

**EU/UNODC PROJECT ON “RESPONSE TO DRUGS AND RELATED ORGANIZED CRIME IN NIGERIA”**  
**Assessment of Drug Users in the Community and Key Informant Survey**

**Training of Interviewers 4 – 7 April, 2017 Kaduna**

**Day 2 Report (Wednesday 5 April 2017)**

**1) Opening Remarks:**

Dr. Akanidomo Ibanga of UNODC welcomed participants to the second day of training and immediately called for the report of the proceedings of the first day (4<sup>th</sup> April, 2017) at 8:30 AM.

**2) Recap of Day One Activities:**

This was done by Umoh, Okokon of CRISA and it lasted till 8:45AM.

**3) Methodology for Drug User Assessment:**

This segment lasted for two hours and it was anchored by Dr. Emmanuel Godwin of Heartland Alliance International. Here, Dr, Emmanuel took trainees through common sampling techniques available in social research to include cluster sampling technique, time location sampling technique, snow ball technique and the respondent driven technique. Dr. Emmanuel gave the strong points as well as the weaknesses of these techniques, the differences between his outlined techniques and the need to adopt the Respondent Driven Sampling technique for the present study. Common terminologies used in RDS were also showcased. Dr. Emmanuel’s presentation generated a couple of interesting questions from trainees; concerns which were adequately responded to, thus enhancing the understanding of participants.

**4) Tea Break:**

Dr. Emmanuel’s presentation lasted till 10:56 AM, time for tea break and 30 minutes thereafter, when participants had returned from breakfast,

Dr. Ibanga of UNODC engaged trainees with details and the workings of RDS.

**5) Continuation of the Drug User Questionnaire:**

Since it was not practicable to complete the study of the drug user questionnaire on the previous day of training, it became pertinent to begin another look at the questionnaire from section D and E which were given to participants as assignment on day one. Thus sections D to F were serially taken while participants were asked to role-play sections G and H. Experiences and observations were shared as corrections were equally made on issues which were not in tandem with the central ideas of the items in the sections presented. This section ran till 1:45PM which took the workshop into lunch session. Studies around the Drug User Questionnaire was completed after lunch.

**6) Key Informant Questionnaire:**

Time taken for studying and responding to items on the key informant questionnaire was relatively shorter as this section was completed by 3:55PM after a round of discussions to address concerns emanating therefrom.

**7) The Use of Flash Cards:**

The session on the use of flash cards which was anchored by Joseph Ikeh of Milestones Foundation Kaduna and Adeolu Ogunrombi of Youthrise Abuja, was factored into the day's proceedings due to popular demand. It was aimed at exposing participants to the various types of drugs obtainable on the Nigerian streets, their local names and effects using the flash cards. The logic behind the use of flash cards is that drug users may be using a substance without knowing its actual name, but when exposed to the pictorials and effects of such drugs on the flash card, tendency is wide that he would recognize his drug of use from the cards. A volunteer was thus selected from North East 'B' to simulate the use of the flash cards in the course of asking questions from page four of the Drug Users Questionnaire.

### **8) Closing of Day 2:**

After this simulation exercise, Prof Obot thanked trainees and resource persons for participating in the second day of the training urging especially, the trainees to get familiar with the questionnaires by constantly practicing what has been learnt so far at their spare. The activities of the second day ended at 4:45PM.

### **9) Project Coordination Meeting:**

A brief meeting of the Project Coordinators was thereafter held to iron out issues related to logistics.

## **KADUNA TRAINING: 4-7 APRIL 2017**

### **DAY 3 REPORT: 6 APRIL 2017**

Resumed by 8:30am with opening remark by prof. Obot. In his remark, prof Obot equally gave a review/clarifications of day-2 activities mostly on drug user questionnaire. The next session, “role play on drug user interview was anchored by Dr Ibanga, UNODC. Here, participants were divided into groups of three (3) persons each (interviewer, interviewee and observer) whereas the coordinators monitored the role play session. At the end of the role play, the participants were allowed to share their experiences/observations and as well registered their opinions. This lasted till time for tea-break by 10:30am. The session recommenced by 11:00am, after the short break and continued with reactions and experience sharing by participants following role play. The session also drew emphasis on the different drugs of concern in the survey (Opioids, crack cocaine, amphetamines etc) as an inclusion criteria. On the other hand, another role play sessions on drug user interview also played out with intermittent periods of experience sharing while monitoring was properly carried out by the zonal coordinators. This lasted till lunch time at about 1:30pm. After lunch by 2:30pm,

there was a break-out session/role play on key informant questionnaire and lasted till 5pm which finally brought day-3 activities to an end.

#### **DAY 4 REPORT: 7 APRIL 2017**

Day-4 began with opening remark by Prof Obot at 8:30am. In his speech, Prof Obot commended every participant for keeping faith with the training till the last day. Post-evaluation forms were duly filled by all participants. Responsibilities and expectations of participants were equally discussed. This was swiftly succeeded by a breakout session/role play on drug user interview which was anchored by Dr Ibanga. The role play prompted a brainstorming session and feedbacks as well as experiences by participants on the various sections of the drug user questionnaire. Tea-break commenced by 10:45am and lasted till 11:15am. After the break, there was monitoring and evaluation of the problem drug use survey and was conducted by Dr Ibanga. The workshop was brought to a close at about 12:40pm after the distribution of the various materials for the survey which was duly signed and collected by the zonal coordinators. The distributed materials for the survey included; drug user and key informant questionnaires, letters of notification, informed consent form, coupons and its management form among others.

#### **UYO TRAINING: 10-13 APRIL 2017**

##### **DAY 1 REPORT: 10 APRIL 2017**

Registration of participants began by 8:00am and lasted till 8:30am. The workshop was declared open by 8:30am while the opening remark was presented by Prof. Obot, Director of CRISA. This was swiftly and concurrently followed by a brief introduction of all participants as well as filling of pre-evaluation form. There were 63 participants in attendance as follows:

51 interviewers (3 from each of the 17 states), 2 facilitators (Dr Akan Ibanga, UNODC and Dr Godwin Emmanuel, Heartland Alliance), 3 CRISA staff plus the national coordinator of CRISA. Introduction of participants was however followed by project overview and objective of workshop by Prof. Obot, where he also highlighted the responsibilities of both interviewers and co-ordinators as well as the drug of interest in the survey, including opiates, crack cocaine and amphetamines among others. He equally placed premium on the inclusion criteria. At the end of the overview, comments and questions were entertained from the participants. The session ended with a tea-break by 10:00am prompt. After tea-break at 10:45am, there was a discussion on drugs and related problems which highlighted the following sub areas: Drug use and health/Drug dependence by Dr. Abikoye, University of Uyo whereas Dr. Ibanga, UNODC gave an overview on “drugs and related issues; the Nigerian situation”. His discussion focused on the small percentage of the population using drugs and as well exposed the various reasons people use drugs, ranging from experimental to recreational use, as well as situational and dependence use. In the succeeding category of discussion, Dr. Ibanga discussed on the national household survey on drug use and pilot survey findings from assessment of drug users. This was immediately followed by a discussion on “problem drug use assessment and key informant survey in Nigeria by prof. Obot where he equally gave an overview of secondary data analysis form and drug treatment form designed for the supervisors. Prof Obot also gave a review on the pilot survey findings of the assessment of drug users and was next followed by lunch at about 2:00pm. After lunch, training on questionnaire for assessing drug users in the community commenced by 3:00pm and was anchored by Dr. Ibanga, where he highlighted on the interview process. This brought day one to a close by 5pm.

## **DAY 2 REPORT: 11 APRIL 2017**

Day-2 resumed by 8:30am. Opening remark was presented by Prof. Obot, Director of CRISA where he welcomed every participant for their timely turnout and there after gave some overview of day-1 activity. This lasted till 8:45am where presentation on “methodology for drug user assessment” was anchored by Dr. Godwin Emmanuel of Heartland Alliance. In his discussion, Dr. Godwin emphasized on the inclusion criteria and the study population of the survey (people injecting drugs) and as well placed high premium on their accessibility. In his presentation however, he gave an overview of different sampling methodology but for the purpose of the survey, his emphasis was placed on “Respondent Driven Sampling (RDS)”, a chain referral sampling method which is often employed in RDS. In the course of his discussion, he equally highlighted on seed selection as well as coupon management. The session was placed on hold by a 30min tea-break at about 10:55am. The session however reconvene after break at about 11:30am with an highlight on method for recruitment of respondents and coupon management by Dr Godwin. The session was brought to a close after interaction/opinion sharing from participants who brainstormed with very inspiring questions. The succeeding session on “Questionnaire for assessing drug users in the community” commenced by 1:40pm and was anchored by Dr Ibanga, UNODC. This was immediately followed by a role play on drug user interview and lasted till lunch by 3:15pm. After lunch by 4:15pm, the session continued with interview process of drug user survey followed by some few announcements/clarification bordering on incentives for participants by Prof Obot. This brought day-2 to a wrap by 5pm.

### **DAY 3 REPORT: 12 APRIL 2017**

Day 3 was declared open by 8:40am with opening remark by Dr.Ibanga, UNODC who immediately continued with section G of drug user questionnaire (Prison History) after some

recap of day-2 activities. This was followed by a role play on drug user questionnaire by all interviewers while supervision was conducted by the zonal coordinators. The role play was swiftly followed by reactions/experience sharing by all participants. There was a tea-break by 10:30am which lasted till 11:00am. After the break, Dr Ibanga began the next session with key informant questionnaire where he highlighted on who the key informants are, such as: NDLEA, Police, religious organisations among others. This was immediately followed by completion of role play on drug user survey whereas monitoring/evaluation was conducted by Dr Ibanga. There were equally interactions, sharing of opinions/challenges on role play about drug user questionnaire as well as discussion on informed consent and contact form. There was lunch at about 1:55pm. The next session, role play on key informant questionnaire began after lunch at about 3:20pm and was succeeded by a discussion on key informant interview and data management. This lasted till 5pm and finally brought day 3 to a close.

#### **DAY 4 REPORT: 13 APRIL 2017**

Day-4 activities resumed by 8:45am with opening remark by Dr Ibanga. There was an in-depth interaction on the work plan where all participants were properly engaged. The succeeding session dwelled on the role play of drug user interview which was followed by a tea-break by 10:15am. There was a review of work plan after break by 10:45am as well as an overview on collection of existing data. Post-evaluation forms were duly filled by all participants. Responsibilities and expectations of participants were equally discussed. However, day 4 got wrapped up by 12 noon after distribution of the various materials for the survey; including the two questionnaires (drug user and key informant), letters of notification, informed consent and contact form, coupons and its management form among others. The survey materials were distributed to all the states involved.

