HIV/AIDS in prison settings:

A comprehensive response

Satellite Session
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18:00 to 20:00
Skills building room 4

HIV infection rates in prisons are usually higher than in the community. This is due to the use of contaminated injection equipment, unsafe sex, use of contaminated tattooing equipment and joint use of razor blades. Overcrowding, violence and corruption all contribute to HIV vulnerability of prisoners.

With a worldwide annual turnover of 30 million prisoners, prisons remain a breeding ground for HIV epidemics. Comprehensive responses to HIV/AIDS in prisons are urgently necessary.

In this satellite, we intend to share information on what works in prisons to reduce HIV vulnerability and make available new resources on HIV/AIDS in prisons.

Objectives

- Raise awareness on HIV/AIDS in prison settings
- Share good practices
- Stimulate policy debate
- Foster knowledge transfer
- Make available new resources

Programme

18:00 Opening
   Ms. Sumru Noyan
   Deputy Executive Director, UNODC

   Ms. François Bouchard
   Director General, Health Services Branch, Correctional Operations and Programs, Correctional Service of Canada

18:10 Introduction: A framework for an effective national response in prisons
   Mr. Christian Kroll

18:25 Country perspectives
   Estonia
   Igor Sobolev,
   Chairman of the Board
   Estonian Network of people living with HIV/AIDS

   Kenya
   Mary Chepkonga,
   Senior Superintendent of Prisons,
   Head, Prisons AIDS Control Unit

   Nigeria
   Regina Akpan Clement
   Director of Lifelink Organization

   India
   Kiran Bedi,
   Director General, Indian Police

19:15 Plenary discussion
19:45 Summary and conclusions
   Andrew Ball, WHO
19:55 Closing

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