Social Integration and Drugs

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... Conditions for human security are improved through full respect for people's dignity, human rights, and fundamental freedoms, as well as the promotion of social and economic development, social inclusion, and education and the fight against poverty, disease, and hunger.

CICAD and Social Integration:

- 1. The ES carries out programs that include a social integration component.
- 2. Within those programs, and in other areas, the ES has been asked for technical assistance in the area.

Art. 2. “In addressing the world drug problem, its impact on poverty and exclusion must be given special emphasis while encouraging the implementation of policies and actions that foster social inclusion and a reduction in those vulnerabilities.”

Hemispheric Drug Strategy (2010)

Art. 15.

“Demand reduction policies should include as essential elements . . .
treatment [and]
rehabilitation and related recovery support services,
with the goal of promoting the health and social well-being of individuals, families and communities, and reducing the adverse consequences of drug abuse.”
2. Universal Declaration of Human Rights

Article 25.1: Everyone has the right to
- a standard of living adequate for the
  - health and
  - well-being
  - of himself and of his family, including
    - food,
    - clothing,
    - housing and
    - medical care and
  - necessary social services,
  - and the right to security in the event of
    - unemployment,
    - sickness,
    - disability,
    - widowhood,
    - old age or other lack of livelihood in circumstances beyond his control.

SOCIAL EXCLUSION

Ties between the individual and society weakened

No access to resources and advantages created by society

Increased social vulnerability
FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION
Increasing number of children born into excluded families

FORCED DISPLACEMENT
May lead to marginalization in urban areas.

70% of the extremely poor live in Latin America’s largest cities (Eclac, 2009).
ACHIEVING SOCIAL INTEGRATION

- Comprehensive policies
- Inclusive policies
- Community empowerment

ROAD MAP

- Research
- Creation of evidence-based knowledge
- Definition of a conceptual framework adapted to the Hemisphere’s reality
- Guides for the development of public policies
- Incorporation of the concept into ES/CICAD programs