

KAZAKH AND TAJIK PRISON OFFICIALS STUDY DRUG REHABILITATION PROGRAMME IN KYRGYZSTAN

Two study tours for penitentiary committee officers and civil society representatives from Kazakhstan and Tajikistan were organised in the first half of August to Kyrgyzstan by staff of the EU-UNDP Central Asia Drug Action Programme (CADAP). The participants visited the pilot prisons ## 3 and 31 which were previously equipped under CADAP in Novopokrovka and Moldovanovka settlements, both in Chuy oblast of Kyrgyzstan.

Twelve high ranking officials and non-governmental partners met with their colleagues from Kyrgyzstan to discuss the benefits of the "Atlantis" programme with a view to its further introduction in prisons of their own countries. The programme also included participation in therapy classes for prison addicts and sharing first-hand experience with the practitioners from rehabilitation centres.



The "Atlantis" approach is a 12-step therapy programme helping treat and rehabilitate drug-dependent prison inmates. Three prison rehabilitation centres of Kyrgyzstan have previously received support of the CADAP Programme and successfully implement the "Atlantis" approach in their practice.

Similar national training sessions on effectiveness of the "Atlantis" programme were organised for Uzbek and Turkmen prison authorities.

DRUG DETECTING EQUIPMENT HANDED OVER TO TOXICOLOGY LABORATORIES IN KYRGYZSTAN, TAJIKISTAN AND UZBEKISTAN

Staff of the EU-UNDP Central Asia Drug Action Programme (CADAP) handed over two sets of specialised equipment and two refrigerators to the toxicological laboratory under the Forensic Medical Bureau of the Kyrgyz Ministry of Health on 22 July 2009.

The equipment (rapid thin layer chromatography system including reagents and calibration standards) worth € 13,300 in total will be used for drug detection and drug identification in humans. Use of the equipment will significantly speed up the analysis of the presence of drugs and the results will be more reliable and reproducible.



The same type of equipment was handed over to toxicological laboratories in Tajikistan and Uzbekistan.

Operational training sessions on the use of the equipment for staff of the toxicological laboratories were held in Bishkek, Dushanbe and Tashkent in August 2009.



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.

