



CICAD's Drug Treatment Strategy

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CICAD'S TREATMENT OBJECTIVES

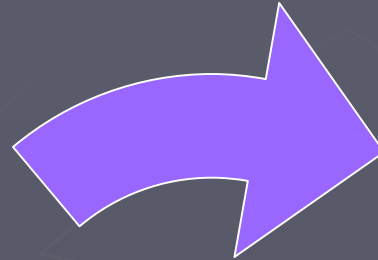
- ▶ **Assessment:** Systematically map available information about drug treatment demand and availability in the Americas
- ▶ **Policy:** Support member states to develop national drug treatment policies through legislation and regulation mechanisms
- ▶ **Capacity building:** strengthen treatment infrastructure and human capacity for advocacy and delivery of effective services
- ▶ **Monitoring and Evaluation:** Monitor and evaluate effectiveness (quality care and outcome measures) of different types of drug treatment alternatives

CICAD'S TREATMENT STRATEGY

MONITORING AND
EVALUATION

ASSESSMENT
AND POLICY

CAPACITY
BUILDING



ASSESSMENT

PROMOTE THE DEVELOPMENT OF:

- ▶ Profiles of drug treatment providers (educational level, training, employment)
- ▶ Profiles of drug treatment settings (adequacy of physical facilities, treatment and continuing care plans, sustainability)
- ▶ Information systems on patients (psycho-socio-demographics, drug use history)
- ▶ Information systems on treatment outcomes and data for performance indicators

PROFILE OF DRUG TREATMENT SETTINGS AND PROVIDERS

- ▶ Establish regional, national and city directory of treatment programs and capacity for users and service providers
- ▶ Survey educational & training background (profiles) of drug treatment providers to develop training

USER PROFILE OF TREATMENT SERVICES

- ▶ Conduct surveys in drug treatment centers and prisons to estimate prevalence and history of drug use & associated behaviors & attitudes
- ▶ Create systems to track patients and maintain screening records (treatment outcomes)
- ▶ Estimate unsatisfied or potential demand for treatment

POLICY

PROMOTE THE DEVELOPMENT OF:

- ▶ National goals on availability & accessibility of drug treatment
- ▶ **Cross system consensus > Integrated systems of care**
- ▶ Agreement on standards of care (Min Health + treatment providers)
- ▶ Licensing of drug treatment facilities
- ▶ Certification of drug treatment counselors
- ▶ Inclusion of drug treatment in public and private health insurance schemes
- ▶ Treatment alternatives: drug courts
- ▶ Treatment alternatives for special populations (co-occurring disorders, HIV/AIDS)

CAPACITY BUILDING

PROMOTE THE DEVELOPMENT OF:

- ▶ Systematized training in evidence-based, culturally relevant treatment approaches
- ▶ System change for adoption of evidence-based interventions

Acting on the information – education and training for drug treatment personnel

- ▶ Set up a certification process for drug treatment personnel based on profile
- ▶ Link training for drug treatment personnel to the certification process
- ▶ Develop practice guidelines (drug treatment protocols) for attending physicians & psychologists
- ▶ Train primary health care professionals in Screening and Brief Intervention Techniques (SBI)
- ▶ Educate trainee physicians & other primary health care personnel about SBI and drug treatment

Acting on the information – integration of drug treatment into national health care systems

- ▶ Establish referral systems among different types of care & institutions to assure matching of patient to type of care
- ▶ Bring drug treatment under the umbrella of national health care systems
- ▶ Determine how to pay for drug treatment

Acting on the information – assuring the quality of drug treatment settings

- ▶ Set standards of care for drug treatment centers (physical facilities & staffing)
- ▶ Verify and enforce institutional standards of care (Ministry of Health)
- ▶ Develop and enforce ethical guidelines in drug treatment

Acting on the information – advocacy & expansion of services

- ▶ Advocating need for improved drug treatment (nationally and internationally)
- ▶ Expand the geographical range of treatment services outside the capital cities, to the municipal and rural levels

Acting on the information – CICAD's action

- ▶ Standards of care for drug treatment programs developed throughout the Americas
- ▶ Questionnaire developed for mapping drug treatment services

MONITORING AND EVALUATION

PROMOTE THE DEVELOPMENT OF:

- ▶ Methodologies and training for transferring research findings into treatment practices

CICAD action on assessment

- ▶ Development of new SIDUC questionnaire on drug use among prison population (adult and juvenile)
- ▶ Treatment demand indicator
- ▶ Morbidity and mortality