

# Los retos de los OND ante una realidad retos compleja

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**The NDO facing a  
complex reality:**

**Relevance of  
Epidemiological  
Studies: Alternatives  
and the Role of NDO**

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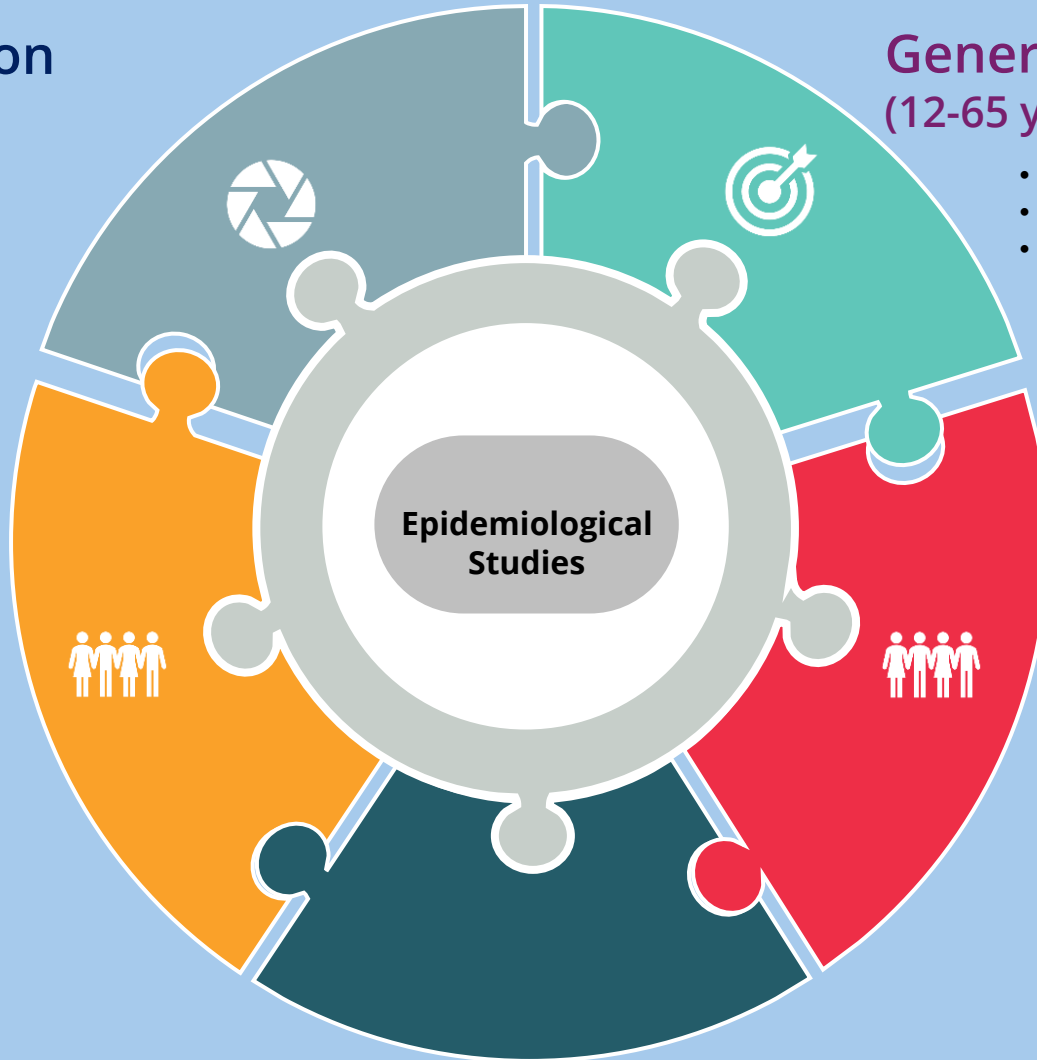


## Homeless Population Survey

- 2013, 2021
- Global Fund
- National Family Planning Board
- Ministry of Health & Wellness

## Prison Survey

- 2015
- OAS/CICAD
- University of the West Indies



## General Population (12-65 years)

- 1987, 2001, 2016, 2023
- OAS/CICAD
- University of the West Indies

## Secondary School Population (13-17 years)

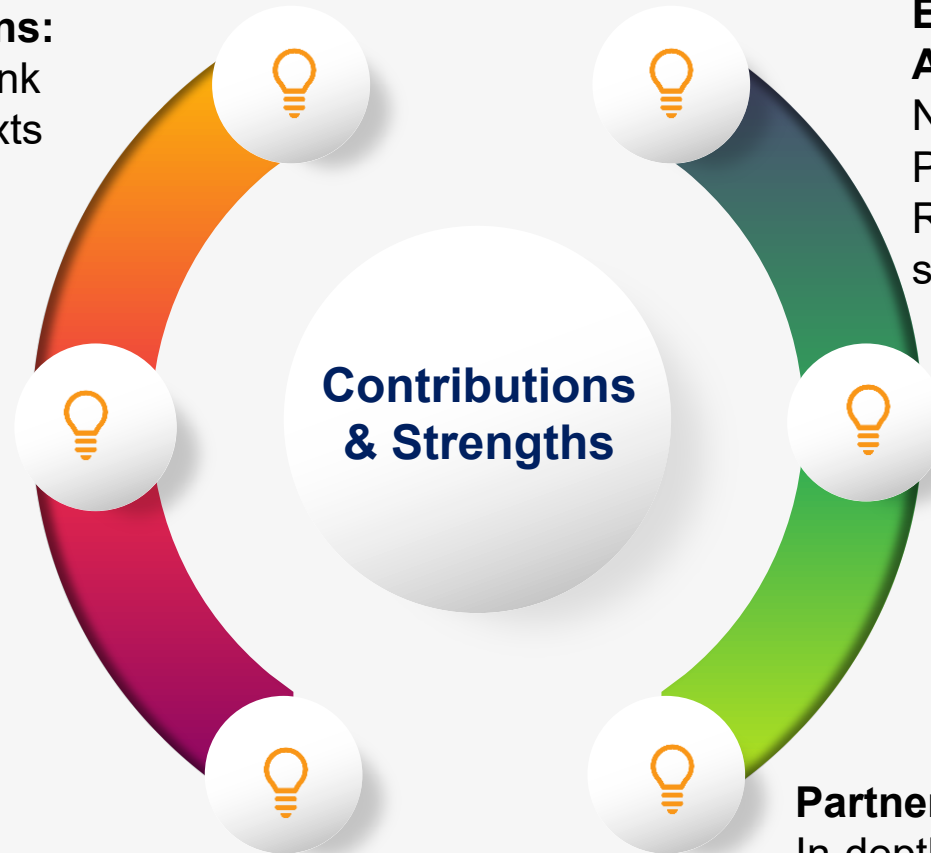
- Global Youth Tobacco Survey (GYTS) – 2001, 2006, 2010, 2017, 2025
- Global School Based Health Survey – 2010, 2017, 2023, 2025
- National Secondary School Survey (NSS) – 2006, 2013
- CICAD/WHO/PAHO/CDC

# EPIDEMIOLOGICAL STUDIES

**Trends in drug use patterns:**  
High-risk cannabis use, drunk driving, geographical contexts

**Multi-level dissemination:**  
Decision makers, technical experts, media engagement, general population

**Basis for national public education campaigns:**  
Alcohol, cannabis, e-cigarettes



**Evidence to inform Policy Agenda:**  
National Harmful Alcohol Policy, Tobacco Control Regulations, PAHO's technical support to Jamaica

**Evidence for national prevention plans & programs:**  
Scale up of national family-based program, youth cannabis prevention program

**Partnership with academia:**  
In-depth analysis & publications: poly-drug use, gender, neighbourhood characteristics

# Challenges & Alternative Methodologies



## Low Frequency

- Every 5-7 years
- Limited to prevalence studies

### Value of Research Agenda:

- Cannabis potency and mental health
- Adverse Childhood Experiences & Substance Use
- Cohort studies to determine causation



## Limited Funding

- Reliance on international partners
- 2023 survey locally funded



## Rapid Situation Assessments

- 2015: Cannabis use among secondary students
- 2017: Drug Prevention and Treatment System
- 2022: Secondary School Students Post COVID (MDMA/edibles/vaping)
- 2024: Synthetic Drug Study (OAS/CICAD)
- Wastewater analysis – methodology being explored
- Forensics and EUDA

# Thank You Gracias

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