

National Survey on Extent and Pattern of Substance Use in India

Minutes of State consultation meeting for implementing the survey in the State of Punjab

A State consultation meeting pertaining to the “National survey on extent and pattern of substance use in India” for the State of Punjab was held on 22nd September '17 at Punjab Health Systems Corporation, Phase -6, Mohali under the chairmanship of Ms. Anjali Bhawra, IAS, Principal Secretary, Dept. of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of Punjab.

Purpose of the meeting was to discuss the scope, objectives and methodology of the survey including roles of key stakeholders in the survey implementation process in the state of Punjab. The meeting was attended by representatives of Dept. of Health & Family Welfare, Dept. of Social Security and Women Empowerment, Police department of Govt. of Punjab, Punjab State AIDS Control Society, the Regional Technical Agency for Punjab (GMCH-32) and the Regional Coordination and State Implementation Agency for Punjab (SPYM). The list of participants is attached as **Annexure –I**.

Meeting started with discussion on need of survey in the State of Punjab keeping in view the surveys of similar nature conducted in recent past. Mr. Manish Kumar, SPYM informed about the scope of survey, its methodology, selection of survey districts, survey implementation process and support required from various stakeholders during the survey. Dr. Chavan, Prof., Dept. of Psychaitry, GMCH-32 stated that the said National survey is being conducted after a gap of 16 years and will a) provide national and state-level estimates of proportion and absolute number of people who use various substances and people who are suffering from substance use disorders in Punjab as well India and b) map the presence of services and interventions for drug dependent individuals and identify the gaps in service delivery.

It was highlighted that seven districts i.e. Tarn Taran, Ferozepur, Moga, Ludhiana, Ropar, Nawanshahar and Hoshiarpur have been selected from Punjab to conduct this survey, which would provide representative sample of household population of the state as a whole. He further informed the participants about various components of survey i.e. Household survey, Respondent Driven Sampling survey, Thematic studies among selected population groups and service provider survey to be conducted in the State. He also deliberated on the steps of the survey and support required from the department for the implementation of the same.

It was requested that necessary communication may be sent to:

- a. District administration/Civil Surgeon/SSP regarding extending administrative cooperation for the survey
- b. De-addiction centres (designated RDS centres) and OST centres to provide space for RDS site and depute Counsellor for data collection

- c. Government & Private De-addiction Centres to participate in the service provider component of the survey

Mr. Manish Kumar, SPYM requested Principal Secretary (Health) to provide necessary support at the State as well as district level for operationalisation of survey. She assured that the department will issue necessary directions to all the concerned, in this regard. It was decided that a meeting of DCs, Civil Surgeons, representative of Drug De-addiction & Treatment centres of selected districts along with key stakeholders at the State level will be called in a week to discuss the survey in detail and also to extend necessary support to the State implementing agency.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the chair.

Annexure - I

Sr. No.	Name	Designation	Organisation
1	Ms. Anjali Bhawra, IAS	Principal Secretary	Dept. of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of Punjab
2	Shri Varun Roojam, IAS	Managing Director	NHM and PHSC, Govt. of Punjab
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4	Shri Sanjeev Kumar	DIG (STF)	Dept. of Police
5	Dr. Manpreet Chhatwal	APD	Punjab SACS
6	Shri Pradeep Mattu	Joint Commissioner (Drugs)	Food & Drugs Administration, Punjab
7	Dr. Sukhwinder Kaur	Senior Program Officer	Dept. of Health
8	Mr. C S Maan	Deputy Director	Dept. of Social Security
9	Dr. Meenu	DD-TI	Punjab SACS
10	Manish Kumar	Team Leader	SPYM
11	Sewanand Vats	Team Leader - TI	SPYM
12	Parveen Thakur	Program Officer	SPYM
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