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Dutch Drugs Stories: pop-up expo in Amsterdam

Starting 26 June, [Poppi: Drugs Museum Amsterdam](#) reveals a unique photo archive to the general public. Photos from award-winning photographers draw you into the Dutch drug scene in a raw and confronting way. The Amsterdam street scene from the 1980s meets today's drug users.

For a full month, our host location 'het Vrijpaleis' will be devoted to debates, film screenings and themed evenings on all things to do with drugs. Live tours are provided by veterans who share their lived-experiences from the scene.

Find more information and buy your tickets [here](#).

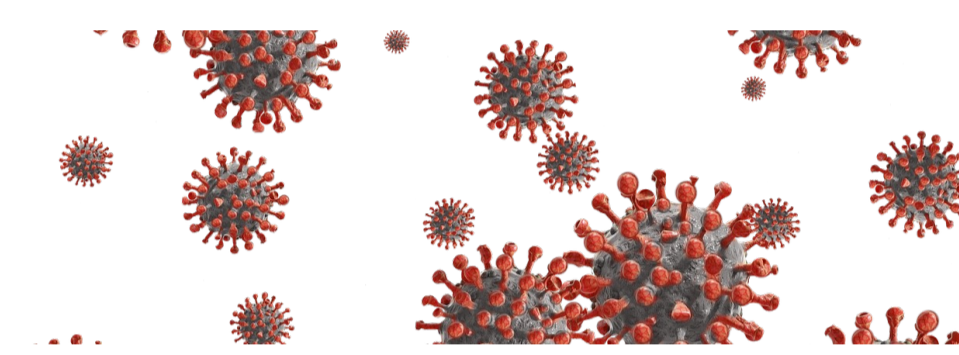


Harm reduction boost in Pakistan

Mainline and Nai Zindagi have a joint mission: to make a major impact with modest resources. Our long-standing partnership seeks to ensure access to harm reduction services for people who inject drugs in Pakistan. We do this by funding innovations and collecting evidence on its effectiveness.

Following this, we advocate for a national scale-up. Over the years, we have seen some impressive results. In 2019, the Global Fund increased their HIV and harm reduction portfolio in Pakistan with USD 5 million based on the outcome of a Nai Zindagi/Mainline assessment. In 2021, Global Funds plans to double their country budget to USD 71.5 million. It is a much needed investment, as many people in Pakistan still can't access life-saving services.

[Read more](#) (PDF) about our past successes and future plans in Pakistan.



COVID-19 in the scene

The past weeks have been intense for Mainline and for many of our harm reduction friends across the world. Since contact is our core business, a worldwide lock down poses a serious threat.

Over the past weeks, we've been tracking service interruptions and lobbied for creative alternatives to ensure people who use drugs could access essential medicines. Partners across the world reported the closing of drop-in centres and other safe places. We've heard about mandatory placement in shelters as well as of people in withdrawal because of the disrupted drug markets.

On the bright side, we've also received news of home deliveries of antiretroviral treatment and of governments allowing take-home methadone for the first time ever. If anything, the past weeks have shown the resilience and creativity of many harm reduction service providers. It has made us very proud to be a part of this movement.

The coming weeks will demonstrate the full impact on the drug user community. Mainline stands in solidarity with all of those on the streets who saw their livelihoods disappear and their freedom restricted.



Knowledge exchange to better reach women who use drugs

How does one best reach women who use drugs in East Africa? And how do you go about offering them relevant and good quality harm reduction services? Mainline facilitated a knowledge-exchange between MEWA in Kenya and Mukikute in Tanzania.

[Read more](#) about the knowledge exchange.

[Read more](#) about our work in Tanzania.



Chemsex – ins and outs

The use of drugs during sex is a growing worldwide phenomenon, especially among men who have sex with men (MSM). In the Netherlands, Mainline has provided harm reduction support regarding chemsex since 2016. This year, we have expanded our chemsex expertise internationally. We will support local organisations in developing a complete set of harm reduction services to MSM who engage in chemsex. Mainline is also strengthening the capacity of local staff to provide quality support through trainings.

Speaking of training, Mainline is pleased to announce the first part of our e-learning platform on the topic of chemsex. Part 1 takes the learner on a journey around the use of chemsex. Modules include a solid definition of chemsex, substances used, user techniques and problems that can arise during chemsex, amongst others! Interested?

Watch for it, as it will be released via our [webshop](#) on 1 July 2020.



Mainline welcomes a new chair to their board

We are very pleased to welcome a new chair to our Mainline board: Bob Hoogenboom. Bob (62) is a historian who drifted into criminology. He holds a chair in Fraud & Regulation at Nyenrode Business Universiteit.

Bob does research in the field of law enforcement and teaches on leadership, policing, corporate governance and money laundering. His background in criminology perfectly complements our more health-oriented board members. Bob is keen on connecting the more theoretical and repressive world of justice with Mainline's harm reduction objectives and street knowledge and skills.

Welcome Bob: we look forward to some fireworks!

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