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**Activities and Progress of the
Inter-American Observatory
on Drugs (OID)**

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OID: MISSION

**PROMOTE AND DEVELOP A NETWORK
THAT OFFERS INFORMATION THAT IS:**

- n OBJECTIVE,
- n RELIABLE,
- n TIMELY,
- n COMPARABLE WITH OTHER COUNTRIES,
and
- n 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)

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

OID: PRINCIPAL PROGRAMS

- ∅ DEVELOPMENT AND STRENGTHENING OF NATIONAL OBSERVATORIES
- ∅ STUDIES AND RESEARCH (SIDUC)
- ∅ SUPPLY STATISTICS (CICDAT)
- ∅ "COST" STUDIES
- ∅ DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION
- ∅ COOPERATION AMONG OTHER AREAS OF CICAD: Demand Reduction, MEM, etc...

Status of Assistance Projects OID/CICAD 2003-2005 (SIDUC)

TYPE OF STUDY	2003 (20)	2004 (16)	2005 (12)
School Population	8	7	8
General Population	2	3	2
Treatment Centers	2	2	1
Emergency Rooms	3	0	1
Public Sector	2	0	0
Information Systems	0	3	0
Other Assistance	3	4	0
CICAD Contribution	\$615K	\$614K	\$347K

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:

- q PERIODIC SCHOOL SURVEYS,
- q HOUSEHOLD SURVEYS IN COUNTRIES, AS NECESSARY,
- q 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...
- q OPTIMIZE FINANCIAL RESOURCES,
- q SAHRE DRUG-RELATED INFORMATION ON THE DIFFERENT COUNTRIES: MEM, ARQ, ETC...
- q PRESENTATION OF JOINT PROJECTS.

FURUTRE CHALLENGES: **Financial Resouces**

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

PUBLICATIONS 2006

∅ FIRST SEMESTER:

- q *COMPARABLE SITUATION ON DRUG CONSUMPTION IN THE SCHOOL POPULATION IN SOUTH AMERICA,*
- q *COMPARABLE SITUATION ON DRUG CONSUMPTION IN THE GENERAL POPULATION IN 4 COUNTRIES IN CENTRAL AMERICA.*

∅ SECOND SEMESTER:

- q *COMPARABLE SITUATION ON DRUG CONSUMPTION IN CARIBBEAN COUNTRIES.*