

THE GLOBAL STATE OF HARM REDUCTION 2024

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PEOPLE WHO USE DRUGS STILL LACK HARM REDUCTION SERVICES

- Slight increase in the availability of harm reduction services since the 2022.
- Substantial regional differences still exist.
- Stigmatisation and criminalisation of people who use drugs remain significant issues impeding access to existing harm reduction services.
- Major gap globally is the lack of diverse harm reduction services to match the diversity of drugs
 - In Latin America and the Caribbean, stimulant drugs rather than opioids are more frequently use

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Methodology

- Global survey in Arabic, English, French, Spanish and Russian
- Literature review
- Validation at country level by partners

Thematic chapters

- Additional surveys specific to issue area
- Literature review

The *Global State of Harm Reduction 2024* global and thematic surveys efforts led to contributions from almost 300 people in 101 countries.

The report aims to provide a global snapshot of harm reduction policies and programs; as such it has limitations. It does not comprehensively evaluate the quality of the services in place, although where possible it does highlight areas of concern.

SUPPORTIVE REFERENCES TO HARM REDUCTION IN NATIONAL POLICY DOCUMENTS

Asia	13
Eastern and Southern Africa	13
Eurasia	26
Latin America and the Caribbean	8
Middle East and North Africa	11
North America	2
Oceania	2
Western and Central Africa	13
Western Europe	20
Total	108



HARM REDUCTION INTERVENTIONS FROM 2022 TO 2024

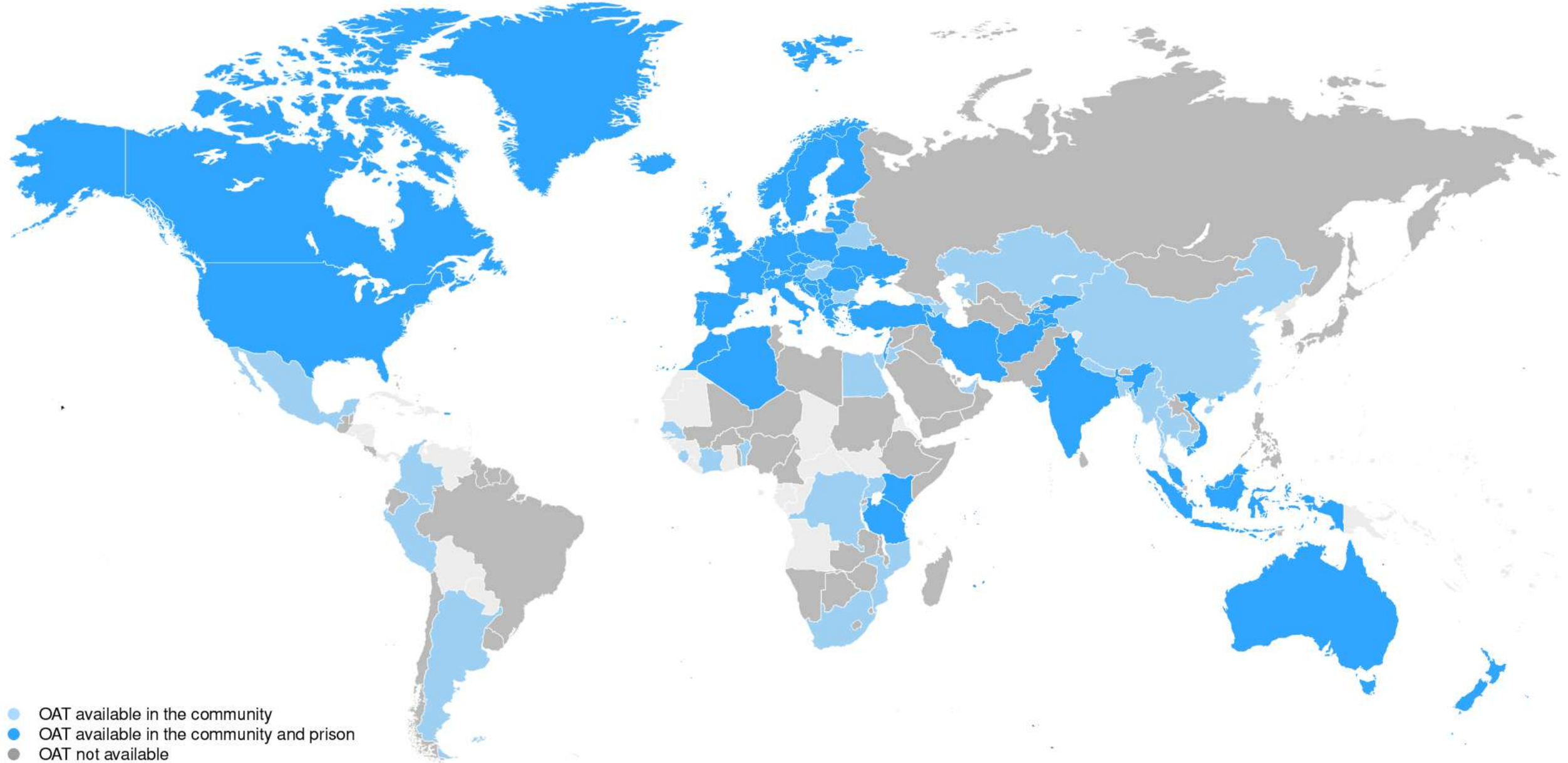
OPIOID AGONIST THERAPY (OAT)

94 countries with at least
one OAT programme in 2024



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GLOBAL AVAILABILITY OF OPIOID AGONIST THERAPY (OAT) IN THE COMMUNITY AND IN PRISONS



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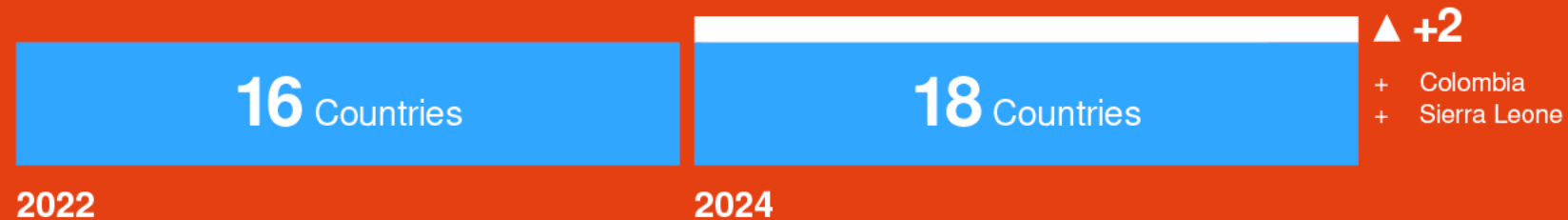
NEEDLE AND SYRINGE PROGRAMMES (NSPs)

93 countries have at least one NSP in 2024

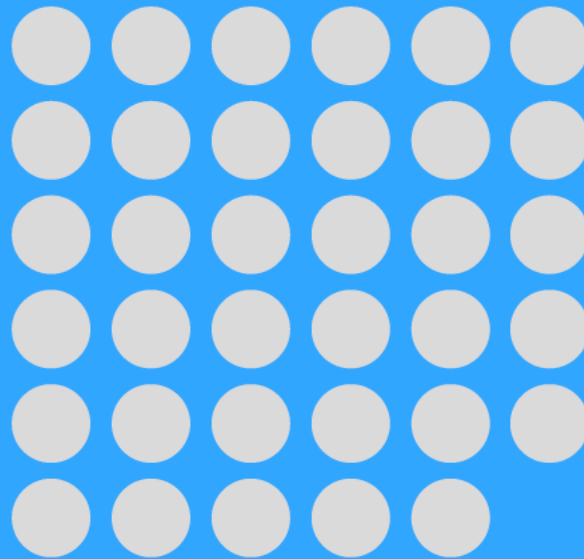


DRUG CONSUMPTION ROOMS (DCRs)

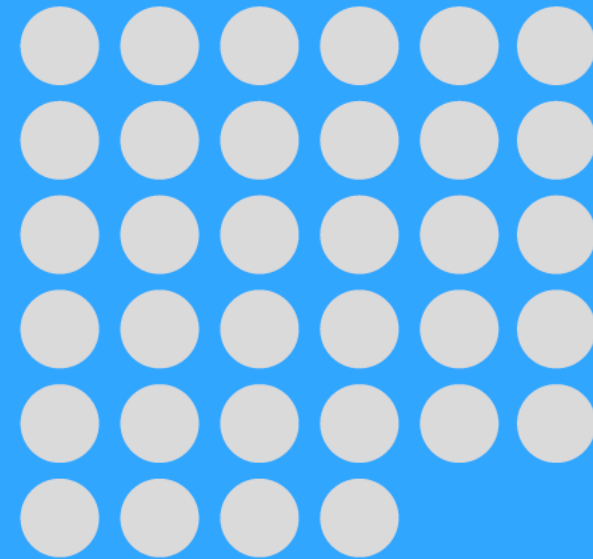
18 countries have legal and operational DCRs in 2024



NUMBER OF COUNTRIES WITH TAKE-HOME NALOXONE



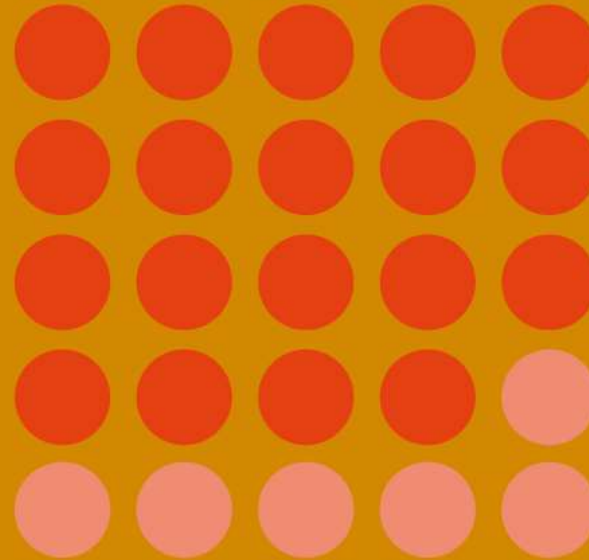
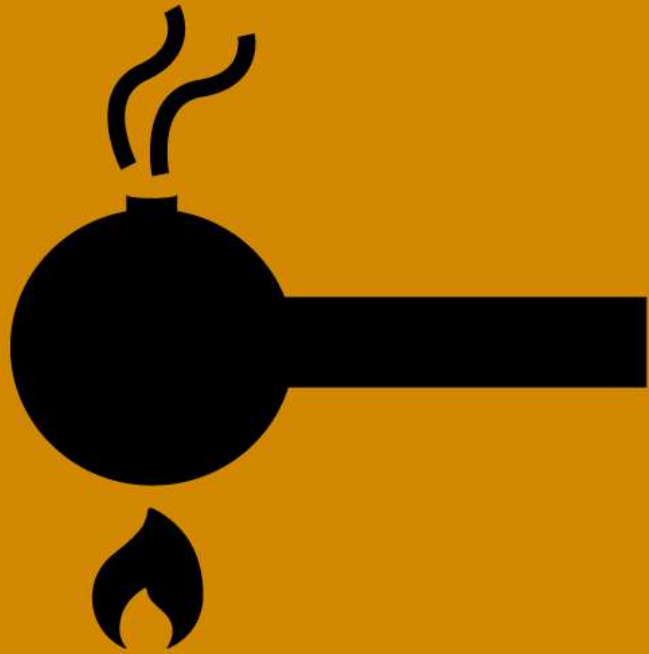
2022
35 countries



2024
34 countries

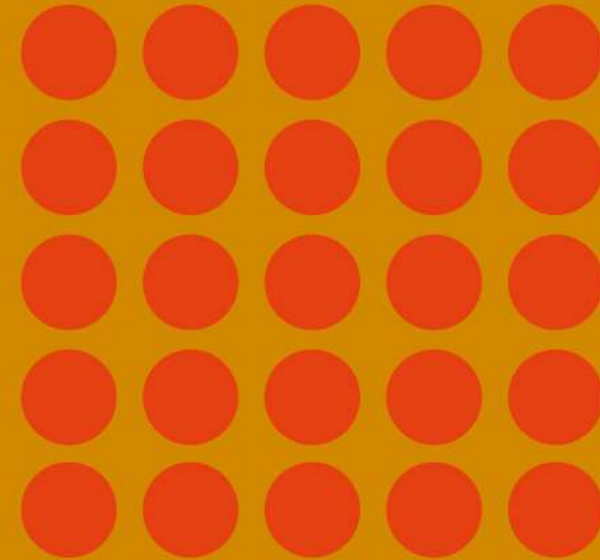
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- + Colombia
 - + Lebanon
 - India
 - Mozambique
 - South Africa

SAFER SMOKING KITS



2022

Safer smoking equipment
is distributed in at least
19 countries

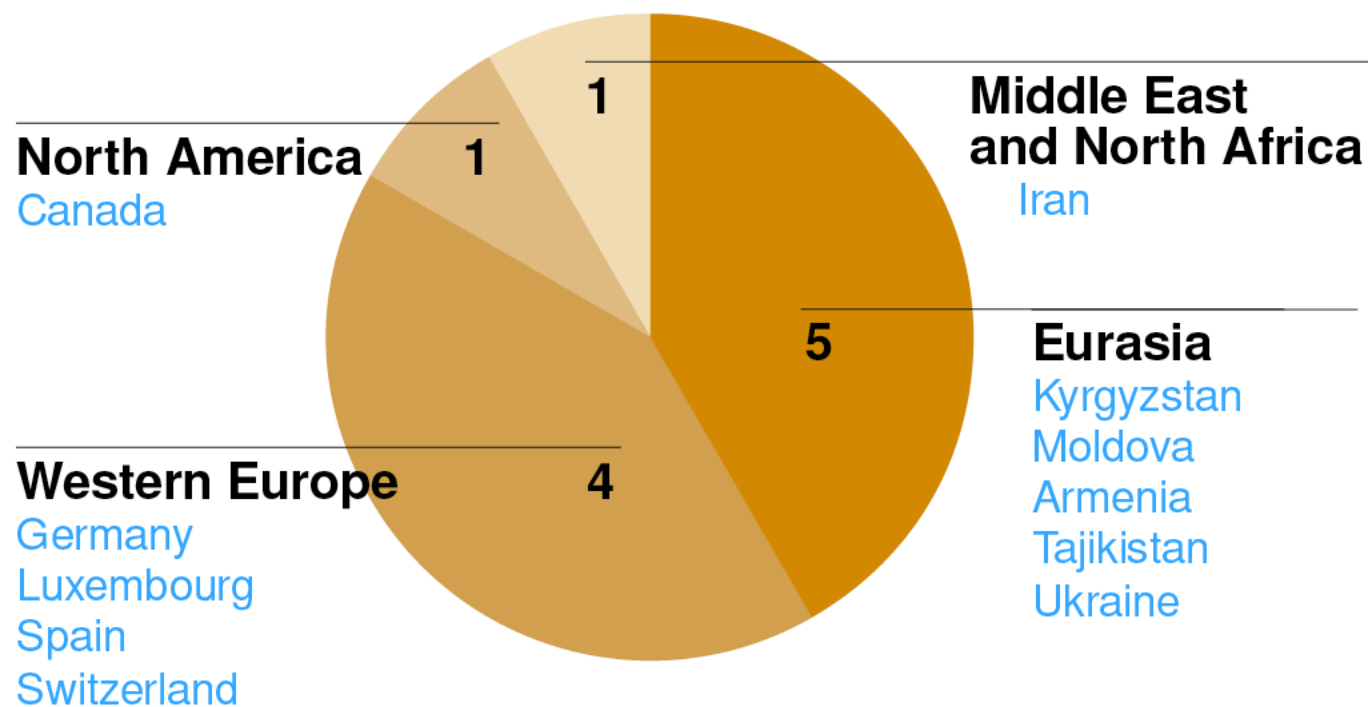


2024

Safer smoking equipment is
distributed in at least
25 countries

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- + South Africa
 - + Bulgaria
 - + Mexico
 - + Puerto Rico
 - + Greece
 - + Ireland

AN NSP IS AVAILABLE IN AT LEAST ONE PRISON IN 11 COUNTRIES IN 2024



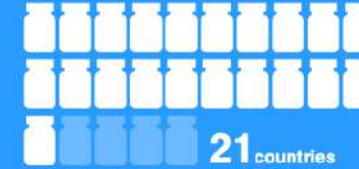
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- OAT is available in at least one prison in 60 countries (compared to 94 in the community). Only one more country than in 2022 when 59 countries offered OAT in prison.
 - OAT is now known to be available in at least one prison in Algeria, Puerto Rico and Türkiye, but no longer available in Bulgaria and Palestine.

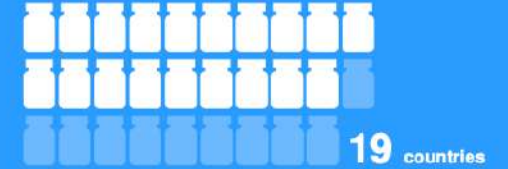
AVAILABILITY OF OPIOID AGONIST THERAPY IN PRISONS BY REGIONS



WESTERN EUROPE



EURASIA



MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA



ASIA



EASTERN AND SOUTHERN AFRICA



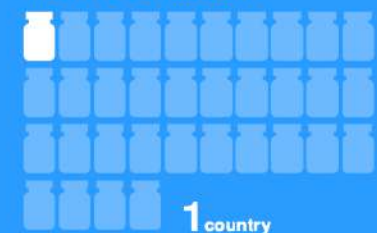
NORTH AMERICA



OCEANIA



LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN



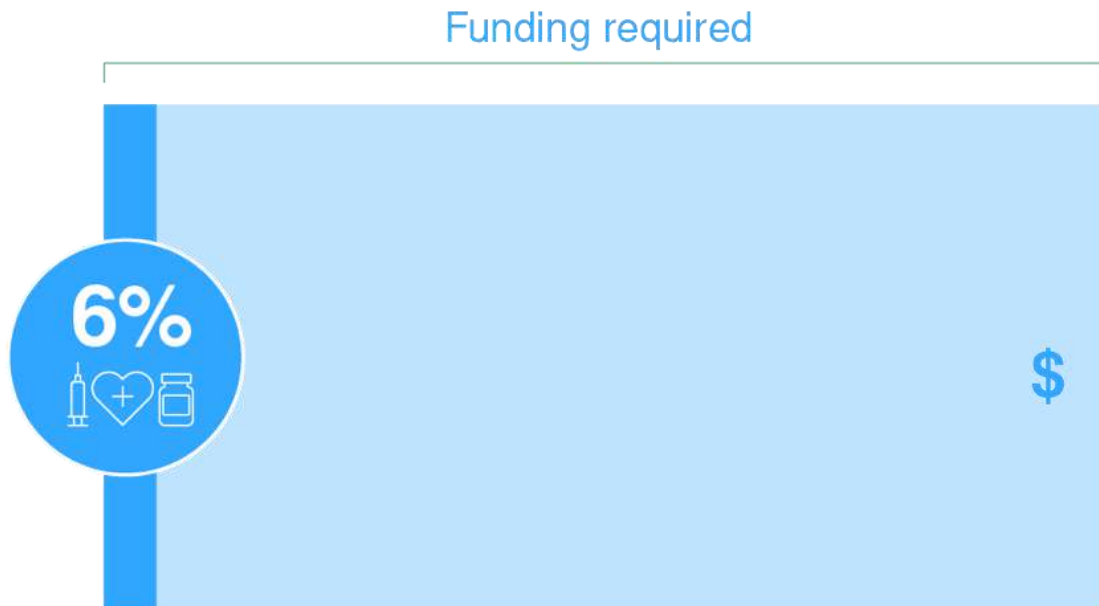
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2024: Prisons

- **Take-home naloxone is available on release in at least one prison in 11 countries**, mostly in Europe (France, Germany, Italy, Ireland, Norway, Estonia, Lithuania, Ukraine) and North America (Canada and the USA), plus one scheme in Oceania (Australia).
- Canada opened its first prison-based overdose prevention site (OPS) in Drumheller Institution in Alberta in 2019, 2 more OPSs opened in 2023 at the Springhill Institution in Nova Scotia and Collins Bay Institution in Ontario.
- In federal prisons in Canada, 46 people died from suspected drug overdoses and another 728 people nonfatally overdosed between 2011 to 2022.
 - To date, there have been no overdose deaths at any facility with an OPS since the service has been active.

Key findings

TOTAL FUNDING FOR HARM REDUCTION IN LOW- AND MIDDLE-INCOME COUNTRIES IS ONLY 6 PERCENT OF WHAT IS NEEDED

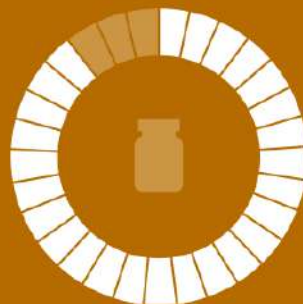


\$101.6 MILLION from donors
\$49.7 MILLION from domestic budgets

NSP, OAT, DCRs AND SAFER SMOKING KITS



27 countries (93%) in Eurasia provide needle and syringe programmes (no change from 2022)



26 countries (90%) in Eurasia provide opioid agonist therapy (no change from 2022)



No country in Eurasia provides drug consumption rooms (no change from 2022)



6 countries (21%) in Eurasia provide safer smoking kits (+1 from 2022, Bulgaria)

Eastern Europe & Central Asia

AVAILABILITY OF HARM REDUCTION SERVICES

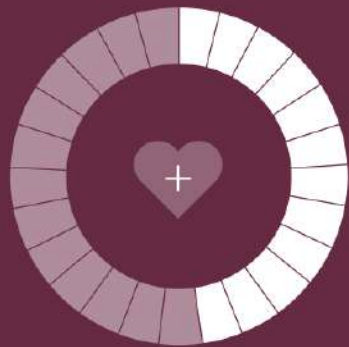




20 countries (80%) in Western Europe provide **needle and syringe programmes** (no change from 2022)



21 countries (84%) in Western Europe provide **opioid agonist therapy** (no change from 2022)



12 countries in Western Europe provide **drug consumption rooms** (no change from 2022)



12 countries in Western Europe provide **safer smoking kits** (+2 countries from 2022, Greece and Ireland)

Western Europe

REGIONAL OVERVIEW

WESTERN EUROPE

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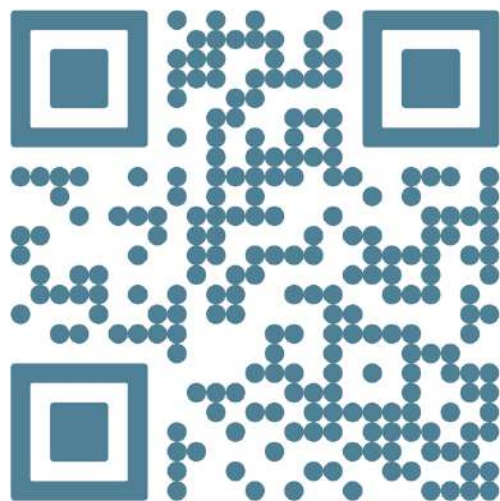
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