Policy guidelines for collaborative TB and HIV services for ID and other drug users

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Overview

• Written in 2008
• Basic information on epidemiology, treatment and care
• 12 recommendations
• Sections:
  – Joint planning
  – Key interventions
  – Barriers
• Centred around the systematic approach to three conditions: TB, HIV and drug use
Joint planning

R1 Joint:
Planning
Implementing
Monitoring
Coordination

R2 + R3 Human resources’ planning:
Defining roles and responsibilities of all service providers caring for IDUs
Sufficient numbers
Training and education

R4 Informed action (operational research)
Key interventions

R5 TB infection control everywhere!
- Administrative
- Environmental (ventilation)
- Personal (masks)
- Incl. occupational prevention (R9)

R6 Intensified case finding for TB and testing for HIV: know symptoms and where to refer people to test

R7 Access to appropriate treatment for TB and HIV
Non-discriminatory!

R8 IPT in PLWH

R9 HIV prevention (including needle and syringe programmes and OST – total of 9 interventions)
Barriers

• **R10 One-stop-shop with sensitized personnel**
  – Prevent loss of follow up! First contact may be the last one, so use the first contact for maximum services

• **R11 Prisons and other places of detention**
  – Medical care equivalent to the one for a provided to the civilian population
  – Medical examination at entry

• **R12 Adherence**
  – Support and prevent drop out
  – Treatment and drug use are not contradictory

• **R13 Common types of comorbidity**
  – Hepatitis coinfection is NOT a reason to deny access to treatment!
• Thank you!
• Questions?