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To create a society free from the abuse of drugs while advancing the good health and moral well being of the nation.

Drug Information Network- Belize Status Review

1. Belize has build up its capacity in collecting demand reduction data through the Research and Information Coordination since 2012:-
 - NDACC-Belize produces Annual Reports (five have been produced) based on figures:-
 - Drug Prevention Impact
 - Number of Schools Impacted
 - Number of Students Impacted
 - Male/Female
 - Community Empowerment
 - Urban/Rural
 - Outreach Data Collection
 - Drug Use, Gender, Age, Referral Services, Co-Dependents

Status Review Cont.

2. Since 2012 NDACC has been providing data to the Statistical Institute of Belize.
3. The Police Department Established the Joint Intelligence Coordinating Center in 2013.
 - Supply Reduction Data
 - Number of people arrested for possession of illicit substance.
4. 2015 Ministry of Health established the Drug Inspectorate Unit.
5. The National Security Council Established a National Crime Observatory in 2016
 - www.crimeobservatory.bz




Where we are?

1. Belize does not have an established Drug Information Network.
2. However, since 2012 the different agencies have been advancing in the collection of data and there has been an increase in studies and surveys done in country.
3. Belize is in a much better position right now to establish a Drug Information Network.

This is our first step:-

NDACC -Belize has in its 2018 -2019 Operational Plan the Establishment of a Drug Information Network.



What we need:

- I. In country Capacity Building for the Development of a Drug Information Network to bring together the various organizations that will be apart of the DIN.
- II. Funding opportunities for more Studies and Research
- III. Resource Materials and advance technology (Software/ Hardware systems) for the Central Operating Center that will be responsible for the DIN.
- IV. South to South Collaboration from Caribbean Countries who have already established and have a fully working DIN.





Thank you