

# ALCOHOL AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE INTERVENTION IN VULNERABLE POPULATION AFFECTED BY DISASTERS

## Training Manual for Health Workers & Service Providers

Alcohol & substance abuse is increasing at an alarming rate causing serious threats to every nation, by deteriorating health, increasing crimes, hampering productivity, destroying relationships, eroding social and moral values and impeding the overall progress of societies. Studies have revealed an increased prevalence of alcohol & substance abuse among the population affected by natural and man-made disasters, making things even worse. Experiences have shown that no rehabilitation efforts can be successful without addressing the alcohol & substance abuse problem in the disaster affected communities. This Training Manual is developed to have a better understanding about the various aspects of the alcohol & substance abuse problem and effective intervention strategies to be adopted in vulnerable population affected by disasters.

*"These are dangerous times for the well-being of the world. In many regions, some of the most formidable enemies of health are joining forces with the allies of poverty to impose a double burden of disease, disability and premature death on many millions of people. It is time for us to close ranks against this growing threat"*

*- Dr. Gro Harlem Brundtland, Director General, WHO  
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