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1. Introduction

1.1 What is grey literature?

Grey literature is material that is not formally published by commercial publishers or peer reviewed journals. It includes reports, fact sheets, conference proceedings and other documents from institutions, organisations, and government agencies.

The advancement of the internet has made grey literature easily accessible electronically (eg. PDF file). Many organisations, institutions and agencies make grey literature available on their websites. There are also several grey literature databases which can be searched for references of data sources. Authors are often willing to provide the document of interest upon request, if the source is unavailable online.

1.2 Why use grey literature?

The searches for grey literature that resulted in this reference document were conducted in late 2007 and early 2008 as part of two larger projects being carried out at the National Drug and Alcohol Research Centre (NDARC) at the University of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia. Grey literature searches began as part of the work by the *Secretariat for the Reference group to the United Nations on HIV and injecting drug use*¹. Grey literature searches are also carried out as part of the work by the *Mental Disorders and Illicit Drug Use Expert Group* for the *Global Burden of Disease* project². This report presents a comprehensive list of relevant websites and databases that has been collated from the work of both projects.

The *Secretariat for the Reference Group to the United Nations on HIV and Injecting Drug Use* are collecting information on the epidemiology of injecting drug use and HIV/AIDS, and HIV/AIDS prevention and care service coverage for injecting drug users. Researchers working on the illicit drug use and disorders component of the *Global Burden of Disease* project are compiling data for regional estimates of prevalence, incidence, remission, and duration of drug dependence disorders, as well as the associated mortality for cannabis, amphetamine type stimulants, cocaine, heroin and other opiates, and benzodiazepines. Using grey literature in addition to peer reviewed literature is paramount for both projects, since the peer reviewed literature does not include data for all regions.

¹ <http://www.idurefgroup.unsw.edu.au>

² <http://www.gbd.unsw.edu.au>

2. Methodology

2.1 Searching for grey literature

Electronic search strategies were used to identify grey literature. The first step in the search for grey literature was to consult with a qualified librarian about electronic databases that include grey literature sources for drug use and dependence. Many of these databases were listed as links on the National Drug and Alcohol Research Centre's website³. Additional databases and websites were found by consulting the *related links* pages on websites that were identified via search engines and recommendations from colleagues.

In addition, the names of organisations responsible for collating state and national level statistics were identified from several reports and the corresponding websites were located where possible. The list of databases and websites was complemented with suggestions by experienced librarians and experts in the field of drug dependence research.

2.2 Additional information

In addition to websites and online databases, electronic forums or eForums (also referred to as eGroups, bulletin boards, discussion forums and message boards) can be an important portal for obtaining grey literature. There are two basic types of internet-based forums, one being web-based and the other email-based. They both are however topic-orientated discussion lists run by interest groups that are dependant on user-generated content. While eForums will rarely contain any grey literature *per se* the potential benefit lies in the ability to directly connect with a large audience of topic-orientated subscribers that may have important information that would not be accessible via conventional search engines.

³ <http://www.ndarc.med.unsw.edu.au>

3. Using this document

This resource presents the name and link to useful websites (English language only) for identifying drug related grey literature.

The information is divided into four main sections:

1. General databases are listed
2. Websites of institutions, organisations and government agencies, organised by location.
3. Specific HIV/AIDS and harm reduction databases are displayed.
4. Specific HIV/AIDS and harm reduction websites are shown, organised by location.

The websites and corresponding addresses that are presented in this document were current at the time of publication. We acknowledge that addresses of sites may change, however, the descriptive information provided in this document will aid in finding websites that have been relocated following publication.

4. Databases

Database	Link	Comments
ADAI Library	http://lib.adai.washington.edu/linksearch.htm	Database with >600 organisations and web resources. Content: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alcohol, Drugs and Tobacco • Web Links
Australian Social Science Data Archive (ASSDA)	http://assda.anu.edu.au/	Australian National University - national data. Content: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must register to access data
Global Health	Available through: CAB Direct, Ovid, ISI, EBSCO, DataStar and Dialog, DIMDI Database home page: http://www.cabi.org/datapage.asp?iDocID=169	Database focusing on public health practice and research.
Drug and Alcohol Service South Australia (DASSA)	http://triserver03.trimagic.com.au/dasc/dassainternetcat.htm	Database with a focus on drug and alcohol.
DrugInfo Clearinghouse	http://www.druginfo.adf.org.au/libsearch.asp	Australian Drug Foundation database. Providing information to prevent harmful drug use.
Drug Policy Alliance	http://www.drugpolicy.org/library/	Database with a focus on drugs and alcohol. Content: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can search by 'popular' category.
Extensible Metadata CATalog (EMCAT)	http://www.emro.who.int/cgi-bin/wxis.exe/iah/?IsisScript=iah/iah.xic&base=emcat&lang=i	WHO Database. Content: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Very few hits for drug keywords
High Wire Press @ Stanford University	http://highwire.stanford.edu/	Stanford university database of peer reviewed literature.

Database	Link	Comments
Latin American and Caribbean of Health Sciences Information System (LILACS)	http://www.bireme.br/php/index.php?lang=en	Literature from the Caribbean and Latin American regions. Content: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some abstracts not available. • Some abstracts not in English.
LEYES	Access via Virtual Health Library http://www.bireme.br/php/index.php?lang=en	Database of references for health legislation (1978-2005) Covers Latin America and English-speaking Caribbean
Lindesmith Library	http://library.soros.org/lindesmith.html	Indexes documents from the Lindesmith Library in New York. Content: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can limit search to documents available online
MEDCARIB	http://bases.bireme.br/cgi-bin/wxislind.exe/iah/online/?IsisScript=iah/iah.xis&base=MedCarib&lang=i	Health and medicine relating to English speaking Caribbean and Suriname.
National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism	http://etoh.niaaa.nih.gov/ncadidatabases.htm	Portal – databases, journals, and websites focused on alcohol research.
National Library of Medicine (NLM)	http://www.nlm.nih.gov/	National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Maryland, providing biomedical and healthcare information and research.
New York Academy of Medicine (Grey Literature Report)	http://www.nyam.org/library/	Extensive collection of medical information. Content: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good for treatment admissions and hospital statistics

Database	Link	Comments
PAIS International	http://www.csa.com/factsheets/pais-set-c.php	Database of journal articles, books, statistical and government documents, research and conference reports, grey literature and more. Content: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mostly peer reviewed articles, some books.
Project CORK	http://www.projectcork.org/	Database providing substance abuse information.
PsycEXTRA	http://www.apa.org/psycextra/	Database of grey literature.
science.gov	http://science.gov/	Science.gov is a search engine for government science.
SCOPUS	http://www.scopus.com/	Database used to identify research output from a specified organisation.
Substance Abuse Information Database (SAID)	http://www.dol.gov/asp/programs/drugs/said/	Focus on drugs and the workplace. Content: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • US household survey links.
Web of Science	http://scientific.thomson.com/products/wos/	Database of high impact journals. Content: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indexed by citations.

5. Institutions, Organisations, Government Agencies

Organisation	Link	Comments
5.1 GLOBAL		
The Beckley Foundation – Drug Policy Programme	http://www.internationaldrugpolicy.net/	<p>An independent review of global drug policy aimed at informing policy makers, substance misuse professionals, academics and the general public about drug policy.</p> <p>Content:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International reports on drug related harms, law enforcement, drug policy, drug markets, prisons, mental health and international regulation. • Articles also available French, German and Spanish
International Narcotics Control Board (INCB)	http://www.incb.org/incb/index.html	<p>Monitors the implementation of United National drug control conventions. Aims to ensure adequate supply of medicinal drugs and works towards reduction of the production of illicit drugs.</p> <p>Contents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Papers on drug related crime, drug diversion, global drug requirements, guidelines and training materials.
ISI Proceedings	<p>Available via Web of Science</p> <p>http://apps.isiknowledge.com/ISIP_GeneralSearch_input.do?highlighted_tab=ISIP&product=ISIP&last_prod=ISIP&search_mode=GeneralSearch&SID=1Fc4m4KEi@@@7Kc1NofM</p>	<p>Content:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • References and abstracts from scientific meetings, conferences, symposia, conventions and workshops.

Organisation	Link	Comments
SALIS – International Association of Substance Abuse Librarians & Information Specialists	http://www.salis.org/	International association responsible for the exchange and dissemination of drug and alcohol information. Content: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extensive lists of relevant databases • Information about journals and monographs
United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)	http://www.unodc.org	UNODC assists member states to control crime, terrorism and illicit drugs. Conducts research, analysis and field-based activities. Content: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crime surveys, regional trafficking reports, seizure data, crop monitoring • Two online journals: Bulletin on Narcotic, Forum on Crime and Society • Manuals and guidelines for drug analysis • Treaty documents • World Drug Report
	Global Assessment Program on Drug Abuse (UNODC) http://www.unodc.org/unodc/en/GAP/index.html	Aims to improve drug monitoring systems as well as data collection methods. Supports the development and implementation of treatment and prevention strategies. Content: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tools for data collection, management, and survey implementation

Organisation	Link	Comments
World Bank	http://www.worldbank.org/ Publications page – documents and reports: http://www-wds.worldbank.org/WBSITE/EXTERNAL/EXTWDS/0,,detailPagemenuPK:64187510~menuPK:64187513~pagePK:64187848~piPK:64187934~searchPagemenuPK:64187283~siteName:WDS~theSitePK:523679,00.html	The World Bank provides technical and financial support to developing countries. Content: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15,000 free documents (analyses, evaluations, research papers) • Includes most World Bank publications
World Health Organisation (WHO)	www.who.int WHO library database: http://dosci.who.int/uhtbin/cgiirsi/Mon+Apr+28+04:08:45+MEST+2008/0/49	Content: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • free downloadable WHO publications and documents • several languages available
5.2 ASIA		
ASEAN and China Cooperative Operations in Response to Dangerous Drugs (ACCORD)	http://www.accordplan.net/	Co-ordinates regional efforts to reduce drug supply and demand by increasing awareness of the dangers of drugs, supporting abstainers and those in rehabilitation programmes, strengthening law enforcement, developing alternative income sources for illicit crop growers. Content: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Documents on prevention, treatment and rehabilitation. • Regional statistics (treatment, arrests, production)
Asian Pacific ATS Information Centre (APAIC)	http://www.apaic.org/	The website is a result of a UNODC project: Improving ATS Data and Information Systems. Content: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Library can be searched by keyword or subject • ATS - Books, surveys, articles, pamphlets

Organisation	Link	Comments
Dangerous Drugs Board: Philippines	http://www.ddb.gov.ph/dl.asp	Formulates policy and strategies to address drug use. Conduct research and disseminate information via seminars. Content: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Annual report with treatment data, arrests, poison centre admissions.
National Statistical Institutes in Asia	http://www.stat.fi/tup/tilvir/julkaisijat_aasia_tilastovirastot_en.html	Links to National Statistics Bureaus. Content: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No drug information (except for Philippines and Hong Kong)
United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime Regional Office for Central Asia online databases	http://www.dbroca.uz/ (Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan, Tajikistan, Russia, Pakistan, Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan, Iran, Afghanistan)	Content: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Statistics: drug seizures, drug related crime, registered drug users, HIV
ZETOC	http://zetoc.mimas.ac.uk/	Access to the British Library's Electronic Table of Contents of journal articles and conference proceedings

Organisation	Link	Comments
5.3 AUSTRALASIA		
5.3.1 Australia		
Alcohol and Drug Council of Australia (ADCA)	http://www.adca.org.au/ Drug Database: http://203.48.73.10/liberty3/gateway/gateway.exe?application=Liberty3&displayform=opac/main	ADCA is a not-for-profit group which works with government and non-government sectors to encourage evidence-based strategies to minimising the harms associated with alcohol and other drug abuse. Content: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fact sheets, guidelines for prevention and harm minimisation, position statements • Contains a link to <u>the Drug Database</u>, which holds a range of references and can be easily searched • Can browse by subject
Australian Department of Health and Ageing	1). http://www.health.gov.au/internet/wcms/publishing.nsf/Content/publicat-drugs.htm (Howard Government) 2). http://www.health.gov.au (Rudd Government)	1). Now an <u>archive</u> site including documents posted by the Howard Government on illicit drugs. Content: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School survey results, • Treatment data • Clinical guidelines 2.) New site still in development by the Rudd Government Content: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • most content is unavailable while it is being reviewed • Clinical guidelines

Organisation	Link	Comments
Australian National Council on Drugs (ANCD)	http://www.ancd.org.au/	ANCD is the principal advisory body to the Government on drug policy. Content: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • annual reports, position papers, presentations • link to Of Substance, (current Australian news and research on alcohol, tobacco and other drugs)
Drug Policy Modelling Program (DPMP)	http://www.dpmp.unsw.edu.au/DPMPWeb.nsf/page/Bibliography	Content: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides links to grey literature documents, sorted by topic
National Statistics Institutes in Oceania	http://www.stat.fi/tup/tilvir/julkaisijat_oseania_tilastovirastot_en.html	Content: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A list of links for National Statistics Offices. • Australian statistics on drug related deaths and prevalence of use
New South Wales Office of Drug Policy	http://www.druginfo.nsw.gov.au/	The official NSW government website containing information on drugs, related policies and provides guidelines on reducing drug abuse

5.3.2 New Zealand

Alcohol Advisory Council of New Zealand (ALAC)	http://www.alac.org.nz/LibraryCatalogue.aspx	ALAC encourages the use of alcohol in moderation, aiming to reducing the harms associated with misuse. Contents: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Searchable database for references to books, journals, videos, conference proceedings and reports
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5.4 CARIBBEAN		
Caribbean Drug Information Network (CARIDIN)	http://www.carec.org/projects/caridin_daess/caridin_daess.htm	Part of the Caribbean Epidemiology Centre. Conducts research, training, and programme co-ordination. Content: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Caridin newsletter
5.4.1 Barbados		
National Council on Substance Abuse, Barbados	http://ncsa.org.bb	Conducts and supports research. Develops and conducts prevention and treatment projects. Content: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General drug information • Rapid Assessment for 1998 and 2000. • Annual reports 1996 – 2001. <i>(reports via Research tab)</i>
5.5 EUROPE		
Alcohol Concern (UK)	http://www.alcoholconcern.org.uk/servlets/home	The national agency for alcohol abuse in the UK. AC is a charity which informs policy and promotes public awareness. Content: (via the Knowledge Base tab) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Website links, documents and press releases • Can be searched by subject area

Organisation	Link	Comments
Archido – now called: Information and Research Centre for Tobacco, Alcohol, Pharmaceuticals, Drugs and Addictions. (University of Bremen, Germany)	http://www.archido.de/index.php?lang=en	Part of the Institute for Drug Research, this site includes a collection of documents and links pertaining to substance use and abuse. Content: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EMCDDA annual report • Serbian School Survey 2005 results • Limited links page
Centre For Drug Research (CDR) (Germany)	http://www.cdr-uni-frankfurt.de	Conducts research into drug use prevalence and performs the drug monitoring for Frankfurt. Content: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Link to Annual report Frankfurt Local Drug Monitoring 2005 • Frankfurt Open Drug Scene Survey 2006.
Cranstoun Drug Services	http://www.cranstoun.org/index.htm <i>Website is currently under construction (April 30, 2008)</i>	Treatment and rehabilitation service provider in the UK.
ELISAD Gateway – European gateway on alcohol, drugs and addictions	http://www.addictionsinfo.eu/	Catalogue of links to websites on a variety of substance abuse issues. Can be searched by keyword, or by subject.
European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction (EMCDDA)	http://www.emcdda.europa.eu/	The EMCDDA collates data on drug supply, misuse and health consequences Content: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statistics • Country profiles • Evaluation tools • Information on drug related diseases

Organisation	Link	Comments
	EMCDDA Reitox reports http://www.emcdda.europa.eu/html.cfm/index403EN.html	Content: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> National REITOX reports (seizures, morbidity and mortality)
European Collaborating Centres in Addiction Studies (ECCAS)	http://www.sgul.ac.uk/depts/icdp/our-programmes/eccas.cfm see also: http://www.asl.bergamo.it/web/intsert.nsf/c12563070055842d85255d7c00545af7/132ee1aa9e7363c9c12564f200406917?OpenDocument	A group of professionals in the addiction field which conducts research, disseminates information and develops treatment guidelines. Content: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monographs on treatment, mortality, comorbidity
National Statistics Institutes in Europe	http://www.stat.fi/tup/tilvir/julkaisijat_eurooppa_tilastovirastot_en.html	Links to national Statistics Bureaus

5.5.1 England

Department of Health, England	http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/index.htm	UK Government's Department of Health website. <i>Publications easy to search and navigate</i> Content: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Survey results Legislation documents Statistics from Regional Drug Misuse databases Treatment guidelines Strategy papers
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5.5.2 France		
French Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction ("Observatoire Français des Drogues et des Toxicomanies": OFDT)	http://www.ofdt.fr/ofdtdev/live/english-tab.html	Public interest group including governmental and non-government groups which collects and analyses data Content: <i>Information available in English</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drug use data (including survey results) • treatment and policy information • National reports to the EMCDDA
5.5.3 Ireland		
National Documentation Centre on Drug Use, Ireland	http://www.ndc.hrb.ie/index.php?msel=1	Collection of research information Content: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policy documents • Irish National reports to the EMCDDA • Drug use survey results • Alcohol and Drug Research Unit publications <i>Database can be searched by keywords. References and some full texts available</i>

Organisation	Link	Comments
5.5.4 Netherlands		
Centre for Drug Research, University of Amsterdam, the Netherlands	http://www.cedro-uva.org/index.html	<p>Independent centre for drug research which closed in January 2004. English and other languages available.</p> <p>Content:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Household survey results, • Seizure data • Law and policy documents
5.5.5 Scotland		
Centre for Drug Misuse Research, University of Glasgow	http://www.gla.ac.uk/departments/drugmisuse/	<p>Centre conducts research into drug use and misuse in Scotland.</p> <p>Content:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guidelines for prevention and treatment • Unpublished drug outcome research findings • References to peer reviewed articles by the Centre's researchers
Drug Misuse Information, Scotland	www.drugmisuse.isdscotland.org	<p>Collection of drug use statistics and research for the UK (<i>some international reports available</i>)</p> <p>Content:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extensive links pages, organised by topic • Policy documents (via the Information tab) • Publications (via the Information tab) can be searched by keyword or subject area • Survey results, drug deaths data, project evaluations

Organisation	Link	Comments
5.6 SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA		
African Development Bank Group (group entities: African Development Bank, The African Development Fund (ADF) and The Nigeria Trust Fund)	http://www.afdb.org/portal/page?_pageid=473,1&_dad=portal&_schema=PORTAL	The African Development Bank has 53 African countries as shareholders, and aims to reduce poverty through sustainable economic development. The ADF provides soft loans and grants for projects and programmes. NTF provides concessional financing to development projects. Content: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some very general information on drug use
Mauritius Epidemiology Network in Drug Use (MENDU)	http://www.gov.mu/portal/site/natresa/menuitem.5cb481f336943380945e9f6248a521ca/ <i>Use the MENDU tab from the links on the left hand side of the page to access reports and other data</i>	MENDU works in substance abuse treatment and prevention programmes, providing advice, coordination and facilitation Content: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drug seizures and other police data • Treatment data • Drug use survey results
National Statistical Institutes in Africa	http://www.stat.fi/tup/tilvir/julkaisijat_afrikka_tilastovirastot_en.html	No drug related statistics at English sites
South African Ministries of Health	http://www.doh.gov.za	Some treatment data
South African Community Epidemiology Network on Drug Use (SACENDU)	http://www.sahealthinfo.org/admodule/aboutsacendu.htm http://www.sahealthinfo.org/admodule/sacendu.htm	SACENDU monitors trends in alcohol and drug use in South Africa. Content: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focussed on treatment centre data Updates and reports can be found here

Organisation	Link	Comments
South African Development Community Epidemiology Network on Drug Abuse (SENDU)	http://www.sahealthinfo.org/admodule/sendu.htm	SENDU develops and coordinates substance abuse monitoring systems in southern Africa Content: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Data from hospitals, treatment centres and police reports • Country reports
5.7 THE AMERICAS		
National Statistics Institutes in the Americas	http://www.stat.fi/tup/tilvir/julkaisijat_amerikka_tilastovirastot_en.html	Links to national Statistics Bureaus
5.7.1 Latin America		
Inter-American Drug Abuse Control Commission (CICAD)	http://www.cicad.oas.org/en/default.asp	Established by the General Assembly of the Organization of American States. A forum for drug policy in the Western Hemisphere. 34 Member states who work together to reduce drug supply and demand; support national data collections systems; develop more effective money laundering and firearms laws. Content: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategy documents • Extensive links page (<i>via the Resources tab</i>)

Organisation	Link	Comments
Inter-American Observatory on Drugs	http://www.cicad.oas.org/OID/ Publications: http://www.cicad.oas.org/oid/Estadisticas/default.htm	An information network for the Americas with current objective information; provides technical support on data collection systems; promotes the establishment of national drug observatories. Content: (publications tab) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yearly statistical summaries: seizures, arrests, by country • Consumption statistics: summaries of use, availability, by country • Links to national drug observatory websites (<i>many not working as of April 30 2008</i>)
5.7.2 North America		
National Centre on addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia University (CASA)	http://www.casacolumbia.org	CASA is a nationwide organisation which compiles relevant research information on the economic impact of substance abuse, also has tools for effective prevention and treatment strategies Content: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • surveys (attitudes to substance abuse) • comorbidity reports

Organisation	Link	Comments
CDC Behavioural Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS)	http://www.cdc.gov/brfss/	<p>The BRFSS is a telephone survey which records health conditions and behaviours from 50 states, District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the US Virgin Islands and Guam. It began in 1984 and is currently the world's largest ongoing phone survey.</p> <p>Content:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No illicit drug information - Alcohol and Tobacco only
Community Epidemiology Work Group (CEWG) (part of the National Institute on Drug Abuse - NIDA)	http://www.drugabuse.gov/about/organization/cewg/	<p>CEWG is a network of researchers who specialise in drug abuse epidemiology</p> <p>Content:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facts on drug types • CEWG meeting reports • Links to DAWN, SAMHSA and CDC data
DAWN: Drug Abuse Warning Network (US)	http://dawninfo.samhsa.gov/	<p>DAWN collects US data from hospital emergency rooms and forensic pathologists on drug related admissions and deaths.</p> <p>42 metropolitan areas in 6 states</p>
Monitoring the Future	http://monitoringthefuture.org/	<p>National USA survey of students and young adults measuring behaviours and attitudes, including drug use.</p>
National Centre for Health Statistics (NCHS)	http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/fastats/druguse.htm	<p>NCHS collects US national data on births, deaths and morbidity.</p> <p>Content:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National survey results • Illegal drug use prevalence data • National mortality data

Organisation	Link	Comments
Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP)	http://www.whitehousedrugpolicy.gov/	<p>The ONDCP informs the National drug control programme by developing policy and targets</p> <p>Content:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategy papers, treatment data. • Tools and guidelines for program implementation
Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)	<p>http://www.samhsa.gov/</p> <p>http://prevention.samhsa.gov/</p> <p>http://csat.samhsa.gov/</p>	<p>SAMSHA is an agency of the US Department of Health and Human Services. SAMHSA is a services agency which works towards the prevention of mental illness and substance abuse in those who are at risk, and seeks to rehabilitate those who are already affected.</p> <p>Content:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reports on National Survey on Drug Use and Health, Drug and Alcohol Services Information System <p>Centre for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP) – supports the development of prevention programmes</p> <p>Content:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • tools for programme planning <p>Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT) – supports community based treatment services for individuals and their families</p> <p>Content:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • guidelines and tools for treatment facilities

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SAMHSA's National Clearinghouse for Alcohol and Drug information (Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration - US)	http://ncadi.samhsa.gov/ Substance Abuse and Mental Health Data Archive: http://www.icpsr.umich.edu/SAMHDA/	Can search publications by drug type. Content: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fact sheets, national reports. Posters, videos can be ordered • Some Spanish language information • Monitoring the Future study • National Household Surveys <u>Data Archive</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can access data sets, household surveys, treatment outcome studies • Good “Other Data Sources” page with useful links

6. HIV/AIDS and Harm Reduction Databases

Database	Link	Comment
AIDSearch	http://www.nisc.com/Frame/freeaccess-f.htm	<p>A combination of three database files providing information about Acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS) and related topics</p> <p>Content:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medline HIV/AIDS subset which includes both peer reviewed and grey literature. • HIV/AIDS database on current individual clinical trials • Dictionary of chemical and biological agents currently being evaluated in the AIDS clinical trials covered in companion above clinical trial database
The Consortium for Social and Policy Research on HIV, Hepatitis C and related diseases	http://nchsr.arts.unsw.edu.au/Clearinghouse/search.htm	<p>A clearinghouse covering social and legislative research on HIV/AIDS, HCV and related issues.</p> <p>Content:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peer reviewed and grey literature on HIV/AIDS and HCV. Includes subsets of illicit drug use, treatment care & support, prevention discrimination, indigenous and MSM.
hivpolicy.org	http://www.hivpolicy.org/	<p>hivpolicy.org is a database of HIV/AIDS policies and analyses relating to the Asia Pacific, for use by policy-makers, practitioners, fieldworkers and researchers alike.</p> <p>Content:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peer reviewed and grey HIV/AIDS literature divided into regional, country-specific, NGO, IGO, and Government subsets.

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National Centre in HIV Epidemiology and Clinical Research – surveillance and observational database	http://www.nchechr.unsw.edu.au/NCHECRweb.nsf/page/Surveillance http://www.nchechr.unsw.edu.au/NCHECRweb.nsf/page/AustHIVObservationalDb	<p>Australian surveillance data on HIV and other blood borne viruses and sexually transmissible infections.</p> <p>Content:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Australian HIV/AIDS, viral hepatitis & STI annual surveillance reports • Australian national Needle and Syringe Program data reports <p>The Australian HIV Observational Database (AHOD) collects observational data on patient demographics, antiretroviral and prophylactic treatments, CD4 counts, HIV viral load and AIDS defining illnesses from patients with HIV attending general practitioner sites, sexual health clinics and hospital sites throughout Australia.</p> <p>Content:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bi-annual reports of 2329 enrolled patients across 27 Australian sites. • Peer reviewed publications from the AHOD

7. HIV/AIDS and Harm Reduction Organisations

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7.1 GLOBAL		
AVERT	http://www.avert.org/statindx.htm	<p>Avert is an international NGO based in the UK, working to avert HIV and AIDS worldwide. AIDS and HIV statistics by country.</p> <p>Content:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Global and regional HIV/AIDS statistics--much of which cite UNAIDS, CDC, HPA publications.
The AIDS Education Global information System (AEGiS)	http://www.aegis.com/	<p>HIV/AIDS Global information database.</p> <p>Content:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HIV/AIDS news feed, activist group publications, HIV/AIDS encyclopaedia, eForum, fact sheets, • French, Germany, Portuguese, Spanish news content.
Cochrane HIV/AIDS Group	http://www.igh.org/Cochrane/AboutUs.htm	<p>Systematic reviews on HIV/AIDS treatment, prevention and care</p> <p>Content:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Systematic, peer reviewed and grey literature on sexual and drug-related risk behaviours, health service delivery, HIV treatment and more.

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Human Rights Watch	www.HRW.org	<p>Independent NGO investigating Human Rights abuses worldwide and disseminating results in multi-lingual publications.</p> <p>Content:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Publication subsets include drugs and Human Rights, HIV/AIDS and Prisons. • French, German, Portuguese, Spanish, Arabic, Persian, Hebrew, Russian, Korean, Chinese, Indonesian, Albanian, Bosnian, Japanese, Dari and Turkish language publications.
IAS-AIDS conference proceedings	http://www.iasociety.org/	<p>International AIDS society</p> <p>Content:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proceedings and abstracts from the International AIDS and IAS conferences
IHRA-Conference Proceedings	http://www.ihra.net/Barcelona/PreviousConferences	<p>International Harm Reduction Association</p> <p>Content:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proceedings and abstracts from the International Harm Reduction Association's annual conferences

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International Centre for Prison Studies – Kings College	http://www.prisonstudies.org/	<p>The International Centre for Prison Studies seeks to assist governments and other relevant agencies to develop appropriate policies on prisons and the use of imprisonment.</p> <p>Content:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Global, regional and national prison statistics, publications and briefs. • Website and publications also available in French, German, Portuguese, Spanish and Russian.
International Harm Reduction Development Program	http://www.soros.org/initiatives/health/focus/ihrd	<p>This initiative works to reduce harms associated with injecting drug use, such as HIV/AIDS. Various articles and publications available.</p> <p>Contents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Publications, articles briefs and multimedia on harm reduction and HIV/AIDS, HCV, law, mental health, gender, social change, treatment prevention, care and human rights. A particular focus is given to harm reduction in low and middle income countries • Many articles also available in Russian

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UNAIDS	http://www.unaids.org/en/	<p>Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS.</p> <p>Content:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual global HIV/AIDS report and epidemiological updates, policy briefs, fact sheets, multimedia, technical support, position papers, country responses and practical guidelines. • Also available in French, Spanish, Russian.
United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)	http://www.undp.org/	<p>United Nations Development Programme assists developing countries attract and use aid effectively. They encourage the protection of human rights, the empowerment of women and have a particular focus on HIV/AIDS.</p>
7.2 ASIA		
Asian Development Bank	http://www.adb.org/	<p>The Asian Development Bank is an international development finance institution whose mission is to help its developing member countries reduce poverty and improve the quality of life of their people</p> <p>Content:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Publications on key inequality indicators in Asia, illicit drug markets, urbanisation and development. • Many publications also available in Azeri, Bahasa Indonesian, Bangla, Chinese, Japanese, Khmer, Lao, Mongolian, Nepali, Russian, Thai, Vietnamese, Urdu and more.

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Asia Foundation	http://asiafoundation.org/	<p>The Asia Foundation supports programs that address the causes and consequences of violent conflict in Asia.</p> <p>Content:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Country and regional specific publications on a ranges of issues dealing with violence, conflict, human trafficking and corruption
Asian Harm Reduction Network	http://www.ahrn.net	<p>AHRN is regional information and support network created to link and support the programmes providing assistance to injecting drug users in Asia to prevent HIV transmission.</p> <p>Content:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A comprehensive resource collection on drug use and HIV/AIDS both within and outside Asia. Over 2,229 titles - 919 accessible online and 1,310 off-line hardcopies (available on request)
Eurasian Harm Reduction Network	http://www.harm-reduction.org	<p>The Eurasian Harm Reduction Network is a flexible NGO, which shares a unified ideology of harm reduction and employs a diversity of policies and approaches.</p> <p>Content:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Large English and Russian language library covering the topics of harm reduction, OST, advocacy, policy and law, HIV/AIDS, HCV, prisons, sex work.

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You and AIDS	www.youandaids.org	<p>HIV/AIDS Asia Pacific portal. Cosponsored by UNAIDS, UNDP, UNHCR, WHO and others</p> <p>Content:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policy documents, press releases, research publications and peer reviewed article all relating to HIV/AIDS in the Asia Pacific region.
7.3 AUSTRALASIA		
National Centre in HIV Epidemiology and Clinical Research (NCHECR)	http://www.nchecr.unsw.edu.au/NCHECRweb.nsf/page/home	<p>NCHECR conducts research into HIV/AIDS, hepatitis B and C, and sexually transmissible infections. Research is conducted in Australia, but also Thailand and Cambodia. Training and input into health policy and programs are also carried out by NCHECR</p> <p>Content:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information on research projects, and links to publications arising from projects • Resources such as information sheets and screening tools

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7.4 CARIBBEAN		
Caribbean Harm Reduction Coalition (CHRC)	www.caribbeanharmreductioncoalition.htmlplanet.com	<p>The CHRC is the regional harm reduction network for the Caribbean, founded in 2000 by a loose grouping of individuals and NGOs that share a common view that interventions that reduce drug related harm are valuable activities irrespective if they lead to abstinence.</p> <p>Content:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Web links and email contact details
7.5 EUROPE		
Eurasian Harm Reduction Network	http://www.harm-reduction.org	<p>The Eurasian Harm Reduction Network is a flexible body, which shares a unified ideology of harm reduction and employs a diversity of policies and approaches.</p> <p>Content:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Large English and Russian language library covering the topics of harm reduction, OST, advocacy, policy and law, HIV/AIDS, HCV, prisons, sex work.

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European Network of Social Inclusion and Health	http://www.correlation-net.org	<p>Correlation is the European Network for Social Inclusion & Health. Correlation has a specific focus on health for marginalised peoples in the EU including IDUs, sex workers, the homeless and other stigmatised peoples.</p> <p>Content:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guidelines on providing integrated Outreach, health care to sex workers • Reports on Harm Reduction in Eastern Europe • Harm Reduction data collection protocols <p><i>Library still under construction</i></p>
The UK Harm Reduction Alliance (UKHRA)	www.ukhra.org	<p>The United Kingdom Harm Reduction Alliance UKHRA is a campaigning coalition of drug users, health and social care workers, criminal justice workers and educationalists that aims to put public health and human rights at the centre of drug treatment and service provision for drug users.</p> <p>Content:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policy statements, protocol and responses to drug use in the UK • Several large eForums on NSP, young people and drugs, harm reduction and women, and general discussion and announcements.

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7.6 NORTH AMERICA		
Canadian Harm Reduction Network	http://www.canadianharmreduction.com/	<p>Website for the Canadian Harm Reduction Network (CHRN).</p> <p>Content:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Book reviews, community newsletters, Canadian-specific resources • 115 articles, both grey and peer reviewed on drug use and harm reduction • Specific articles on safer crack use and medical marijuana • eForum
The Harm Reduction Coalition (HRC)	www.harmreduction.org	<p>National harm reduction coalition for the USA.</p> <p>Content:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policy briefs, fact sheets, press releases, and state-specific resources



NATIONAL DRUG AND ALCOHOL RESEARCH CENTRE

The National Drug and Alcohol Research Centre (NDARC) is a premier research institution in Australia and is recognised internationally as a Research Centre of Excellence. The Centre is multidisciplinary and collaborates with medicine, psychology, social science and other schools of the University of NSW, as well as with a range of other institutions and individuals in Australia and overseas.

The overall mission of NDARC is to conduct high quality research and related activities that increases the effectiveness of Australian and International treatment and other intervention responses to alcohol and other drug related harm.

In addition to the research conducted at the Centre, other NDARC activities include an Annual Symposium and a range of special conferences and educational workshops. As well as contributing to scientific journals and other publications, NDARC produces its own Research Monographs and Technical Report Series. In conjunction with the National Drug Research Institute in Perth, NDARC also produces a free quarterly newsletter, CentreLines, to increase communication between the national research centres, other researchers and workers in the alcohol and other drug field.



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