ACTIVITIES AND PROGRESS OF THE
INTER-AMERICAN OBSERVATORY ON DRUGS (OID)
Activities and Progress of the Inter-American Observatory on Drugs (OID)
Washington, December 2005

OID: MISSION
PROMOTE AND DEVELOP A NETWORK THAT OFFERS INFORMATION THAT IS:

- OBJECTIVE,
- RELIABLE,
- TIMELY,
- COMPARABLE WITH OTHER COUNTRIES, and
- ABLE TO EVALUATE TENDENCIES OVER TIME WITHIN THE COUNTRY.

TO BE ABLE TO DESIGN POLICIES AND PROGRAMS IN THE COUNTRIES.
OID FUNCTIONS (1)

- Help Member States to improve their capacity to compile and analyze drug-related statistics

OID FUNCTIONS (2)

- Promote the development and establishment of national observatories on drugs and the use of standardized data and methodologies
OID FUNCTIONS (3)

ý PROVIDE TECHNICAL AND SCIENTIFIC TRAINING FOR THE EXCHANGE OF EXPERIENCES AMONG THE PROFESSIONALS WORKING IN THE DRUG FIELD.

OID: PRINCIPAL PROGRAMS

ý DEVELOPMENT AND STRENGTHENING OF NATIONAL OBSERVATORIES
ý STUDIES AND RESEARCH (SIDUC)
ý SUPPLY STATISTICS (CICDAT)
ý “COST” STUDIES
ý DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION
ý COOPERATION AMONG OTHER AREAS OF CICAD: Demand Reduction, MEM, etc…
Status of Assistance Projects
OID/CICAD 2003-2005 (SIDUC)

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Status of Cost Study 2003-2005

- 6 PILOT COUNTRIES
- REPORT FINALIZED
- METHODOLOGY AVAILABLE
FUTURE PROJECTS: OBSERVATORIES

- Evaluate current situation of existing National Drug Observatories,

- Evaluate the need for the creation and development of local observatories in Member States.

FUTURE PROJECTS: OBSERVATORIES

- Disseminate the role of the National Observatories on Drugs:
  - Should be the official and reliable source of information of each country.
    For this, it should be able to:
    - Generate, process and analyze information of interest, in a timely, reliable, and periodic manner
    - Provide the decision-makers with information and proposals
    - Access other sources of information
FUTURE PROJECTS: OBSERVATORIES

- Work with countries in the aspect of Human Resources:
  - Profile according to the functions of the National Observatories on Drugs
  - Training according to their needs
  - Alliances with Universities – key to have access to new human resources

FUTURE PROJECTS: RESEARCH (SIDUC)

- Complete information on drug consumption in school population in countries that do not have updated information, principally the Caribbean.

- Explore data bases: Post-graduate degree thesis.

- Generate methodology to evaluate drug consumption in population at the University-level
FUTURE PROJECTS: RESEARCH (SIDUC)

- GIVE PRIORITY TO THE FOLLOWING STUDIES:
  - PERIODIC SCHOOL SURVEYS,
  - HOUSEHOLD SURVEYS IN COUNTRIES, AS NECESSARY,
  - CREATION OF A CONTINUOUS REGISTRY IN TREATMENT CENTERS AND LEGAL MEDICINE

FUTURE PROJECTS: CICDAT

- IMPLEMENTATION OF CICDAT SOFTWARE,
- TRAINING,
- USE CICDAT INFORMATION FOR COUNTRIES’ RESPONSE TO MEM QUESTIONNAIRE.
FUTURE PROJECTS: COST STUDY

- ADDITION OF NEW COUNTRIES TO THE COST STUDY, ACCORDING TO THE MANDATE OF THE 2005 SUMMIT.

- EXTEND COVERAGE TO OTHER AREAS IN COUNTRIES THAT ARE ALREADY IN THE PROGRAM: AVOIDABLE COSTS, AND OTHERS.

FUTURE PROJECTS: International Relations

- FOSTER RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHER INSTITUTIONS: UNODC, NIDA, EUROPEAN OBSERVATORY, ETC…

  - OPTIMIZE FINANCIAL RESOURCES,
  - SHARE DRUG-RELATED INFORMATION ON THE DIFFERENT COUNTRIES: MEM, ARQ, ETC…
  - PRESENTATION OF JOINT PROJECTS.
FUTURE CHALLENGES: Financial Resources

- Scarce
- Diversify sources
- Gradual advance towards internal funding by countries
- Alliance of CICAD – UNODC – EUROPEAN OBSERVATORY

PUBLICATIONS 2006

- FIRST SEMESTER:
  - COMPARABLE SITUATION ON DRUG CONSUMPTION IN THE SCHOOL POPULATION IN SOUTH AMERICA,
  - COMPARABLE SITUATION ON DRUG CONSUMPTION IN THE GENERAL POPULATION IN 4 COUNTRIES IN CENTRAL AMERICA.

- SECOND SEMESTER:
  - COMPARABLE SITUATION ON DRUG CONSUMPTION IN CARIBBEAN COUNTRIES.