclusive systems.
- Mobilization at country level, stronger advocacy focus on prohibitionist policies.
- There needs to be a clearer identification, mapping and collaboration amongst pro-reform countries.
- More collaboration between community and governments.
- More research and evidence based and rights based approach to the broad issues around harm reduction and public policy development and implementation.

Funding for lifesaving harm reduction services in low- and middle-income countries is **just 13%** of what's needed



This funding gap threatens the global HIV response 



**Donor funding for harm
reduction has fallen
24% since 2007**

**New HIV infections among
people who inject drugs
increased 33% from 2011-15**

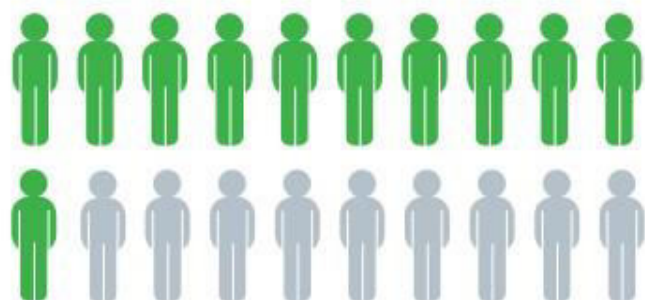


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The majority of people who inject drugs live in upper middle-income countries

55% in UMICs



Yet, harm reduction funding is lowest in these countries

\$0.09 per person
per day in low
and lower middle-
income countries

\$0.02 per person
per day in UMICs

We can start talking about Harm Reduction

- ◆ Sexual and reproductive health education
- ◆ Condoms
- ◆ Basic information on doses and effects of legal and illegal substances
- ◆ Basic understanding on how drugs work in the organism
- ◆ Safe consumption environments
- ◆ Harm reduction measures in recreational spaces
- ◆ Access to, and availability of, appropriate health care and the development of a “drinking culture”
- ◆ A sense of common responsibility by providing straight information on alcohol consumption (and other drugs as well)



HARM REDUCTION



EFFORTS ARE NOT SUFFICIENT



Coverage levels too low



National targets set too low



Budgets don't support scale-up

PROGRAMS ARE NOT STRATEGIC



Critical services missing



Ineffective service delivery mechanisms



Policies don't match key population needs

INVESTEMENTS ARE NOT SUSTAINABLE



Dependency on donors



National HIV budgets don't include harm reduction



Political support is lacking

Harm reduction funding is not sufficient, strategic or sustainable.

We need:

Increased Investment



Community Involvement



Well-Planned Transitions



Implementing Comprehensive HIV and HCV Programmes with People Who Inject Drugs

PRACTICAL GUIDANCE FOR COLLABORATIVE INTERVENTIONS





Consensus Statement on Drug Use Under Prohibition

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Human Rights
Health and the Law



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Thank you!



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