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# Increased drug use and continued wide drug treatment gap

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People who use drugs, 2023 (in million)

316

million people



People with drug use disorders, 2023 (in million)

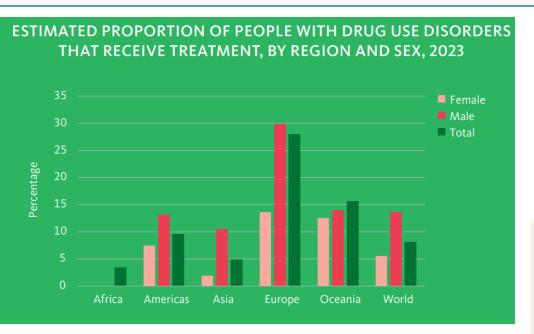








### Regional situation





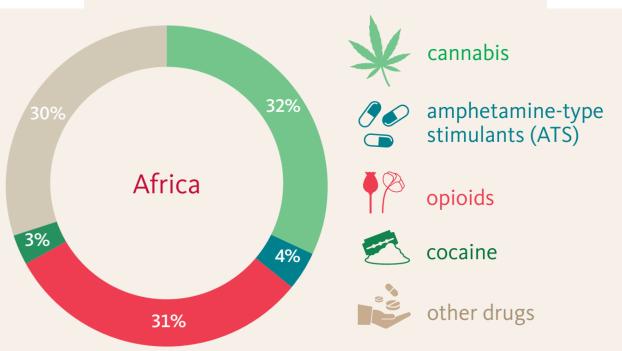
People under 25 years in treatment in Africa

31%

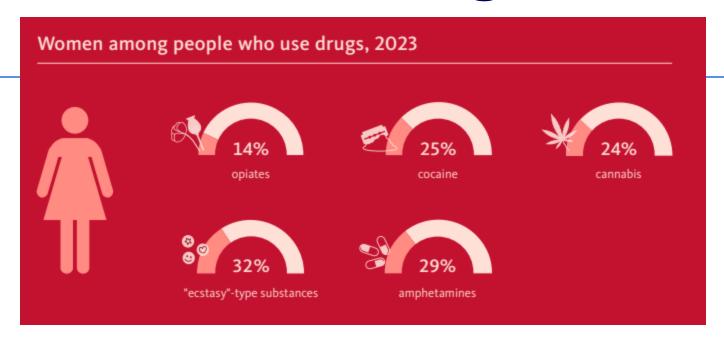




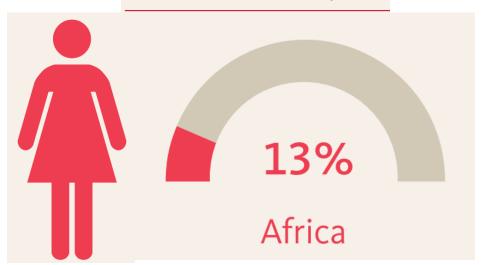
#### Primary drug of people in treatment, 2023

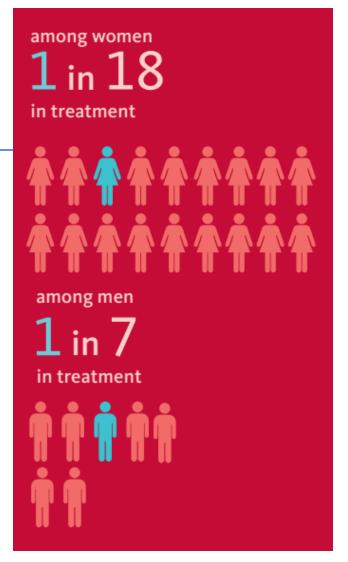


## Women and drug use



Women in treatment, 2023







### **Drugs use and harm**



People who inject drugs, 2023 (in million)

14

#### million people

6.9 million living with hepatisis C

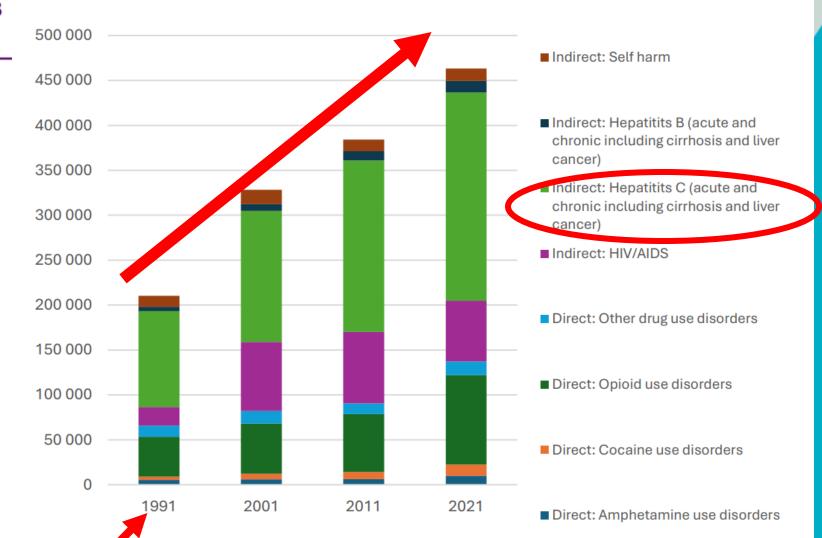
1.7 million living with HIV

1.5 million living with HIV and hepatisis C



#### Deaths attributable to the use of drugs, 1991-2021

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## Local dynamics of drug trafficking & drug use



high level of opioid-related overdoses high level of methamphetamine use cocaine use

while cannabis trafficking and use affect all regions worldwide, other drug issues pose additional threats in different geographical locations

manufacture of methamphetamine and opioids

cocaine trafficking

increasing cocaine production and trafficking

cocaine use disorders cocaine trafficking

expanding cocaine market increasing use of ATS

methamphetamine manufacture, trafficking and use

opiate production, trafficking and use high prevalence of HIV among people who inject drugs

captagon trafficking non-medical use of tramadol increasing cocaine trafficking and spill-over to local market new mix of substances in the market (e.g. kush)

methamphetamine and captagon trafficking and use high prevalence of opioid use expanding ATS market emergence of cocaine trafficking

NPS and synthetic drug markets

methamphetamine manufacture, trafficking and use opiates production

> large methamphetamine market

high prevalence of HIV among people who inject clima

heroin in transit spilling over into local heroin use

use of synthetic stimulants heroin and cocaine trafficking high prevalence of HIV amon high prevalence of use of stimulants (methamphetamine and cocaine)

Opioids/Opiates

ATS and NPS

Cocaine

HIV among people who inject drugs

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