

From April 28th to May 1st, Médecins du Monde will be participating to the 26th Harm Reduction International Conference in Porto, Portugal. **Visit us and our field partners at Stand n°06!**

We are pleased to release our **new publications** :

- [Perception about drug use and harm reduction in Kachin, Myanmar](#)
- Implementation handbook : hepatitis C prevention, diagnosis & treatment: A Peer-Based Model of Care for People Who Inject Drug Ha Noi, Viet Nam (intermediate version attached)

We also welcome you to attend our **oral presentations**...

Monday 29 April 2019 11:00-12:30 | **Major 1: Practice is empowerment: the evolution of peer involvement in service provision**

- *Kevin Nyerere* - Tanzania: From a staff-led to a community-based drop-in center for people who use drugs-lessons learnt in Temeke

Monday 29 April 2019 11:00-12:30 | **Major 2: Structures of risk & response: a research lens**

- *Mélanie Quetier* - Myanmar: Sociocultural and religious norms and values at the foundation of repression and violence towards people who use drugs in Kachin State.

Monday 29 April 2019 14:00-15:30 | **Concurrent 1: Community based provision of hepatitis testing and treatment**

- *Mathilde Laval* - Vietnam: An innovative peer-based support program, providing a scalable solution for access to HCV screening and treatment for PWID into the public healthcare system.
- *Abigael Lukhwari* - Kenya: occasional injecting increases risk of acquiring Hepatitis C among People who Inject Drugs in Nairobi.

Tuesday 30 April 2019 14:00-15:30 | **Concurrent 12: Integration and universal health coverage**

- *Bassirou Gandema* - Ivory Coast: A Peer-driven, low threshold Tuberculosis screening and treatment program to address high tuberculosis prevalence among People Who Use Drugs in Abidjan.

Tuesday 30 April 2019 14:00-15:30 | **Concurrent 13: Drug checking past, present and future innovations**

- *Gregory Pfau* - France: Developing a national network of drug checking services in France: how to ensure the best possible articulation between mainstream harm reduction services and the national monitoring system.

Tuesday 30 April 2019 16:00-17:30 | **Concurrent 19: Bringing harm reduction to housing, violence and migrant health responses**

- *Wangari Kimenia* - Kenya: Mitigating Violence against People Who Inject Drugs (PWID) through Peer-Led Police Engagement

Wednesday 1 May 2019 11:00-12:30 | **Major 13: HCV elimination and access to testing and treatment for people who use drugs and prisoners**

- *Giorgi Soselia* - Georgia: scaling-up of an effective model of harm reduction-based and peer-supported hepatitis C treatment for PWID in Georgia.

Wednesday 1 May 14:00-15:30 | **Concurrent 25 (partner): Not just drugs: Mental Health and Other co-occurring health issues**

- *Elisabeth Avril* (GAIA MDM partner) - France: Management of drug users with psychiatric disorders in the first drug consumption room.

... and to take a look at our **posters** :

Presented by Médecins du Monde:

- Developing a harm reduction services model for Sex workers in Myanmar
- Micro-Planning Outreach: Lessons learned from Temeke, Tanzania
- Sexwork: Research as an integrated advocacy strategy against criminalizing policies
- Achieving Viral Suppression in HIV-positive PWID: Multifaceted HIV Care Model

Presented by partners:

- Paroles autour de la Santé: Perception and associated factors of the non-use of Harm.
- Paroles autour de la Santé: Roles of the community association “Paroles autour de la Santé » in the fight against HIV/AIDS among drug users” populations in Abidjan.
- CASA: Opening the first community center for people who use drugs (PWUD) in West Africa: Addiction Treatment and Counseling Center (CASA) opens an initiative for a holistic service delivery of Harm Reduction to People who use drugs in Abidjan, Côte d’Ivoire.

Last but not least, we welcome you during all the Conference at the **Photo Exhibition: Amazones in the Gallery Area for Photographs**

Ten women who use drugs from Abidjan, Côte d’Ivoire, accept to pose for a photograph, dressed by an Ivorian stylist. This project has been developed within a women self-support group, with the aim of supporting women to regain self-confidence by showing their beauty in professional camera lights.