Islamic Republic of Afghanistan Ministry of Public Health Deputy Minister for Health Care Services Provision



Request number: (Allocated by the Czech Development Agency)

Expert Request Form

Title:

Development of the drug prevention in Afghanistan (Czech experts' participation in a research and evaluation of innovative approaches to drug services}

Expected field of expertise:

Drug policy

Partner country: Afghanistan	Region/town/locality: Kabul
Expected Start and End Dates: From 01/02/2018Until_31/12/2018	Total amount of days in the field: 70
Expected Czech ODA financial contribution (EUR): 43 400 EUR	Estimated co-financing from the partner institution (financial contribution in EUR/ in kind in detail)

Applicant / Partner Institution:

Name, type, mail and web address of partner institution; name and position of responsible manager/contact person, phone, fax, e-mail.

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CONTEXT AND RATIONALE

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Context:

Problem analysis. Please explain current situation and why the expert is requested (what is his/her added value).

MoPH and its department NACP (National AIDS control program) has been developing successful collaboration with the Spolecnost Podane ruce o.p.s. and their afghan partners (NGO Madawa) since 2015. Main objective of the collaboration has been based on transferring good practice, experience and expertise to local NGOs and governmental agencies. We would like to take advantage of Czech experts in the following year as well.

Given that the Czech Republic is well-known for its progressive drug policy and wellestablished drug care for drug users, NACP wants to take advantage of its experience in the fields of public health and harm reduction as meaningful concepts for increasing health and well-being of afghan society.

Particularly, we would like to improve our educational program for trainers of harm reduction workers as well as obtain relevant data based on scientific approach to innovative HIV/AIDS, TBC and HCV/HBV testing methods. With the help of your experts, our other aim is to determine the mobile outreach unit's suitability and efficiency in Kabul's conditions.

Expected outputs and outcomes:

Please, explain, what is expected from the expert in detail (elaboration of analysis, seminar, forum, etc.) and when and how those outcomes will be used.

- Implementation of 2 workshops on Training for Trainers (ToT) for Harm Reduction: The long-term goal of working with Czech partners is to develop national standards for the training of drug workers working in the field of harm reduction services. This include finalizing of ToT manual with relevant materials and running initial ToT workshops. The aim will be to present this manual to future coaches and to provide methods and materials for training new staff in HR. Due to the long-term cooperation with the Spolecnost Podane ruce, it would be best to have Czech trainers participate in preparation of workshops as well as teaching.
- Expert and methodological support in the implementation of innovative methods of HIV/AIDS testing: This would be a pilot testing of new and innovative methods for testing HIV, TB, and HCV / HBV (hepatitis B, C). There are different innovative methods developed for low-income world countries, such as CAG (Community Access Groups) or different self-testing methods. In both cases, it could be way how to enrich existing health infrastructure in remote or unstable areas, and to increase the availability of basic diagnostics and treatment options. We would like to ask Czech experts to carry out piloting of the innovative methods in collaboration with Afghan partners in 1-2 afghan provinces. Pilot survey will verify the effectiveness of the chosen method and its personnel and financial costs when testing a sample of the population (roughly several hundred people in high-risk populations). In the case of good results, we could extend this model to the national level as a



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recommended and financially supported practice.

• Expert and methodological support in conducting study on the effectiveness/efficiency of a mobile Drop-in center in comparison to conventional drug outreach program: Czech experts together with Afghan partners from Madawa NGO will pilot the so-called mobile Drop-in center in Kabul capital in 2018. Such method of outreach work is based on contacting drug users in their natural environment of open drug scenes, so-called hot spots in Kabul. We would like Czech experts to thoroughly evaluate its effectiveness as well as compare it with conventional outreach programs currently supported by the government.

Role of the applicant/partner organisation and roles of other key partners:

Please describe briefly the roles and responsibilities of key project stakeholders and their relation towards the expert (towards his/her work)

MoPH (NACP) will:

- provide field and organizational support when working with Afghan drug services' organizations.
- Implement the results through the national drug policy.

Madawa will:

 provide support of Czech experts in the drug services' field (distribution of questionnaires, organizational support of focus groups etc.)

MoPH will provide official support of the action, using the results for further development of the Afghan drug policy based on relevant data

Complementarity:

Analysis of other relevant development interventions executed by the government (or) in co-operation with other donors, complementarity of the requested intervention with activities carried out so far.

The proposed project is consistent with the national strategic plan for control of HIV and AIDS as well as the UNAIDS 90-90-90 target and UNDP's running grant which supports development of opioid substitution therapy (OST) through services in drop-in centres in communities and prisons and harm reduction solution to the current drug situation in Afghanistan.

Date and Signature:

Place, date, name of authorised person within applicant institution and his/her signature, stamp.

Kabul, 30/11/2017

Best Regards,
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