

Drug Prevention Policies in the Region - Republic of Trinidad & Tobago



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**SUB-REGIONAL SEMINAR: THE ROLE OF RESEARCH IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF EFFECTIVE
POLICY IN THE FIELD OF DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION**

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The National Drug Policy 2014-2018

▣ PURPOSE

- ▣ to reverse the profoundly negative impacts of drug trafficking and the related criminal activities at the national level.
- ▣ to achieve national consensus for building collaborative partnerships to curb demand, reduce supply and disrupt trafficking networks.
- ▣ to promote healthy, drug-free lifestyles



Policy Context

Policy statements that provide the contextual basis upon which action is taken:

The Gov't of T&T is committed to:

- ▣ *Developing healthy communities ..., free from the negative consequences of uncontrolled substance use, substance abuse and the illicit traffic of narcotics.*
- ▣ *Developing strategies and programmes that take into account the plural nature of our society (diverse religious, ethnic and cultural mix), and developing the strategies and programmes that take these diversities into consideration, at all levels of implementation.*
- ▣ *Pursuing with equal zeal and resources all perpetrators in drug trafficking regardless of their status, rank or special standing in society.*
- ▣ *Employing an approach which places equal emphasis on supply and demand reduction.*



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THE NATIONAL DRUG POLICY OF TRINIDAD & TOBAGO

2014

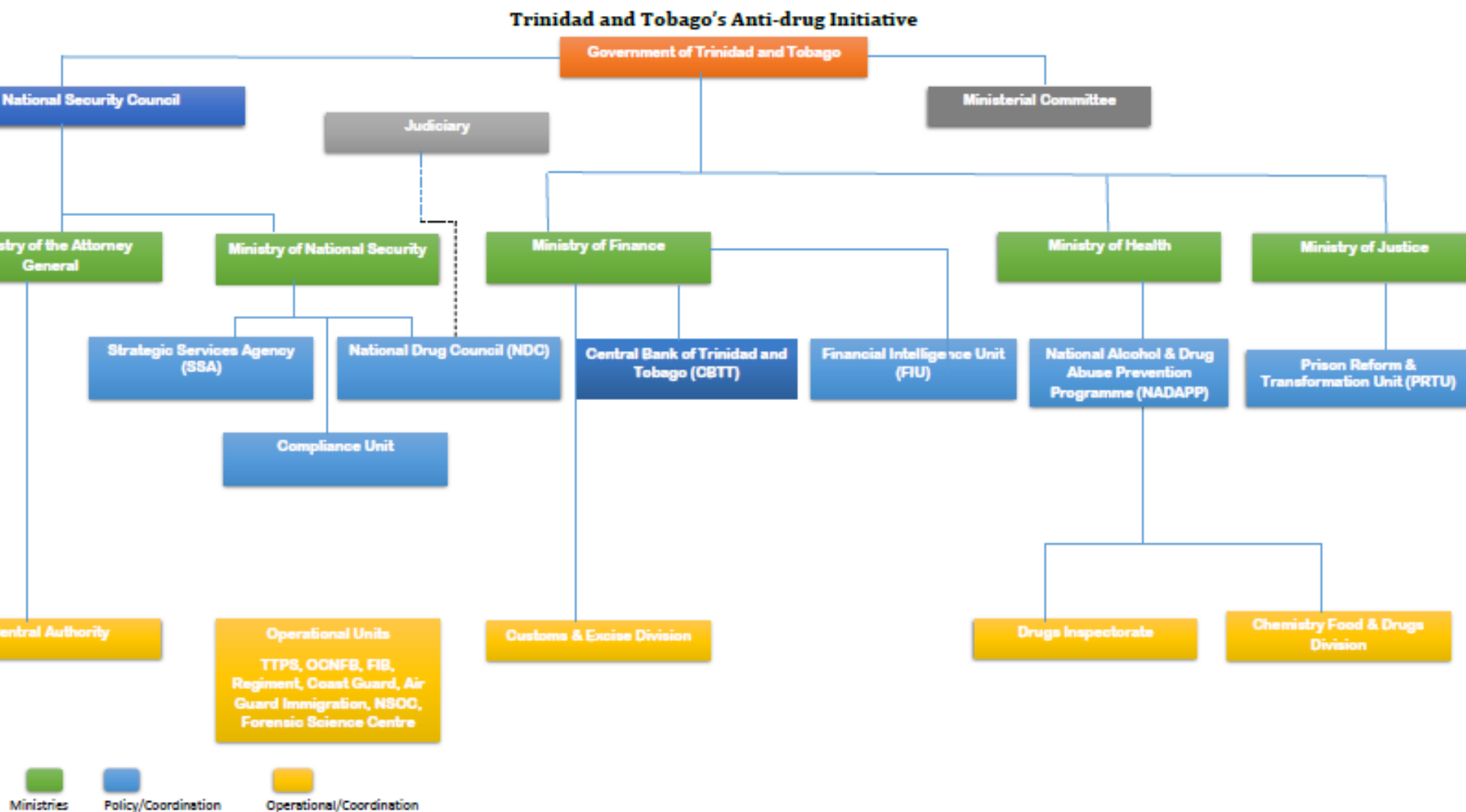


Policy Elements:

1. Institutional strengthening
2. Research,
3. Demand reduction
4. Supply reduction
5. Control measures;
6. Monitoring & Evaluation

Supply and demand reduction efforts need to complement each other

Appendix B



Demand Reduction

Focal Area 3: Demand Reduction

Demand Reduction efforts, based on solid empirical research and collaboration among government ministries and civil society organizations, will provide enhanced focus through the four action components: Prevention, Treatment, Rehabilitation and Harm Reduction. Thus, the demand reduction focal area aims to improve the physical, mental, social, spiritual and economic health and well-being of citizens through the systemic multi-disciplinary approaches to prevention, treatment and rehabilitation.



GOAL

- ▣ To improve the physical, mental, social spiritual and economic health and well-being of citizens through multi-disciplinary approaches to prevention, treatment and rehabilitation

OUTCOMES

- ▣ Improved stakeholder capacity to develop, coordinate and facilitate drug demand reduction strategies
- ▣ Improved application of monitoring & evaluation systems
- ▣ Improved collaboration among stakeholders
- ▣ More effective access and use of information and communication technologies
- ▣ Reduced drug use and abuse among school and wider population
- ▣ Increased public awareness resulting in improved lifestyle choices

OUTCOMES (Cont'd)

- ▣ Successful re-integration of persons affected by drug use into mainstream society
- ▣ Reduction of the negative impact of use & abuse of drugs on society
- ▣ Increase in the no. of recovering persons possessing jobs and employable skills
- ▣ Increase in the no. of persons who participate in rehabilitative initiatives
- ▣ Improved standards of care for substance abusers

Outputs/Deliverables

- ▣ Operational progs. designed to meet the holistic needs of persons affected by drug use
- ▣ Education progs. geared towards assisting communities to re-embrace the recovering addict
- ▣ Completed and approved workplace policy
- ▣ Cabinet approved Standards of Care
- ▣ Periodic monitoring & evaluation reports
- ▣ An M&E framework for the conduct of performance assessments
- ▣ a functional database consisting of key demand reduction information
- ▣ Public awareness, education and information strategy developed
- ▣ Comprehensive public health promotion policy developed.

Operational Plan

Initial status	Strategic Initiatives	Lead Agencies	Deliverables	Start	Finish	Add New Column
	0 - DEMAND REDUCTION FOCAL AREA OPERATIONAL PLAN			Mon 1/6/14	Fri 10/12/18	
	1 - Develop, implement and manage a relevant M & E system	NADAPP, HRC, ADAPP		Mon 1/6/14	Fri 9/12/18	
1.1	Conduct periodic monitoring and evaluation assessments		M & E Progress Report	Mon 1/6/14	Fri 11/9/17	
1.2	Implement corrective actions		Status Report	Mon 11/6/17	Mon 11/6/17	
1.3	Implement and maintain the mechanism for effective collaboration with M & E			Tue 11/7/17	Tue 11/7/17	
1.4	Conduct surveys in drug prevalence among targeted populations			Wed 11/8/17	Tue 6/19/18	
1.5	Conduct other forms of sector-wide data collection exercise			Wed 6/26/18	Tue 1/9/19	
1.6	Implement recommended sector-wide intervention			Wed 10/10/18	Fri 10/12/18	
2	- Build Stakeholder collaboration	NADAPP, HRC, ADAPP		Mon 1/6/14	Mon 3/12/18	
2.1	Develop a shared database of stakeholder		Completed database	Mon 2/1/14	Fri 10/24/14	
2.2	Establish a coordinating committee		Coordinating committee, TOR, Letters of appointment	Mon 10/27/14	Fri 12/19/14	
2.3	Develop on ROU			Mon 12/22/14	Fri 2/13/15	
2.4	Implement projects and programmes of mutual benefits to stakeholders			Mon 2/16/15	Fri 7/27/18	
3	- Conduct Stakeholder sensitization (NGOs, CBOs) on various ICT	NADAPP, HRC, ADAPP		Mon 1/6/14	Fri 4/4/17	
3.1	Establish and maintain greater presence on the internet and social networking websites		Website and social networking profile	Mon 1/6/14	Fri 11/9/17	
4	- Develop a Public Awareness Framework	NADAPP, HRC, ADAPP		Tue 4/1/14	Fri 12/29/17	
4.1	Design national public education policy		Policy, Plan of Action document, stakeholder	Tue 4/1/14	Mon 3/2/15	
4.2	Implement key public education strategies		Sensitized public on substance abuse	Thu 1/1/15	Fri 12/29/17	
5	- Develop a National Policy on substance abuse in the workplace	NADAPP, HRC, ADAPP		Tue 1/7/14	Tue 2/15/15	
5.1	Establish a Technical Working Group (TWG)		Coordinating TWG, TOR, Letters of appointment	Tue 1/7/14	Mon 3/2/14	
5.2	Conduct an assessment/ review of existing workplace policies		Statistical Analysis document	Tue 3/4/14	Mon 3/31/14	

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<p>Key Outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improved stakeholder capacity to develop coordinate and facilitate drug demand reduction strategies. Improved application of monitoring and evaluation systems. Improved collaboration among stakeholders. Enhance effective access and use of information in responding to drug demand reduction. Reduce drug use and abuse among the school age and wider population. Increased public awareness, resulting in improved lifestyle choices. Successful reintegration of persons affected by drug use into the mainstream society. Reduction in the negative impact of the use and abuse of drugs on society. Increase in the number of recovering persons possessing jobs and employable skills. Increase in the number of persons who participate in rehabilitative initiatives. Improved standards of care for substance abusers. 	<p>Outputs:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Operation programme designed for the holistic needs of persons affected with drug use. 2. Education programme geared towards assessing communities to re-embrace recovering addicts. 3. Completed and approved policy on substance abuse in the workplace. 4. Cabinet approval of standard of care document and certification of the sector 5. An institutional capacity audit report. 6. Periodic monitoring and evaluation reports. 7. An M&E framework for the conduct of performance assessments. 8. Functional database consisting of key drug demand information. 9. Completed MOU document. 10. Public awareness, educational and information strategy developed.
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		2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	

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		2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	
	project						
Number of certified treatment and rehabilitation centres	0			1	2	4	7
Number of new treatment and rehabilitation facilities functioning	-	1		1		1	3
Percentage reduction in number of readmissions to treatment and rehabilitation	63%						
Percentage increase in the number of recovering addicts gaining sustainable employment	-	1%	1%	2%	3%	3%	10%
Completed institutional audit report	-		1				
Percentage increase in institutions implementing workplace policy	-	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	5%
Increase number in stakeholder consultations				1	1	1	3
Percentage decrease in DUI charges				1%	1%	1%	3%
Workplace policy completed							
Increase in schools targeted		6%	6%	6%	6%	6%	30%
Reduction in number of reported cases of drug use in school age population		5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	30%
Increase in the number of students accessing intervention programmes by 5%		1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	5%



THANK YOU

