



COUNTRY FACT SHEET: PARAGUAY



COPOLAD provides comprehensive support to Paraguay in the implementation of *Paraguay's National Drug Policy 2017-2022*, and the most recent Action Plan against Drug Abuse "Sumar" (approved in December 2023). Technical support is channelled through three national actions, three regional

initiatives, and through the country's participation in six of the programme's working groups. The programme's support is geared towards generating empirical evidence (strengthening observatories) and reducing supply (control of precursors and alternative criminal law).



WE COLLABORATE WITH THE FOCAL POINTS

- **SENAD** – National Anti-Drug Secretariat (under the authority of the Presidency of the Republic) (governing body and counterpart)
- **MRE** – Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- **Delegation of the European Union to Paraguay**
- **Paraguayan Mission to the European Union**



COLLABORATING INSTITUTIONS

- **OPD** – Paraguayan Drug Observatory (under the authority of SENAD)
- **MSPBS** – Ministry of Public Health and Social Welfare
- **MDP** – Ministry of Public Defence
- **MJ** – Ministry of Justice
- **MP** – Public Prosecutor's Office
- **SEPRELAD** – Secretariat for the Prevention of Money or Asset Laundering
- **UNA** – National University of Asuncion



National Initiatives supported by COPOLAD



STRENGTHENING DRUG OBSERVATORIES

STRENGTHENING THE NATIONAL DRUG INFORMATION AND RESEARCH SYSTEM

A mapping of human, financial and institutional resources has been developed, which has enabled the

configuration of a national research network, led by the NDO. This process is accompanied by the

creation of a Scientific Committee on Drugs, which will systematically advise the observatory.



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.



PROPORTIONAL PUNISHMENT AND PENALTIES OTHER THAN PRISON

DEFENCE PROTOCOL FOR WOMEN LINKED TO MINOR DRUG OFFENCES

Support to the National Anti-Drug Secretariat (SENDA) and the Ministry of Public Defence (MDP) in the design of criminal defence strategies with a gender focus. In particular, a "Defence

Protocol for Women in conflict with the law due to the commission of drug-related crimes" is being developed, linked to the regional standards that are being developed in AIDEF.

It is expected to conclude with training for public criminal defenders in the country and with a space for regional exchange of lessons learnt between several countries.

Regional Initiatives in which Paraguay participates

IBERO-AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF PUBLIC PROSECUTOR'S OFFICES - AIAMP:

'The gender dimension in the relationship between drug trafficking and human trafficking' and "Improving special investigation techniques for drug trafficking cases". MP - Public Prosecutor's Office, Paraguay.

CONFERENCE OF MINISTRIES OF JUSTICE OF THE IBERO-AMERICAN COUNTRIES - COMJIB:

'Regional agreement for a criminal drug policy based on proportional punishment and penalties other than prison'. Ministry of Justice of Paraguay

GAFILAT (the Latin American FATF). Strengthening the GAFILAT Asset Recovery Network (RRAG). SEPRELAD - Secretariat for the Prevention of Money or Asset Laundering

Participation of Paraguay in Working Groups

Strengthening of the National Drug Observatories / 28 countries. SENAD.

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

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

proportional punishment and penalties other than prison / 22 countries.

Alternative Development / 17 countries DEVIDA (National Commission for Development and Life without Drugs).

Special investigation techniques, new technologies and inter-agency cooperation / 13 countries.

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