



# COUNTRY FACT SHEET:

# DOMINICAN REPUBLIC



**C**OPOLAD III provides comprehensive support to the Dominican Republic, through technical support for four national actions, three regional initiatives, and through the country's participation in four of the Programme's working groups. This accompaniment

addresses the three main components of COPOLAD: strengthening of the national observatory (information and research on drugs), reduction of demand (community treatment approaches) and reduction of supply (control of chemical precursors).



## WE COLLABORATE WITH THE FOCAL POINTS

- **CND** – National Drug Council (under the authority of the Presidency of the Republic). (Governing entity and counterpart)
- **VCI** – Vice Ministry of International Cooperation (under the authority of MEP&D)
- **Delegation of the European Union to the Dominican Republic.**
- **Embassy of the Dominican Republic to the European Union in Brussels.**
- **Mission of the Dominican Republic to the European Union**



## COLLABORATING INSTITUTIONS

- **DNCD** – National Directorate of Drug Control
- **ODD** – Dominican Observatory on Drugs (NDO)
- **MEP&D** – Ministry of Economy, Planning and Development
- **PG** – Office of the Public Prosecutor of the Republic
- **UAF** – Financial Analysis Unit
- **CCR Bani Women** – Bani Women's Correction and Rehabilitation Centre

# National Initiatives supported by COPOLAD



## STRENGTHENING OF THE NATIONAL 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 creation 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.



## REDUCING THE DEMAND FOR DRUGS

### COMMUNITY TREATMENT PROJECT FOR WOMEN DEPRIVED OF LIBERTY

Support for the Bani-Mujeres Correction and Rehabilitation Centre (CCR-Bani Mujeres) in the initial phase of implementation of the

“Alas de Transformación” (Wings of Transformation) Programme, aimed at women in prison. The pilot territorialisation initiative is aimed at

implementing the Social Integration and Well-being Programme for this target population.



## CONTROL OF CHEMICAL PRECURSORS:

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

Support for preparing a diagnosis of precursor management in the country (including the normative 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.

### REFORMULATION OF THE CONTROL MODEL FOR CHEMICAL SUBSTANCES USED TO MANUFACTURE ILLICIT DRUGS

Technical assistance to strengthen control systems for chemical precursors, which include foreign trade activities, administrative and operational controls, the judicial aspect and forensic activity. The CICAD (Inter-American Drug Abuse Control Commission) Model Regulation on Precursor Control is taken as a reference for the reform.



## PROPORTIONAL PUNISHMENT AND PENALTIES OTHER THAN PRISON

### DEVELOPMENT OF A PROTOCOL FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COMPREHENSIVE RESTORATIVE JUSTICE PROGRAMME FOR YOUNG PEOPLE INVOLVED IN DRUG OFFENCES

Design of an operational protocol in order to carry out a pilot scheme in at least one location in the country. The action will focus on creating an

effective instrument to address the determining factors and recidivism in young people involved in minor crimes, ensuring a comprehensive

and sustainable approach that promotes the rehabilitation and social reintegration of young offenders.

## Regional Initiatives in which the Dominican Republic 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".

PG – Office of the Public Prosecutor of the Republic

### 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'.

PG – Office of the Public Prosecutor of the Republic

GAFILAT (the Latin American FATF) Strengthening the GAFILAT Asset Recovery Network (RRAG). UAF-Financial Analysis Unit of the Dominican Republic.



## Participation of the Dominican Republic in Working Groups

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

# Communication



## NEWS

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REPUBLIC ON PROPORTIONALITY OF PUNISHMENT FOR  
DRUG TRAFFICKING](#)

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