# RESPONSE

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**The International Network of People who Use Drugs (INPUD) welcomes the Global Fund's opposition to drug detention centres**

## Drug detention centres: abuse masquerading as support

Drug detention centres are institutions which masquerade as providing 'treatment' for people who use drugs. In reality, they are little more than forced labour camps that violate the human rights of people who use drugs. People who use drugs are interred in these camps without due process or trial, and these centres are marked by torture, violence, sexual violence and abuse, and compulsory unpaid or underpaid labour. **The human right to the highest attainable standard of health is impossible to achieve in the context of people incarcerated in these camps.**

## Funding these centres endorses and strengthens them

Providing any sort of support for such institutions serves as an endorsement. Funds can be used to improve the general infrastructure of the centres, thus serving to finance forced labour and physical violence perpetrated against inmates. Additionally, funding serves to legitimise the practices of the centres - especially when funding is provided by well-respected international organisations and donors.

**In short, providing funding for drug detention centres:**

- **Endorses drug detention centres**
- **Strengthens their abusive infrastructures**
- **Serves to prolong imprisonment of people who use drugs**

In so doing, funding for drug detention centres prolongs and exacerbates violations of the human rights of people who use drugs.

## INPUD welcomes the Global Fund's opposition to funding detention centres

**The International Network of People who Use Drugs (INPUD) welcomes the Global Fund's call for the closure of drug detention centres, as well as their commitment not to finance programmes in these facilities where people have been detained without due process; where 'treatments' are not medically sound and/or approved; and where torture and/or cruel, or degrading treatment take place.**