



HARM PREVENTION MORE EFFECTIVE TO MANAGE DRUG PROBLEM

HARM PREVENTION APPROACH

- Averts the collateral harm that comes with harm reduction approach by:
- Evidence based and multi-pronged



- Mobilising the entire community to promote a drug-free culture



- Enabling early intervention to provide the drug abuser with treatment and rehabilitation, which is abstinence-oriented



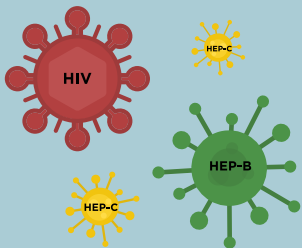
- Concerted efforts by civil society, private sector and the government to avert harm through prevention, treatment and rehabilitation



- Apply current medical and psychosocial research evidence towards understanding psychoactive substance dependence and its predictors

HARM REDUCTION APPROACH

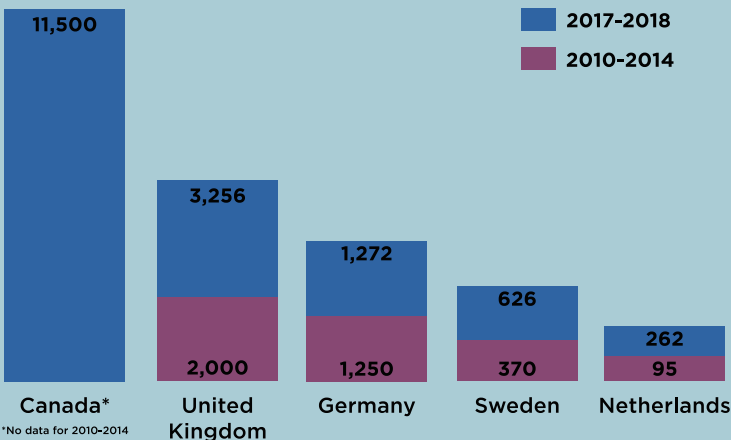
- Harm reduction services that support drug injecting has led to **negative unintended consequences** including:
- Increase in deaths, mostly caused by opioid overdose, in countries that have records of drug-related deaths



- Higher probability of transmission of blood-borne infections such as HIV, Hepatitis C and B



- Appears to lead to increased overdoses and groin injecting



Total deaths from the period 2010-2014 to 2017-2018

Source: 'From Harm Reduction to Harm Prevention: A Cross-national Comparison of Eleven Countries', MHA, 2020.

