



JWGHHS

- Joint Working Group on Health and Social related issues

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JWGHs

Constituted by:

- Norway, Finland, Sweden and Russia by regional and national representatives
- TGIP
- Programme coordinators

In addition: Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Children, Equality and Social inclusion, Ombudsman

Other participants: WHO, NDPHS, NCM, EU-COM, CBSS, universities



JWGHS aims for

2012-2015

- Prevention and control of communicable and non-communicable diseases
- Reduction of lifestyle-related risk factors to improve health and the social situation
- Development of primary health care, public health and social services



JWGHS activities

Meeting 2/year, rotating chairmanship

Three programmes

- 1) Tuberculosis (*coordinator tba*)
- 2) HIV/AIDS (FI coordinates)
- 3) Children and Youth At Risk, CYAR (NO coordinates)



1) Tuberculosis programme

Approach

- raising awareness
- patient as a resource and partner

Results

- improved TB control
- better registration, diagnostics, treatment in health system and prisons
- fewer TB patients
- Changed attitudes

Potential: other regions benefit from the expertise and experience



1) Tuberculosis, cont.

Challenges

- more diagnosed with MDR TB
- co-infection
- stigma

2) HIV/Aids programme

strategy being updated

Established 2005

Chairperson: Vice Minister of Health, Komi

Coordination: National Institute for Health and Welfare (FI)

Goals:

- 1) Spread and impact under control
- 2) Expanded and comprehensive actions
- 3) Efficient interventions



2) HIV/Aids, cont.

35 completed projects, 7 projects ongoing

1. Promotion of good practices in the work against HIV and tuberculosis
2. Cross-action between regional AIDS Centre and RAKURS
3. Medication, Education and Art for a World without HIV and TB
4. HIV and STI prevention among Russian-speaking sex-workers in Norway and Northwest Russia.



2) HIV/Aids, cont.

5. Development and implementation of effective community-based HIV/AIDS prevention among men who have sex with men
6. Health communication for healthcare workers employed in HIV/AIDS care
7. HIV and co-infections among vulnerable groups in Murmansk Oblast. Diagnostic-treatment-prophylaxis

3) CYAR programme

Goal

Improved living conditions of the most vulnerable population groups who are in social risk, have socially related health problems, and who are at risk of developing criminal behavior.

Target groups

Children, adolescents and families with problems of substance and alcohol abuse, mental problems



3) CYAR, cont.

Share knowledge about evidence-based methods

- 1000 professionals have received training.

Certifying mastertrainers.

- 2000 participants meetings, seminars, conferences
 - 3000 children and 1300 families received assistance
 - Provides specialists with new tools and knowledge.
- Online programmes (University)
- 19th of Nov results will be presented (Tromsö)



JWGHS's challenges

- consistency of representatives
- long-term financing
- regional versus national commitment
- descriptive input
- competitive atmosphere



JWGHS's strengths

- "People to people": issues of concern for individuals
- Interaction between authorities and stakeholders
- Concrete results
- Peer pressure/support
- Challenges similar => lessons learned applicable



To develop...

- how to create more strategic approach
- how to increase cross-sectorial interaction
- how to establish deepened regional engagement
- how to link more with CSO (and to CSOs)
- how to overcome linguistic and cultural barriers
- how to disseminate results and experiences



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