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CADAP 7 Next Technical Committee Meeting held in Dushanbe, Tajikistan

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At its next meeting, held on 26 January in Dushanbe, the Technical Committee of the Central Asia Drug Action Programme (CADAP), funded by European Union discussed main results of the Programme to date and determined plans for the nearest future. The meeting was attended by national authorities, international organizations and NGOs to ensure effective coordination of counter-drug activities in Tajikistan.

While welcoming the participants and guests, Mr. Cosimo Lamberti, EU representative, stressed the importance of partnership and cooperation of all institutions involved and highlighted CADAP Programme flexibility in terms of adopting to the new emerging trends. He mentioned that EU will keep supporting partners from Tajikistan during implementation of the Work Plan of CADAP Programme and in line with activities indicated in the National Drug Control Strategy of Tajikistan for 2021-2030.

Mr. Bozorali Safaralizoda, representative from Drug Control Agency under the President of the Republic of Tajikistan (DCA) expressed gratitude to EU for continuous support provided during current and previous phases of CADAP programme. It was mentioned that as the main Coordinating Agency DCA will implement planned activities for 2023 in close cooperation with the main international development partners, among which CADAP Programme is and added that for timely execution of the targeted goals immediate joint actions will be implemented in the upcoming months.

Besides discussing the results to highlight, sharing the opinions and determining the plan of actions for the next year, participants have been acquainted with the latest developments with regard to evidence-based drug policies - the approach of Spain has been presented to them. Also, the requirements related to internship Spain (Government Delegation for the National Plan on Drugs, under Ministry of Health) have been communicated to potential applicants from government institutions of Tajikistan.

Special target of the meeting was the CADAP support to the Ministry of Health and Social Protection of Population of Tajikistan in purchasing of ambulance car for the Narcology center in Kulob city. This special minibus equipped with necessary technology will be used in order to provide emergency first response and ensure timely transportation of drug users from Kulob city and neighbouring districts to the Center.

It should be noted that wide range of activities is planned for Tajikistan within CADAP7 – development of a roadmap on drug control, technical support to policy and partners, improving data collection, production and dissemination of targeted studies, technical support to toxicological laboratories, development of preventive programmes, development of treatment programmes in accordance with European standards.

CADAP technical committee meetings, conducted twice a year on a country level, continue to serve as a basis for monitoring progress towards project goals and a reference point for efficiency of cooperation and partnerships with the beneficiaries during the implementation phase.

More information about CADAP, its activities and results achieved is available at: http://www.eu-cadap.org



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