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IN ITS
TRACKS!!

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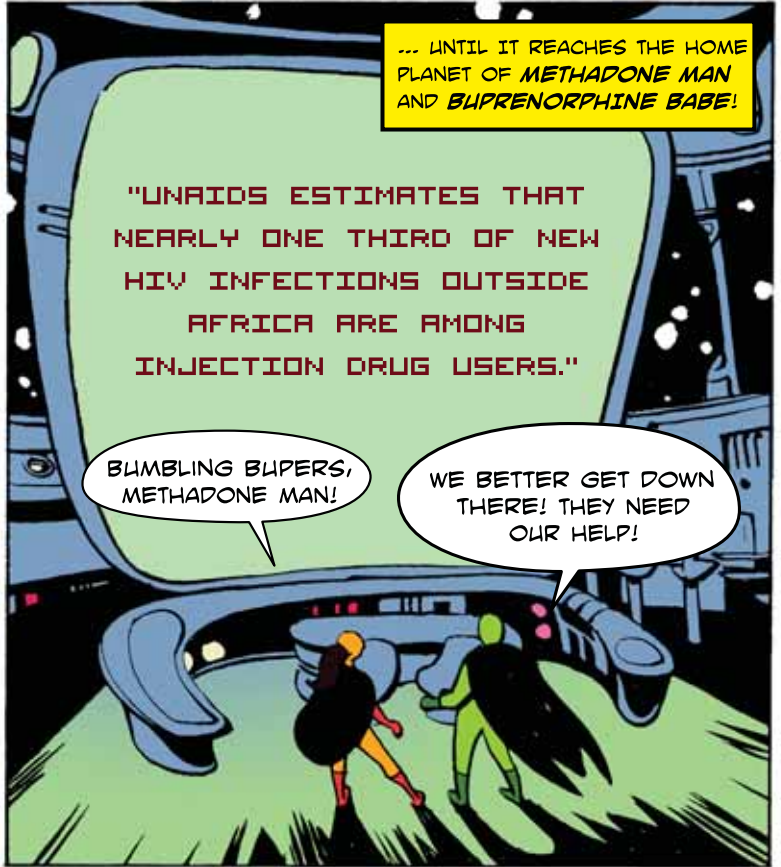
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SPACE. A LONE
SIGNAL TRAVELS DEEP
INTO THE GALAXY...



... UNTIL IT REACHES THE HOME
PLANET OF **METHADONE MAN**
AND **BUPRENORPHINE BABE!**



BUMBLING BUPERS,
METHADONE MAN!

WE BETTER GET DOWN
THERE! THEY NEED
OUR HELP!

"UNAIDS ESTIMATES THAT
NEARLY ONE THIRD OF NEW
HIV INFECTIONS OUTSIDE
AFRICA ARE AMONG
INJECTION DRUG USERS."

LET'S GO!!



IN THE BLINK OF AN EYE, OUR HEROES DASH THROUGH SPACE TO HELP THOSE IN NEED.

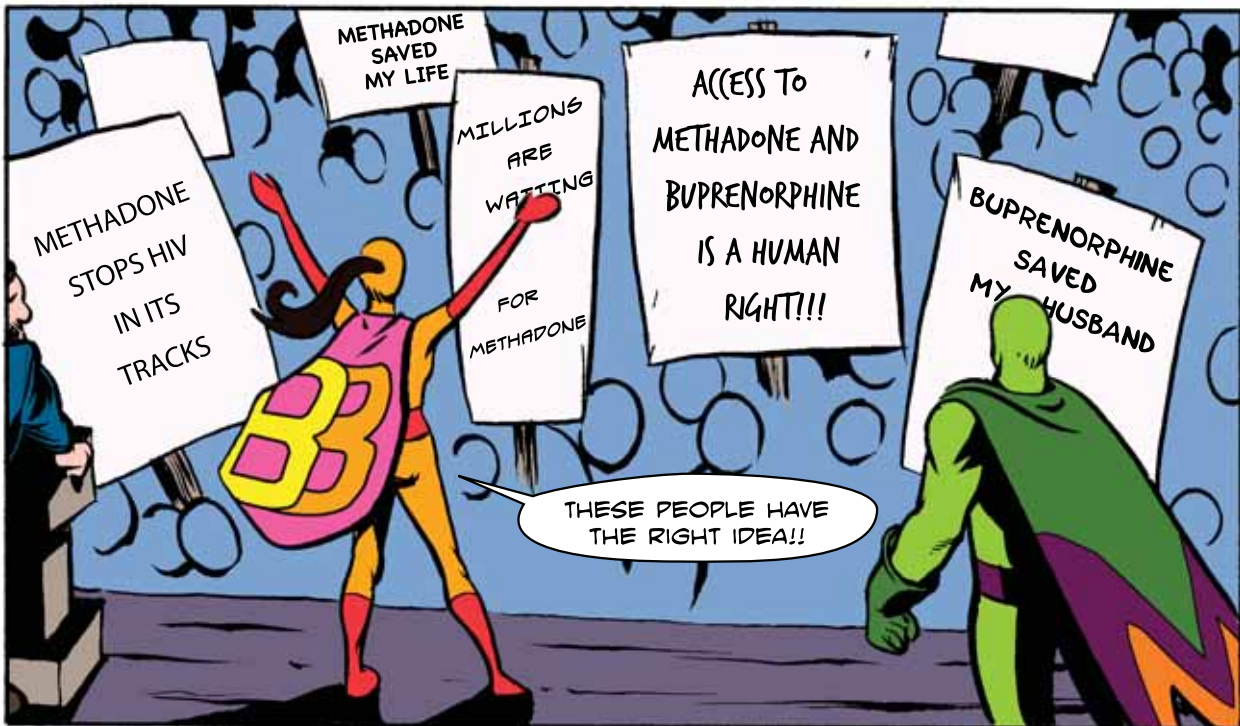




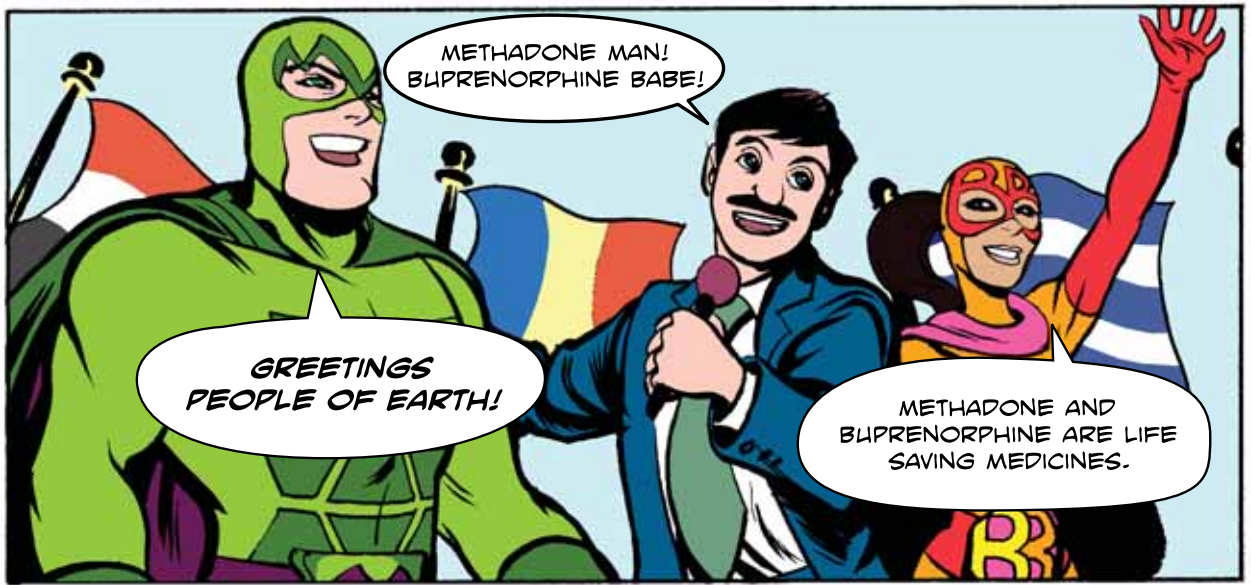
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I'M GLAD TO SEE WE DIDN'T TRAVEL ALL THAT WAY FOR NOTHING!



THESE PEOPLE HAVE THE RIGHT IDEA!!



METHADONE MAN!
BUPRENORPHINE BABE!

GREETINGS
PEOPLE OF EARTH!

METHADONE AND
BUPRENORPHINE ARE LIFE
SAVING MEDICINES.

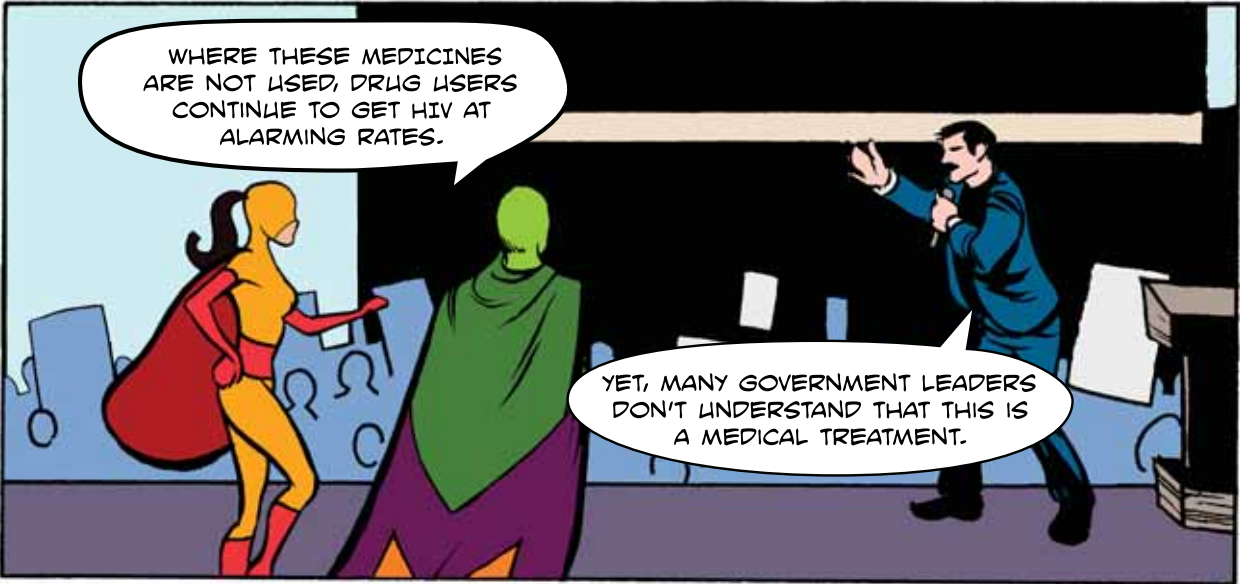


WE CAN STOP HIV IN
ITS TRACKS!

TELL US
YOUR PLAN!

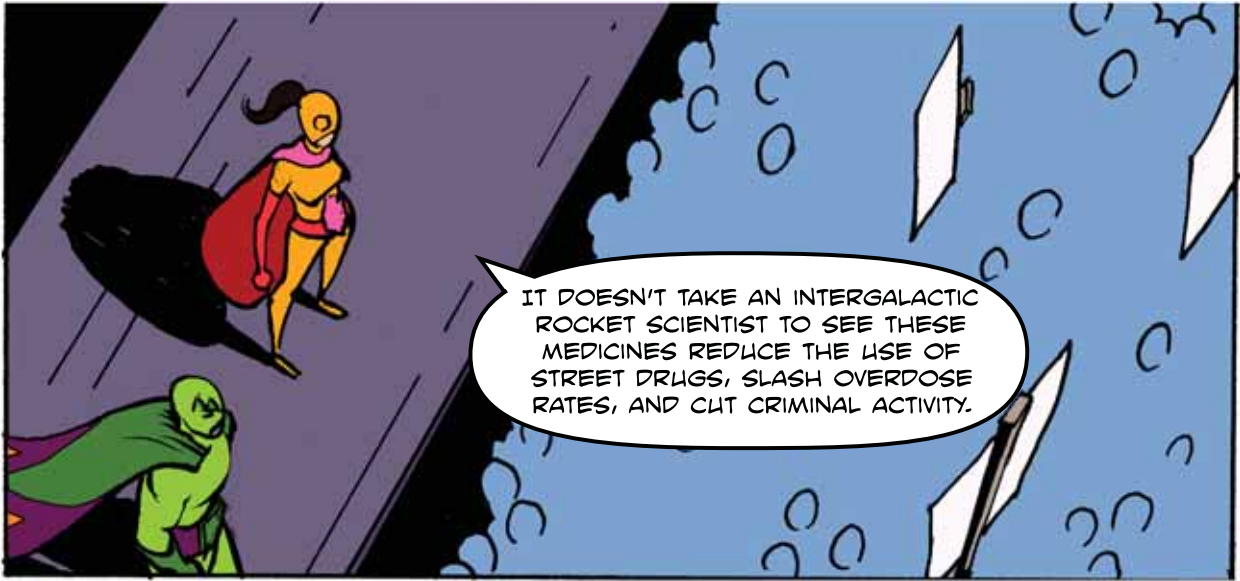


CLEAN NEEDLES AND ACCESS TO
METHADONE AND BUPE MEAN
FEWER HIV INFECTIONS.



WHERE THESE MEDICINES ARE NOT USED, DRUG USERS CONTINUE TO GET HIV AT ALARMING RATES.

YET, MANY GOVERNMENT LEADERS DON'T UNDERSTAND THAT THIS IS A MEDICAL TREATMENT.

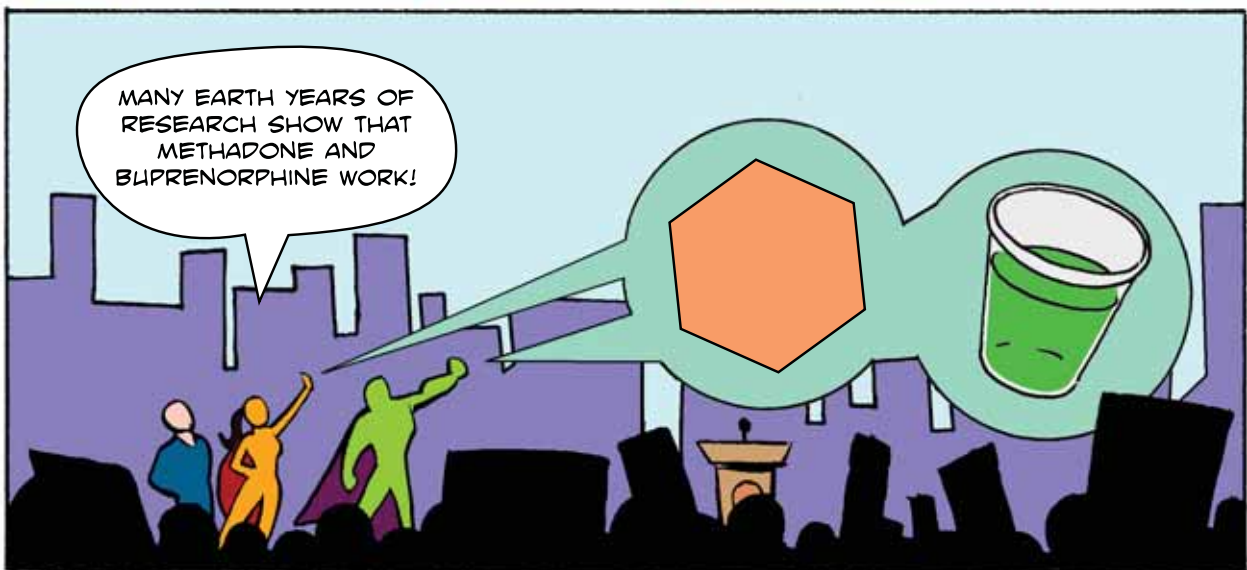


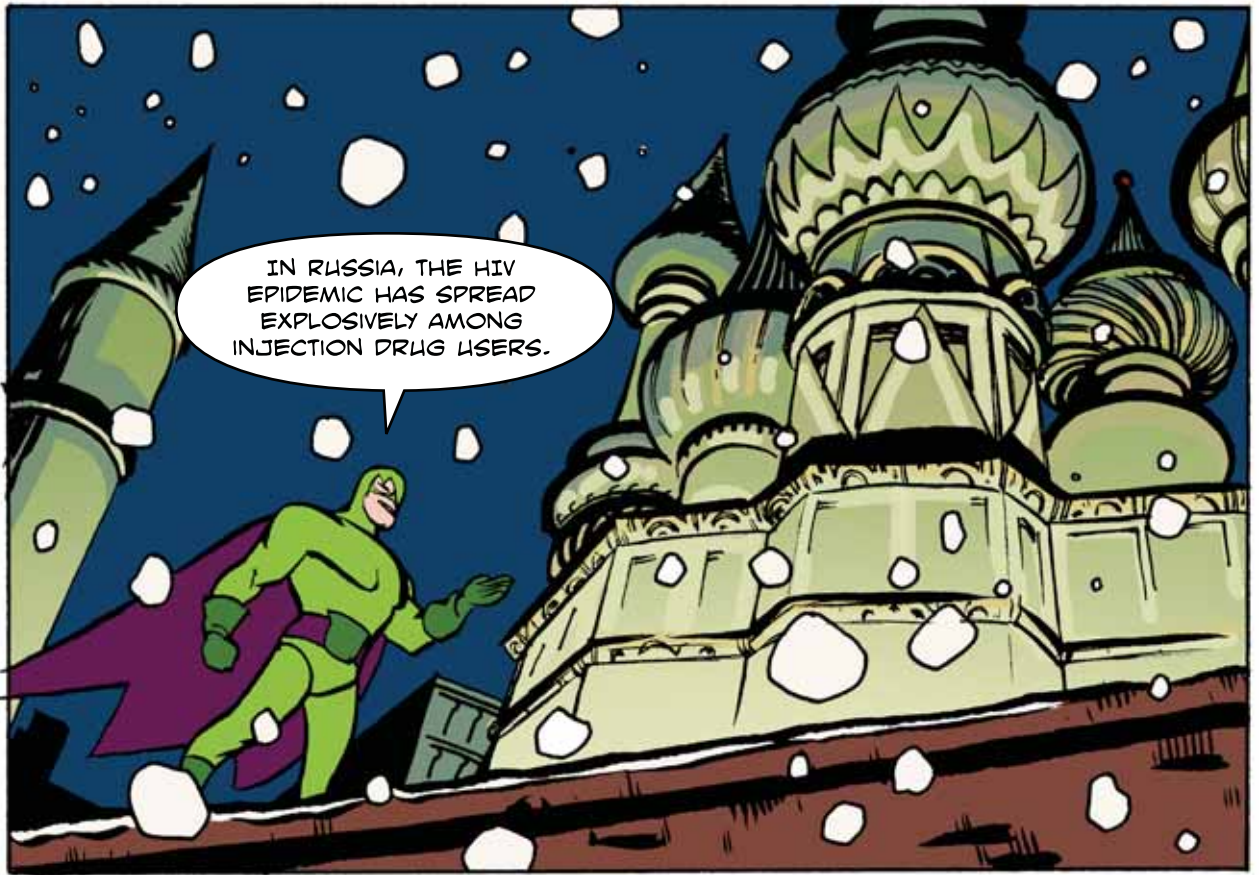
IT DOESN'T TAKE AN INTERGALACTIC ROCKET SCIENTIST TO SEE THESE MEDICINES REDUCE THE USE OF STREET DRUGS, SLASH OVERDOSE RATES, AND CUT CRIMINAL ACTIVITY.



METHADONE AND BUPRENORPHINE ARE SOME OF THE BEST TOOLS THE MEDICAL PROFESSION HAS FOR HELPING PEOPLE TO STOP INJECTING DRUGS AND FIGHT HIV AND AIDS.

TALK ABOUT THE BEST OF BOTH WORLDS!

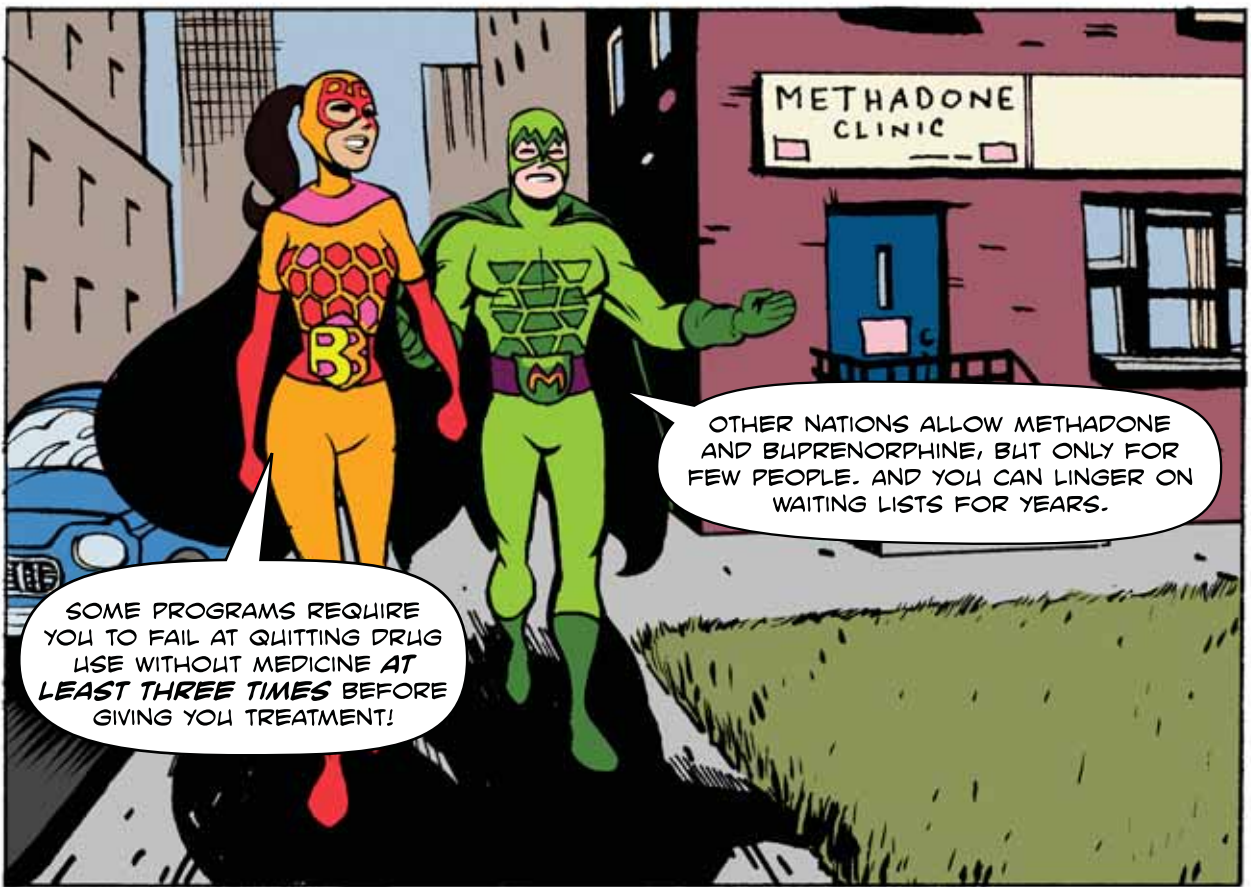




IN RUSSIA, THE HIV EPIDEMIC HAS SPREAD EXPLOSIVELY AMONG INJECTION DRUG USERS.



METHADONE AND BUPRENORPHINE ARE ILLEGAL HERE DESPITE OVERWHELMING SCIENTIFIC EVIDENCE THAT SHOWS THEY ARE EFFECTIVE!



SOME PROGRAMS REQUIRE YOU TO FAIL AT QUITTING DRUG USE WITHOUT MEDICINE AT **LEAST THREE TIMES** BEFORE GIVING YOU TREATMENT!

OTHER NATIONS ALLOW METHADONE AND BUPRENORPHINE, BUT ONLY FOR FEW PEOPLE. AND YOU CAN LINGER ON WAITING LISTS FOR YEARS.



IN VIETNAM, LESS THAN HALF OF ONE PERCENT OF INJECTION DRUG USERS HAVE ACCESS TO THESE PROGRAMS.

EVEN THOUGH THEY ACCOUNT FOR 65% OF HIV INFECTIONS.



**MILLIONS
ARE
WAITING!**



IN POLAND, ONLY
1,000 PEOPLE ARE
ALLOWED TO RECEIVE
METHADONE TREATMENT!



OTHER COUNTRIES IMPOSE
REGULATIONS THAT MAKE IT
DIFFICULT FOR DRUG USERS
TO GET THESE MEDICINES.



UKRAINE WON'T MAKE TREATMENT AVAILABLE IN MATERNITY HOSPITALS OR TB CLINICS.

WOMEN HAVE TO GET UP AFTER GIVING BIRTH AND DRAG THEMSELVES ACROSS TOWN TO GET MEDICINE!

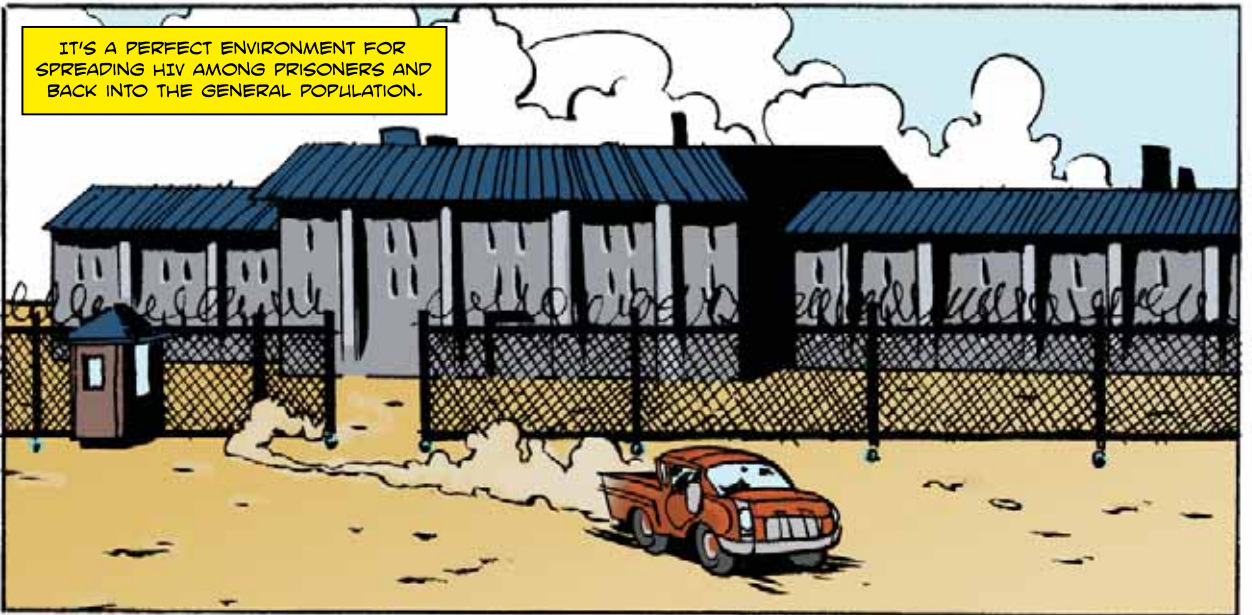


MANY STATES IN THE U.S. HAVE FEW DOCTORS WHO PRESCRIBE METHADONE OR BUPRENORPHINE.

PEOPLE IN RURAL AREAS NEED TO DRIVE LONG DISTANCES TO GET TREATED. AND MOST PEOPLE IN PRISONS ARE DENIED ACCESS.



MANY GOVERNMENTS IMPRISON DRUG USERS RATHER THAN PROVIDE THEM WITH TREATMENT. AND SINCE PRISON MANAGEMENT RARELY ALLOWS INMATES TO GET CLEAN NEEDLES, HIV SPREADS FAST!



IT'S A PERFECT ENVIRONMENT FOR SPREADING HIV AMONG PRISONERS AND BACK INTO THE GENERAL POPULATION.



INDEED, THIS IS ACTUALLY A GLOBAL PROBLEM!

"SIXTY-FIVE COUNTRIES NOW OFFER THE MEDICATIONS BUPRENORPHINE AND METHADONE TO TREAT OPIATE ADDICTION. DEEMED "ESSENTIAL MEDICINES" BY THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION, THEY ARE RECOGNIZED BY THE UNITED NATIONS OFFICE ON DRUGS AND CRIME, UNAIDS, AND MULTIPLE NATIONAL, REGIONAL, AND INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL ORGANIZATIONS TO REDUCE DRUG INJECTION AND DRUG-RELATED CRIME, AND TO IMPROVE PUBLIC ORDER, FAMILY SATISFACTION, RETURN TO EMPLOYMENT, AND ADHERENCE TO HIV TREATMENT.

UNFORTUNATELY, EVEN WHEN MEDICATION-ASSISTED TREATMENT PROGRAMS WITH METHADONE OR BUPRENORPHINE ARE AVAILABLE, THEY FAIL TO REACH MANY OF THOSE WHO COULD BENEFIT.

ONE REASON FOR THIS IS THE MANY REQUIREMENTS—INCLUDING ADMISSION RESTRICTIONS, LIMITED HOURS OF OPERATION, WAITING LISTS, AND CLUMBERSOME PRESCRIPTION AND STORAGE REQUIREMENTS — THAT MAKE IT DIFFICULT FOR PATIENTS TO ENTER TREATMENT."

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***LOWERING THE THRESHOLD: MODELS OF ACCESSIBLE
METHADONE AND BUPRENORPHINE TREATMENT***

GLOBAL AVAILABILITY OF OPIOID SUBSTITUTION THERAPY



*"EIGHTY-EIGHT COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES WHERE INJECTING DRUG USE
HAS BEEN REPORTED HAVE NO OPIOID SUBSTITUTION THERAPY AT ALL!"*

*- INTERNATIONAL HARM REDUCTION ASSOCIATION
THE GLOBAL STATE OF HARM REDUCTION 2010*

IN GEORGIA...

IN INDONESIA...



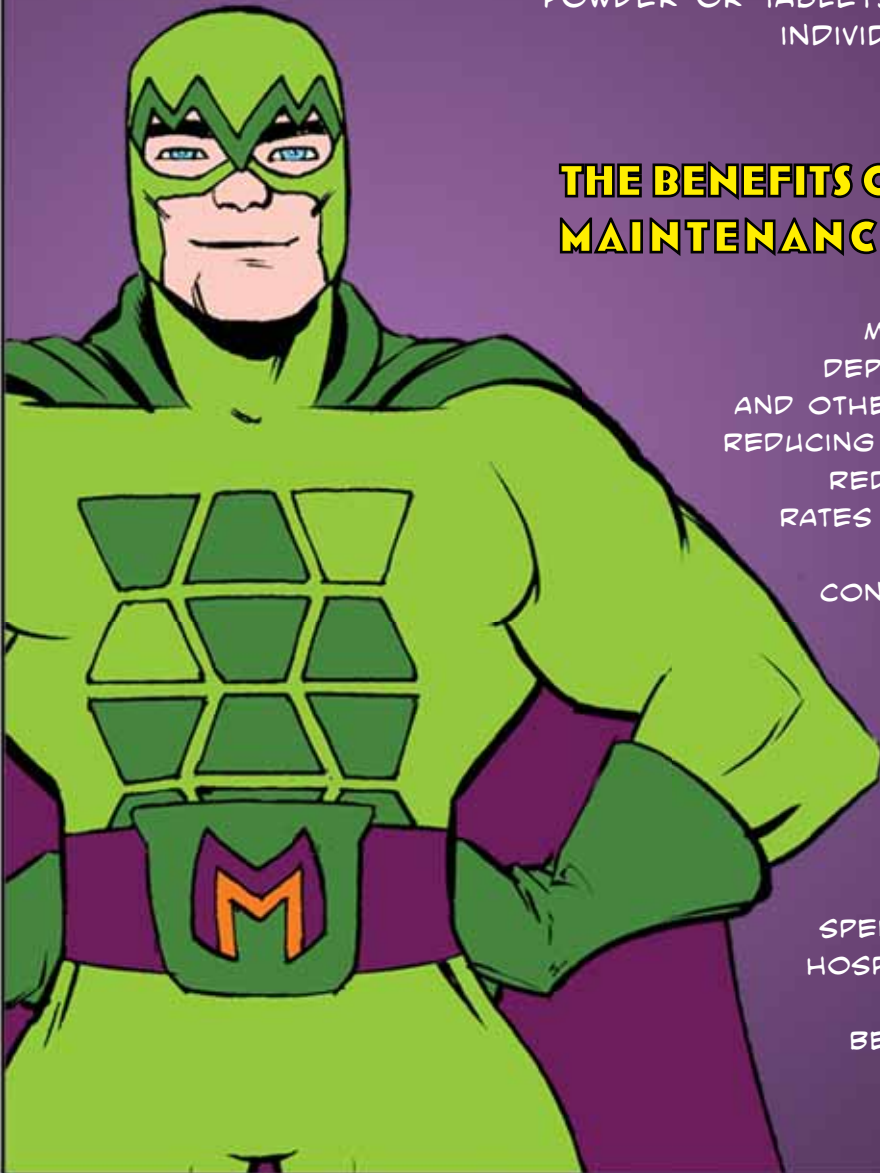


AND IN KYRGYZSTAN,

PEOPLE ARE OFTEN DISCOURAGED FROM
TREATMENT PROGRAMS BECAUSE OF
LOOOOOOONG WAITING LISTS.

WHAT IS METHADONE?

METHADONE IS A LONG-ACTING, SYNTHETIC DRUG USED FOR THE TREATMENT OF OPIOID (HEROIN, OXYCONTIN, ETC.) DEPENDENCY. METHADONE IS DISPENSED ORALLY AS A LIQUID, POWDER OR TABLETS. DOSES MUST BE INDIVIDUALLY DETERMINED.



THE BENEFITS OF METHADONE MAINTENANCE TREATMENT

METHADONE REDUCES DEPENDENCY ON HEROIN AND OTHER OPIATES, THEREBY REDUCING OVERDOSE. IT ALSO REDUCES HIV INFECTION RATES BY LIMITING THE USE AND SHARING OF CONTAMINATED SYRINGES.

OPIOID USERS WHO RECEIVE METHADONE TREATMENT ARE HEALTHIER THAN THOSE WHO DO NOT.

THEY LIVE LONGER, SPEND LESS TIME IN THE HOSPITAL, COMMIT FEWER CRIMES AND HAVE BETTER RELATIONSHIPS WITH THEIR FAMILIES.

METHADONE HELPS DRUG USERS STABILIZE THEIR LIVES. AND IT HELPS THOSE WHO ARE HIV-POSITIVE TO STAY ON AIDS TREATMENTS.

*METHADONE STOPS HIV
IN ITS TRACKS!*



WHAT IS BUPRENORPHINE?

BUPRENORPHINE IS A SAFE AND EFFECTIVE MEDICATION PRESCRIBED FOR OPIOID ADDICTION. IT RELIEVES WITHDRAWAL, REDUCES CRAVING AND BLOCKS HEROIN IN WAYS SIMILAR TO METHADONE. DOSES ARE TAKEN ORALLY IN TABLET FORM AND ARE CUSTOMIZED FOR EACH PATIENT.



THE BENEFITS OF BUPRENORPHINE MAINTENANCE TREATMENT

BUPRENORPHINE REDUCES DEPENDENCY ON HEROIN AND OTHER OPIATES. IT ALSO REDUCES HIV INFECTION RATES BY LIMITING THE USE AND SHARING OF CONTAMINATED SYRINGES.

PATIENTS WHO TAKE BUPRENORPHINE LEAD LONGER, HEALTHIER LIVES THAN THOSE NOT RECEIVING TREATMENT.



BUPRENORPHINE EACH DAY
KEEPS INJECTION AWAY!



AND, TOGETHER,
WE SAVE LIVES!!!





**RAISE AWARENESS
AND TAKE ACTION!**

**MILLIONS ARE
WAITING ON YOU!!!**

RESOURCES

DRUG POLICY ALLIANCE
WWW.DRUGPOLICY.ORG

**INTERNATIONAL CENTER FOR THE ADVANCEMENT
OF ADDICTION TREATMENT**
WWW.OPIATEADDICTIONRX.INFO

INTERNATIONAL DRUG POLICY CONSORTIUM
WWW.IDPC.NET

INTERNATIONAL HARM REDUCTION ASSOCIATION
WWW.IHRA.NET

**INPLUD - THE INTERNATIONAL NETWORK OF PEOPLE
WHO USE DRUGS**
WWW.INPLUD.NET

INTERNATIONAL NURSING HARM REDUCTION NETWORK
WWW.INHRN.NET

NATIONAL INSTITUTE ON DRUG ABUSE
WWW.INTERNATIONAL-DRUGABUSE.GOV/COLLABORATION/GUIDE_METHADONE/INTRO.HTML

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WOMEN'S HARM REDUCTION INTERNATIONAL NETWORK
WWW.TALKINGDRUGS.ORG/WOMENS-HARM-REDUCTION-GROUP

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HARM REDUCTION NETWORKS

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HACIA LAS DROGAS*

WWW.CUPIHD.ORG

*MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICAN
HARM REDUCTION ASSOCIATION*

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EUROPEAN HARM REDUCTION NETWORK

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