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Inter-American Drug Use
Data System

National Household Survey

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National Household Survey - Background

- ∅ There are several core indicators to measure drug consumption.
- ∅ One of these indicators is drug consumption among the general population
- ∅ CICAD/OID has created a standardized methodology for this type of study
- ∅ Very few Caribbean countries have done household surveys



National Household Survey – Background cont'd

- Surveys attempt to measure certain parameters in a population based on statistics generated from a sample of that population
- Early epidemiological research (including drug surveys) were at best questions on “How many people are taking X”
- Now (since the 80s) sociological and psychological variables have been incorporated
- Risk factors, opinions, causal relationships can now be tested

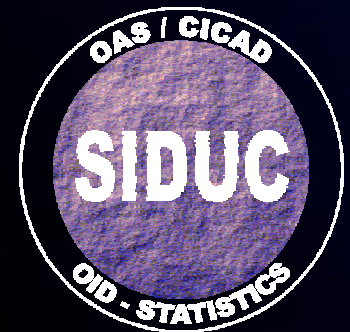
National Household Survey - Objectives

- ∅ To estimate the prevalence of drug use in the general population
- ∅ Determine the estimate of age of first use, frequency of use, and accessibility to drugs
- ∅ Find out the characteristics of consumers Vs. Abstainers
- ∅ Determine level of knowledge about the effects of drugs
- ∅ Identify risk and protective factors



National Household Survey – Objectives (cont'd)

- ∅ To obtain information that reflects the national situation of the demand for psychoactive substances
- ∅ To inform the planning and implementation of prevention (demand reduction) programs
- ∅ To evaluate and monitor progress



National Household Survey: Sampling

- ∅ The universe of study is the population between 12 and 65 years of age residing in the country
- ∅ Sampling is usually done in three stages:
 - ∅ The first stage of sampling selects districts/Eds
 - ∅ The second stage selects households
 - ∅ The third stage selects an individual within the household



National Household Survey: Data Collection

- Data gathering is done by means of a personal interview where the pre-coded questionnaire designed by CICAD is applied to the representative sample of the target population.
- It is absolutely important that respondents are guaranteed strict confidentiality of the information they give.
- The questionnaire is designed by the research team for local contexts while bearing in mind the need to achieve comparability of results.

National Household Survey The Questionnaire

- Ø Social demographic questions
- Ø Opinions questions
- Ø Prevalence of drug consumption
- Ø Frequency and access



National Household Survey Data Collection

Ø The Survey Team:

Ø OOID/CICAD

Ø Statistical Department

Ø The Coordinator

Ø The Supervisors

Ø The Interviewers



Question/Comments?

