

## **Dissemination meeting of:**

### **A rapid assessment of the accessibility and integration of TB, HIV and harm reduction services for people who inject drugs in Portugal**

#### **Organization:**

Institute of Public Health of the University of Porto/University of Porto Medical School/ Centre for Research on Drugs and Health Behaviour, London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine.

#### **Date:**

May 2012 (12<sup>th</sup>)

**Place:** Porto (Institute of Public Health of the University of Porto)

#### **Participants:**

- CDP (*Pulmonary Diagnostic Centre*): medical doctors, nurses
- HIV and Hepatitis C clinics: medical doctors, nurses, psychiatrist, psychologist
- Outpatient drug treatment centres (ET): medical doctors, nurses, psychiatrist, psychologist
- Prison: medical doctors, nurses
- Primary care health centres: General practitioners; nurses
- CAD (*Centre for Advice and Early Detection of HIV/AIDS Infection*): counselor
  
- Outreach teams: *GiruGaia; Arrimo, Aqui & Agora, Rotas com Vida...*
- NGOs: AMI, Abraço
- PWID service users
  
- IDT (*National Institute for Drugs and Drug Addiction*)- North regional office representative
- North Regional Health Administration representative
- National Tuberculosis Program representative
- National HIV Coordination representative
- General Prison Health Directorate representative
- EMCDDA (European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction) representative
- WHO representative

## **Specific objectives:**

- To introduce the rapid assessment study as one element of a larger WHO-EC focus on “Scaling-up access to high quality harm reduction, treatment and care for injecting drug users in the European region”.
- To present the objectives, methods and key findings of the rapid assessment, and to explore the two models of integration identified (combined vs. collaborative models) focusing on barriers and facilitators to access and integration of TB, HIV and drug treatment services for PWID.
- To discuss ways to improve integration of HIV, TB, drug treatment and other services for PWID in Porto, focusing on the need to :
  - Improve health information systems within and between services
  - Improve referral mechanisms
  - Develop and disseminate clinical guidelines for screening and treatment of HIV, TB and Hepatitis C in drug treatment services
  - Expand TB screening for PWUD
  - Renew focus on HCV screening and treatment
  - Secure treatment flexibility and strengthen client-centred approaches
  - Increase the involvement of primary health care services
  - Tackle stigma and discrimination within mainstream health services
  - Ensure access to social care services for PWID
  - Involve PWID in wider service design, planning and delivery.
- To develop guidance regarding models of ‘best practice’ in the provision of integrated TB and HIV services for PWID, with input from all the participants.

## **Support material:**

- WHO specific guidelines on collaborative HIV and TB service provision for PWUD.
- Rapid Assessment report and powerpoint presentation of key findings.
- National guidelines for HIV, TB, HCV and drug treatment.