

## **DRUG LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY THE GAMBIA'S CONTRIBUTION TO HRC REPORT – SR right to health**

### Question 2

There is no specific legislative framework for harm reduction programs and initiatives. However, section 56 of the Drug Control Act 2003 (DCA 2003) gives power of the court to recommendation of drug addicts. Notwithstanding the aforementioned, DLEAG is currently overhauling the DCA 2003 with provisions for harm reduction initiatives and community services as mechanisms for alternative to incarcerations.

Challenges related to the implementation of Harm Reduction initiatives includes, lack of specialized facilities for harm reduction, limited capacity for implementation and limited funding.

### Question 6

The Gambia does not have any outpatient or inpatient facilities for people using drugs. However there is a psycatric hospital TANKA TANKA wherein patients are admitted due to most probably drug induced psychosis. Vast majority of such patient are taking by their families due mental in balance and so forth.

The Agency has trained some its staffs to respond and handle cases of this nature. Plans are under way for it to establish such clinic once the funding is available.