

Protection of Youth from Drugs

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YPA7 action plan



Problem Statement

Tunisian Society has a major problem of the growing number of students consuming drugs. The statistics show that 40% of students between 15-20 years of age admit that they have used drugs at least once. They buy drugs in high schools.

Two major problems are:

- 1) Accessibility of drugs
- 2) The implementation of laws are not strict

Objectives

- Reduction in number of youth drug users
- Encourage the government to develop a national program to fight against drug consumption
- Provide young drug users with psychological and medical support and encourage them to quit
- Implement the law strictly
- Anti-drugs campaigning through media

Part 1: Pilot program

- This new program will help provide evidence on what can work
- In parallel, interviews with those who have attempted to tackle drug abuse in Tunisian schools, to review what has worked and what has not worked before

Target Group of Pilot Program

100 students between 15 to 20 years old.

50:50 Male and Female (ideally)

Students at schools in Tunis who have given permission for the students to be involved (anonymous program)

Budget

Administration 100 USD

Volunteer cost 200 USD

Travel cost 1000 USD

Advertisement 200 USD

Total 1500 USD

Main Stakeholders

- The Ministry of Public Health, Tunisia
- The Ministry of Social Affairs, Tunisia
- Our team from “Associa-Med”, Faculty of Medicine, Tunis University
- Department of Psychology, Faculty of Medicine, Tunis University
- Schools who cooperate

Expected challenges

- The funding
- The commitment of the staff
- Permission from directors of the high schools

Steps for Action

- Have the permission from the directors of different high schools.
- Prepare a questionnaire.
- Distribute the questionnaire on the students.
- Analyze the results.
- Send a report to ministry of public health.
- Organize a workshop about the subject and find solutions
- Start the Anti-drugs campaigning through media.

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