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Welcome to the special edition of the CADAP newsletter.

At the end of an exciting, challenging and informative 2011 of the 5th phase of the Central Asia Drug Action Program (CADAP 5), I am pleased to inform you that the program has reached remarkable results and that we are looking forward to plan and implement the activities for the forthcoming year in close collaboration and consultation with the CADAP partners. During 2011 all three thematic components of CADAP 5 have successfully implemented various activities (seminars, workshops, conferences, study tours) in line with the findings of the inception phase and the related work plans in close collaboration with CADAP partners at the national level.

Representatives from the beneficiary ministries and institutions participated in the seminars and trainings implemented with technical support of experienced experts from the EU and enhanced their knowledge and skills in drug prevention as well as treatment and rehabilitation of drug addicts within the public health and penitentiary system.



Meeting with General Baizakov, Chairman of the State Service of Execution Punishment of the Kyrgyz Republic in December 2011

Four Study Visits to European countries including Germany, Poland and Czech Republic have been organized by CADAP, in order to share European experience and practice in rehabilitation and treatment of drug addiction, development of drug prevention strategies and an effective and reliable drug information system.

In this special edition of the CADAP Newsletter my dear colleagues, the CADAP National Coordinators from each country, present "their" highlights from 2011. We are very proud that we were able to implement so many activities for different target groups and that we have received such a positive feedback from our participants and partners.

Furthermore, I would like to give you a preview of next year's activities: National Steering Committee meetings are planned for spring of 2012 and the next Regional Steering Committee Meeting will take place in September 2012 in Ashgabat, Turkmenistan. Furthermore, CADAP will be represented at the fifty-fifth session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs (CND) in March 2012 in Vienna. I wish you all a successful and inspiring new year!

For further information on the activities and results of CADAP 5 and an event calendar you are invited to visit our website at www.cadap.eu.

Yours sincerely,
Dr. Ingo Ilja Michels,
CADAP Project Leader

Highlights and Achievements of CADAP in 2011 reviewed by the Countries "National Coordinators"

Kazakhstan
National Coordinator
Artyom Kortschagin



Artyom Kortschagin with the Director of the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction (EMCDDA), Wolfgang Götz

In Kazakhstan we have been able to continue the outstanding results of CADAP in the year 2011. I particularly want to stress the importance of following events:

2nd Regional Steering Committee Meeting in Astana on 11th of October 2011

It has been a great honour, that the Regional Steering Committee (RSC) took place in Kazakhstan. The RSC is the central communication and exchange platform of CADAP: High-level representatives of the responsible governmental authorities for drug control, prevention and treatment from Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan, a delegation of the European Union, a representative of the German Ministry of Health, several representatives of Embassies of EU Member States in the Republic of Kazakhstan and the CADAP team,

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represented by the Project Leader, the Project Manager, the Component Leaders and the 5 National Coordinators, attended the meeting and discussed the project process in each Component and each country. It must be emphasized that all participants underlined the high quality results of the fifth phase of CADAP and are looking forward to continue and strengthen our cooperation.



German delegation
with prison staff
of Karaganda
Women Prison

We are very happy that the organization of such a big event went well and I like to thank especially my colleague Natalja Sarussinskaja for her great support.

Study Tour Lisbon (DAMOS)

I have participated in Joint Training on National drug monitoring systems in Lisbon, Portugal together with the Kazakh representatives Alla Elisaryeva (Republic Centre for prevention of and fight with HIV, Head of department for monitoring and research), Nuriya Gafarova (Republican Centre for Narcology; Head of the methodical and organizational department), Grigoriy Prischepa (General Prosecutors' Office of the republic of Kazakhstan; Chief Analyst of the Committee for legal statistics and special registers)

and Oleg Yussopov (Republican Centre for Narcology; Scientific research management department; Scientific Officer). The activity has been jointly organized by the EMCDDA and the DAMOS Component of CADAP.

The programme consisted of 3 parts: training by- and discussion with the EMCDDA staff, presentations by- and discussions with the Portuguese National Focal Point staff and training by the Component Leader and DAMOS Coach for Kazakhstan, Thomas Zabransky. The Kazakh participants held presentations on the drug situation in Kazakhstan. All participants showed substantial commitment to the project, and contributed to the overall success of the visit with their presentations and frequent interventions. The activity was successful and represented an important impetus for further development of national capacity to monitor and analyse drug situation and trends in the Republic of Kazakhstan and hence to strengthen the evidence for informed decision making in the field of drug policy.

Assesment for Procurements for Rehab Centres in and outside prisons

On 5th December the German expert Harald Oechsler (TREAT), the Project Leader Dr. Ingo Michels, the executive manager of the German company CompWare, which is producing a dispensing and documentary system for Methadone treatment, Gerd Meyer-Philippi, and I myself met with the Deputy Director of the Prison Administration at the Ministry of Interior of the Republic of Kazakhstan and with staff members. We discussed further support of the implementation of a new "Atlantis" Centre at the Women Colony near Karaganda.

The Kazakh authorities expressed their commitment to the CADAP project. Only 58% of the positions for medical doctors in prisons are filled and there is still a lack of equipment. Our delegation also met with the Deputy Minister of Health to discuss the support of a Rehab Centre for drug-free treatment. He expressed great interest in co-operation and explained the difficult situation in Kazakhstan with the scaling-up of Opiate Substitution Treatment (OST) in the country due to the fact that more advocacy for this worldwide successful treatment in the public and also within medical profession is needed. He strongly asked for support through European expertise in this issue and is planning to suggest a Rehab Centre to be supported by CADAP in the nearest future.

On the 6th December we visited the women colony together with the Regional Director of the Prison Administration in Karaganda. The Deputy Director of the Medical Division of the colony and his staff members showed us the building which is planned to be used for the "Atlantis" Centre. CADAP will support the necessary renovation work and will organize trainings for the staff in the Karaganda training centre for prison staff through a Polish expert in 2012.

We are looking forward to achieving further improvements of the drug situation in Kazakhstan in the year 2012! —

Uzbekistan

National Coordinator Kamal Dusmetov



The year 2011 has meant a significant progress in Uzbekistan's capacity to enforcing an effective and comprehensive drug policy. Of particular importance have been following events:

DAMOS compilation of Drug reports

Within the DAMOS component a working group for reporting has been established. Together with the DAMOS experts high-quality reports on the drug situation have

been compiled. These reports have been handed over to the political stakeholders. The next crucial step is to make sure the findings of the reports result in coherent and scientific-proof drug policies. In the regional DAMOS workshops it became clear, that Uzbekistan compiled one of the best reports in terms of quality and quantity. We are very proud on this result and will further strengthen our efforts.

MEDISSA Media campaign in Urgench and opening of Helpline room in Urgench on 8th of July 2011

In 2011 great results have been achieved in the framework of the MEDISSA component. I like to highlight the excellent results in Urgench. The opening ceremony of the Helpline room took place with the participation of representatives of the

National Centre on Drug Control, Khoresm Province Municipality and CADAP staff. The implementation of the helpline has been supported by the MEDISSA component in terms of capacity building seminars and office equipment.

Moreover, a local media campaign dedicated to the World Day against Drug Abuse has been implemented in Urgench with support of MEDISSA. The Media Campaign aimed at involving parents and family members of drug users actively and increased their awareness of the serious drug problem, as well as their knowledge on drug prevention and treatment opportunities. The Media Campaign enhanced the responsibility of parents, educational institutions, and the general public.

We are looking forward to continuing this successful process in 2012! —

Turkmenistan

National Coordinator Mehri Karakulova



It has been a successful year for CADAP in Turkmenistan. We have implemented the activities planned in the framework of the TREAT and MEDISSA Components. Trustworthy and reliable relationships with our partners have been developed. We continue to plan together the events

to be implemented in 2012 to achieve the desired outcomes by the end of the project.

1st National Steering Committee Meeting in Ashgabat on 2nd of February 2011

The 1st National Steering Committee has counted with the participation of delegations of all relevant Ministries involved into the implementation of CADAP, including the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, representatives of the EU TACIS Unit, the EU Delegation Kyrgyzstan, the Embassies of Romania, United Kingdom, Germany and Poland, and from UNODC and UNDP. The meeting has been of particular importance since being not only a platform for the

coordination and communication between all participating project partners but also for the exchange of expectations and experiences. Moreover the government expressed its high willingness for cooperation and interest in implementing CADAP within the country.



MEDISSA workshop on planning a media campaign

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In the **TREAT** component we were able to assist the professionals in the Atlantis Centre and the narcological treatment facilities throughout the country by organizing national level trainings and study visits. Turkmen professionals participated in a valuable exchange with their German and Polish counterparts and learned about EU best practices on organizing treatment for drug addicts in prisons and modern approaches regarding drug treatment, counseling and rehabilitation for drug addicts in communities. As of today, we have advanced in **MEDISSA** component by holding two conferences and a study visit

to Polish National Bureau for Drug Prevention. As a result, a media campaign was planned in a district in Ashgabat. The campaign involves the participation of various community players of the district representing schools, policlinics, youth organization, women union, Democratic Party, Health information centre and the local mosque in the area. The campaign focuses on working with parents to help them build close and open relations with their teen and older kids in order to protect them from bad habits and drugs. The implementation of the campaign is planned for 2012.



TREAT workshop on modern treatment methodologies of drug addicts in communities

We are looking forward to further achievements in 2012 and are proud that the next Regional Steering Committee Meeting will take place in Ashgabat! —

Kyrgyzstan

National Coordinator Aleksandr Zelitchenko



For the fruitful cooperation with the Kyrgyz Ministry of Internal Affairs and State Penalty Execution Service Project Manager and National Coordinator were awarded with the medals of these agencies

Throughout 2011, CADAP has been a remarkable contribution to improve both drug policies and the general drug situation in Kyrgyzstan. Activities of outstanding significance have been:

CADAP Roundtable

On 22th June 2011 the second Roundtable took place in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan at the Conference Hall of the Residence of the President of the Kyrgyz Republic (KR), as a joint event of the Kyrgyz Parliament, the State Drug Control Service and CADAP. Several Vice Ministers attended, as well as members of Parliament, the representative of the European delegation (Mr. Tom Massie) and the German Ambassador Holger Green. The meeting was chaired by Ms. Damira Nazalieva, head of health commission of the parliament and former Minister of Health. The aim of the meeting was to discuss how the country had successfully implemented the recommendations of the EU and Central Asia Drug Action Plan and of the Political Declaration of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs (CND) of the United Nations from 2009. The German expert Werner Sipp, newly elected member of the International Narcotic Control Board (INCB) gave his support with an extensive analyze of the Kyrgyz legalisation.

Parliamentary proceedings on "Issues of legislation in the field of drug policy and HIV infection in the KR" in Issyk-Kul on 28th – 29th of May 2011

Significant parliamentary proceedings have been held with the participation of representatives of the Jogorku Kenesh Committees, the Vice-Prime Minister of the KR, representatives of stakeholder Ministries and agencies, the President's administration, civil society and international organizations to discuss the anti-drug concept up to 2015 and activity matrix for its implementation, draft laws ("On the Prevention of drugs and psychoactive substances dependence"; "On introduction of amendments and additions to the KR Law", "On HIV/AIDS in the Kyrgyz Republic") as well as legislative proposals on social advertisement.

Opiate Substitution Treatment (OST) scaling-up in the framework of OCAN and TREAT Component

As part of a Private Public Partnership (PPP) project of GIZ to support the development of OST in Central

Asia, training for members of NGOs in Bishkek who are working with drug users in Harm Reduction projects (syringe exchange programs) and psycho-social support has been carried out from 22-26th of August and from 19-22 September 2011. Moreover the important scaling-up of OST has been initiated with support of US Centre for Disease Control in Almaty and the Global Fund.

In the framework of TREAT CADAP will support clean zones in Kyrgyz prisons. This very important step has been decided during an assessment mission from December 8-10 this year. Today in Kyrgyzstan in three prisons methadone treatment is provided and a scaling-up to three more facilities is planned.

We are looking forward to another successful year 2012! —

Tajikistan National Coordinator Dilbar Gafarova



During 2011 more than 15 activities (seminars, workshops, conferences, study tours) in Tajikistan have been implemented. CADAP has helped us to develop sustainable approaches for improving the drug situation in Tajikistan. My personal highlights have been:

2nd Study visit to Poland "How to deal with prevention on the local level"

From July 25th to July 29th a study visit on the development of target group specific communication was carried out in Poland in the framework of MEDISSA Component. Drug prevention specialists from Tajikistan and the other Central Asian partner countries participated in this activity. The main focus was put on how a local community can prevent youth from

using drugs and its harmful consequences. The visit started with a seminar at the Ministry of Health, followed by meetings with the Mayors of the City Halls of Warsaw and Cracow and further visits to prevention and harm reduction centres in both cities. During the visit the participants got familiarized with the prevention work of local authorities and gathered information on how public institutions and NGOs work with youth vulnerable to risky behaviour, including drug use. The scope of the presented and discussed topics was very broad and covered social work with street children and families of drug users; programmes for experimental drug users who had broken law for the first time; outreach work among sex workers and injection drug users



Room in Building of planned Clean Zone within Women Prison Nr. 2

as well as prevention programmes in prisons.

The input of the study visit was of great and sustainable value for the Tajik experts.

Assesment for Procurements for Rehab Centres in and outside prisons

On 28th November 2011 the German expert Marcus Martens (TREAT Component), the Project Leader Dr. Ingo Michels and I visited the rehabilitation centre in Tangari, 20 km outside of Dushanbe and talked with the Director, staff members and clients about necessary support. CADAP will support the centre with equipment for labor therapy. We also talked with the Director of the Republican Narcological centre about activities to support the establishment of a unit for out-patient treatment. Furthermore, a visit to the rehab centre within the Central Prison Hospital, constructed under CADAP 4, and the prison Nr. 3/4 in Dushanbe has been organized. In order to further support the successful model of "Atlantis" treatment facilities within prisons, it is planned to organize also trainings for staff members of the Rehab-Centres in and outside prison with German and Polish experts in 2012.

We are looking forward to continuing the success of CADAP in the year 2012! —

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Visit at Tangari
Rehabilitation
Centre which will be
supported by CADAP

Cooperation with External Partners

The CADAP 5 team wants to stress the very successful cooperation with its various international partners in the implementation process of CADAP throughout 2011. This close collaboration not only facilitated the effective pooling of resources, but also strengthened the project's visibility and thus deepened its overall impact and sustainability. Being aware of the importance of close collaboration as prerequisite for the successful support of the beneficiary countries and thus the improvement of the drug situation in Central Asia, we want to express our gratitude to our partners for their support in 2011.



UNODC

With UNODC we are cooperating with the Regional Offices in Tashkent and Astana. CADAP supports UNODC in the coordination of international activities for scaling-up Opiate Substitution Treatment in Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan. Furthermore, a study on the adequacy of health services for drug users and incarcerated people in the countries of Central Asia and the

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Republic of Azerbaijan is supported. The study's ultimate goal is to assist Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan in developing a model of integrated health services for drug users and people in detention (with focus on HIV-related services), and an algorithm/action plan for this model's implementation. Another field of communication and coordination is the new phase of TREATNET to implement adequate treatment options for drug addicted persons.

UNDP



With UNDP we are cooperating in the field of the programme activities in prevention of HIV infection and supporting OST in Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan.



USAID

USAID and CADAP coordinate their activities on a regular basis. CADAP welcomes the new "Quality Health Care Project" of USAID for Central Asia. They will be implemen-

ting syringe exchange schemes, supporting scaling up of OST and improving access of People Living with HIV-AIDS (PLWHA) to ARV treatment in Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan.



CDC

CADAP co-operate with the programmes of US Centre of disease control (CDC) to scale-up Medication Assistant Treatment with Methadone in Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan.



DFID

With DFID CADAP maintains contact in the framework of the co-operation with the Central Asia Regional HIV and AIDS Programme (CARHAP) in Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan.

We are looking forward to further expanding and deepening our collaboration in the year 2012!—