



Cross Cultural Peer Education

AIVL's International Program

Viral Hepatitis Conference
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HIV or hepatitis C?

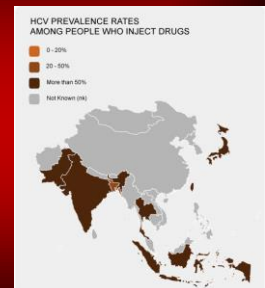


Hepatitis C in Asia

- Not a lot of research.
- Not much funding.
- Not much interest outside of PUD communities.
- High prevalence of hep C thought to affect PID – at least 60%.
- High prevalence of HIV and hep C co-infection, up to 98% of PID in some areas.

Hepatitis C in Asia

- How many hep C deaths?
- How many co-infected?
- How many health care professionals with knowledge of hep C?



Hepatitis C Advocacy



AIVL's International Program

- Funded by DFAT to support development of PUD networks in Asia, 2012-2014.
- Continuation of AusAID Regional HIV program, 2008-2012.
- Particular support for Viet Nam Network of People who Use Drugs (VNPUD), Indonesian Drug Users Network (PKNI) and Asian Network of People who Use Drugs (ANPUD).

PKNI – Indonesian Drug Users' Network

- Established mid-2000. Worked with AIVL since 2008.
- One of most established PUD networks in Asia.
- Probably only PUD national network with core funding from its own government – National AIDS Commission.
- High level of capacity in hepatitis C and advocacy.

PKNI



VNPUD

- Established end of 2011. Growing rapidly since then.
- No core funding.
- AIVL first worked with VNPUD early 2012.
- First workshop developed Constitution, Mission Statement and Vision, and basic strategic priorities.
- First hepatitis C workshop ever conducted with Vietnamese PUD by AIVL in 2013.

Hepatitis and HIV Workshop 2013



Hepatitis and TOT Workshop 2014



Vietnam – labouring up to 16 hours a day or until you meet a quota





Women in a Compulsory Drug Detention Centre in China

What is a peer?

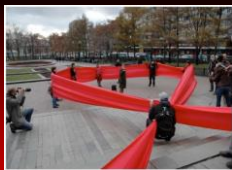
- Shared HIV status?
- Shared hepatitis C status?
- Shared experience of drugs?
- Shared experience of law enforcement?
- Shared experience of stigma?
- Choice?



What we have learnt



Thank you



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