



DRUG USE AND HIV INFECTION – WOMEN IN PRISONS

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AAA Mission Statement

We believe that no one is alone. We succeed when the youth we serve become agents of their own change and use their knowledge to change their communities.

We reach the youth of sub-saharan Africa whose lives are affected by AIDS.

We affirm that tomorrow's responsible parents are the knowledgeable youth of today.

We educate youth with the knowledge they need to stay alive, and teach them to share that knowledge with their peers

We build extended family support networks in local villages and communities to deliver security, food, education and healthcare to children orphaned by AIDS

We create healthcare awareness by funding women and children's health.

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HAPPY 20th ANNIVERSARY AAA!

Dear Friend, AAA 20th Anniversary continues. All e-news briefs of this year will reveal an aspect of our wonderful journey. In the present issue, you will get the report of 20th Session of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice held on 11-15 April 2011 in Vienna, Austria. It shows how AAA has grown, not only to have consultative status with the UN (2003), but also the capacity to be part of debates that influence national and global Health Policy. AAA presently has 4UN representatives in New York including: Suzanne Africa Engo (head representative), Huguette Streuli, Mengue Eka-Abila, Julia Streuli (junior representative). In Vienna, Dr Kaschitz reporting below is AAA head representative.

In his opening statement, Yury Fedotov, the Executive Director of the UN Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) noted the change in the nature of crime. Organized criminals were making rapid inroads through the use of technological advances of globalization to develop new and highly lucrative criminal enterprises through drug trafficking, trafficking in human beings, environmental crime, counterfeit medicines, and cybercrime. And the new victims were children. "Online child abuse constitutes a grave international crime and demands concerted collaboration: that means developing cyberethics, cybersafety and cybersecurity". It had also been widely recognized, he said, that transnational organized crime jeopardized the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals.

Furthermore it was noted that prisons were high-risk settings for the transmission of HIV. However, HIV prevention, treatment, care and support programmes were not adequately developed and implemented in prison settings. Moreover, drug use and HIV infection were more prevalent among women in prison than among imprisoned men. Regular capacity-building programmes of prison staff were essential to build knowledge on HIV prevention, treatment, care and support for women in prison.

For more information consult: www.unodc.org

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