



# COUNTRY FACT SHEET: COSTA RICA



**C**OPOLAD III provides comprehensive support to Costa Rica through technical support for three national actions, three regional initiatives,

and through the country's participation in four of the Programme's working groups.



## WE COLLABORATE WITH THE FOCAL POINTS

- **ICD** - Costa Rican Institute on Drugs (attached to the Ministry of the Presidency) (governing body and counterpart)
- **DCI** - Directorate of International Cooperation (Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Worship)
- **Delegation of the European Union to Costa Rica**
- **Costa Rica Mission to the European Union**



## COLLABORATING INSTITUTIONS

- **OCD** - Costa Rican Drugs Observatory (under the authority of the ICD)
- **IAFA** - Institute on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence (body attached to the Ministry of Health)
- **PJ** - Judiciary
- **MP** - Public Prosecutor's Office
- **MSP** - Ministry of Public Security
- **PCD** - Drug Control Police (under the authority of the MSP)
- **MJP** - Ministry of Justice and Peace
- **UIF** - Financial Intelligence Unit of the ICD



# National initiatives supported by COPOLAD



## STRENGTHENING DRUG OBSERVATORIES

### PILOT EXERCISE FOR EVALUATING POLICIES ON TREATMENT, CONSUMPTION PREVENTION AND HARM REDUCTION IN COSTA RICA

The evaluation exercise is expected to make use of the *Evaluative Analysis Guide for drug policies from a Gender and Human Rights Perspective*, prepared by the programme. The intention is to make visible the traditionally unknown effects of drug policies on human rights, in order to feed future political reforms.

### MAINSTREAMING THE GENDER APPROACH IN THE COSTA RICAN OBSERVATORY ON DRUGS

Support was given to the incorporation of the gender approach into a research protocol for studying the prevalence of drug use in women deprived of liberty.



## REDUCING THE DEMAND FOR DRUGS

### PROJECT FOR TERRITORIAL APPROACH IN POPULATIONS IN SITUATIONS OF SOCIAL VULNERABILITY

Support for the ICD in designing and implementing two territorialisation projects in the communities of Limón and Punta Arenas, aimed at vulnerable

populations aged 13 to 18. The aim is to coordinate basic health services and employability, public security and human security. It is planned to prepare

a Support Guide for the Construction of Intervention and Monitoring Protocols in the Territory for Vulnerable Populations with a gender focus.



## THE FIGHT AGAINST DRUG TRAFFICKING AND ORGANISED CRIME:

### STRENGTHENING OF THE GAFILAT (LATIN AMERICAN FATF) ASSET RECOVERY NETWORK (RRAG) INFORMATION EXCHANGE PLATFORM, HOSTED IN COSTA RICA

At a regional level, the technical services of the RRAG digital platform, whose headquarters are located in San José, Costa Rica, have been improved. In particular, operational and IT security aspects of the platform have been improved.

### TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE REFORM OF THE LAW FOR THE SOCIAL USE OF ASSETS CONFISCATED FROM ORGANISED CRIME

Support to the Costa Rican Drug Institute (ICD) in the project to reform the law on social use of confiscated assets. This action is carried out in collaboration with the Italian network Libera, an association of social organisations against the mafia, corruption and other forms of illegality.



## PROPORTIONALITY AND ALTERNATIVE PENAL SANCTIONS:

### PROTOCOL FOR THE COMPREHENSIVE CARE OF WOMEN IN CONFLICT WITH THE CRIMINAL LAW

Within the framework of the Restorative Justice Programme, technical assistance is provided to the Judiciary of Costa Rica, the ICD and the IAFA to develop a "Protocol for Compre-

hensive Care for Women in Conflict with the Criminal Law" (charged under Article 77-bis of Law 8204).

The added value of the protocol lies in

addressing the specific vulnerabilities that women face from with an approach based on comprehensive response and restorative justice.

## Regional Initiatives in which Costa Rica 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'. Costa Rican Public Prosecutor'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 Peace, Costa Rica.

GAFILAT. Strengthening the GAFILAT (FATF of Latin America) Asset Recovery Network (RRAG). UIF - Financial Intelligence Unit of the ICD.

## Participation of Costa Rica 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.**

Proportionality and alternative penalisation / **22 countries**

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

# Communication

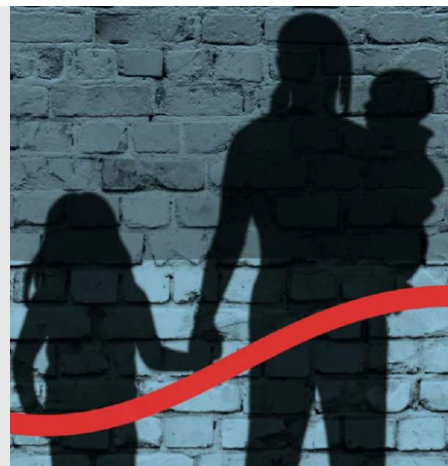


## NEWS

[ALTERNATIVE PENALISATION FOR MINOR DRUG OFFENCES.](#)

[TOWARDS A REGIONAL PACT ON PROPORTIONALITY AND ALTERNATIVE PENALISATION FOR MINOR DRUG OFFENCES](#)

[RESTORATIVE JUSTICE, AN OPPORTUNITY TO APPLY THE LAW IN A HUMANE WAY](#)



## VIDEO

[ALTERNATIVES TO IMPRISONMENT FOR MINOR DRUG OFFENCES. ERENIA'S STORY](#)

[JOVANNA CALDERÓN, FROM THE JUDICIARY OF COSTA RICA, ON ARTICLE 77-BIS](#)

[WENDY GARITA, NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF WOMEN](#)

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