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Facts and Figures

- EC contribution:
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- Duration: 2006-2011



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Fight against HIV/AIDS

Comprehensive HIV/AIDS programme in Banceuy narcotics prison, Indonesia

"The moment of tension when everything changes to be so silent and confusing - I don't know what I can do. The virus has come to destroy my defense mechanism, ripping me of my illusions. It is blocking my blood and suffocating my chest. Everyone stays away from me. All greetings melt down in the water, swallowed by ego."

Poem by an HIV-positive inmate inside the Banceuy narcotic prison



Context

While Indonesia has a low HIV/AIDS prevalence in the general population, 80% of new HIV infections results from intravenous drug use (IDU). West Java Province only has 5 000 officially recorded HIV/AIDS cases, with 22000 estimated cases of intravenous drug use. Drug use is illegal and drug-addicts end up in prison, where HIV may continue to spread. IMPACT, a 5-year EU-funded programme, improves prevention, control, care and treatment of HIV/AIDS in West Java community, hospital and prison settings. Banceuy Prison in Bandung, the biggest of two drug prisons in West Java, has over 1 000 inmates despite a capacity of only 450.

Objective

- Comprehensive and integrated service in the Banceuy prison clinic in order to reduce HIV/AIDS mortality and to control transmission in prison.
- Development of capacity and skills related to HIV-prevention together with care of prison staff and inmates.

Impact

- 980 inmates counselled with 93% agreeing to be tested.
- Improved case finding and testing: 78 new inmates (7%) were HIV+
- Improved care and treatment: 34 inmates on antiretrovirals and mortality reduced from 43% to 9%.
- 12 prison staff trained as counsellors and 33 inmates trained as peer educators.
- 18 inmates developed a theatre for the prison community.

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Integrating HIV/AIDS Prevention and Care in Hospital, Community and Prison

IMPACT (Integrated Management, Prevention, Care and Treatment) project aims to improve HIV-prevention and care in Bandung and West Java, through implementation of evidence-based interventions, with a focus on Injecting Drug Use (IDU) and beyond.

Existing services and academic structures in Bandung are being strengthened with technical assistance from European partners. These activities led to the establishment of the Bandung-based Centre of Excellence for HIV/AIDS and its Opportunistic Infections. IMPACT is the only program in Indonesia integrating HIV/AIDS activities in hospital, community and prison.

Theatre in prison: “Jothi”, an HIV/ AIDS & stigma theatre project, resulted in reduced stigmatisation and a more open attitude toward HIV/AIDS among inmates and wardens. The project was based on an autobiographical poem written by an HIV-positive inmate inside the Banceuy Narcotic Prison. He had never acted before, but two months after he wrote the poem, he performed it in front of his fellow inmates with pride and success.

See the Banceuy prison theatre on the Web:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d-Cp1G_1q34



Discussing antiviral treatment issues