

# Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) and International Activities

Center for Substance Abuse Treatment
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### SAMHSA- CSAT International Activities

•CSAT participates in the Presidents Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) providing expertise and technical assistance in MAT

•Technical Assistance- Ukraine, Kenya, Russia, Vietnam- Utilizing methadone, buprenorphine or naltrexone (vivitrol) in drug treatment as HIV prevention

•DfID- PEPFAR collaboration- Central Asia, South Africa, Malawi –Establish legal framework for methadone in pain management & drug treatment



#### SAMHSA's PEPFAR Activities in Africa

- Provide technical assistance:
  - Ministries of Heath,
  - US Country Teams, CDC and USAID
  - PEPFAR Implementing partners (NGO/FBO) on drug and alcohol prevention, care and treatment as well as mental health services as part of HIV prevention, care and treatment programs
- Ghana, Uganda, Nigeria, Kenya, Tanzania, Malawi,
   Zimbabwe, Botswana, Namibia and South Africa
  - Use of controlled medication for substance abuse treatment and palliative care
  - Screening and brief intervention for harmful alcohol use
  - Peer counselor training curriculum development
  - Integrating mental health screening into HIV care



## Global Challenges in Drug Abuse Prevention and Treatment

- Common challenges faced by Nations related to services for drug abuse
- Reaching those in need of services
- Providing adequate resources
- Developing culturally-appropriate, evidence-based interventions
- Building and sustaining a qualified workforce
- Integrating substance use disorder services into the public health paradigm



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### **Thank You**

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