

DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION CAMPAIGNS IN CENTRAL ASIA

The Drug Abuse Prevention Campaigns with the Media «MEDISSA» Project, launched under CADAP, is aimed at making the general population more aware of the risks of drug abuse and HIV.

The national counterparts of the project are ministries of health, education, youth and sports committees, drug control agencies and NGOs.

Media drug awareness campaigns were launched in all Central Asian countries in May 2008. The main focus of campaigns will be on drug and HIV prevention among young people and school pupils.

Trainings for journalists and NGO staff have been held in all five Central Asian countries to raise awareness of their role in promoting health and well being of young people. Journalists have been instructed on drug abuse prevention practices, and on managing drug information campaigns.



TRAINING FOR DRUG PROFILING UNITS IN CENTRAL ASIA COUNTRIES

On June 13, 2008 Mrs. Regine Roy, Charge D'Affairs, European Commission Delegation, handed over Certificates on completion of training for drug profiling units to participants of the Workshop on Drug Profiling Units, in Astana, Kazakhstan.

The main task of Drug Profiling Units (DPUs) project under CADAP is to support multi-agency DPUs located on the main narcotics trafficking routes across Central Asia.

To support establishment and proper functioning of DPUs, a series of trainings were held for DPU staff in risk assessment, methodology of collection and analysis of information, applicable EU countries' experience and other relevant topics.

"Operational functioning of Drug Profiling Units" workshops were organized for DPUs at railway stations and airports of Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan, Turkmenistan and Kazakhstan. The objective of the training is to raise the operational and analytical potential of the future leading officers in the DPUs, while increasing the effectiveness of drug control at airports and railway stations.



The overall objective of the CADAP Programme is to foster a public health approach to drug demand & an interdiction approach to drug supply in line with the European Commission drug strategies. The Programme is funded by the European Union and implemented by UNDP. CADAP is a multi-annual assistance Programme funded under the EC TACIS instrument.

