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**TREATMENT POLICY ON ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUGS  
WITHIN THE BRAZILIAN PUBLIC HEALTH SYSTEM**

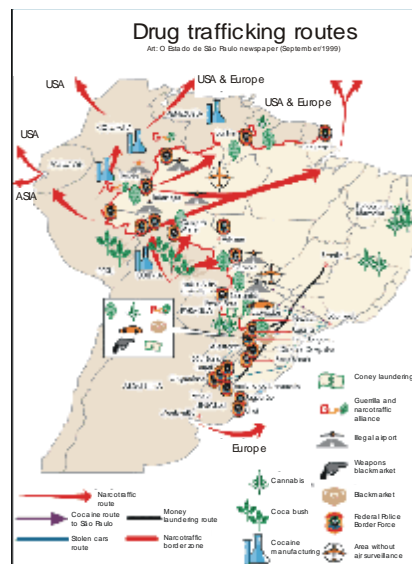
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Treatment Policy on Alcohol and other drugs  
within the Brazilian Public Health System

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## COMPLEX REALITY

- **PRODUCTION / TRADE – MARKET COMPREHENSION**
- **BOUNDARIES**
- **LAWS THAT CRIMINALIZE USERS**
- **VIOLENCE ASSOCIATED TO CONSUMPTION**
- **LACK OF YOUTH POLICIES**
- **DIFFERENT OBJECTIVES: HEALTH, JUSTICE AND EDUCATION**
- **UNDER RECOGNITION OF ALCOHOL ISSUES**
- **VALUES OF SOCIAL AND SEXUAL SUCCESS LINKED TO CONSUMPTION**



\*All data presented in this pannel is from the Coordinating Office for SID and AIDS of the Ministry of Health - Brazil.

## PUBLIC HEALTH SYSTEM Brazil

- Around a third of population do not have a regular access to health services
- Health service used as entry door varies according to age group, and mainly by family income
- Access to medical and dental consultations increase dramatically according to income, and is higher in urban areas
- Around 20% of the brazilian population never been to a dentist – 32% among those living in rural areas

112,6 million people (71,2 % of total population) regularly use the public healthcare system

Primary care:	41,8%
Hospital ambulatories:	21,5%
Private practice:	19,7%
Out-Patient units:	8,3%
Acute & Emergency units:	4,8%
Others:	3,8%



### Hospital network

5.794 Hospitals / 441.045 beds / more than 900,000 in-patient procedures per month / total of 11,7 million in-patient procedures per year



### Out-patient units

63.650 out-patient units, 153 million of consultations per month / total of 2,03 billion of consultations per year.

1 billion of procedures in primary care per year

## MENTAL HEALTH DISORDERS AND ALCOHOL USE CAUSE GREAT IMPACT WITHIN HEALTH COSTS

- 3% - Severe and persistent mental health disorders need continuous care;
- 6% - Severe psychiatric disorders as consequence of harmful use of alcohol and other drugs;
- 12% - Estimated percentage of a population that need continuous or eventual care;
- 1,4% - epilepsy;
- Suicide Rate – 3,98/100.000 hab
- 50% of road accidents with fatalities present positive Blood alcohol concentration in the victim or driver;
- 6% of students report health harms related to cannabis and cocaine use with
- 42% of male street children report solvent use

## USE OF COCAINE AND ITS DERIVATIVES USE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

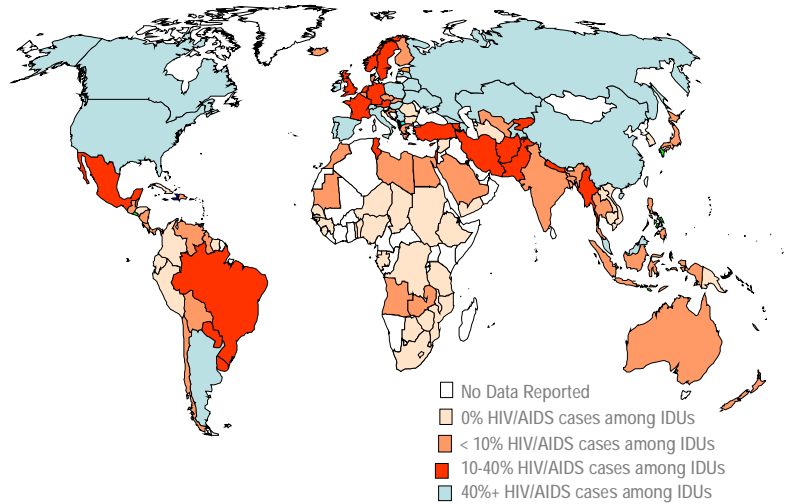
great vulnerability for diseases and accidents



**HIV/AIDS**  
**HEPATITIS**  
**PREMATURE DEATH**  
Expenditures are higher in secondary and tertiary care

- Young People - 18 to 30 y-old
- 82% unemployed
- 80% were arrested at least once
- 13% had sexually transmitted infections in the last 6 months
- 85% reported group drug use
- 23% had sought drug treatment
- HIV rate= 36,5%
- HCV rate = 56%

## REPORTED AIDS CASES AMONG INJECTING DRUG USERS



SOURCE: WHO, UNAIDS

## STIGMA E PREJUDICE DETERMINE SOME CURRENT TREATMENT METHODS



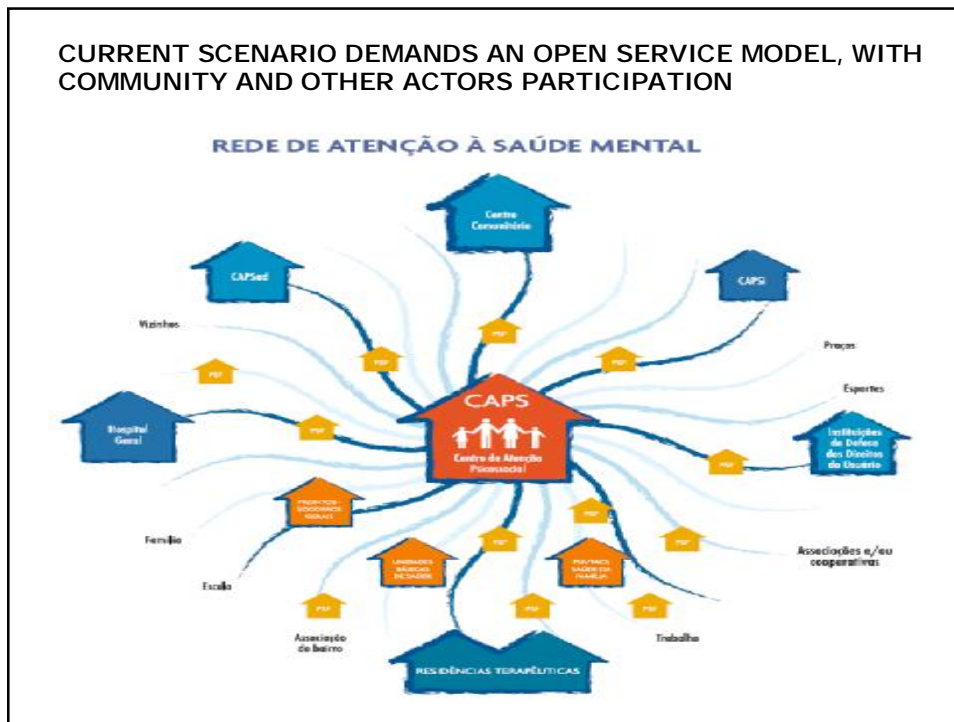
*Justice + Health*  
*Therapeutic Justice (Drug Courts)*

*Religions + Health*  
*Therapeutic Communities*



*SICK or BANDIT or CRIMINAL*

CURRENT SCENARIO DEMANDS AN OPEN SERVICE MODEL, WITH COMMUNITY AND OTHER ACTORS PARTICIPATION



## PUBLIC HEALTH PROPOSAL

- Introduce a model of care that reduce exclusion and lack of health interventions, avoiding unnecessary in-patient procedures
- Services that prioritize community-based approaches
- Incorporation of harm reduction principles within prevention and healthcare
- Integration of general hospitals, primary care, and social support units
- Prepare a specific policy on alcohol
- Regulate advertising and compulsory testing
- Support users and workers associations and network



## **SUPPORT FROM INTERNATIONAL AGENCIES**

- **ADVOCACY FOR CONTROVERSIAL ISSUES – EG, HARM REDUCTION**
- **EVALUATION OF DIFFERENT TREATMENT MODELS**
- **SPREAD BEST PRACTICES AND POLICIES**
- **INCLUSION OF REGIONAL NETWORKS AND ASSOCIATIONS IN ITS DISCUSSION FORUMS IN ORDER TO INCREASE SOCIAL PARTICIPATION**
- **LINK USE OF ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUGS AND HUMAN RIGHTS**
- **AMPLIFYING THE TREATMENT ISSUE IN THE ANNUAL AGENDA**
- **ENGAGEMENT OF MINISTRIES OF HEALTH ON THESE AGENDA**

## **CONTATOS**

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