

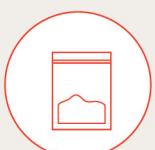
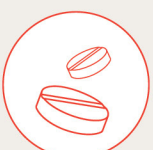
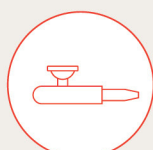
CHALLENGES OF DRUG POLICIES IN RELATION TO WOMEN



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WOMEN AND DRUG USE



1/3 ARE HABITUAL DRUG USERS ARE WOMEN

2/3 ARE HABITUAL DRUG USERS ARE MEN



WOMEN AND VIOLENCE



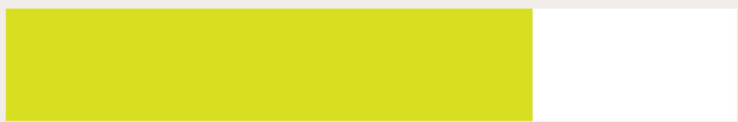
THE PREVALENCE OF GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE AMONG WOMEN WHO USE DRUGS IS MUCH HIGHER MUCH HIGHER THAN AMONG NON-USERS

86,64%



PSYCHOLOGICAL VIOLENCE

74,23%



PHYSICAL VIOLENCE

44,62%



SEXUAL VIOLENCE

24,62%

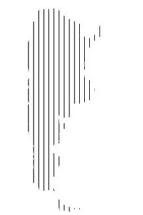


SEXUAL VIOLENCE IN CHILDHOOD

INTERLEAVE research report on women who use drugs and gender-based violence 2022

PERCENTAGE OF WOMEN AND MEN INCARCERATED FOR DRUG-RELATED OFFENSES AS A PROPORTION OF THE TOTAL INCARCERATED POPULATION

ARGENTINA (2017)



Percentage of **WOMEN** incarcerated for drug-related crimes

40%

Percentage of **MALES** incarcerated for drug-related crimes

11,3%

BRAZIL (2016)



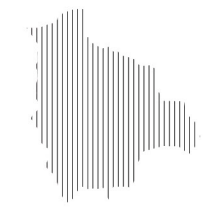
Percentage of **WOMEN** incarcerated for drug-related crimes

62%

Percentage of **MALES** incarcerated for drug-related crimes

26%

BOLIVIA (2019)



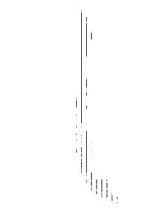
Percentage of **WOMEN** incarcerated for drug-related crimes

36,4%

Percentage of **MALES** incarcerated for drug-related crimes

13%

CHILE (2018)



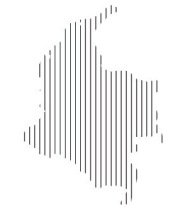
Percentage of **WOMEN** incarcerated for drug-related crimes

53,7%

Percentage of **MALES** incarcerated for drug-related crimes

18,6%

COLOMBIA (2020)



Percentage of **WOMEN** incarcerated for drug-related crimes

46%

Percentage of **MALES** incarcerated for drug-related crimes

18%

COSTA RICA (2016)



Percentage of **WOMEN** incarcerated for drug-related crimes

68,6%

Percentage of **MALES** incarcerated for drug-related crimes

22,2%

MEXICO (2015)



Percentage of **WOMEN** incarcerated for drug-related crimes

48% (federal)
6,3% (estatal)

Percentage of **MALES** incarcerated for drug-related crimes

30,4% (federal)
5,3% (estatal)

WOMEN AND ACCESS TO TREATMENT

WOMEN'S ACCESS TO TREATMENT AND CARE PROGRAMS FOR PROBLEMATIC DRUG USE IS MUCH LOWER FOR WOMEN:



Childcare



They are more exposed to stigmatization



Lack of family support



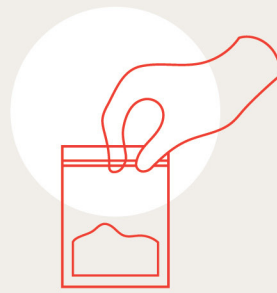
Incompatibility of schedules



WOMEN AND PRISON

WOMEN ARE INCARCERATED FOR DRUG-RELATED OFFENSES AT A HIGHER RATE THAN MEN

Most of the women deprived of liberty are for minor drug offenses



Most have had less access to education



Most live in conditions of poverty



72%

Accused of non-violent crimes



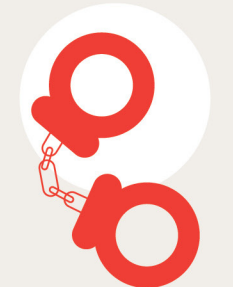
87%

Caregivers of sons, daughters, elderly and/or disabled persons



62%

No criminal record



INCARCERATION OF WOMEN HAS DEVASTATING CONSEQUENCES ON THEIR CHILDREN, FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES AS WELL

Criminal drug laws have a disproportionate impact on women



Latin America is the region in the world with the highest number of women in prison for minor drug offenses

PROPOSALS OF ALTERNATIVE MEASURES TO DEPRIVATION OF LIBERTY

COPOLAD III HAS THE GENDER PERSPECTIVE AT THE CENTER OF ITS ACTION AND INCORPORATES WORKING GROUPS, ACTIVITIES AND SPECIFIC STRATEGIES TO PROMOTE GENDER EQUITY IN ALL ITS ACTIVITIES:



Training in incorporating gender-differentiated indicators in the **National Drug Observatory Information Systems**



Promotion of **research on drug policies** with emphasis on women's problems and needs



Incorporation of the gender perspective in the **dialogue between EU and CELAC** countries on drug issues

Incorporation of the needs of women and girls in the areas of **prevention, treatment, rehabilitation and harm reduction**

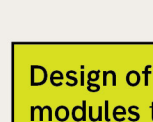


Improvement of the **gender approach** in police actions

Support for public policies that promote the insertion of women with addictions into the labor market



Proposals of **alternative measures to the deprivation of liberty of women** in minor drug offenses



Design of virtual training modules to improve gender mainstreaming in public drug policies

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