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**THE ROLE OF CIVIL SOCIETY IN SUPPORTING THE SOCIAL INTEGRATION OF
PEOPLE WITH SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS IN THE JUSTICE SYSTEM**



The Role of Civil Society in Supporting the Social Integration of People with Substance Use Disorders in the Justice System

Shared Responsibility Model/Restorative Justice Model

The principle of shared responsibility allocates responsibilities to all actors based on their individual functions and capabilities, as specified in the principle of optimal allocation of roles and responsibilities. This aids in engaging civil responsibility.

CIVIL SOCIETY

- ▶ A Society considered as a community of citizens linked by common interests and collective activities. It consists of CBOs, FBOs, NGOs, business sector groupings and individual business organizations.

Drug Court Model/Pre-Conviction Diversion

- ▶ Screening and assessment of risks, needs, and responsibility.
- ▶ Judicial interaction.
- ▶ Monitoring (e.g. drug testing) and supervision.
- ▶ Graduated sanctions and incentives.
- ▶ Treatment and rehabilitation services.

The Role of the Trinidad & Tobago Prison Service

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Determining Levels of Treatment

▶ Assessment: ***Addiction Severity Index***

ASI: 7 AREAS ASSESSED

- **Employment and support.**
- **Drug use.**
- **Alcohol use.**
- **Family/social status**
- Medical status
- Legal status.
- Psychiatric status.

LEVEL OF TREATMENT

- ▶ Low
- ▶ Medium
- ▶ High (Therapeutic Community)

Therapeutic Community (Within a Corrective Institution)

This value-formation programme enables the promotion of personal growth and cessation of substance abuse disorders.

Social Integration

NGO

- *NGOs provide training to staff, as well as technical expertise as we engage in our levels of training.*
- **Narcotics Anonymous:** for creating the support system within the prison and on discharge.
- **Vision on Mission:** They provide surrogate familial support system by housing and creating a supportive environment for reintegration.
- **Rebirth House:** Creates the continuation, where necessary, of the therapeutic substance use disorder treatment.
- **Family support:** Housing

FBO

- **Faith Based organizations** create, through a spiritual component, the supportive system to strengthen the family and support persons in recovery.

CBO

- **Community-based organizations** provides in-community supportive system for those who re-enter their community.
- Actively involve local organizations, community members and target populations in the establishment of an integrated network of community-based services

Business Sector

- **Business Sector (San Patrignano's Model):** The formation of Industries within the Trinidad & Tobago Prison Service, thereby creating sustainable employment, creating the avenue for restitution for the harm caused and employment support on discharge.

Social Integration- Achieve through:

Inclusive Education

Inter-group contact

Community-based
interventions

Therapeutic
Community (within
a Corrective
Institution)

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