

### BREAKING BARRIERS BUILDING BRIDGES

# RED CROSS AND RED CRESCENT







Villa Maraini Foundation - Rome Sala Solferino - Italian Red Cross Headquarters, Via Bernardo Ramazzini 31 from May 2nd to May 5th, 2023

#### Reme Consensus 2.0 SUMMIT & 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE RED CROSS AND RED CRESCENT PARTNERSHIP ON SUBSTANCE ABUSE

Over the past decade, the RCRC Partnership on Substance Abuse has made significant strides in supporting Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies and NGOs in addressing substance abuse issues at the community level. With over 17,000 beneficiaries reached, the support provided to more than 70 National Societies, and training delivered



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to over 1,000 volunteers and staff through training courses, capacity building, advocacy tools, cooperation programs, awareness campaigns, international projects, research, and promotion of good practices, the partnership has been a driving force for positive change.

One of the significant outcomes of its advocacy initiatives is the Rome Consensus. This international humanitarian alliance addresses the main challenges of drug addiction by providing solutions through a humanitarian approach. This statement has gained gradual support and collected signatures from over 7,000 professionals and 600 organizations across 70 countries.

The upcoming Summit presents a unique opportunity to gather and engage in discussions with leading experts, professionals, activists, and Red Cross and Red Crescent leaders in a participatory meeting designed based on participants' national and international experiences. The goal is to build a stronger alliance and explore new and more effective ways to advocate at all levels for humane and evidence-based drug policies that can improve access to treatment and social inclusion for people who use drugs.

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### The focus of discussion will be:

- **+**C The Red Cross/Red Crescent role in tackling drug-related issues.
- The Rome Consensus 2.0 Statement as a concrete tool for implementing Humanitarian Drug Policy.
- The Continuum of Care Strategy: from Harm Reduction to Evidence Treatment and Recovery.
  - The Alternative to Incarceration: "Deflection and Diversion" as a new global strategy that aims to reduce crime, avoid prison and suffering and improve access to health care for people who use drugs.







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