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PUBLIC POLICIES ON DRUG TREATMENT

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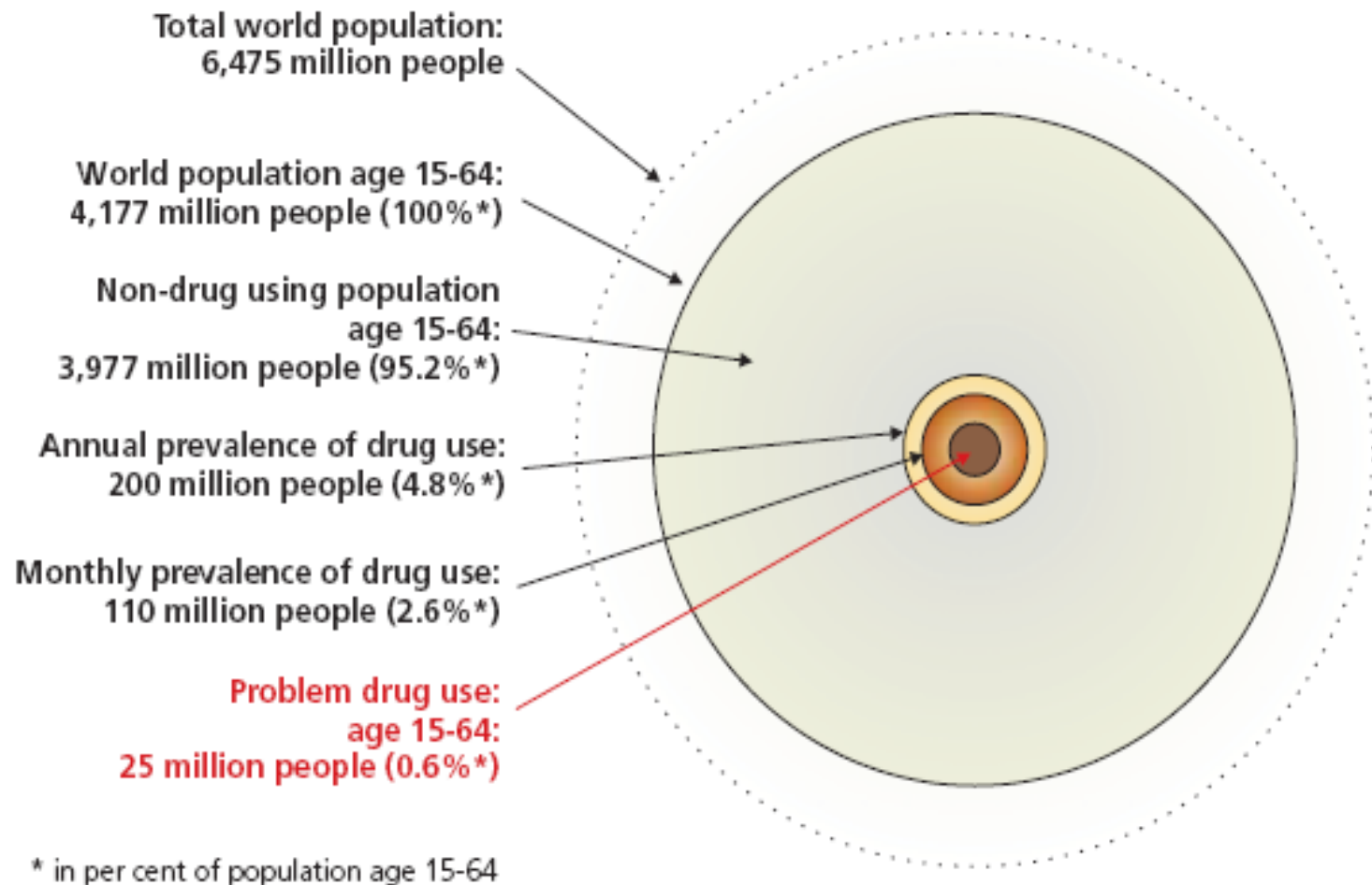
Public Policies on Drug Treatment

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So why TREATMENT ?

- **Severity of the Problem**
- **Human Rights**
 - **Right to Life and Health**
 - **Right to Protection and Social Security**
 - **Nondiscrimination**
- **Obligation of the State**

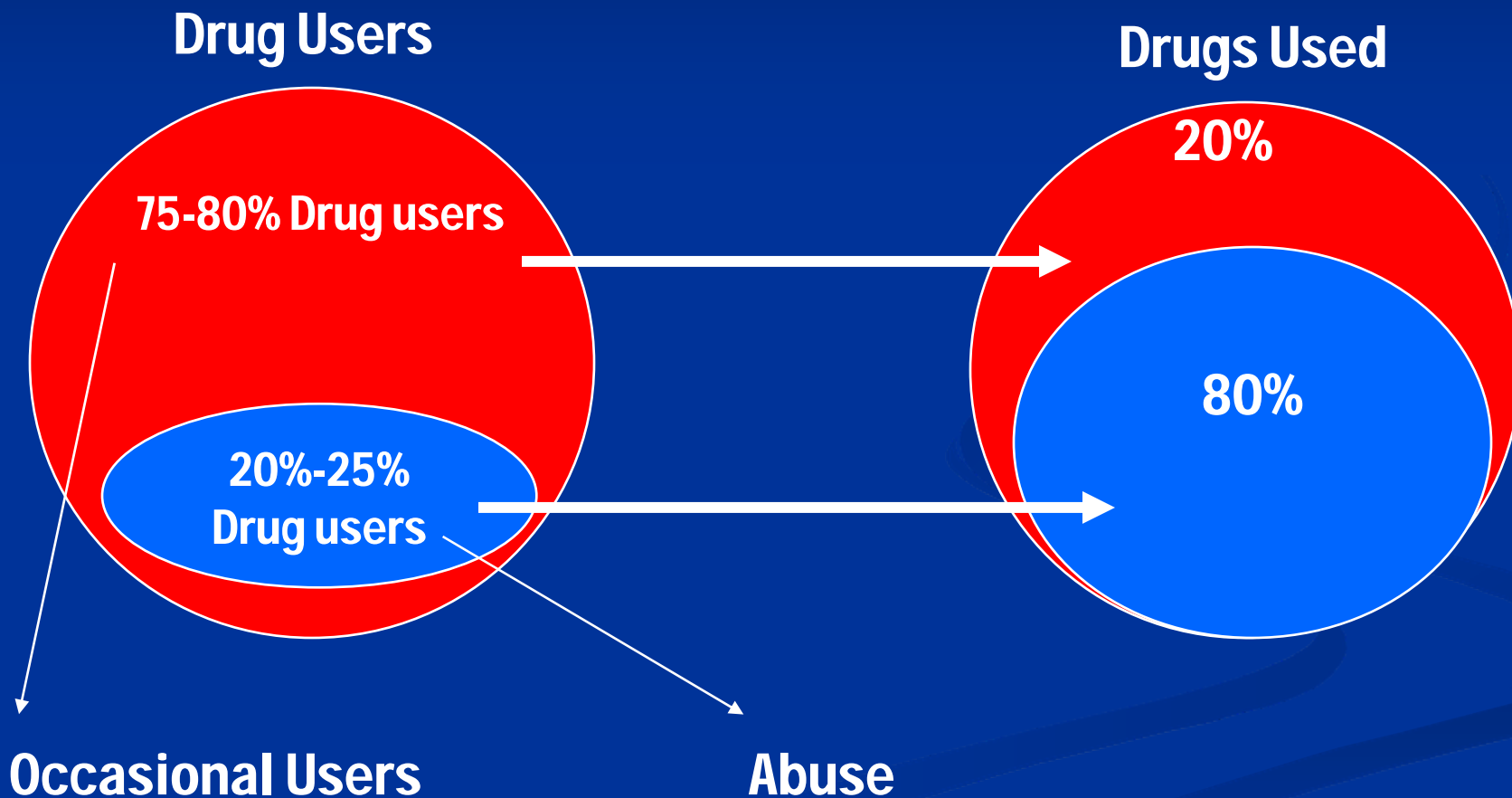
Illegal drug use at the global level (2005/2006)



Source: United Nations Report, 2007

Drug Users vs Drugs Used

Source: Kleiman "Controlling Drug use and crime with testing, sanctions and treatment"



Drug dependence

- Multifactorial, chronic and recurrent health problem
- Impact on socioeconomic development
- Security problem
- High Cost:
 - Health
 - Productivity
 - Security
 - Violence & accidents
- Treatable
- Cost effective (WHO) 1:13
 - Cost of Treatment
 - Indirect costs
 - Crime
 - Health
 - Social productivity
- “Minimum” treatment
 - Certified
 - Systematic
 - Science based
 - Similar to other chronic diseases

Goals of Treatment

- **To improve health and quality of life**
- **To reduce mortality and disabilities**

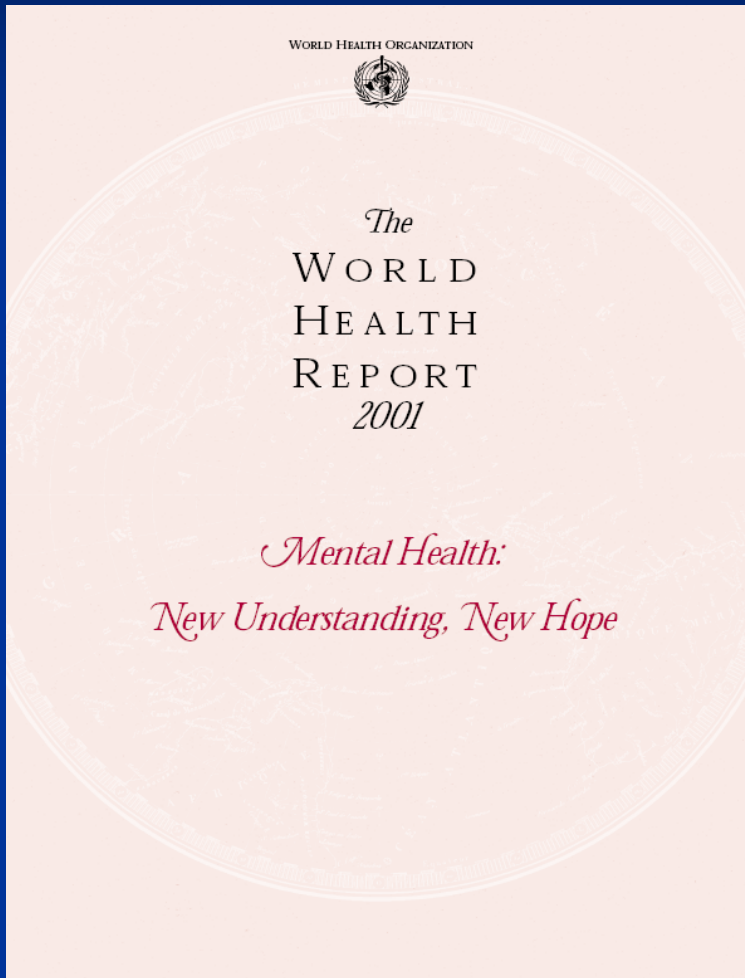
Principles of Drug Dependence Treatment

Discussion Paper

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- Availability, accessibility
- Screening, evaluation, diagnosis, treatment plan
- Evidence-based
- Human rights & dignity
- Sub-groups and special problems
- Justice system
- Community involvement
- Role of government
- Treatment systems

Recommendations for action (WHO, 2001)



- Primary health care
- Availability of medicines
- Community care
- Educate the public
- Involve communities
- National policies
- Human rights
- Links between sectors
- Monitoring
- Research

Treatment:

- Fully integrated into Antidrug Strategy
- Coordinated with other components
- Based on national legislation
- Accessible, equitable, non-discriminatory