



Challenges of harm reduction projects

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- Short background
- First NGO in Bosnia and Herzegovina who start with HR projects (2002-2003)
- In whole period of our work we are focused in work with three target groups
 - Clients from hard to reach population (IDU,SW) and prisoners
 - Professionals who work or try to work with hard to reach population
 - General population and media professionals
- In these period we are change many things, we are implement many projects alone or in partnership with GO or other NGO.
- Now we have very young and professional staff, regarding strategic orientation of our organisation
- We have 5 Drop in centers in different area of Bosnia and Herzegovina (Zenica,Mostar,Sarajevo,Tuzla,Brčko)
- In next period we will started with mobile services for hard to reach population(NEX,VCT,Psycho social services, legal support)
- Since 2002 we have very good cooperation with different therapeutic communes in Bosnia and Herzegovina,Croatia,Serbia,Italy,Spain,Germany and from this period to today we are prepared and send more than 500 IDU in these institutions.

Effective HR services



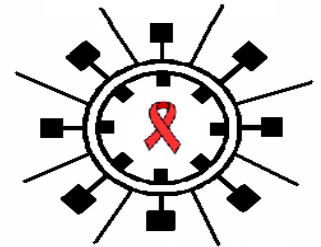
- Preventing HIV transmission through injecting drug use is one of the key challenges to universal accessing the health sector. A *comprehensive package* for the prevention, treatment and care of HIV among IDUs includes the following **nine interventions**:
 - **1. Needle and syringe programmes (NSPs)**
 - **2. Opioid substitution therapy (OST) and other drug dependence treatment**
 - **3. HIV testing and counselling (T&C)**
 - **4. Antiretroviral therapy (ART)**
 - **5. Prevention and treatment of sexually transmitted infections (STIs)**
 - **6. Condom programmes for IDUs and their sexual partners**
 - **7. Targeted information, education and communication (IEC) for IDUs and their sexual partners**
 - **8. Vaccination, diagnosis and treatment of viral hepatitis**
 - **9. Prevention, diagnosis and treatment of tuberculosis (TB).**
- These nine interventions are included in the comprehensive package because they have the greatest impact on HIV prevention and treatment. There is a wealth of scientific evidence supporting the efficacy of these interventions in preventing the spread of HIV.

Challenges of HR services



- Quality and spreading of services
- Capacity building professionals in HR services
- Collaboration with other (GO and NGO)
- Setup HR services in prison settings
- Legislation (advocacy and changes)

Quality and spreading of services



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All our projects based on needs of our clients

- Confidence between our staff and clients
- We have very motivate and enthusiastic staff
- Quality and on time delivering services
- Promotion on mutual base (client to client)

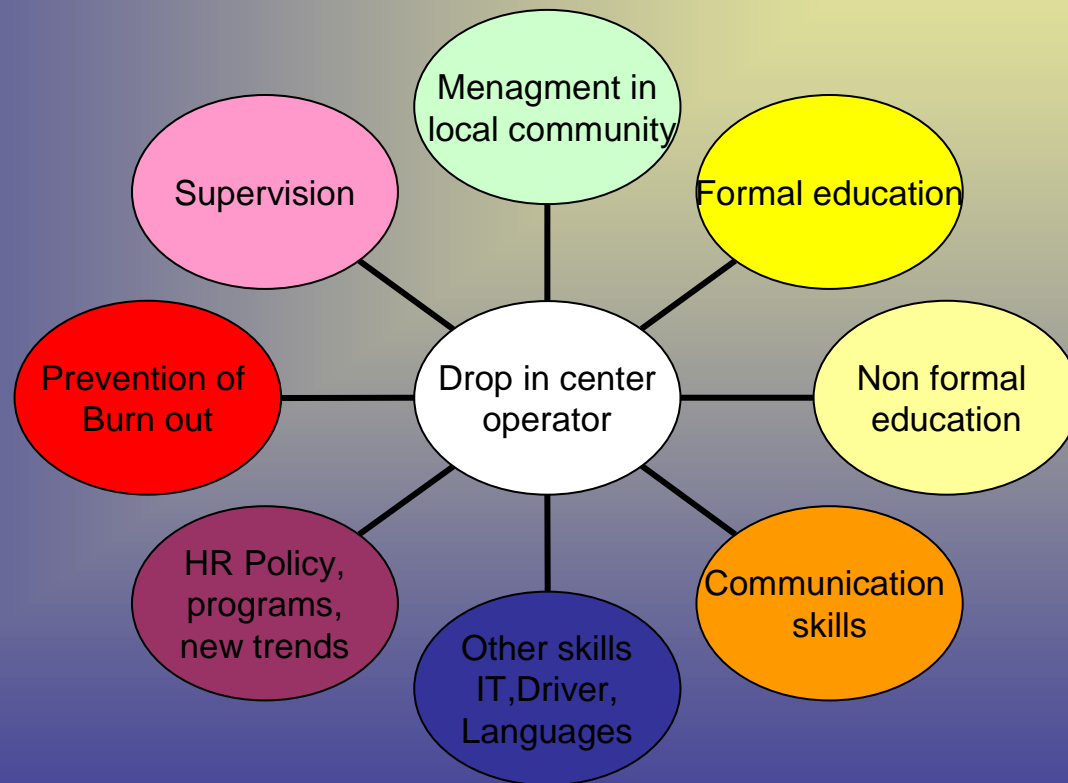
Strong relation with local stakeholders

Evaluation and monitoring like tools for quality assuarance and planning

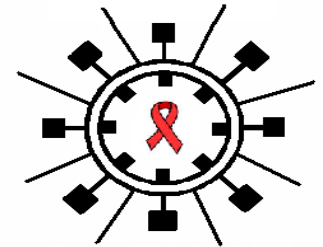
Capacity building professionals in HR services



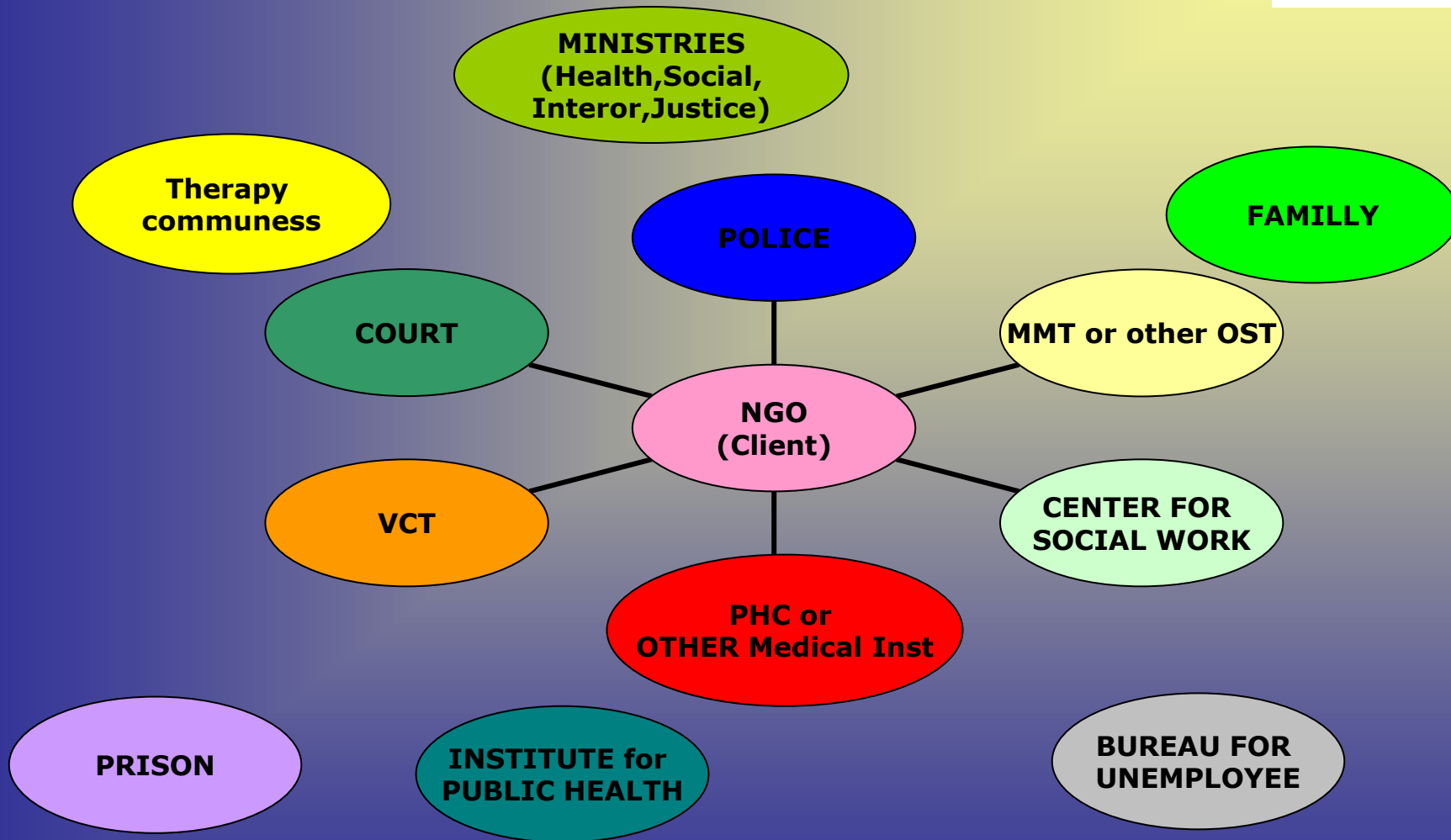
Profesionals and volunteers who work in implementation of HR services is the biggest and most important resource in whole process.



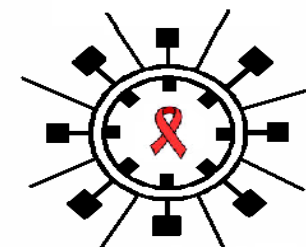
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Setup HR services in prison settings



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The example of Lithuania: what can happen if there is an outbreak of HIV in prison

In Lithuania, sharing of needles and syringes in one of the country's 14 penal establishments Alytus correctional facility—resulted in a rapid HIV outbreak. Between 17 May and 20 June 2002, the Correctional Affairs Department and the Lithuanian AIDS Centre carried out a survey at the prison and identified 207 cases of HIV-positive prisoners. The survey was repeated in July 2002 and a further 77 prisoners were identified as HIV-positive. 44 of these 77 prisoners had been found to be HIV-negative during the previous survey in May 2002. In total, during the period between May and August, 299 new HIV-positive cases were identified. The cause of this HIV outbreak was established to be a result of injecting drug use in the prison.

What we have in our prisons???

- Different type of education
- Different type of services
- Different type of prisons

WHAT WE IMPLEMENT NOW?

- Education for staff and prisoners
- Condoms and lubricants
- IEC materials
- VCT (HIV, HCV)

WHAT WE NEED ?

- **Strategy for HR interventions in prison settings**
- **MMT or other OST in Prisons**
- **New programs of education for prison staff**
- **Reform in post penal system – actualy development and establishing of post penal system in society**

Legislation (advocacy and changes)



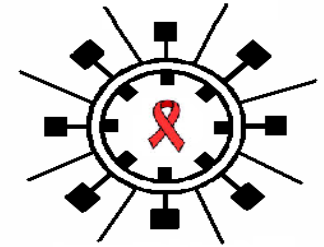
Bosnia and Herzegovina have only 1(one) document (National Strategy) who are recognised Harm reduction like Public health measure in combat with drug.

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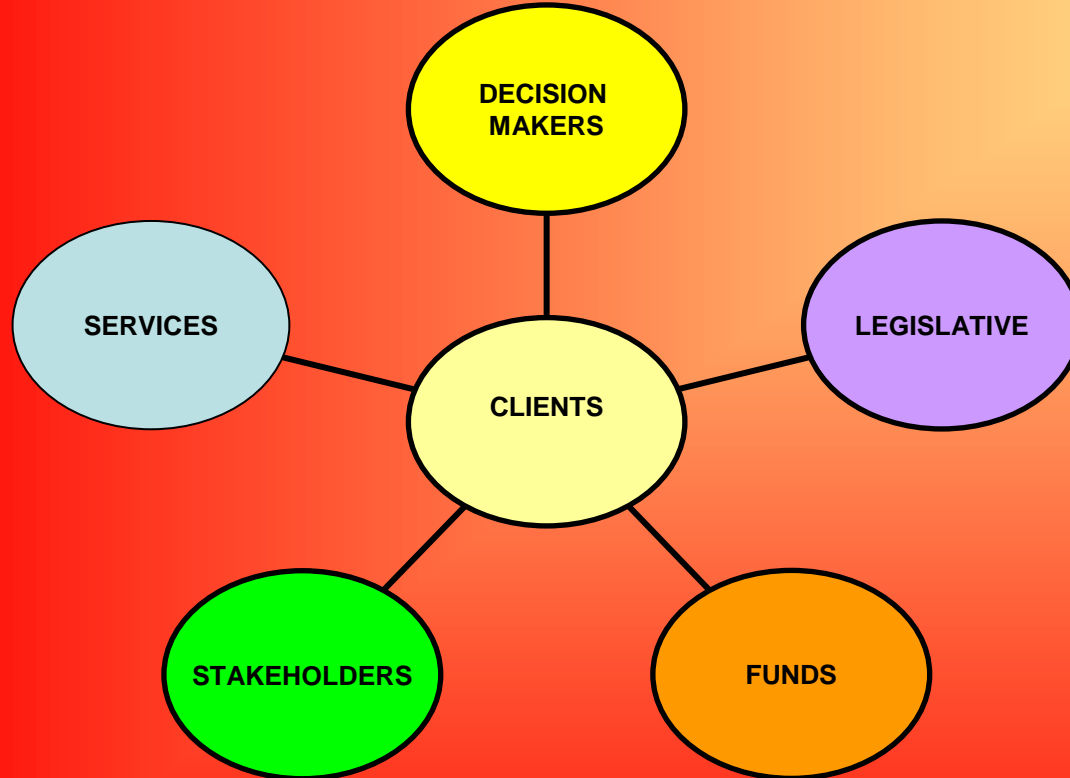
- Changes in Criminal Law
- More education for DECISION MAKERS
- Capacity building in field Advocacy for NGO
- Process of accreditation NGOs for implementing HR services
- Partnerships with GO,IO

CONCLUSION

Harm Reduction services is the best model for partnership between GO and NGO, and for the future only sustainable services. Sustainability is the biggest challenge all future Programs, and Projects in area of Harm Reduction.



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