

QUESTIONNAIRE 1

Audience: Attorney General, Police etc

Objectives: To get a full picture of the drug problem in Guyana and the different organizations, institutions, units and individuals engaged in delivering programs to prevent, reduce or treat the drug problem.

Name of Organization where the key informant works:

Key informant function in the organization

Date the questionnaire was sent

TEXT OF QUESTIONNAIRE

QUESTIONNAIRE TO COLLECT INFORMATION FOR THE NATIONAL DRUG STRATEGY MASTER PLAN 2013-2017

If there are questions which your organization does not have the information to answer, please mark an N/A against that question.

Questions:

- 1) What are the most problematic legal or illegal drugs in Guyana?
- 2) Why are these drugs the most problematic? What are the main problems caused by the use of these drugs?
- 3) What are those drugs that are mostly associated with:
Arrests/convictions

Seizures
- 4) What are the other drugs causing problems in Guyana? [list them]
- 5) Have you detected or are aware of any new drugs introduced to Guyana over the past 5 years?
- 6) Have you detected or are aware of any new trends of drug-taking behaviour in Guyana?
- 7) Based on your job [arrests etc.], which persons are most vulnerable for drug use here?

- 8) What can be done better to reduce or minimize drug related problems from a law enforcement perspective?
- 9) Are there any initiatives in that direction? If yes, please describe.
- 10) What are the main barriers and facilitators for improving the situation from a law enforcement perspective?

Barriers

Facilitators

- 11) What type of punishment or sanctions (fines, treatment, incarceration, etc) should be given to persons caught for

Pushing drugs

Drug usage

Drug- related crimes

- 12) Should we expect imprisonment to serve as deterrence and to contribute to re-socialization? (Is counselling offered and what is its relationship to recidivism)
- 13) Should there be alternative forms of correction?
- 14) With respect to the trafficking of drugs what are the source countries?
- 15) How much of the drugs coming in actually stay in the country versus moving further north?
- 16) Are most of the persons involved in trafficking, local?
- 17) Are there any international partnerships of which Guyana is a part to help in the fight against drug trafficking? If so, who are these partners?
- 18) What proportion of violent crimes would you say result from drugs?
- 19) What should happen in society at large to reduce drug related problems?

- 20) What strategies do you suggest will reduce the supply and demand for drugs?
- 21) What is the current status of Guyana's National Anti- Drug Strategy Plan?
- 22) Is the National Anti -Narcotics Commission, The National Anti-Narcotic Coordinating Secretariat, and other agencies, constituted and functional?
- 23) What about the National Anti -Narcotics Commission, The National Anti-Narcotic Coordinating Secretariat, and other agencies? Is there a high level of cooperation and coordination among the anti-drug agencies?
- 24) What are the things that need to happen in order to improve the function of the National Anti -Narcotics Commission, The National Anti-Narcotic Coordinating Secretariat, and other agencies?
- 25) What are your views on drug courts?
- 26) What are the national laws concerning the drug problem?
- 25) What are the international policies (international laws, regimes etc) concerning the drug problem?
- 26) What vision does your organization have of Guyana? For example, drug free Guyana
- 27) What should be the mission of the Inter Agency Taskforce on Narcotics and illicit Weapons. That is, how the mission should be achieved, for example by reducing the use of drugs?
- 28) What should the core value of the government be in achieving its vision. That is, what ethical foundation should underlie the Master Plan, for example should the focus be on demand or supply reduction?
- 29) What else would you like to see addressed in the Master Plan?

QUESTIONNAIRE 2

AUDIENCE: Health Organizations,

Objectives: To get a full picture of the drug problem and drug misuse in Guyana and the different services, organizations, institutions and individuals engaged in delivering programmes to prevent, reduce or treat drug misuse

Name of Organization where the key informant works:

Key informant function in the organization

Date the questionnaire was sent.

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There may be questions which your organization does not have the information to answer.

Please mark an N/A against that question.

Questions:

- 1) What is the role and mandate of your organization?
- 2) How does your organization carry out its mandate?
- 3) What are the most problematic legal or illegal drugs in Guyana?
- 4) Why are these drugs the most problematic?
- 5) In what ways are they problematic?
- 6) Are there new trends of drug-taking behaviour in Guyana? If yes, which?
- 7) Which persons are most vulnerable for drug use here?
- 8) What are the major factors related to drug use?

- 9) What are the social consequences of drug use? Impact on families, communities, and on services.
- 10) What can be done better in the area of preventing drug-related problems?
- 11) Are there any initiatives in that direction, either in the planning phase or recently implemented? Please describe.
- 12) What are the main barriers and facilitators for improving the situation in prevention?

Barriers:

Facilitators:

- 13) What should happen to persons who are already taking drugs?
- 14) Is your organization sufficiently linked to the community. If yes, how do these links operate?
- 15) What should happen in society at large to reduce drug-related problems?
- 16) Do you know about any programmes which deal with drug related problems from a health perspective?
- 17). What strategies do you suggest to reduce the supply and demand for drugs?
- 18) Are there any comments you would like to make about the drug-related problems in Guyana?
- 19) What is the current status of Guyana's National Drug Strategy Master Plan?
- 20) What are your views on drug courts?

21) What are the national laws concerning the drug problem?

22) What are the international policies (international laws, regimes etc) concerning the drug problem?

23) What vision does your organization have of Guyana? For example, a drug free Guyana.

24) What should be the mission of the Inter Agency Task Force on Narcotics and Illicit Weapons? That is, how the mission should be achieved, for example by reducing the use of drugs.

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26) What else would you like to see addressed in the Master Plan?

QUESTIONNAIRE 3

Audience: General

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Questions:

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- 2) How does your organization carry out its mandate?
- 3) What are the most problematic legal or illegal drugs in Guyana?
- 4) Why are these drugs the most problematic? What are the main problems caused by the use of these drugs?
- 5) What are the other drugs causing problems in Guyana? [list them]
- 6) Have you detected or are aware of any new drugs introduced to Guyana over the past 5 years?
- 7) Have you detected or are aware of any new trends of drug-taking behaviour in Guyana? If yes, which?
- 8) Based on your job which persons are most vulnerable for drug use here?

9) What are the major factors related to drug use?

10) What are the social consequences of drug use? Impact on families, communities, and on services.

11) What can be done better in the area of preventing drug-related problems?

12) Are there any initiatives in that direction, either in the planning phase or recently implemented? Please describe.

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Barriers:

Facilitators:

14) What should happen to persons who are already taking drugs?

15) What can be done better to reduce or minimize drug related problems from a law enforcement perspective?

16) Are there any initiatives in that direction? If yes, please describe.

17) What are the main barriers and facilitators for improving the situation from a law enforcement perspective?

Barriers

Facilitators

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- 30) What is the current status of Guyana's National Drug Strategy Master Plan?
- 31) What vision does your organization have of Guyana? For example, a drug free Guyana.
- 32) What should the core value of the government be in achieving its vision. That is, what ethical foundation should underlie the Master Plan, for example should the focus be on demand or supply reduction
- 33) What are your views on drug courts?

34) What else would you like to see addressed in the Master Plan