

CHALLENGES TO INCLUDE THE GENDER APPROACH AS A CROSS-CUTTING MATTER IN A NATIONAL DRUG STRATEGY

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GUYANA AND OUR PEOPLE



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STRATEGY MASTER
PLAN 2016-2020



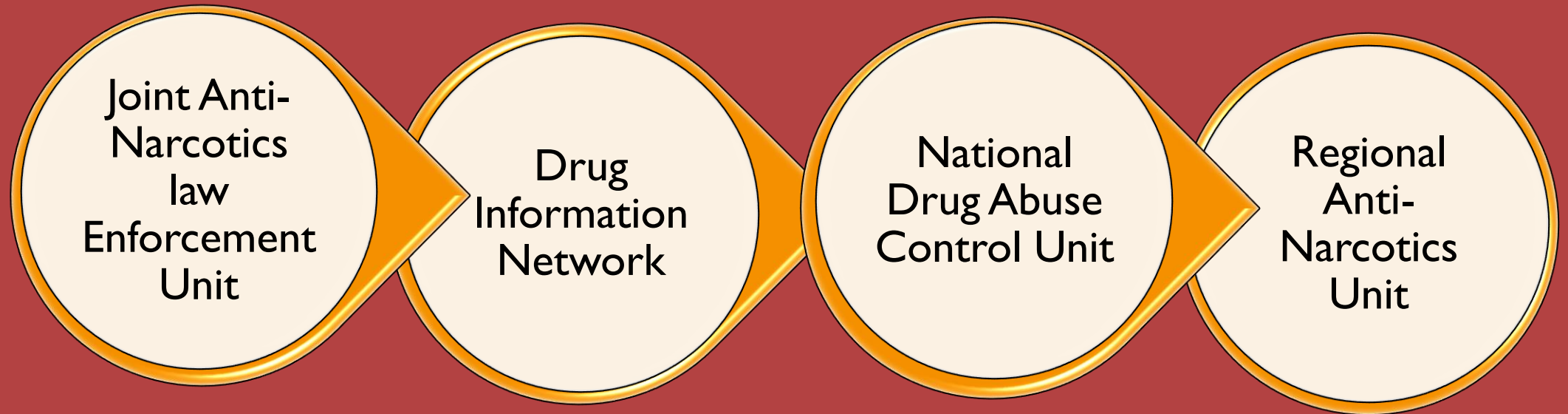
NATIONAL ANTI- NARCOTICS AGENCY (NANA)

- NANA was established in July, 2017 and became operationalized in October, 2017.
- NANA serves as the national coordinating agency for counter drug operations both in the domestic and international fields.
- Oversight responsibilities rest with the Strategic Oversight Council, chaired by our President
- The agency reports directly to the Ministry of Public Security
- It is tasked with developing and implementing evidence based drug policies and programs in collaboration with all national stakeholders

GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE OF NANA



THE FOUR PROGRAMMATIC AREAS



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STRATEGY- THE GUYANA PERSPECTIVE

CHALLENGES- WHY

Social and cultural norms

women and substance use is a taboo topic

lack of information

Lack of gender discussion in research

policy makers lack evidence needed to address the issue

Lack of institutional capacity

Institution does not have a gender policy

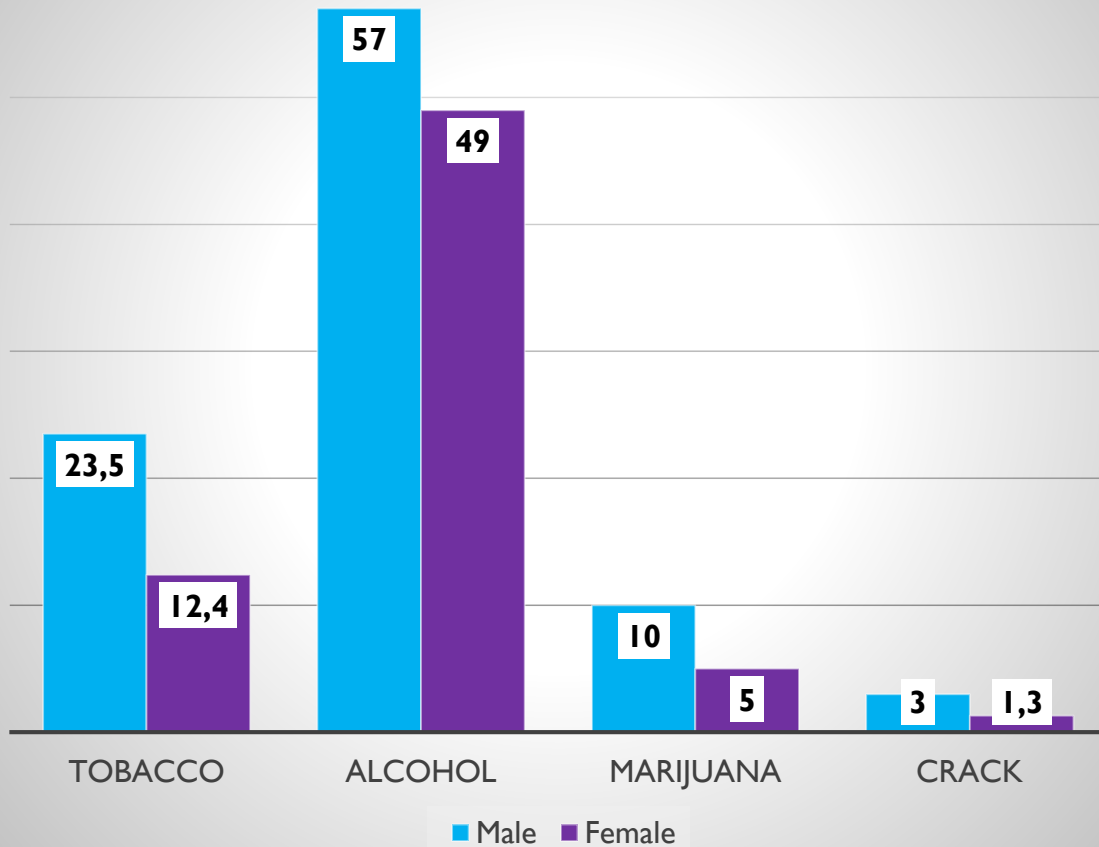
Trained and qualified personnel in general and on gender issues in particular

SOCIAL AND CULTURAL NORMS

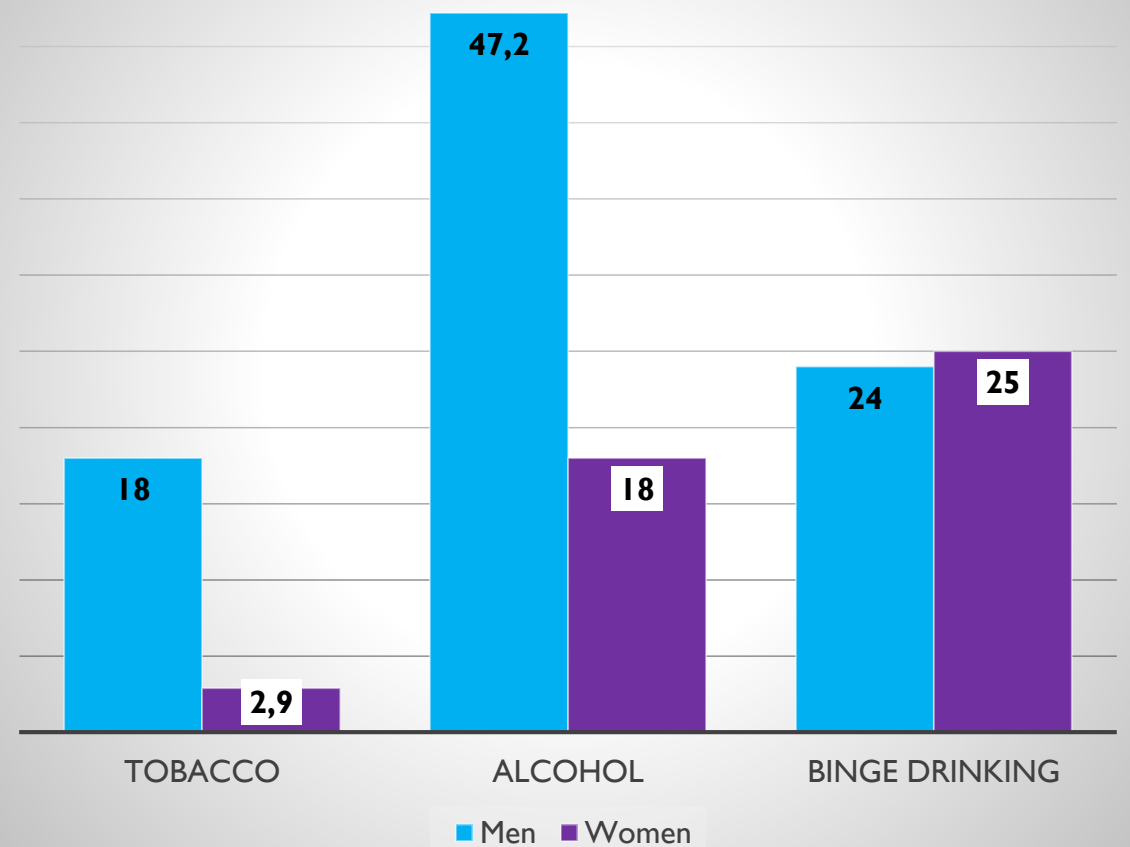
INFORMATION

OBSERVATIONS

School Survey 2013

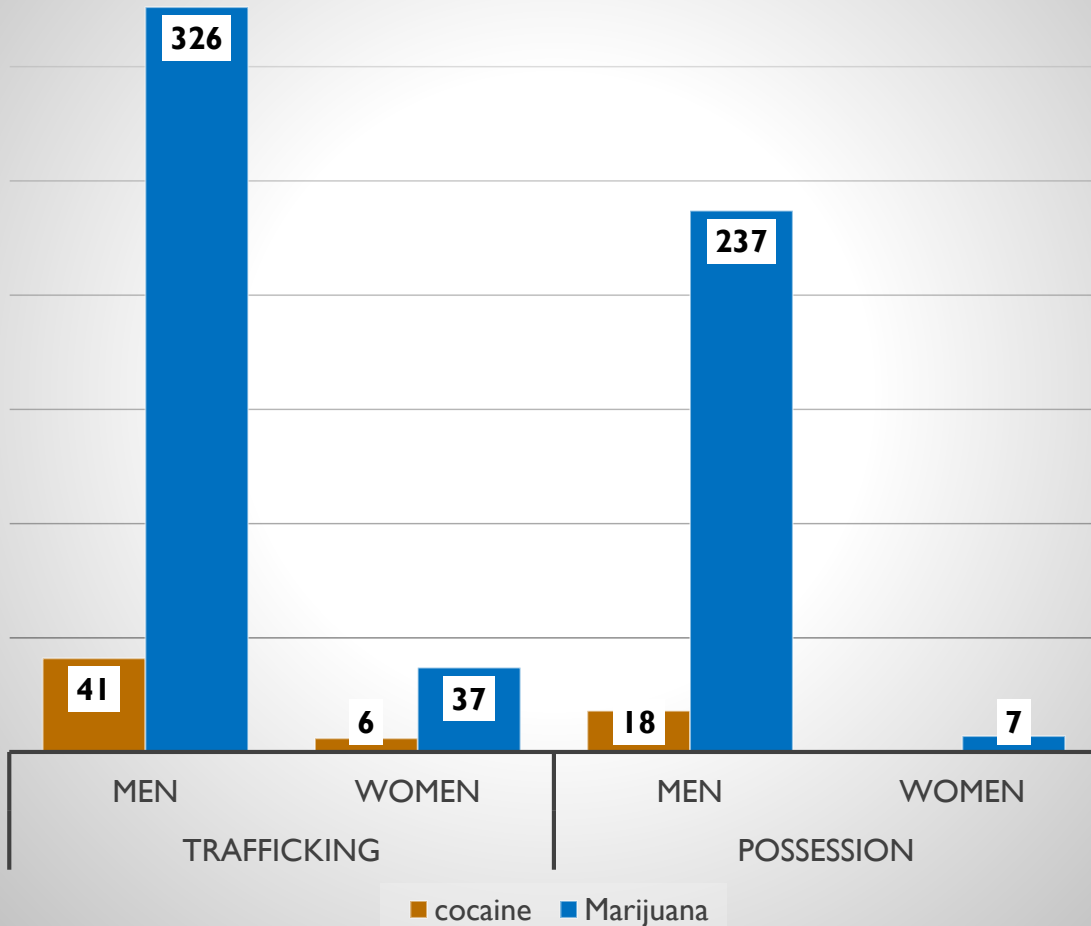


Household Survey 2015

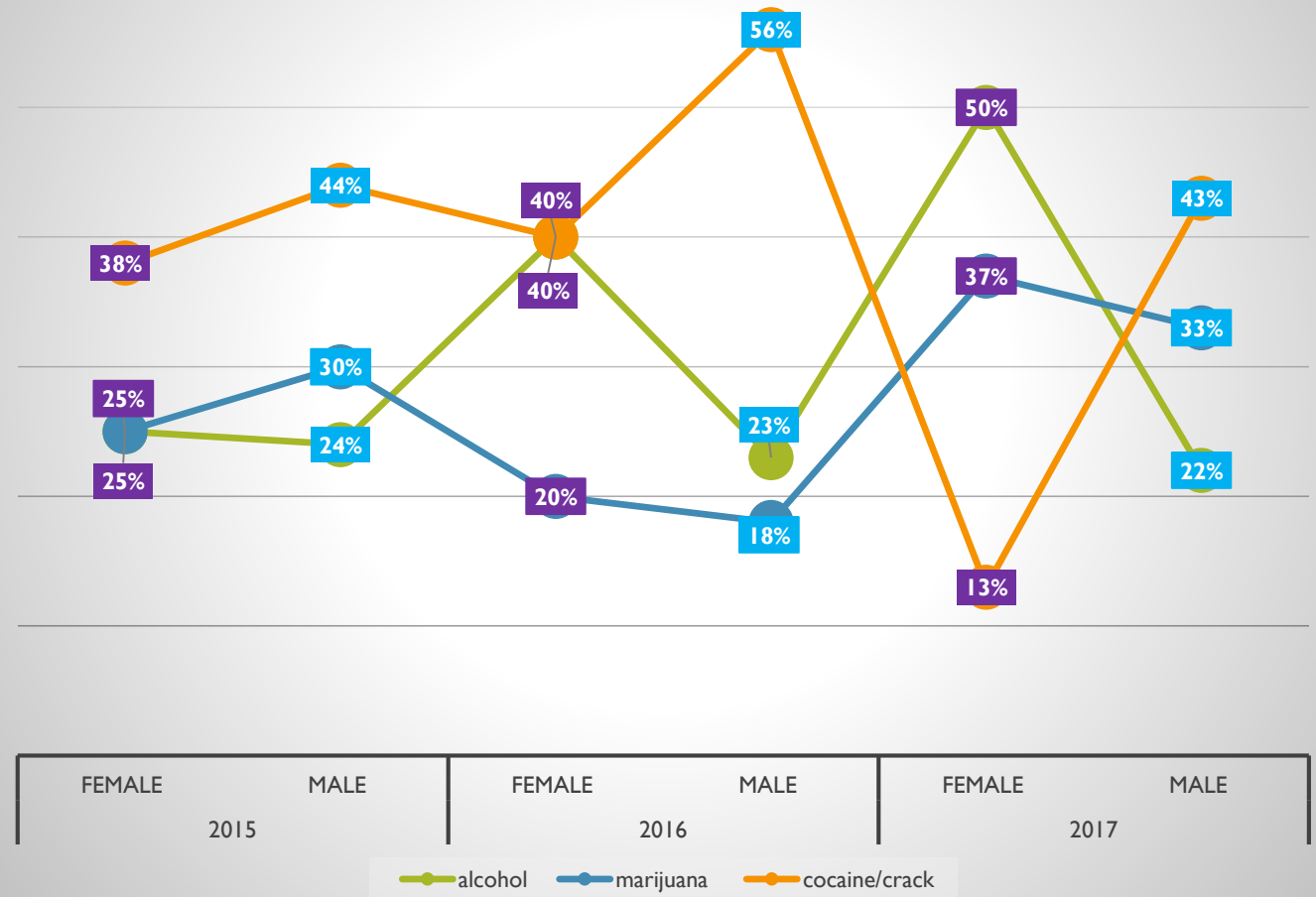


OBSERVATIONS

Charges for Drug Offences 2017



Treatment for Problematic Substance Use by Gender 2015-2017



INSTITUTIONAL CAPACITY

CONCLUSION

- The National Anti-Narcotics Agency is committed to taking the lead in the development of comprehensive, evidence-based drug policies and programs.
- In achieving this commitment, we recognize that there are many issues that must be addressed and that we must tailor our interventions at all levels to ensure inclusivity and avoid discrimination on any basis.
- We recognize that gender is a sensitive issue and must be addressed and we are working to highlight these issues and remove barriers to interventions at all levels focusing on enhancing institutional capacity to address this issue, improving data generation and analysis to include among other things gender perspective and addressing some of our social and cultural norms that hinder gender inclusivity.

THANK YOU