

Policy guidelines for collaborative TB and HIV services for ID and other drug users

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Overview

- Written in 2008
- Basic information on epidemiology, treatment and care
- 12 recommendations
- Sections:
 - Joint planning
 - Key interventions
 - Barriers
- Centred around the systematic approach to three conditions: TB, HIV and drug use

Joint planning

R1 Joint:

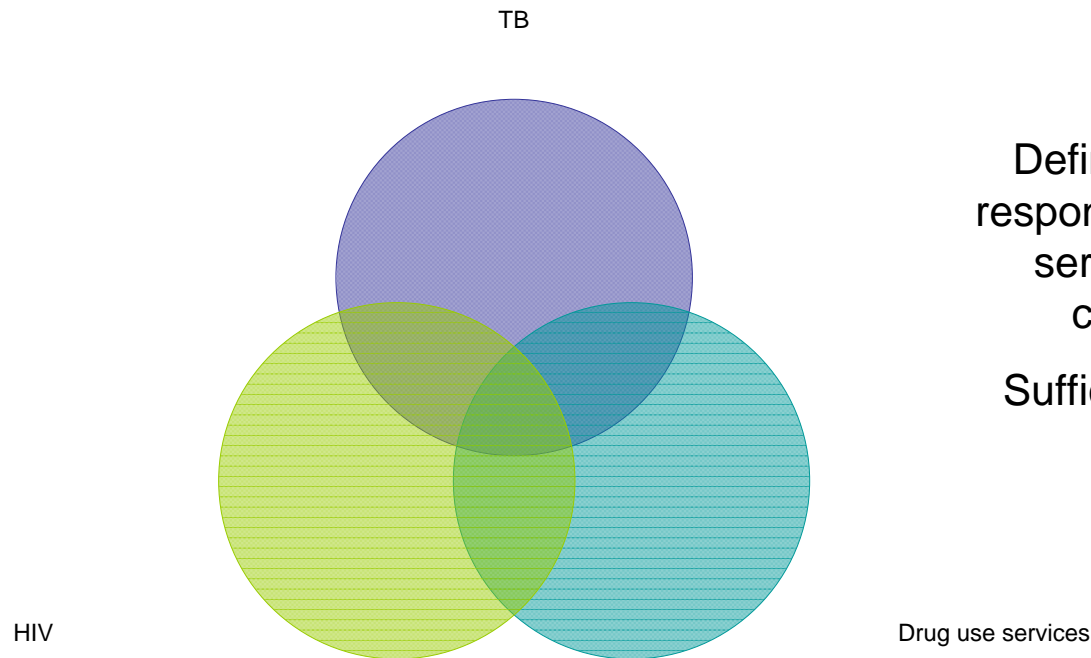
Planning
Implementing
Monitoring
Coordination

**R2 + R3 Human
resources'
planning:**

Defining roles and
responsibilities of all
service providers
caring for IDUs

Sufficient numbers

Training and
education



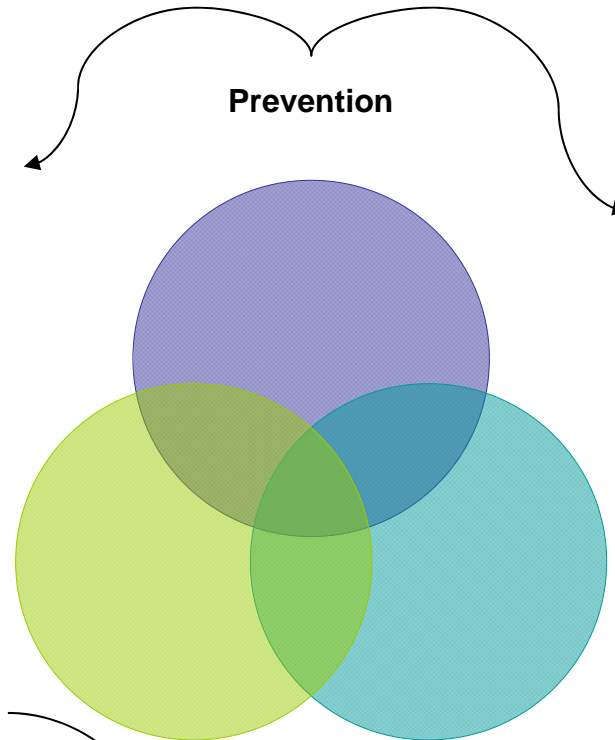
R4 Informed action
(operational
research)

Key interventions

R8 IPT in PLWH

R9 HIV prevention

(including needle and syringe programmes and OST – total of 9 interventions)



Prevention

Diagnosis

R5 TB infection control everywhere!

- Administrative
- Environmental (ventilation)
- Personal (masks)
- Incl. occupational prevention (R9)

R6 Intensified case finding for TB and testing for HIV: know symptoms and where to refer people to test

R7 Access to appropriate treatment for TB and HIV

Non-discriminatory!

Barriers

- **R10 One-stop-shop with sensitized personnel**
 - Prevent loss of follow up! First contact may be the last one, so use the first contact for maximum services
- **R11 Prisons and other places of detention**
 - Medical care equivalent to the one for a provided to the civilian population
 - Medical examination at entry
- **R12 Adherence**
 - Support and prevent drop out
 - Treatment and drug use are not contradictory
- **R13 Common types of comorbidity**
 - Hepatitis coinfection is NOT a reason to deny access to treatment!

- Thank you!
- Questions?