



# Jamaica's Standardized Treatment Data Experience

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# Treatment Center Perspective

## Using the Intake Form

- ✓ Data collection ongoing since pilot 2012 & full-scale since 2014
- ✓ Comprehensive, user friendly, straightforward instrument
- ✓ Similar to agency intake data
- ✓ Revisions overtime appreciated – some questions more specific
- ✓ Importance of standardized data recognized

# Treatment Center Perspective

## Barriers & Challenges

- ✓ Staff turnover – gaps in data collection
- ✓ Placement for dually diagnosed clients
- ✓ Comprehension is difficult for some low literacy clients – rewording of question
- ✓ Incompletion of treatment follow-up (one year) – difficulty tracking

## Needs & Recommendations

- ✓ Include questions on reasons for relapse to facilitate interventions
- ✓ NCDA should provide annual report on data collected

# National Drug Observatory Perspective

## Coordination

- ✓ Pilot 2012 (Barbados, Jamaica & Trinidad)
- ✓ 2012 → 2014 buy-in from Treatment Centers
- ✓ Ongoing data collection in 3 treatment centers
- ✓ Retraining due to staff turn over

# National Drug Observatory Perspective

## Coordination

- ✓ Revision of target agencies – NCDA & RISE Life Management omitted due to adolescent counselling focus
- ✓ Some stakeholders maintain the insistence that we collect data in mental health institutions that treat dually diagnosed clients

# National Observatory Perspective

## Epi-Info

- ✓ User friendly for data entry and submission
- ✓ Delays in submission of data to CICAD
- ✓ Capacity building for in-house analysis

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## Data Use & Dissemination

- ✓ Annual reports to MOH
- ✓ Media dissemination (Re Marijuana situation)
- ✓ No mechanism in place for regular feedback to participating centers – Pilot report shared
- ✓ Annual data disseminated in workshops/presentations
- ✓ DIN reports will include treatment data