

# REGIONAL SEMINAR ON DRUG TREATMENT AND DRUG INFORMATION NETWORKS IN THE CARIBBEAN

<u>Overview of Treatment Protocol</u>

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## Standardized Data Collection System for Drug and Alcohol Treatment Facilities

#### Drug Treatment Data — Importance

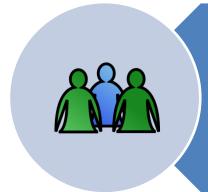


Information about the number and characteristics of drug users who seek help and the treatment they receive is valuable for several reasons:

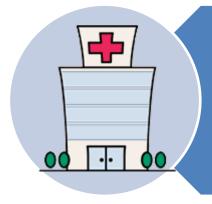
- Planning
- Management
- Needs Assessment
- Provide Epidemiological Indicators of drug problems
- Inform and develop drug policy

#### Rationale





### Drug users are often difficult to reach



Treatment facilities provide an opportunity to observe what would otherwise be a 'hidden' problem



The objective of the TDP is to collect information on persons seeking treatment in all of our member states in a standardized way. This allows us to:

- Build a profile of the demographic characteristics, drug using behaviors, and treatment history, of these persons.
- Establish trends
- Identify risk factors for problematic drug use.

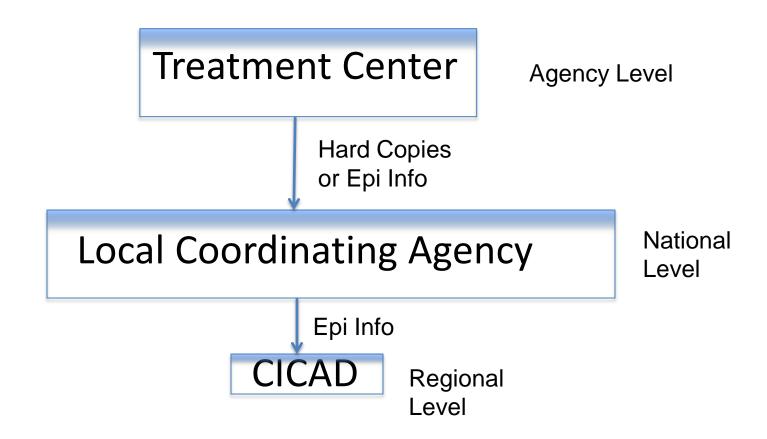
#### Items in Standard Questionnaire



- The Client (demographics)
- Treatment history
- Drug(s) prompting demand for treatment.
- Drug Use (last 30 days)
- Judicial information (history of arrest)
- History of treatment for psychiatric conditions
- Placement

#### Implementation





#### Data Collection and Analysis Cycle



Data continuously collected by treatment center using standardized intake form

Report reviewed by various stakeholders and policy meetings and actions taken

Treatment centers submits completed and coded registration forms to local coordinating agency by an agreed upon deadline

The local coordinating agency reviews the report and shares it with the treatment centers

The local coordinating agency enters data into Epi-info database and submits to CICAD on a biannual basis (July and January)

CICAD conducts a preliminary and annual analysis, produces a preliminary assessment and an annual country report which is sent to the local coordinating agency



Patient tracking: i.e. tracking a patient as he or she advances through their treatment program.

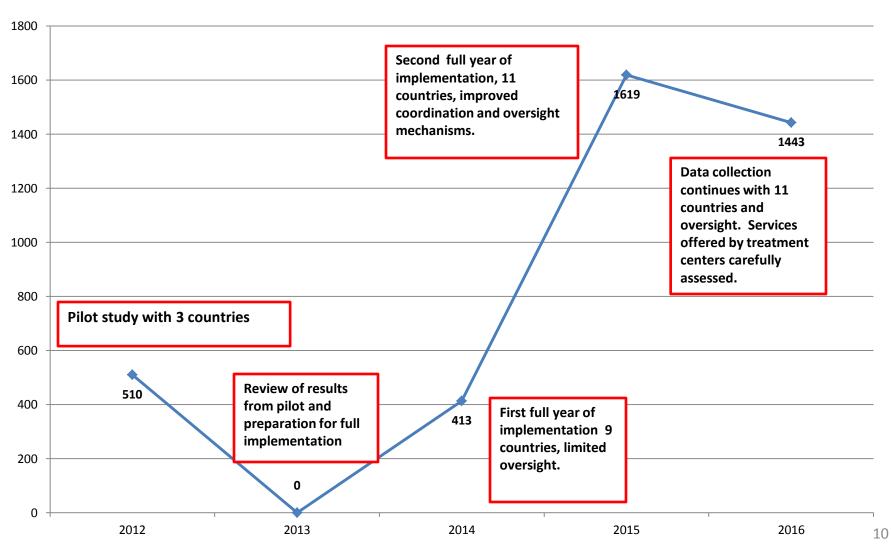
Collect information that identifies specific individuals.

Evaluate the effectiveness and or outcomes of a treatment center.

#### From Pilot to Present









#### Thank you for your attention.

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