

The Terms of Reference for the WHO Collaborating Centre (2007-2011) include:

1. Build capacity of developing countries in the Asia Pacific region for the implementation and ongoing development of safe and effective substitution treatment programs for opioid dependence.

- a. Expansion of Evidence-Based Drug Treatment, Evaluation manuals for substitution treatment
- b. Toolkit for opioid dependence treatment and rehabilitation and related HIV/AIDS prevention. An integrated planning and implementation guide for substitution treatment, IDI project AusAID
- c. Introduction of Methadone Substitution Treatment in Vietnam, FHI Vietnam
- d. Linking into networks

2. Promote the uptake of evidence-based approach to treatment of alcohol and other drug use

- a. Preparation of systematic reviews, including maintenance of Cochrane Reviews
- b. Disseminate evidence from systematic reviews and controlled trials in forms that will support application by service providers and policy makers
- c. Maintenance of research databases

3. Coordination of research and/or provision of advice and support, as requested, on the identification and response to alcohol and other drug problems

- a. Further development and dissemination of WHO-ASSIST
- b. Rapid assessment projects

4. Coordination of research or provision of advice and support, as requested, on treatment of alcohol and other drug use and related problems among vulnerable populations.

- a. Investigate the extent of hazardous and harmful drinking patterns among female commercial sex workers (FCSWs) in the Asia-Pacific region (Thailand)

5. Assist in the workforce development of alcohol and other drugs treatment service providers

- a. TreatNet
- b. Site placements and study tours
- c. Regional conferences
- d. Research training placements (mHGAP, PhD and Honours students)
- e. Training in Vietnam on Drug Addiction counselling and Methadone Substitution Treatment, FHI Vietnam
- f. Other training programs