

## ●● What are the important areas related to the prevention of drug use?

The main issues in the prevention of drug use are:

- **Overall structure or approach of the programme:** Drug-use-prevention programmes can take many approaches which can address the over-all issue through broad interventions (e.g. enforcement, policy development and implementation, advocacy) general interventions (e.g. mass media programmes), or specific interventions (e.g. community interventions, interventions aimed at special groups such as young people or specific settings such as schools).
- **Delivery:** how, when, where, by whom and to whom the programme will be delivered.
- **Content:** The technical content – the issues that are addressed during the intervention e.g. harm from use, addressing factors leading to use, creating supportive social environments that promote non-use etc.
- **Evaluation:** How and when was the impact and the outcomes of the programmes evaluated, and the indicators used.
- **Sustainability:** If the impact reported initially was maintained, following cessation of interventions.

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