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TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

- Trinidad- 4,828 square kilometers
- Tobago- 300 square kilometers
- Population -1.4 million
- Close proximity to South America.
- Major transshipment point given its geographical location.



IMPACT OF TRAFFICKING IN SMALL QUANTITIES LOCALLY

- Brings with it increased crime levels, which affects society on a microsocial level.
- Micro trafficking caters to and cultivates new drug users, which is retrogressive to society.
- Serves as a forerunner to other high impacting crimes such as violent crimes, macro trafficking, human trafficking etc.

MAIN TRENDS IN LOCAL DRUG MARKETS

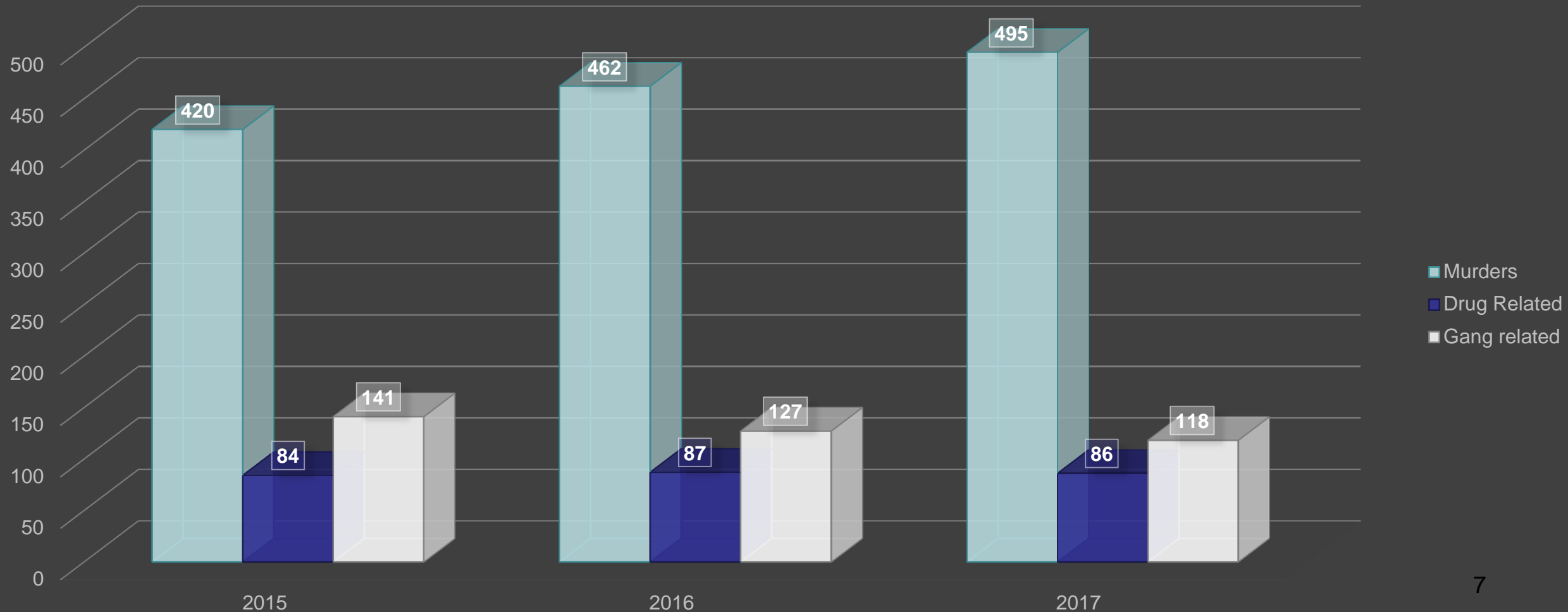
- New drugs markets and DTO's being established.
- DTO'S gaining support from various arms of law enforcement (corruption).
- Nationals from many African countries continue to exploit the transshipment destinations originating from T&T.

CHALLENGES: SECURITY

- Micro drug Trafficking has contributed to the formation of new gangs and territories.
- Emergence of “Community Leaders”, who maintain control of gangs.
- Gangs are responsible for most Murders, woundings and shootings, which continue unabated.

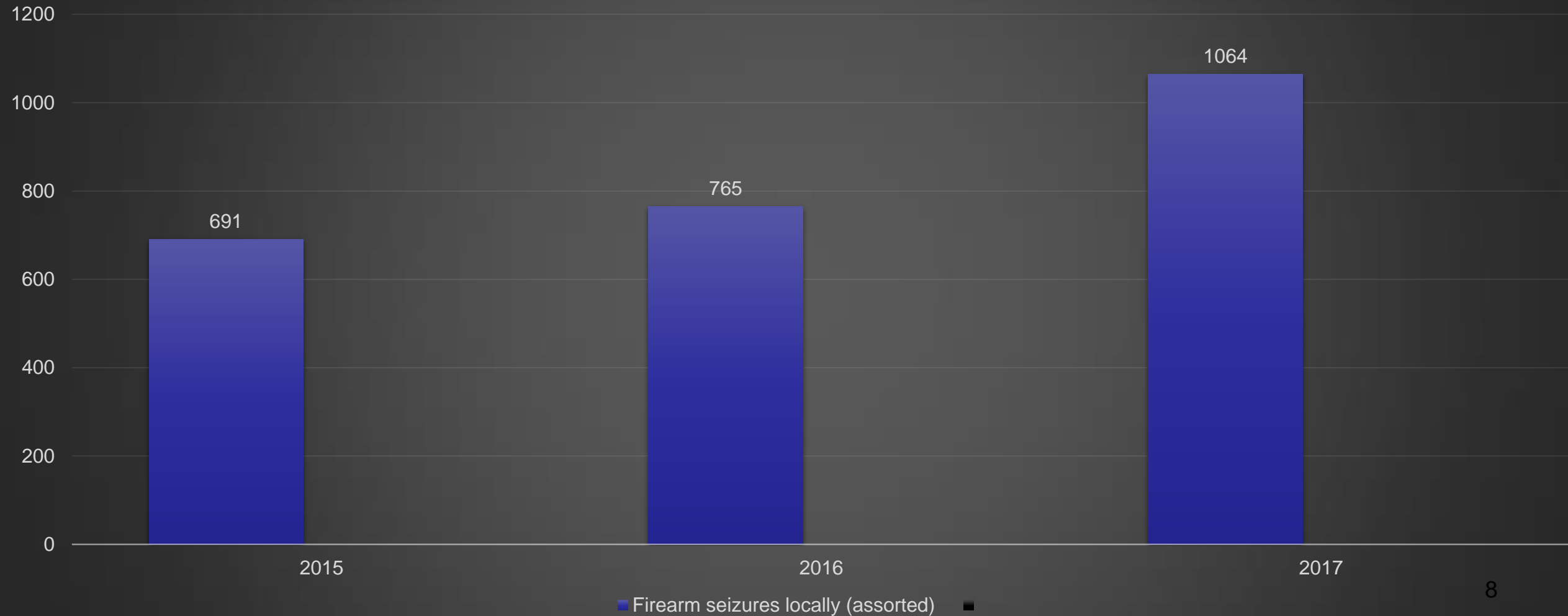
MURDER STATISTICS

MURDERS WITHIN TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO



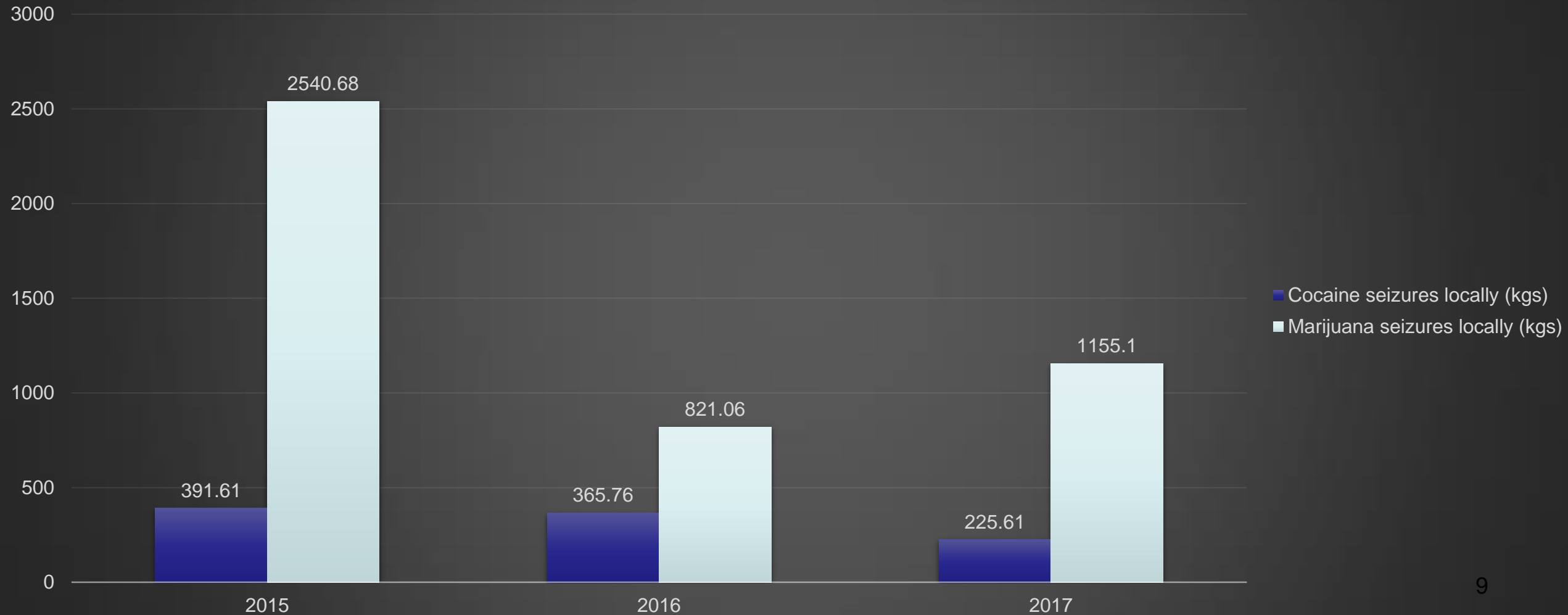
FIREARM STATISTICS

FIREARM SEIZURES WITHIN TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO



DRUG STATISTICS

NARCOTIC SEIZURES WITHIN TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO



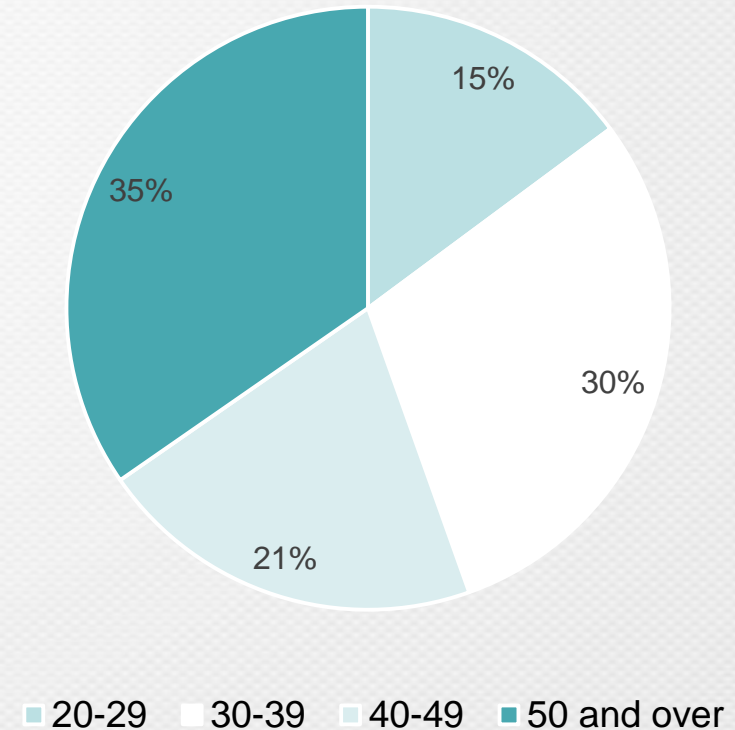
CHALLENGES: SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

- Fear of crime is endemic throughout the communities.
- Lack of trust between the police and the public-
(Aggressive encounters/clashes becoming commonplace as they seek to protect community leaders).
- Offenders infiltrating residential communities.
- Persons purchasing illegal firearms for protection.

CHALLENGES: PUBLIC HEALTH

- Increased narcotic users being recorded, especially among young adults.
- Preliminary research has shown that the two most prevalent groups seeking treatment are ages 30-39 and over 50 .

Age of Persons Seeking Treatment



MICRO TRAFFICKING ISSUES

RURAL vs URBAN



RURAL

- Data less forthcoming than urban areas.
- Differences in demographics (age, gender)

- - High residential mobility
- Reduced collective efficacy and heightened social disorganization
- Ready supply of young adults to maintain trade of illegal narcotics.



URBAN

Lines of separation are quickly diminishing.

COUNTRY POSITION/ RESPONSE

- Restructuring police departments- (Formation of the Organised Crime and Intelligence Unit).
- Police Youth Clubs.
- Legislation amendments (Anti Gang, Proceeds of crime etc).
- National Drug Council – Preventative and Alternative Development in Urban Areas.

N.D.C PREVENTATIVE DEVELOPMENT PLAN

The National Drug Council of Trinidad and Tobago, in the continued development of its Preventative and Alternative Urban Development Approach, ensures that the objectives are closely aligned with specific Sustainable Development Goals, as well as the UNGASS 2016 Recommendations.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION