



## Factsheet

### Linking social work and treatment efforts in connection with khat addiction in diaspora

Aarhus is the second largest city in Denmark.

The population of the Municipality of Aarhus is: *305.089 citizens*

Population of ethnic Somalis in Denmark is: 16.500 citizens

Population of ethnic Somalis in Aarhus is: *3.769 or 1.2% of total population*

The Municipality of Aarhus is divided into 4 social districts

The population in Social District West of Aarhus is: *61,411 citizens*

The population of ethnic Somalis in Social District of Aarhus West is: *1,640 citizens*

Employment among total population aged 16-64: 75%

Employment among citizens of Somali ethnicity aged 16-64: 36%

### The Iftiin project consists of an outreach effort and a treatment effort in Social District West of Aarhus.

The project has come about as collaboration between the Social Service Centre, Center of Substance Abuse Treatment Service, Employment centre, police and the local Somalian clubs.

The primary collaborators in the project:

#### A local outreach team from the Department of Social Service:

- Somali employees
- Outreach work in the streets
- In-home support staff
- Building bridges between the system and the user
- Activities: exercises, drop-in centre, and communal meals

#### Treatment-team, Center for Substance Abuse Treatment Service

- Treatment services in the local community
- Involving outreach employees with dual cultural backgrounds in the treatment
- Cognitive treatment options adapted to the target group

#### Employment counselling for refugees and immigrants, the Department of Employment

- Employment clarification and initiatives adapted to the target group

#### "Gadeklinikken", Center of Substance Abuse Treatment Service

- Social and health service assistance and guidance to citizens with addiction to khat
- Assistance in establishing a connection with the established health care system

#### "Center basen", Center for at-risk Citizens

- Assistance in providing support for the homeless
- Support for housing and in-home support

#### The Somalian clubs

The project cooperates with the Somalian clubs. The clubs participate actively in arranging information meetings and debates about the problems that khat abuse causes, and they also arrange social and cultural activities for adults, youth and children.

#### Police

The police are active in the local community with a focus on the trade, trafficking and crime connected to khat

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