



SAINT LUCIA EXPERIENCE IN COLLECTING DRUG SUPPLY INFORMATION



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND WELLNESS

STAKEEHLERS' CONSULTATION ON DRUG USE IN
SAINT LUCIA

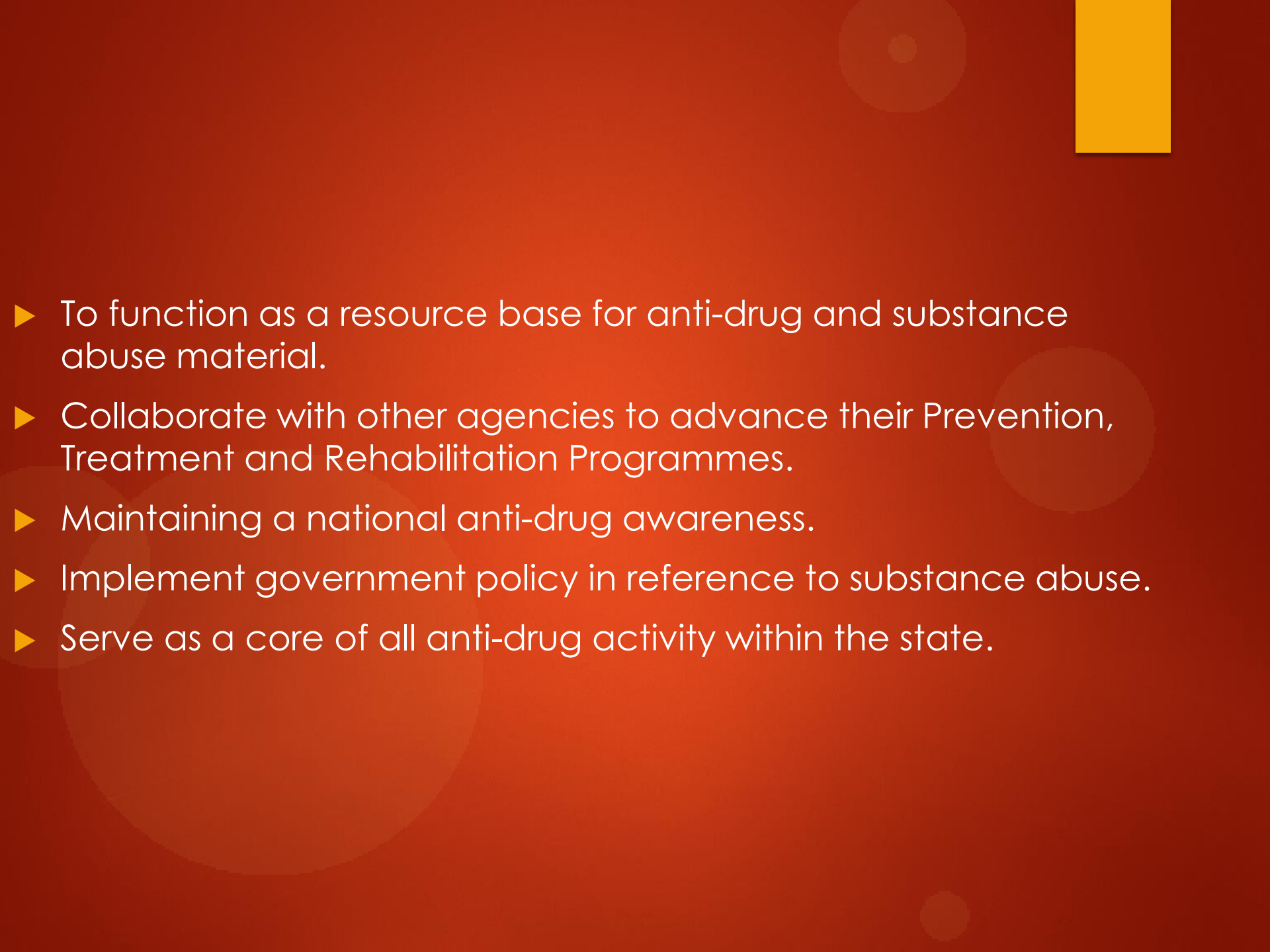
Substance Abuse Advisory Council Secretariat



Mandate/objectives of SAACS

- ▶ The Substance Abuse Advisory Council Secretariat (SAACS) is a government agency within the Department of Health and Wellness.
- ▶ It is the administrative body of the government efforts in the anti-drug activity in Saint Lucia, regionally and internationally.

- ▶ **The objective** of the Secretariat is to develop, monitor and coordinate an effective and supportive campaign against the Supply and Demand for illicit drugs, and the reduction of the abuse of licit substances.

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- ▶ To function as a resource base for anti-drug and substance abuse material.
 - ▶ Collaborate with other agencies to advance their Prevention, Treatment and Rehabilitation Programmes.
 - ▶ Maintaining a national anti-drug awareness.
 - ▶ Implement government policy in reference to substance abuse.
 - ▶ Serve as a core of all anti-drug activity within the state.

DRUG INFORMATION COLLECTION HISTORY

- ▶ Est . 2008
- ▶ Based on the
GRENDIN Indicators
- ▶ Indicators Updated
in 2017



STANDARDIZED INDICATORS
FOR NATIONAL DRUG INFORMATION
NETWORKS IN THE CARIBBEAN



WHO FORMS THE OF DRUG INFORMATION NETWORK

STAKE HOLDERS

- ▶ Department of Health and Wellness
- ▶ Turning Point Rehabilitation Centre
- ▶ Department of Education
- ▶ Customs and Excise Department
- ▶ Royal Saint Lucia Police Force
- ▶ Probations Department
- ▶ Division of Human Services and Family Affairs
- ▶ Sir Arthur Lewis Community College

STAKE HOLDERS

- ▶ Office of the Attorney General
- ▶ Office of the DPP
- ▶ PAHO Country Representative
- ▶ Ministry of Social Transformation
- ▶ National Youth Council
- ▶ NGO's-RISE
- ▶ UWI/Research Groups

DATA SOURCES

Ministry of National Security

1. DRUG SQUAD

Regional Security System (RSS)
and Regional Intelligence Fusion
Center (RIFC)

2. CUSTOMS AND FIU

INDICATORS

Drug Supply					
Standard Indicators					
INDICATOR GROUP	Indicator	Unit of Measure	Collection method (please see forms attached)	Source	Collection Interval
1. Drug Seizures	1. Quantity of each drug seized 2. Number of drug seizures 3. Settings where the operation(s) occurred 4. Country of origin 5. Country of destination	Please specify unit of measure used (Examples –grams, kilograms, ounces, pounds, number of tablets)	FORM 1	I. Police records, II. Customs records, III. forensic laboratories IV. specialized law enforcement agencies	Quarterly
2. Arrests for Drug Offenses	6. Number of persons arrested for drug possession, trafficking. 7. Type of drug 8. Number of persons arrested for intent to supply 9. Other drug offenses as specified in domestic laws		FORM 2	I. police records II. special drug enforcement units	Quarterly
3. Prosecutions for Drug Offenses	10. Number of persons tried for drug trafficking, possession 11. Number of persons convicted		FORM 3, FORM 4	I. Court statistics II. Penal Institutions	Quarterly

Challenges

- ▶ Inconsistency in data collect and analysis
- ▶ Saint Lucia does not have mechanisms to detect the purity of drugs
- ▶ The United States Government announced in 2013, a policy decision based on Leahy Law to withdraw training and material assistance to the Royal St Lucia Police Force
- ▶ Closing of Forensic Lab

How Information Used

- ▶ Evidence base drug prevention program development
- ▶ Development of Policy

(Saint Lucia is in the process of Decriminalizing Marijuana)

THANK YOU