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CONNECTING THE DRUG TREATMENT AND DRUG INFORMATION NETWORK IN TRINIDAD & TOBAGO

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How is in-country coordination progressing?

- ▶ Efforts to coordinate the collection of this data on a monthly basis continues to be a challenge

What is your experience using the intake form?

- ▶ ***Date of Admission:*** Outpatient programme does not record a date of admission. If the same client enrolls in the residential programme a new form is filled out.
- ▶ ***Have you ever been deported?:*** Clients are concerned about reporting their deportation status.
- ▶ ***Ethnicity:*** Clients take for granted that ethnicity can be determined by sight although they self identify differently.
- ▶ ***Marital Status:*** Clients are not clear on categorizations.
- ▶ ***Who do you live with?:*** Clients are not clear on categorizations.
- ▶ ***Main & Secondary substances:*** Clients often cannot differentiate between main and secondary substance.

What is your experience using the Epi-Info data entry software?

- ▶ Epi-Info data entry has been proceeding smoothly without any major issues

What are the barriers or challenges you face if any?

- ▶ Lack of staff for proper coordination, collection of data and data entry
- ▶ Stakeholder's lack of staff
- ▶ Stakeholder uses its own intake form and views the standardised data collection form as additional work
- ▶ Some sites turn in forms on an inconsistent basis
- ▶ Sometimes fields are still filled in incorrectly

What are your needs?

- ▶ Staff for proper coordination, collection of data and data entry

How is the information from this system disseminated within the country?

- ▶ DIN TT Annual Report
- ▶ Statistical reports
- ▶ Quarterly questionnaires

FLOW OF INFORMATION



FIELDS OF INTEREST

- ▶ Date of Admission
- ▶ Sex
- ▶ Age
- ▶ Address
- ▶ Nationality
- ▶ Substance of Use
- ▶ Judicial Information

How do you currently use the information that you are getting from this system?

- ▶ Reporting to international and local partners
- ▶ Programming
- ▶ Completing questionnaires

THE IMPORTANCE OF CONNECTING THE TREATMENT INFORMATION TO THE DIN IN TRINIDAD

To bridge the gaps in the data that is currently available; for example:

- ▶ To determine where outreach activities should be undertaken or to determine the impact of outreach activities in particular areas
- ▶ To be able to analyse the data in connection with arrests, charges, seizures and eradication exercises, taking into account:
 - Sex
 - Age
 - Address
 - Nationality
 - Substance of Use
 - Judicial Information

Do you plan to incorporate this data into your annual DIN report?

- ▶ It is already reported in the DIN TT Annual Report

CONCLUSION

In order for the Annual DIN Report to paint a picture of Trinidad and Tobago's Drug situation, it is important for all areas of information to be inputted into the Network to avoid reporting in silos.

Connecting all the data available in the DIN would ensure that decision and policy makers can be guided effectively.