


**Regional Workshop on Drug Information Networks  
(DINS)  
August 1 to 2, 2012  
St. John's Antigua**

**Barbados Drug  
Information Network  
(BARDIN )**



# Status of BARDIN

- I Active participation with 7 government and 2 non government agencies.
- I Data protocols including data collecting instruments has been identified, agreed upon and implemented.
- I Data covering the period January 01-Dec 31 ,20102 has been collected.
- I Draft Report completed
- I Final report during August 2012.
- I Reports will be issued on a half yearly basis with the first on January 2013, for the period January 01 through June, 31 2012.

# BARDIN Report :Structure

- **Demand reduction:**

- The National Council on Substance Abuse (NCSA),
- The Edna Nicholls Centre ( Rehabilitative services for secondary school students)
- The Psychiatric Hospital, Verdun House and CASA.

- **Supply reduction and control:**

- The Royal Barbados Police Force
- Her Majesty's Prison
- Barbados Customs and Excise Department
- Government Industrial School ( Lone Juvenile penal institution).

## Recent activity and Meetings

- | On going Meeting were held during 2011 with participating agencies to establish data collection protocols
- | Drug Information Workshop, during October 2011.
- | Workshop familiarize participants with BARDIN, create buy in to BARDIN and outline the role of the NCSA in the facilitation of BARDIN.

# Observations

- I A review of the existing research covering the period 2007 through 2010 and current drug related
- I Notably, of all the substances reported, alcohol, tobacco and marijuana, were the three most commonly used among the adult population of Barbados.
- I Research data also indicates that the highest percentage of current users of marijuana is found among the secondary school and adult populations.
- I Marijuana is the drug motivating the demand for treatment particularly among males.
- I There is also some concern as to the practice of poly drug use or the use of marijuana with other substances, namely alcohol and cocaine
- I Marijuana has also captured the attention of law enforcement, where most of the drug related offences involved marijuana.

## Recent publications

- | The final BARDIN report will be published in August 2012, upon review of the NCSA Board.
- | This report will be accompanied with a one page Bulletin.

## Future Plans

- | BARDIN will be used as a source document for drug policy.
- | To provide data on costs of drug use
- | It is envisaged by December 2014, a more complete comparative analysis of drug data can be achieved.



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# Questions and Answers