

A Human Rights-based Approach to Health: To What Extent are Health Indicators and Human Rights to Health Indicators Compatible with Respect to HIV/AIDS Services for Injecting Drug Users (IDUs)

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The main focus of this presentation is to assess health indicators with respect to providing adequate HIV/AIDS prevention and care services to injecting drug users (IDUs). Access to harm reduction services such as needle exchange programs or opioid substitution therapy is itself a human right. "UN human rights monitors have specifically asserted the provision of harm-reduction interventions as necessary." This presentation will assess current health indicators and human rights to health indicators, with respect to providing adequate HIV/AIDS services to IDUs, to determine to what extent these two groups of indicators are reflective and compatible by assessing their strengths and limitations and finding their similarities and differences.

This presentation seeks to determine to what extent these two approaches can be complementary as compared to what commentators are increasingly showing, namely that much of what is part of a human rights approach to health is largely compatible with a well-executed health approach.