



COUNTRY FACT SHEET: ECUADOR



COPOLAD provides comprehensive support to Ecuador in the implementation of its National Plan for Comprehensive Prevention and Control of the Socio-economic Phenomenon of Drugs 2023-2025, through technical support for six national actions, three regional initiatives, and through the country's participation in seven of the Programme's working groups.

The programme's support focuses on strengthening the National Drug Observatory (information systems and incorporation of the gender perspective in studies and research) and on the components of reduction in demand (improvement of care services) and supply (alternative development and control of public precursors).



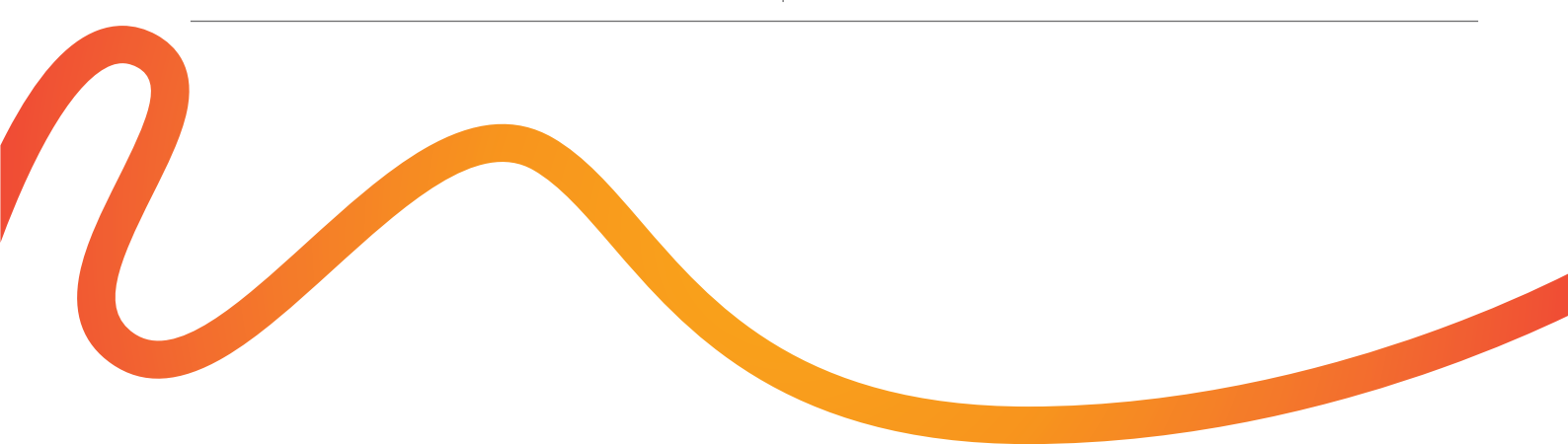
WE COLLABORATE WITH THE FOCAL POINTS

- **CID** - Inter-institutional Committee on Drugs, (attached to the Ministry of Public Health) (governing body and counterpart)
- **SETECI** - Technical Secretariat for International Cooperation
- **Delegation of the European Union to Ecuador**
- **Ecuadorian Mission to the European Union**



COLLABORATING INSTITUTIONS

- **OND** - National Drug Observatory (NDO) (dependent on the Ministry of the Interior)
- **FGE** - General State Prosecutor's Office
- **MSP** - Ministry of Public Health
- **MI** - Ministry of the Interior
- **PN** - National Police, Anti-Drug Unit
- **DASCSF** - Directorate of Administration of Scheduled Substances Subject to Control (Ministry of the Interior).
- **UCR** - University of Costa Rica, Chemical Reagency Unit



National Initiatives supported by COPOLAD



STRENGTHENING DRUG OBSERVATORIES

STRENGTHENING THE NATIONAL SYSTEM OF INFORMATION AND RESEARCH ON DRUGS

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.

INCORPORATION OF THE GENDER APPROACH IN STUDIES AND SURVEYS ON DRUGS

Support for the gender-focused review of two survey instruments:

- The quick survey of drug use among university students was reviewed as regards both the questionnaire and the calendar and times.
- Household survey (12 to 65 years)

In addition, it is planned to incorporate the gender perspective into the methodological design of the Study on consumption by homeless people.



REDUCING THE DEMAND FOR DRUGS

ACTION PROTOCOL FOR THE 171 HOTLINE FOR ATTENTION TO PEOPLE GOING THROUGH A MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS ASSOCIATED WITH PROBLEMATIC DRUG USE

Technical assistance to the Secretariat of the Inter-institutional Committee on Drugs in describing the telephone hotline service for mental health and problematic drug use (171 hotline) provided by young psychology graduates, which has high staff turnover. The support consists of two complementary actions to be carried out in 2024: a) training programme for 24 trainers (40 hours); and b) technical review of the existing care protocol in the country.



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.

COMPUTER DEVELOPMENT FOR THE ANALYSIS OF TRANSACTIONS CARRIED OUT WITH SUBSTANCES SUBJECT TO CONTROL

Support to the Ministry of the Interior for the development of free software to improve management in several areas: 1) Transactions, 2) Amendments to classification, 3) Prior authorisations, 4) Renewal and cancellation of the classification for the handling and transport of classified substances subject to control, 5) Control/supervision inspections, 6) Administrative penalties and, 7) Information analysis. This development is complemented by a technical and functional training process for the technical team that will be using the software.



ALTERNATIVE DEVELOPMENT (AD)

SUPPORT IN THE OPENING OF ECUADOR'S AD STRATEGY TO THE URBAN AREA AND TO THE PARTICIPATION OF CIVIL SOCIETY.

The participation of the Ministry of Public Health (MSP) in the programme exchanges has served to open the work on AD to the urban area and to the participation of civil society. As a result, the MSP has established a collaboration with PREVENUD, a civil society organisation, to formulate

the pilot project "Sin Presión, hay Diversión" ("Without Pressure, there is Fun") in the city of Quito.

The project is aimed at preventing and reducing the demand for drugs by adolescents and young people from the city centre integrated into

programmes at the Cumandá Urban Park. The intention, guided by a communicational approach, is to install social laboratories and a media lab, as well as a programme of financial education.



Regional Initiatives in which Ecuador 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". General State Prosecutor's Office of Ecuador.

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'. General State Prosecutor's Office of Ecuador.

GAFILAT (the Latin American FATF). Strengthening the GAFILAT Asset Recovery Network (RRAG). UAFE - Financial and Economic Analysis Unit.

Participation of Ecuador in Working Groups

Strengthening of the National Drug Observatories / **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.**

proportional punishment and penalties other than prison / **22 countries.**

Alternative Development **17 countries.**

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

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