

Our Rights, Everybody's  
Rights Drug Policy and  
Human Rights Technical  
Assistance Program

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# Introduction

- SANPUD in collaboration with the International Network of People who Use Drugs (INPUD) funded the Our Rights, Everybody's Rights: Drug Policy and Human Rights Technical Assistance Program
- In participation there were 14 people from multiple stakeholders across South Africa, from harm reduction centres to health care providers and networks.

# The goal & outcomes achieved

## Goal

- Promote community- led decriminalization agenda
- To address punitive legal and policy environments
- To increase knowledge on global HIV targets, community-led response, human rights and legal reform

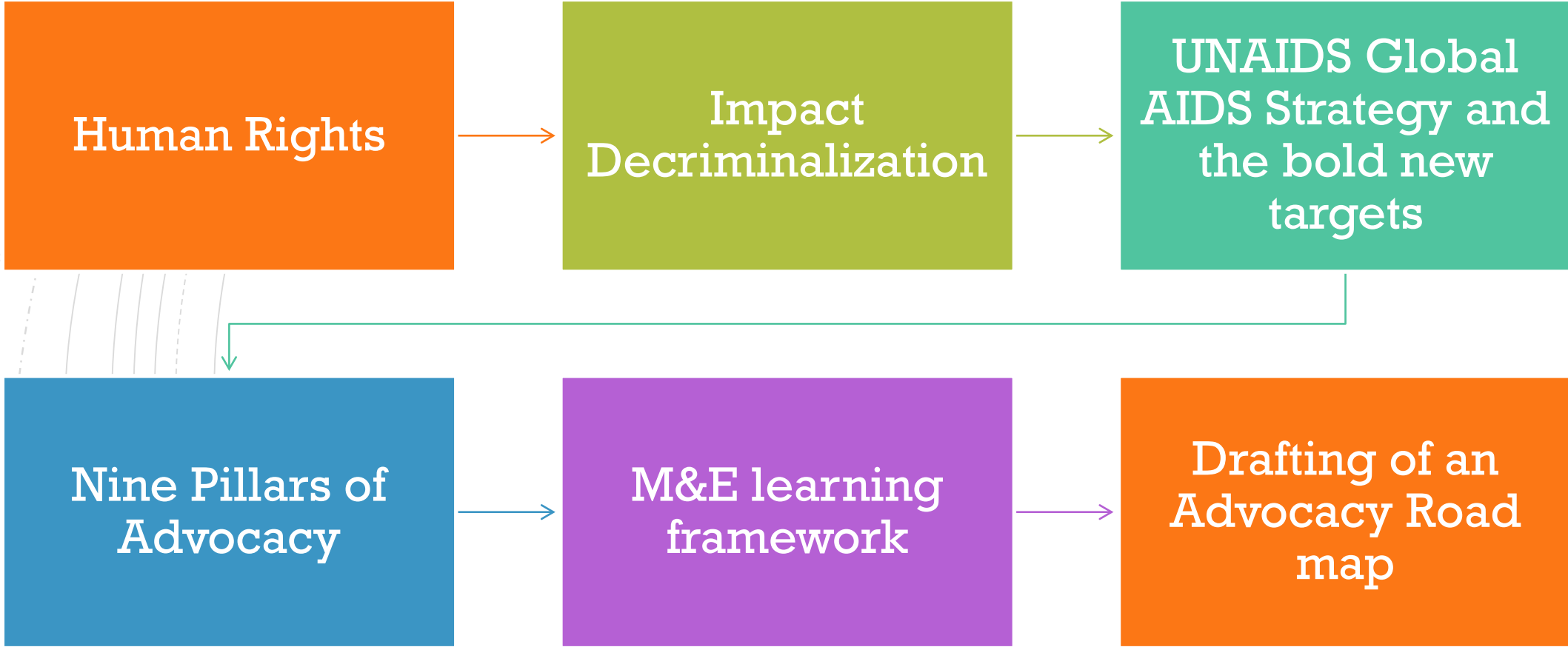
## Outcomes achieved

- Understanding of criminalisation of possession
- How to use data to create a roadmap
- Having a better understanding on why it's important to be familiar with various data



- Prioritize fundamental advocacy issue and advocacy objectives.
- Policy ,declaration and targets
- National, Regional, and International landscapes of drug policy and criminalization
- Participants collaborated to create a roadmap
- Sex worker advocates joined on day three
- Outreach

# What was learnt



# The Advocacy Road Map





What is an  
advocacy road  
map

**The Advocacy Road  
map is a road map to  
address Advocacy  
issues related to the  
Global targets,  
decriminalisation  
and harm reduction  
in South Africa**

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# Overall Advocacy goal

- To enable people who use drugs to have greater human rights protection, reduced vulnerability and increased access to harm reduction and comprehensive health services in South Africa by 2027



# Advocacy strategy

## Priority issues identified

1. The consequences of the criminalisation of drug use and the need for full drug decriminalisation.
2. The limited access to harm reduction services, particularly for women who use drugs
3. Human rights violations experienced by people who use drugs by police and law enforcement, including violence, the confiscation of personal belongings, injecting equipment, and medication

# Advocacy Objectives

1. To move towards the decriminalisation of drug use and possession of small amounts for personal use in South Africa by 2027.
2. To advocate for the achievement of the Global AIDS Strategy harm reduction targets for people who use drugs in South Africa by 2025.
3. To ensure that less than 10% of people who use drugs experience stigma and discrimination at community healthcare centres by 2025.

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