

# REVOLUTION OF DRUG POLICY



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# Legal documents

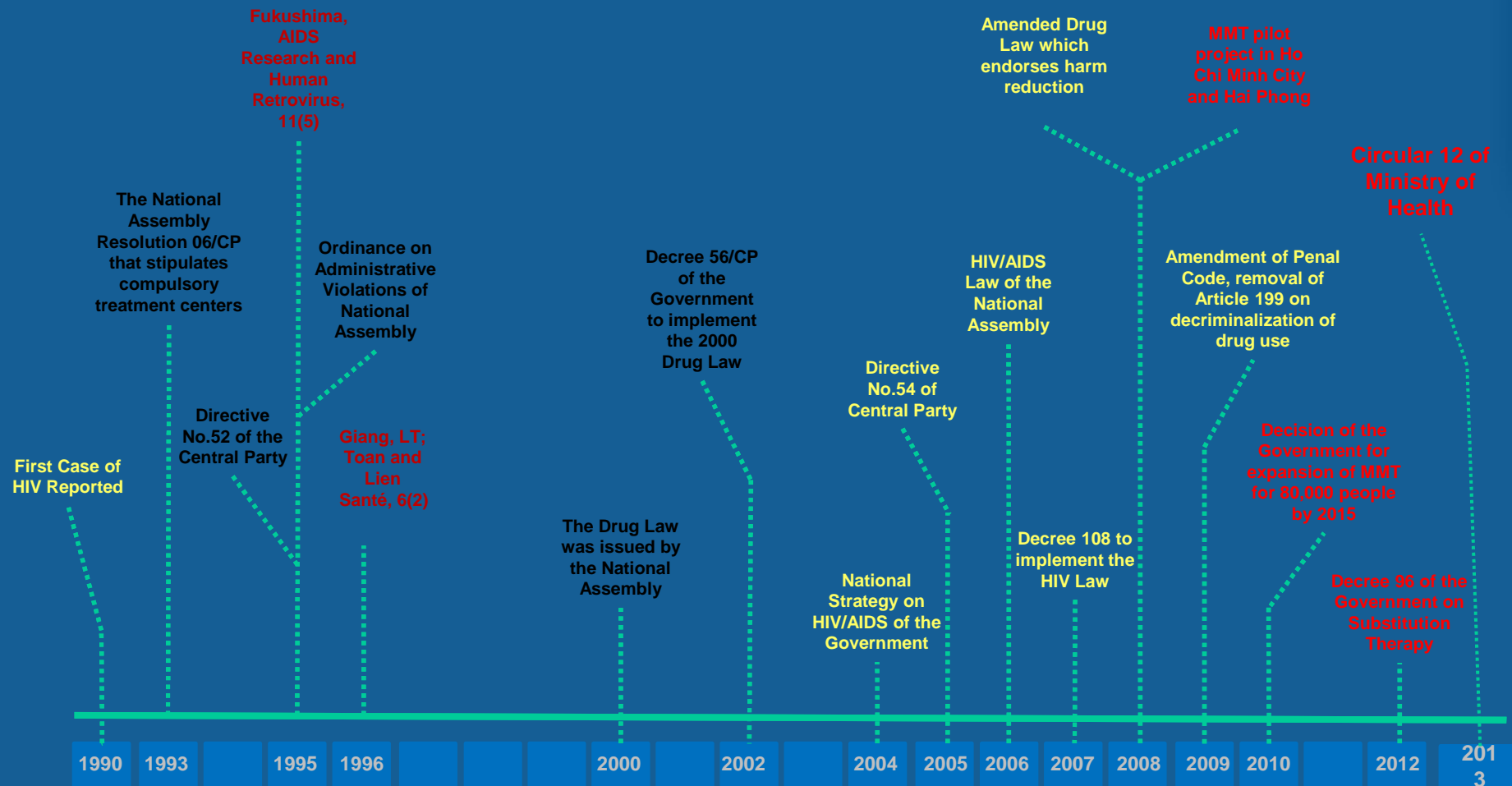


Fig. Timeline of Vietnamese Government Drug and HIV Related Policy, 1992-2012

## Enabling environment

1. Directive no 54 of the Party that provides the direction for the country leadership in HIV/AIDS.
2. HIV Law (2006) Decree 108 supports distribution of sterile injecting equipment and scaling up methadone maintenance therapy.
3. The Law Amending and Supplementing a Number of Provision of the Criminal Code No.37/2009/QH12: drug use is a social problem and recognizes user as patients rather than criminals (article 199 in penal code removed)

## Enabling Environment (continued)

4. The amendment of the Drug Law No. 16/2008/QH12 and Directive No.32/2008/CT-TTg allows the implementation of harm reduction as defined by HIV/AIDS Law.
5. National Strategy for Drug control period 2010 – 2015: Methadone is another treatment method for opioid IDUs
6. Expansion Plan: issued by 2010

## Enabling Environment (continued)

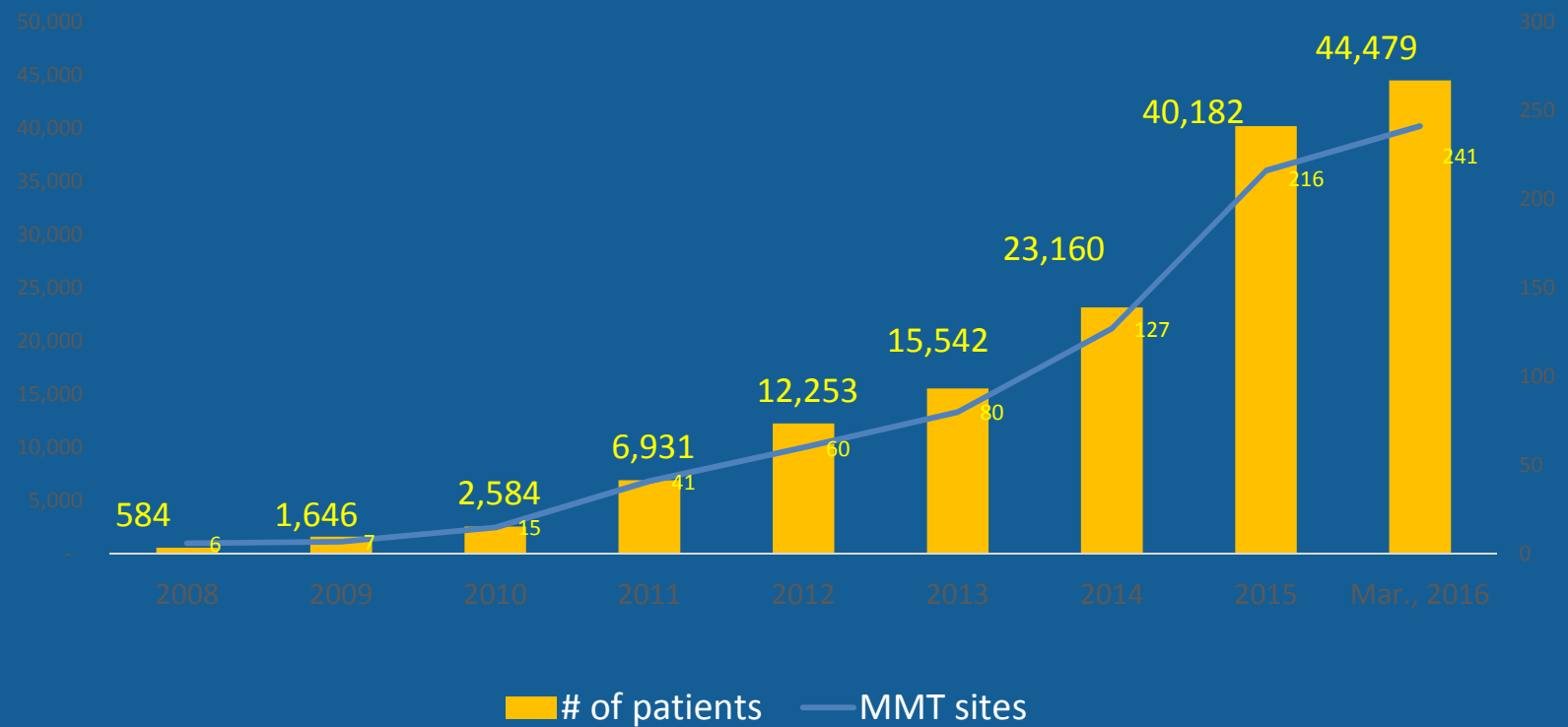
7. Drug rehabilitation renovation plan (2013):  
driving motivation for drug treatment

8. Decree 96/ND-CP (2012), Decree 90/ND-CP (2016)

- ✓ To open other treatment choices for IDUs
- ✓ To ensure consistency in following best MMT practices recommended internationally
- ✓ To expand MMT in prison and rehabilitation setting

# Impact of VN Activities on Policy Changes

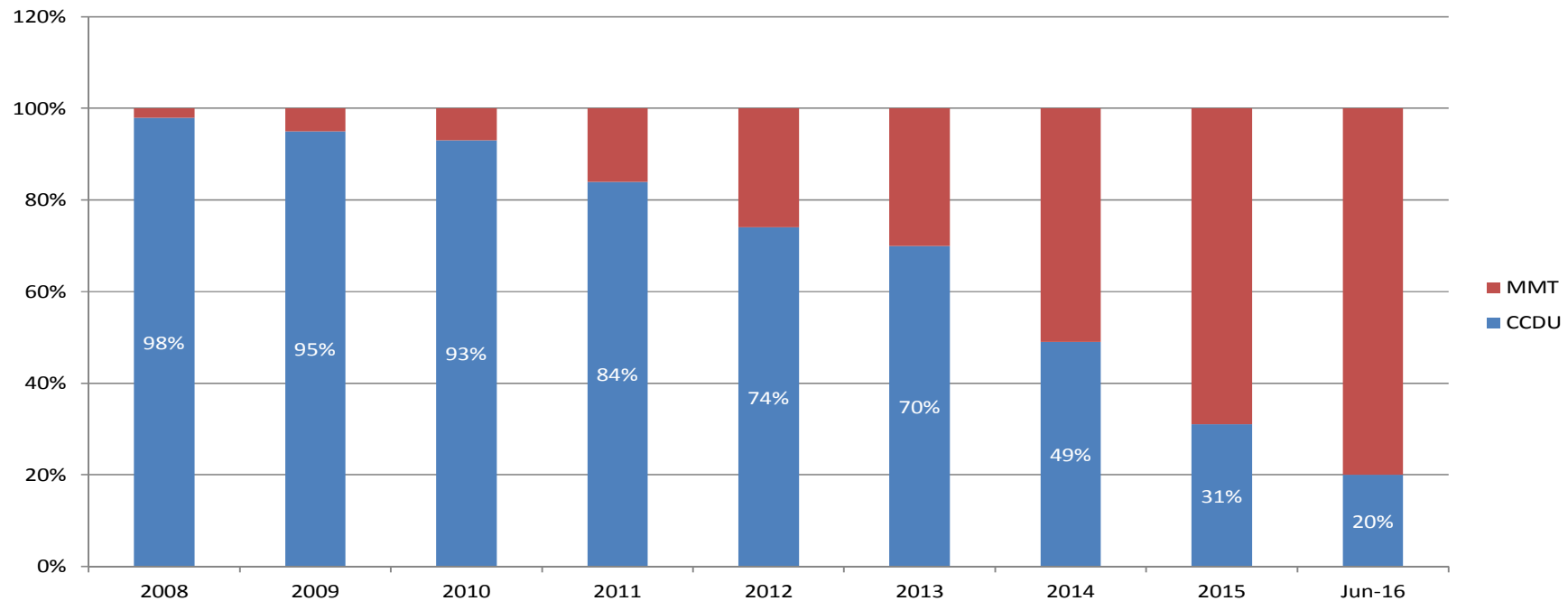
## Number of DUs on MMT in Vietnam



# Impact of VN Activities on Policy Changes

## Vietnam (2008-June,2016)

CCDU ('06 Centers) Versus Methadone Maintenance (MMT)



	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	Jun-16
CCDU	31,205	33,122	34,497	36,211	35,436	35,953	24,088	17,361	12,663
MMT	645	1,730	2,584	6,904	12,254	15,559	25,252	38,424	49,479

# DIFFICULTIES/CHALLENGES

1. Limited coverage in closed setting, mountain provinces.
2. Increasing ATS use among young and MMT patients.
3. Inconsistencies between drug policies



# RECOMMENDATIONS

1. **Scaling up MMT program**
2. **Develop/revise legal document: harmonise drug policy**

# THANK YOU!

