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This week we reflect on the theme of World Drug Day 2022 with an exclusive feature from the UNODC Prevention Treatment and Rehabilitation Section. We're also signposting you to a special event on this year's UNODC World Drug Report planned for July 7th.

#CareInCrises - Addressing drug challenges in health and humanitarian crises on #WorldDrugDay with UNODC PTRS



Health and humanitarian crises impact people's lives in numerous ways. We have known for a long time that adverse experiences, especially during childhood, are linked to increased vulnerability to starting to use drugs and progressing to drug use disorders. At the same time, these global challenges exacerbate inequalities in the provision of and access to health services, education and employment. This includes both services that would be protective of the healthy and safe development of children and youth, as well as services to protect the health and promote the recovery of people who use drugs and people with drug use disorders.

The data included in the [World Drug Report](#) of last year showed an increase in the rate of domestic violence against children, in particular linked to the closing of

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marked the greatest increase in mortality in countries heavily affected by the opioid crisis, greater exposure of people who inject drugs to the risk of harm, increased mental health problems such as anxiety and depression .

Since then, two major humanitarian crises have been unfolding in Afghanistan and Ukraine, adding thousands to the number of people displaced due to other conflicts and causes in other parts of the world.

It is imperative to sustain the response to drug challenges in the context of these health and humanitarian crises to protect the right to health of the most vulnerable. UNODC advocates the continuity of services to support children, youth, families, as well as people who use drugs and people with drug use disorder and has developed tools to support this action in the most effective ways.

National, regional and global collaboration is key to attain the vision of health for all to ensure that psychosocial services are available without disruption in times of crises, strengthening the resilience of children, youth, families and all individuals in dealing with extreme stress without resorting to negative coping behaviors. Further, services for people who use drugs and people with drug use disorders need to be included in the list of essential services the continuity of which needs to be ensured also in terms of crisis.

In commemoration of [World Drug Day](#) on June 26th, let us all share experiences and inspiration in addressing drugs in the context of humanitarian challenges. Let us all do our part by caring, even in times of crises and leave no one behind.

Join the conversation on social media using the hashtag #CareInCrises. Twitter: [@UNODC](#) / [@UNODC_PTRS](#)

Special event



LIVE WEBINAR **ISSUP** INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF SUBSTANCE USE PROFESSIONALS **UNODC** United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime

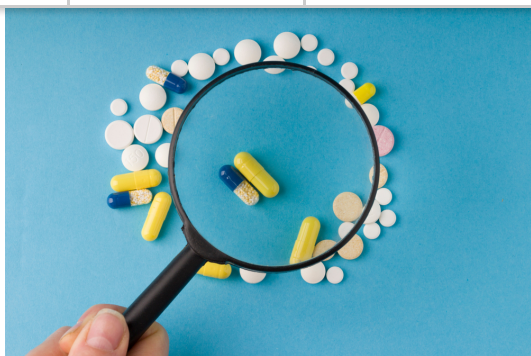
Highlights from the 2022 UNODC World Drug Report **#CareInCrises**

Implications for drug prevention, treatment and care responses

Guest Speaker
Giovanna Campello
Chief, Prevention, Treatment and Rehabilitation Section, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)

Thursday, 7th July 2022 **2PM London | 3PM Vienna**
<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6626315000821889551>

Join us on July 7th for a presentation by **Giovanna Campello**, Chief, UNODC PTRS. Hear highlights from the 2022 edition of the UNODC World Drug Report and the implications for drug prevention, treatment and rehabilitation responses. [Register](#)

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New psychoactive substances (NPS) are a diverse group of substances designed to replicate the effects of illegal substances like cannabis, cocaine and ecstasy. This reading list provides links to useful resources exploring the subject: [ISSUP](#)

Jamaica to update national drug policy



At a workshop hosted by OAS/CICAD, the Ministry of National Security and the National Council on Drug Abuse, Jamaica's National Security Minister, Dr Horace Chang, says the Government is taking the necessary steps to implement an updated national drug policy. Read more: [ISSUP](#)

Register for this: Upcoming webinars and events

24 June | El Capítulo Nacional de ISSUP Perú ha programado el evento en el marco del Día internacional de Lucha contra el uso indebido y el tráfico ilícito de drogas. [Este 24 de junio vía facelive](#)

28 June | ISSUP Kenya invite you to join a webinar focusing on the issue of disability mainstreaming and inclusion in accessing Mental Health and SUD treatment. [Register](#)

29 June | ISSUP México está realizando un conversatorio el miércoles, 29 de junio a las 11:00 horas tiempo de la Ciudad de Mexico, en conmemoración del Día

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11:00 hrs. (Hora del centro de México)

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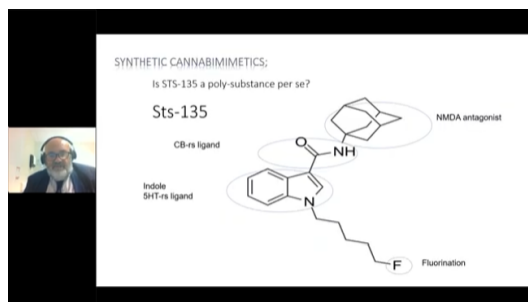
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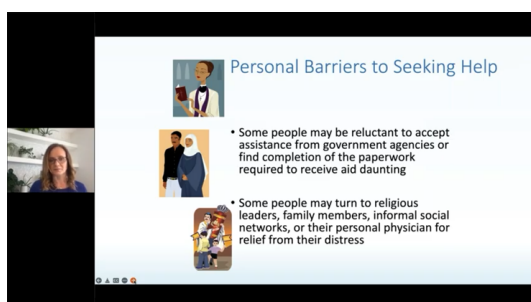
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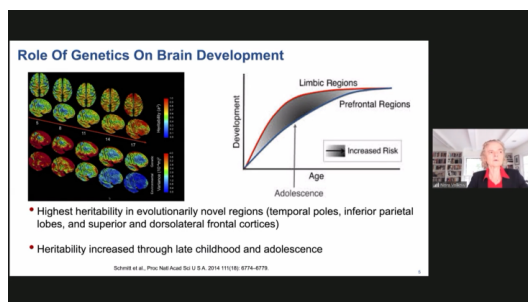
[NPS webinar on Synthetic Hallucinogens & Depressants](#)



Personal Barriers to Seeking Help

- Some people may be reluctant to accept assistance from government agencies or find completion of the paperwork required to receive aid daunting
- Some people may turn to religious leaders, family members, informal social networks, or their personal physician for relief from their distress

[ISSUP Ukraine webinar: Helping older adults](#)



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