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Development-Oriented Drug Control Services

- Planning and implementation of pilot and small-scale projects for strategically important issues and regions
- Planning, advisory services and evaluation of development cooperation projects in the field of development-oriented drug control, or of components of such projects, or of related projects
- Advisory services to partner country governments
- Capacity building, for instance in the areas rural/ alternative development and health:
 - Training and further education
 - Advisory services and promotion of the development of institutions and organisations
 - Horizontal and vertical networking and promotion of cooperation among all players (stakeholders, institutions, organisations, the authorities, etc.)
 - Knowledge management/ transfer
- Target group-directed information, education and communication
- Rehabilitation and reintegration measures
- Harm reduction as part of support to addicts, especially at the interface to HIV/AIDS prevention



Development-oriented Drug Control

The Programme at a Glance



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Drug and development problems are linked to one another in various ways. They form a vicious circle: development problems foster drug cultivation and consumption, which in turn act as constraints to development.

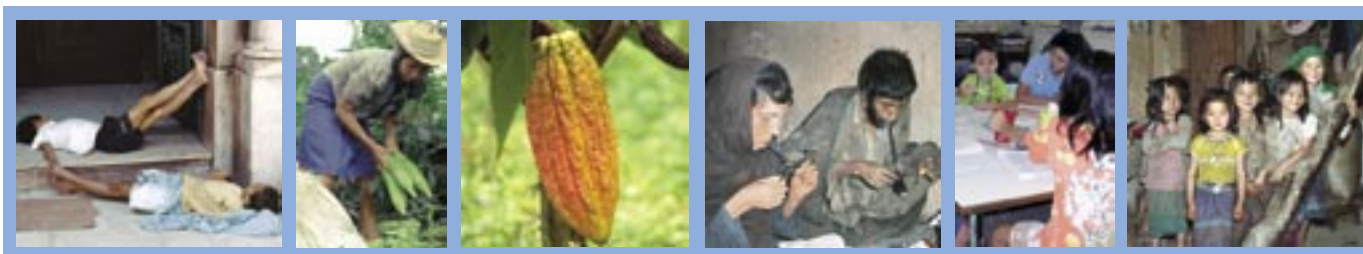
The cultivation of drug plants does not sustainably improve the situation of small farming families; instead, it helps prolong and intensify conflicts. This is particularly evident in Afghanistan, for instance. Drug consumption in turn usually leads to greater poverty and to growing health and development problems. In many cases, drug abuse has taken on alarming proportions. In Pakistan and Iran alone, for instance, there are now more heroin and opium addicts than in the whole of Europe and the USA put together.

This is where the Development-Oriented Drug Control (DDC) programme comes in. The DDC programme replaced the former Action Programme on Drugs and Development (ADE) in the autumn of 2003. Building on the ADE's positive experience, it prioritises alternative development measures, as well as drug abuse prevention and treatment for drug users.

The programme supports projects specifically designed to promote alternative development or to reduce drug consumption, and also includes integrating drug-related components into other projects or programmes.

More than 20 years of experience in international cooperation projects

The Federal Republic of Germany has been cooperating with Thailand in the drug control sector since 1981, and with numerous other developing countries since 1990, including Bolivia, Peru, Colombia, El Salvador, Laos, India, Afghanistan, Viet Nam, Cambodia, Pakistan and Bangladesh. German development cooperation is therefore able to draw on a wealth of experience in this field. This cooperation is not confined to governments; cooperation with NGOs, community groups and self-help groups is playing an increasingly important role.



The key **interfaces** between drug-related problems and important tasks of development cooperation are:

- Poverty reduction
- Health and family planning, HIV / AIDS prevention
- Crisis prevention and conflict transformation
- Rural development / food security
- Youth promotion
- Education
- Gender
- Good governance
- Environmental protection and sustainable natural resource management
- Urban development
- Economic reform and private sector development

Instruments

The development-oriented drug control strategy aims to minimise the damage inflicted on individuals and society by drug production, trafficking and use.

This is achieved in two ways: firstly by creating economic and social alternatives to the cultivation of illegal drug crops, and secondly by improving public health services and social conditions, thus reducing the constraints to development caused by drug consumption. The instruments currently employed and the corresponding areas of work are:

● Alternative Development

This includes creating alternative sources of income, promoting social development processes and improving institutional frameworks for sustainable human development.

● Drug Profile Analysis

This supports the strategic orientation and adaptation of programmes and projects by exploring the relevance of drug-related problems to sustainable programme results, and elaborating corresponding recommendations for action. In many contexts, this instrument can also be combined with crisis and conflict analysis

● Peer-to-peer-Work in Preventing Addiction

This component of drug abuse prevention work involves the development of peer-to-peer approaches for specific target groups. It achieves this goal through capacity building for relevant groups (teachers, social workers, women and youth), as well as by developing cooperative relations and delivering demand-driven project support.

● Integrated Community Drug Policy

This includes the organisation and networking of self-help groups, training in prevention and harm reduction, the promotion of cooperation, and the establishment of networks for drug help services within and among various communities.

● Harm Reduction as an Addiction Service

To prevent disastrous consequences to health, harm reduction measures are integrated into existing addiction services, demand-driven services are delivered to projects, and drug-related health education and capacity building are strengthened.

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