



COUNTRY FACT SHEET: COLOMBIA



COPOLAD provides comprehensive support to Colombia in the implementation of its National Drug Policy 2023-2033 *'By planting life, we banish drug trafficking'*, through technical support for six national actions and three regional initiatives in close collaboration with the Ministries of Justice and Law, Health and Social Protection, the Special Assets Company (SAE), local governments and civil society organisations. The new National Drug Plan aims to ensure that the efforts and resources of the State and international

cooperation are allocated in a strategic, effective and proportional manner, addressing not only the manifestations of drug trafficking and drug use, but also their structural causes. In the area of improving care for the population with problematic drug use and especially for women and young people at risk of social exclusion, COPOLAD supports the strengthening of harm reduction and social inclusion strategies: diagnosis, feasibility and sustainability of interventions at the territorial level and reinforcement of community arrangements.

In the area of supply reduction, the priority line is the social use of confiscated goods, with support for the reform of the law and the design of a public policy for the social reuse of assets that have been forfeited. In relation to the management and disposal of chemical precursors, support is focused on improving the coordination of state agencies in the processes of seizure and disposal of chemical substances and on reformulating the model for the control of chemical substances for the manufacture of illicit drugs.



WE COLLABORATE WITH THE FOCAL POINTS

- **Ministry of Justice and Law** (counterpart)
- **Foreign Ministry** - Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Embassy of Colombia to the European Union in Brussels, Belgium.
- **APC Colombia** - Presidential Agency for Cooperation
- **Delegation of the European Union to Colombia**



COLLABORATING INSTITUTIONS

- **MJD** - Ministry of Justice and Law
- **MINSALUD** - Ministry of Health and Social Protection
- **Ministry of the Interior**
- **National Public Prosecutor**
- **SAE** - Special Assets Company (under the authority of the Ministry of Finance)
- **High Presidential Council for stabilisation**
- **ART** - Territorial Renewal Agency
- **PNIS** - National Programme for the substitution of illicit crops
- **ANT** - National Land Agency
- **INPEC** - National Prison Institute
- **ICRC** - Alternative Network
- **Viviendo ("Living") Association**
- **Procrear** (family planning centre)
- **RIOD** - Ibero-American Network of NGOs working on Drugs and Addiction
- **CPDH** - Permanent Committee for the Defence of Human Rights

National Initiatives supported by COPOLAD



REDUCING THE DEMAND FOR DRUGS

TERRITORIAL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NATIONAL DAMAGE REDUCTION STRATEGY

Support to the Ministry of Justice and Law through the preparation of a diagnosis of the situation of harm reduction actions at the community and institutional level, to identify the main challenges, to issue public policy recommendations and to identify opportunities for financing and sustainability of actions at the national and territorial level.

SOCIAL INNOVATION LABORATORY ORIENTED TO INTERVENTION WITH YOUNG PEOPLE AT RISK OF JOINING MICRO-TRAFFICKING NETWORKS AND DRUG USE

Design and implementation, together with the Ministry of Justice and Law, local governments and civil society organisations, of a social innovation laboratory to reduce the vulnerability factors that influence the involvement of young people in micro-trafficking networks and the development of drug use problems in the semi-rural area of Santander de Quilichao and in the urban area of Cali.

COMMUNITY TREATMENT PROJECT IN THE SANTA FÉ NEIGHBOURHOOD OF BOGOTÁ

Support for the development of the Strategic Vulnerabilities Reduction Plan and the community action policy of Colombia. A community treatment project is planned in collaboration with the Procrear Foundation, whose objective is to strengthen the local economy through community empowerment and citizen participation. A guide will be developed to update community devices, expanding attention in the territory to women, offering resources and tools for economic development in the Santa Fé neighbourhood of Bogotá.



THE FIGHT AGAINST DRUG TRAFFICKING AND ORGANISED CRIME:

DESIGN OF A PUBLIC POLICY FOR SOCIAL AND CULTURAL REUSE OF SEIZED AND CONFISCATED ASSETS.

Support to the Special Assets Company of Colombia (SAE) in the launch of a project bank for the social and community reuse of assets confiscated from criminal groups.

Technical support to the Ministry of Justice and Law in the design of comprehensive regulations for the social use of assets subject to forfeiture in Colombia - Assets

recovered to enhance life in the territories, with the participation of civil society.



CONTROL OF CHEMICAL PRECURSORS:

PREPARATION OF A MANUAL FOR THE MANAGEMENT AND FINAL DISPOSAL OF CHEMICAL PRECURSORS

Support for preparing a diagnosis of precursor management in the country (including the legislative and regulatory framework, institutional mapping, and aggregated statistical information), with a view to preparing a comprehensive manual for the management and final disposal of chemical precursors. Within the framework of this support, a study visit to Costa Rica has been promoted and online training activities on the manual have been carried out for the country's technical staff.

REGULATORY REFORMULATION OF THE MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL MODEL FOR CHEMICAL PRECURSORS GEARED TO IMPROVING INSTITUTIONAL COORDINATION

Technical assistance to the MJD to promote regulatory reform aimed at improving the country's legal tools in order to comprehensively manage the chain of custody and final disposal of precursors. The reform focuses on improving the coordination of state agencies, taking the CICAD (Inter-American Drug Abuse Control Commission) Model Regulations for Precursor Control as a reference for the reform.

Regional Initiatives in which Colombia participates

IBERO-AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF PUBLIC PROSECUTORS [AIAMP]: 'The gender dimension in the relationship between drug trafficking and human trafficking' and "Improving special investigation techniques for drug trafficking cases". Colombian Attorney General's Office.

CONFERENCE OF MINISTRIES OF JUSTICE OF THE IBERO-AMERICAN COUNTRIES - COMJIB: 'Regional agreement for a criminal drug policy based on proportionality and alternative penalisation'. Ministry of Justice and Law, Colombia.

GAFILAT. Strengthening the GAFILAT (FATF of Latin America) Asset Recovery Network (RRAG). UIAF - Information & Financial Analysis Unit, Colombia.

Colombia's Participation in Working Groups

Strengthening of the National Drug Observatories (NDOs) / **28 countries.**

Programmes and services for addiction care and social inclusion / **26 countries.**

Addressing drug-related vulnerabilities at the territorial level / **21 countries.**

Control of chemical precursors for the manufacture of illicit drugs / **17 countries.**

Comprehensive Sustainable Alternative Development Interventions / **15 countries.**

Effective reinforcement of cooperation in drug trafficking investigation activities / **19 countries.**

Communication



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