



Memorandum of Understanding

Between:

The Law Enforcement and HIV Network (LEAHN)

and

The Asian Harm Reduction Network (AHRN)

The Law Enforcement and HIV Network (LEAHN) is a voluntary networking of people with law enforcement experience interested in and supportive of the police role in prevention and care of HIV. Its Objectives are:

1. To help build sustainable global and local partnerships to work more effectively with vulnerable groups, such as people who inject drugs (PWID), sex workers, prisoners, migrants and men who have sex with men (MSM).
2. To provide the opportunity to share best practice, success stories and case studies aimed at raising awareness of the role of police in HIV prevention and harm reduction.
3. To demonstrate and generate leadership, envisaging that locally-driven approaches will be most effective in addressing the harms associated with activities such as substance misuse, sex work and violence.

The Asian Harm Reduction Network (AHRN) is a regional federation of harm reduction platforms focused on information exchange, advocacy, and networking. Our vision is of an Asia-Pacific region where the human rights of drug users are respected and humane, evidence-based harm reduction services are available for all in need. Its objectives are:

1. To promote the scale up of humane, evidence informed harm reduction programs for people who use drugs through effective networking, information exchange, collaboration and quality assurance.
2. To promote and enhance development of the harm reduction movement in Asia by building a regional network for harm reduction organizations and strengthening national harm reduction platforms.
3. To build effective collaboration and partnerships on harm reduction at national, regional, and international levels.
4. To contribute to the development and promotion of drug policies, laws, and practices, which are equitable, evidence based, and respectful of human rights.

Recognizing their common goals in the response to the HIV epidemic, especially among and from people who inject drugs and participate in sex work, and

Recognizing the need to work together to bring both sectors – HIV prevention and law enforcement – together, to work collaboratively and in effective partnership in this response if it is to be successful,

This Memorandum of Understanding between LEAHN and AHRN indicates their agreement to collaborate in their efforts wherever possible and appropriate. With this agreement, each hopes to facilitate and enhance the efforts of the other in the area of responsibility and the geographic region of focus, as well as through global initiatives.

In particular, this collaboration will include:

1. Joint activities between LEAHN and AHRN from time to time where possible, to forward the common goals of acceptance of harm reduction approaches to HIV prevention, and to partnerships between police and HIV prevention programs
2. Joint advocacy activities with a wide range of audiences, including police, civil society, UN agencies and programmes, NGOs and INGOs, and national governments.
3. Consultation and review by LEAHN of matters and materials concerning AHRN for which advice and counsel from police would be helpful (e.g. advocacy and training materials for police, advice to HIV program managers and civil society advocates about working with police)
4. Joint activities/collaboration between LEAHN and AHRN shall begin or initiate through AHRN's national federation partners. And that the outcome of such joint activities/collaborations shall be endorsed by AHRN's federation partner members.

In pursuit of these goals, LEAHN and AHRN jointly undertake to seek opportunities to consult regularly, face-to-face or by electronic communication.

This MoU will run for three years from the date of signing, at which point a further MoU may be signed between the two organizations, varying conditions as necessary.

Signed:

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