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AAA's work is based on 3 programmes:

**"JUST KNOW" Campaign emphasizes:**

- Knowledge of one's body
- Knowledge that leads to behavior change
- Knowledge that helps to visualize a future without AIDS

**"Health before Wealth" Concept promotes:**

- Testing for HIV
- Clean hands ( hand washing stations)
- Clean water (drinking stations)
- Dignified toilets
- Fighting against Malaria (treated mosquito bed nets)
- Vaccination
- Anti worms medicin

**"Women's economic autonomy"** through our Scholarship Programme. This scholarship enables each teenage orphan girl to complete at least a secondary, general or technical education that will lead to financial and economic autonomy, greatly reducing the risk of being infected with HIV through sexual abuse and violence.

The 58th Session of the COMMISSION ON NARCOTIC DRUGS (CND) preceded by a four Day Special Segment, was held in Vienna, Austria, 9 – 17 March, 2015, and some NGO side events, including a Civil Society Hearing.

It was noted that despite progress made, the world drug problem continued to pose challenges for the international community. Appreciation was expressed for the effective involvement of civil society in the preparatory process for the special session. It was repeatedly stressed that drug addiction was a health problem. Alternative development programmes were highlighted as part of the broader economic development agenda. The growing links between drug trafficking and corruption, trafficking in persons, cybercrime and other forms of organized crime were underlined. Some speakers noted that in order **to reduce HIV and hepatitis C infection rates among injecting drug users, needle and syringe programmes, voluntary HIV counselling and antiretroviral therapy should be implemented.**

After highlighting the role of civil Society in fostering social innovation, the Commission **adopted 11 resolutions on issues including**

- Promoting evidence based treatment and care for young people affected by drug use disorders;
- Promoting alternative sentences for drug involved offenders;
- Protecting young people and children from the sale of illicit drugs and new psychoactive substances over the internet;
- Strengthening cooperation in identifying and blocking financial flows linked to drug trafficking;
- Implementing the UN Guiding Principles on Alternative Development;
- Promoting the role of drug analysis laboratories as well as scientific research, and strengthening cooperation with academia;
- Supporting alternative development, as well as international cooperation to respond to synthetic drugs;
- Promoting the use of the international electronic import and export authorization system for licit international trade in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances; and
- A resolution submitted by the Chair regarding the special session of the United Nations General Assembly(UNGASS), on the world drug problem to be held in 2016.

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**As we always say, AAA is a hot spot – Actively present wherever its members are!**

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