



# COUNTRY FACT SHEET:

# JAMAICA



**C**OPOLAD III provides comprehensive support to Jamaica in the implementation of its *National Anti-Drug Plan*, through technical support for four national actions, three regional initiatives, and through the country's participation in six of the Programme's working groups. The programme's support has focused

on the "Strengthening the National Drugs Observatory" component, including actions aimed at strengthening the information and research system and Early Warning systems. Demand reduction strategies are also supported, in particular in community treatment and territorialisation.



## WE COLLABORATE WITH THE FOCAL POINTS

- **NCDA** – National Council against Drug Abuse (attached to the Ministry of Health and Wellness) (governing body and counterpart)
- **MOFA** – Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade
- **Delegation of the European Union to Jamaica and Embassy of Jamaica in Brussels, Belgium**
- **Jamaican Mission to the European Union**



## COLLABORATING INSTITUTIONS

- **NDO** – National Drug Observatory
- **MOHW** – Ministry of Health and Wellness
- **JCF** – Jamaica Constabulary Force (the national police force)
- **AGC** – Attorney General's Chambers (office of the public prosecutor)
- **MOFPS** – Ministry of Finance and Public Service
- **BOJ** – Bank of Jamaica

# National Initiatives supported by COPOLAD



## STRENGTHENING DRUG OBSERVATORIES

### STRENGTHENING THE NATIONAL DRUG INFORMATION AND RESEARCH SYSTEM

Technical support for the development of a mapping of human, financial and institutional resources, as a basis for 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. These advances are complemented by the development of the national agenda on drugs, scheduled for the first half of 2025, which will set out the country's research priorities.

### TECHNICAL SUPPORT FOR THE LAUNCH OF THE EARLY WARNING SYSTEM FOR DRUGS

Support from the European Drugs Agency (EUDA) for the training of Jamaican experts on new psychoactive substances, new consumption practices and the European EWS model, in anticipation of the official launch of Jamaica's EWS on Drugs in February 2024.



## REDUCING THE DEMAND FOR DRUGS

### FALMOUTH COMMUNITY TREATMENT PROJECT WITH A VIEW TO EXTENDING AND UPDATING THE "TEK IT TO DEM" PROGRAMME

The National Council on Drug Abuse has identified a pilot project in the community of Falmouth (Trelawny), which is affected by drug use and

the proliferation of homeless people. There are plans to update the *Tek it to Dem* programme using the ECO-2 Community Treatment methodology

to address young drug users and prevent them from becoming homeless.

## Regional Initiatives in which Jamaica participates

### REDUCING THE DEMAND FOR DRUGS:

Jamaica is participating in the development of a position paper on stigma and gender perspective in policies, actions and strategies for the comprehensive care and treatment of women and other vulnerable groups who use drugs.

### CARIBBEAN COMMUNITY IMPLEMENTATION AGENCY FOR CRIME AND SECURITY – CARICOM IMPACS:

Strengthening capacities in: a) law enforcement strategies to include New Psychotropic Substances (NPS) and synthetic substances; b) unifying practices in new drug policy approaches, laws and regulations; c) analysis and detection of NPS and other related substances; d) policy recommendations for the

development of regional and national policies and strategies to counter dangerous drugs and NPS.

### THE CARIBBEAN FINANCIAL ACTION TASK FORCE – CFATF:

Strengthening capacities to prevent money laundering and drug trafficking and improving analysis in emerging risk areas.

## Participation of Jamaica 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.**

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

Comprehensive Sustainable Alternative Development / **17 countries.**

## Communication



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