



# COUNTRY FACT SHEET:

# VENEZUELA



COPOLAD accompanies Venezuela in the implementation of its *National Anti-Drug Plan 2019-2025*, through technical support for two national actions, three regional initiatives, and through the country's participation in six of the Programme's working

groups. The programme's support has centred on the National Drug Observatory, focusing on strengthening research networks and incorporating a gender approach into drug studies.



## WE COLLABORATE WITH THE FOCAL POINTS

- **SUNAD** – National Anti-Drug Superintendence (dependent on the MPPRIJP – Ministry of People's Power for Internal Relations, Justice and Peace) (governing body and counterpart)
- **MPPRE** – Ministry of the People's Power for Foreign Affairs
- **Delegation of the European Union to Venezuela**
- **Venezuelan Mission to the European Union**



## COLLABORATING INSTITUTIONS

- **RNA** – National Anti-Drug Network (under the authority of SUNAD)
- **OVD** – Venezuelan Observatory on Drugs
- **MPPRIJP** – Ministry of the People's Power for Internal Relations, Justice and Peace
- **ONA** – National Anti-Drug Office (attached to the MPPRIJP)
- **MP** – Public Prosecutor's Office
- **MPPRIJP** – Ministry of the People's Power for Internal Relations, Justice and Peace
- **UNIF** – Financial Intelligence Unit

# 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.

### MAINSTREAMING THE GENDER APPROACH IN THE NATIONAL DRUG OBSERVATORY

Support to the Venezuelan Drug Observatory in reviewing, from a gender approach, the methodological design of a study of patients admitted to hospital emergency rooms for problematic drug use.

## Regional Initiatives in which Venezuela 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". Public Prosecutor's Office of Venezuela.

### 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 People's Power for Internal Affairs, Justice and Peace.

### CARIBBEAN FINANCIAL ACTION TASK FORCE - CFATF:

"Strengthening technical and institutional capacities for information exchange." UNIF - Financial Intelligence Unit of Venezuela.

## Venezuela's Participation 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.**

Alternative Development / **17 countries.**

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