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I am a recovery person, since 1993, I've been working in the field of treatment, prevention, harm reduction, drug policy and public health advocacy for the last 25 years. I'm the President of the IFNGO – International Federation of Non-Governmental Organizations for the Prevention of Drug and Substance Abuse, the largest NGO network from Asia. I'm also member of the board of the FTCA – Federation of Therapeutic Communities of Asia, and I am currently the President and the Executive Director of the ARTM – Association of the Rehabilitation of Drug Abusers of Macau since 2000. Today ARTM, has 1 Integrate Services Center with a multi approach of services with focus on drug & alcohol treatment, Violence domestic shelter, gambling, shelter for foreigner's prisoners release, families and communities, ARTM has lunch the first and unique NSP program of South East Asia with the support of the Macau Government, which has been successful implemented since 2008, with zero new cases of HIV/AIDS among the people that inject drugs on the last 6 years.

ARTM, has also develop the Be Cool Project, a primary prevention project for the youth in Macau since 2012, and since 2020, due to the COVID-19 we have been working very close with the minorities communities, developing a range of prevention and interventions to the most vulnerable communities ( Philippines, Vietnam, Indonesia, Nepalese and Myanmar ) that have been struggling and vulnerable due to the COVID-19 restrictions.

To support the recovery and a successful reintegration into the society, ARTM launch in 2020, the Hold on to Hope Project that consist in the revitalization of a former leprosarium colony into a tourist spot with a café, gallery, live library and kids corner workshop all run by recovery people and people in treatment. Working close with the Hotel industry in providing career training, skills and jobs.

I have been awarded few times has appreciation for the work I have been developing in Macau, in 2013 Winner of the Macau Business Award for Outstanding Role as a NGO, in 2015 Medal of Gold Merit of the Portuguese Communities, Award by the Government of the Republic Portuguese, in 2017 Medal of Communities Services, Award by the Government of the Macau Special Administrative Region

ARTM is also a Member of the Narcotics Control Commission of Macau SAR Government, Member of the Youth Drug Commission of Macau SAR Government, Member of the AIDS Prevention and Control Commission of Macau SAR Government, Member of the WFTC – World Federation of Therapeutic Communities and Member of the Australia Harm Reduction Working with VNGOC I am part of VNGOC since 2008 and participated in all process of the Regional consultation Beyond 2008. Presently I am working as member VNGOC Asia Pacific region since its creation and contributed for common position on drugs.

How can I help the VNGOC? How can I help Asia? Mainly the South East Asia? First, I am very independent person and I have good relationships with the different institutions of different backgrounds and views, I believe in the Continuum care of services, I believe all approaches are necessary and we should not lose time in fighting what's the best method, the best grammar and in many other irrelevant issues that don't contribute in nothing for the improve of the drug policy in general.

If I am elect besides the general work that I will be committed 100% , I will use my position as President of IFNGO to motivate and involve the NGOs of Asia working in our field to be more active and concern on a global way in Asia. I will also, motivate my colleagues of the board to focus more in Asia, as it is important to intensively work to promote the credibility of the drug treatment standards in Asia, to create a good communication with the member states in the region providing the knowledge, the tools for the implementation of good treatment programs, but also evidence based prevention programs working close the UNODC in the region, and also, promoting the good results of the NSP program in Macau to another regions, countries, so more NSPs and other harm reduction measures can be implemented. Develop a network of recovery persons to reduce the stigma and support those suffering from it. I will work to build, unify, to cooperate and no confrontation. Last but not the least, as one of the founders of the VNGOC ad hoc Asia Working Group and I will save no efforts to promote the common position among the Asia member states so changes can happen.

Been elected, or not been elected, Thank you very much for your attention!