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Landscape of Addiction Problem:
**Comprehensive Approaches and Treatment
Pathways for Drug and Substance Use Disorders**

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Sarawak's Comprehensive Addiction Response

Long-term Recovery



Sustained support for
maintaining sobriety
and wellbeing.

Treatment



Comprehensive
medical and
psychological support
for addiction.

Prevention



Strategies to prevent
drug and substance
use disorders.



Rehabilitation

Programs to restore
individuals to healthy
functioning.



Early Intervention

Timely actions to
address emerging
addiction issues.



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Holistic Addiction Response in Sarawak





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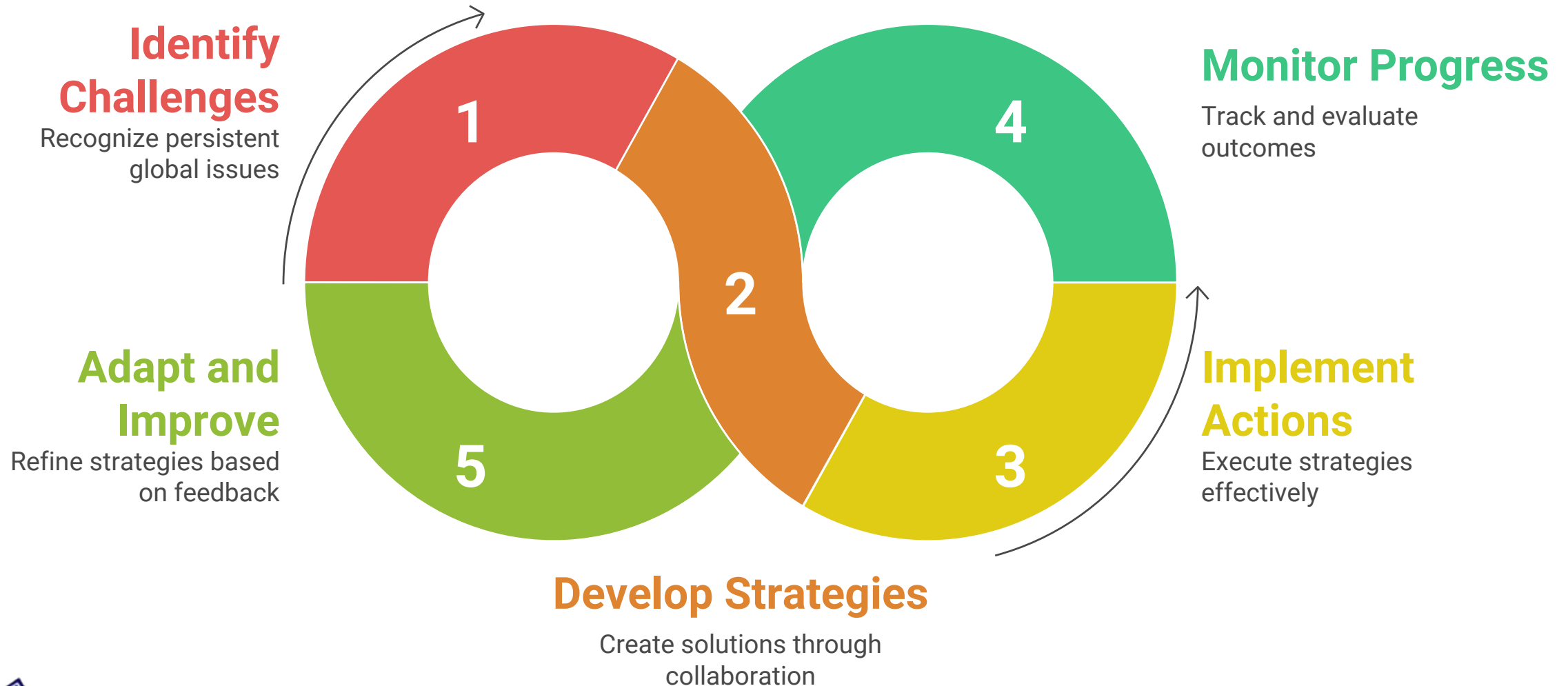
Landscape of Addiction Problem: Comprehensive Approach and Treatment



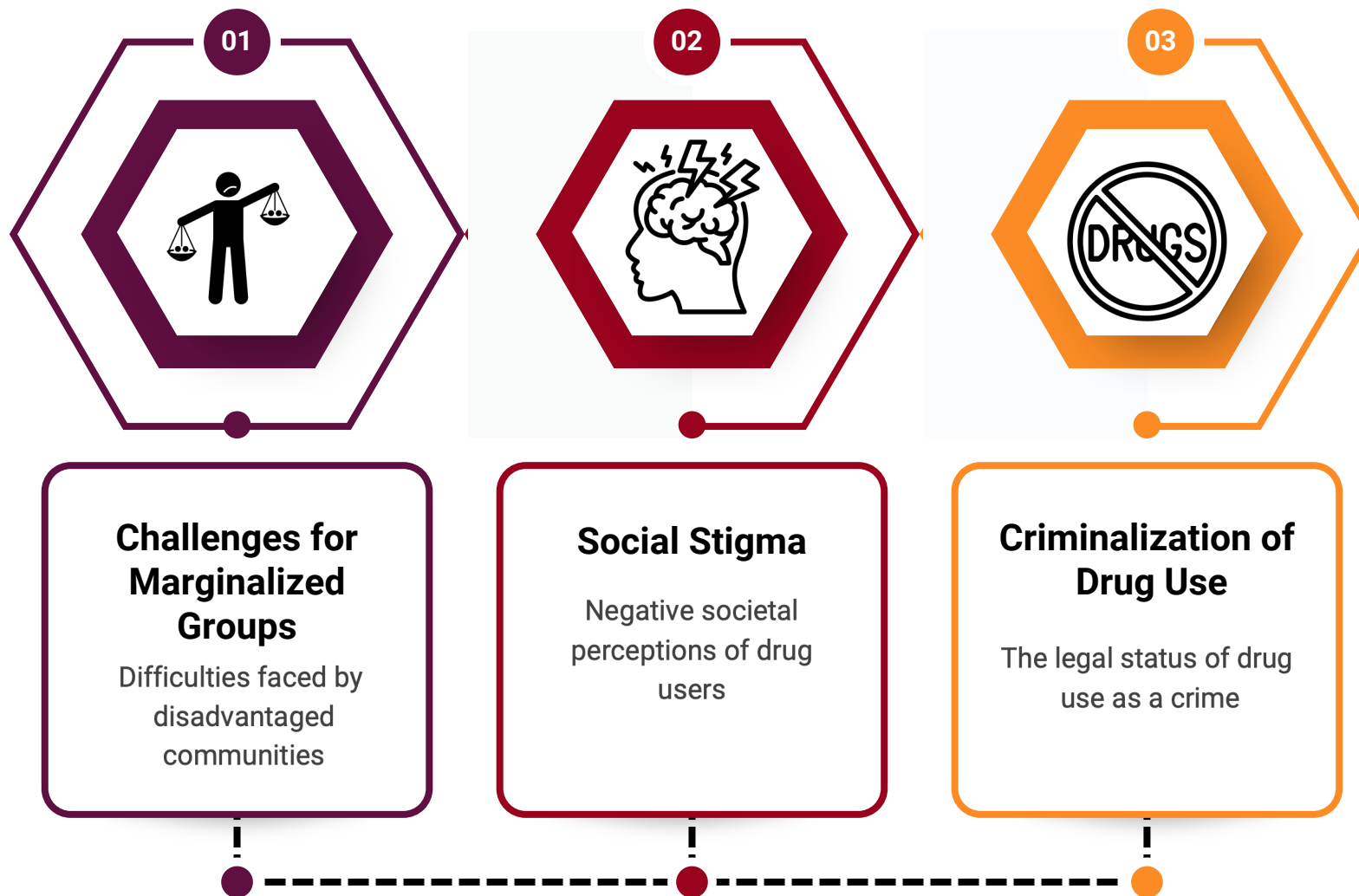


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Sarawak's Stewardship Framework Cycle



Factors Hindering Help-Seeking Behavior





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Integrated Approach to Drug Issues





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Evidence Gathering

Grassroots Community Dialog on Drugs and Substance Abuse Issues and carry out surveys and research

**EXPERIENCES
OF AFFECTED
INDIVIDUALS**

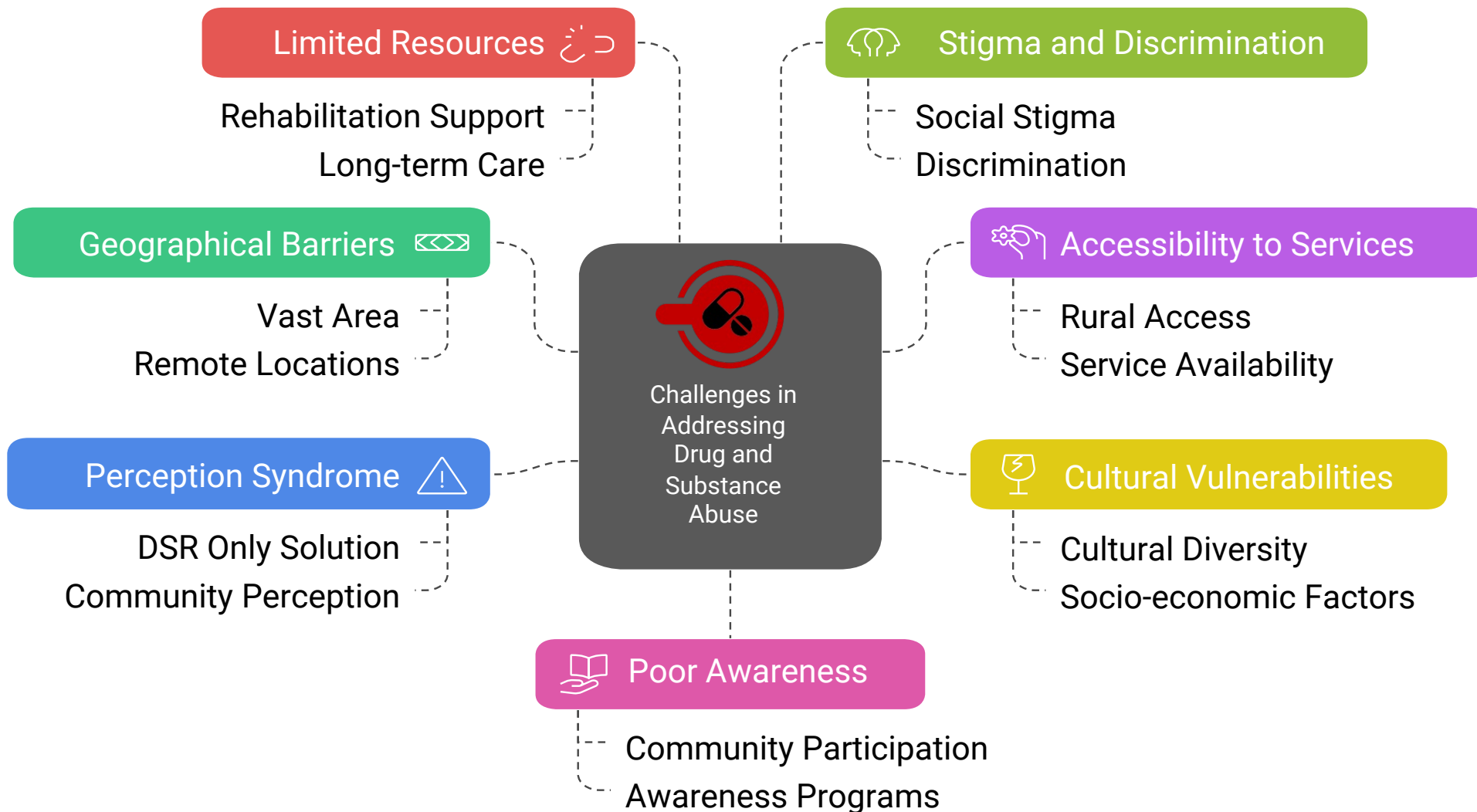
FAMILIES

**INPUT FROM KEY
STAKEHOLDERS**

Sarawak Social Development Council



Challenges in Addressing Drug and Substance Abuse

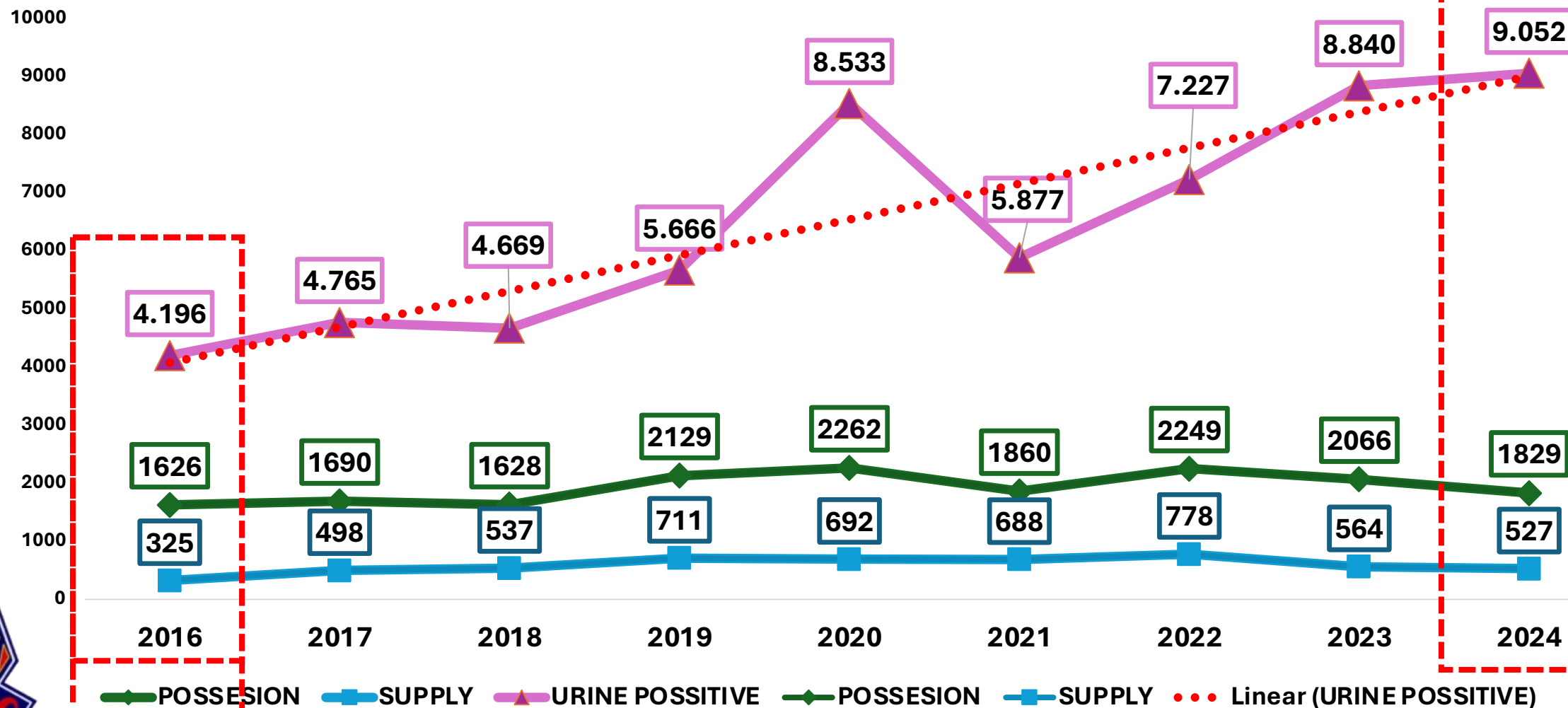




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DRUG RELATED ARREST 2016 - 2024





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Drug-Related Arrests in Sarawak 2016

Two Africans among three nabbed for drug trafficking in Sarawak

By Goh Pei Pei - June 7, 2016 @ 6:40pm



Two Africans were among three people arrested with more than 1kg of syabu worth more than RM300,000 in two separate operations. The two foreigners, aged 28 and 29 were arrested when a police team raided a house in Jalan Canna, Kuching. Pix by CHE RANI CHE DIN

KUCHING: Two Africans were among three people arrested with more than 1kg of syabu worth more than RM300,000 in two separate operations.

The two foreigners, aged 28 and 29 were arrested when a police team raided a house in Jalan Canna here early today.

Police: Suspect a habitual drug pusher

POSTED ON MARCH 9, 2016, WEDNESDAY AT 1:13 AM

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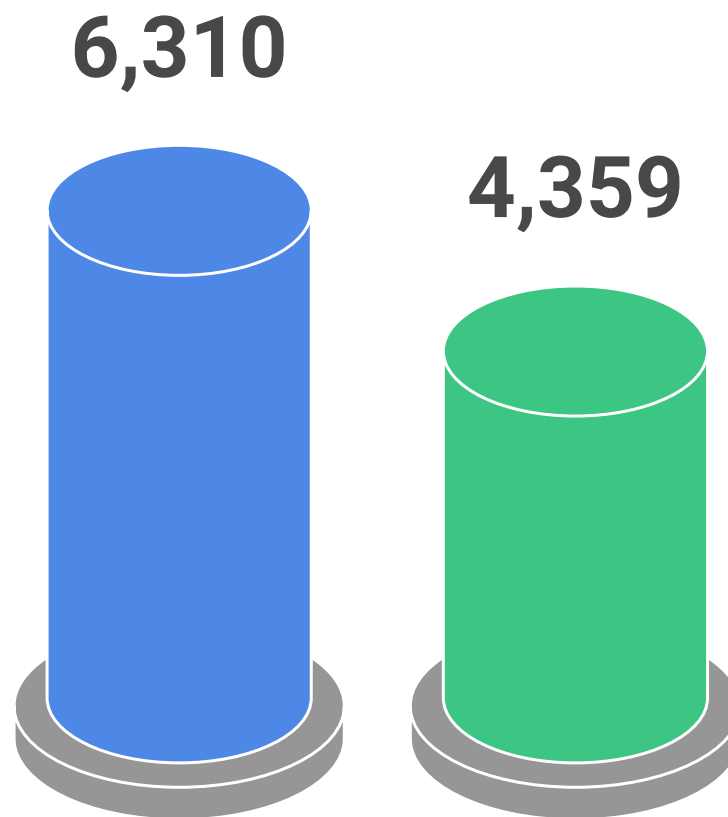
Koo (centre) holds up one of the packets of substances seized during the raid. Also seen are Sibu CID chief DSP Yeoh Chun Shyan (left) and investigating officer Mohd Safwan.

Total Drug-Related Arrests

Overall arrests in Sarawak

Drug-Using Arrests in Sarawak

Arrests for drug-using offenses





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Sarawak's Social Challenges

Property Crimes

Crimes related to theft and damage, often driven by addiction

Divorce

Legal dissolution of marriages, sometimes linked to substance-related issues

Teenage Pregnancy

Pregnancies among young individuals, potentially linked to substance use

Sexual Crimes

Crimes involving sexual assault, sometimes linked to substance use

Online Gambling

Addictive gambling activities conducted online

Dysfunctional Families

Families with strained relationships and communication issues



Domestic Violence

Violent acts within family settings, exacerbated by substance abuse

STIs

Sexually transmitted infections, often associated with risky behaviors

Mental Health

Psychological well-being, often affected by substance abuse

Poverty

Economic hardship, often exacerbated by substance abuse

Homelessness

Lack of stable housing, often linked to substance abuse



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Findings are Reinforced by Research

Sungai Asap, Belaga



200

community
members
participate

2023-2024

78% Peer influence

64% Family dysfunction

59% Unemployment and poverty

Alcohol and
methamphetamine
use was normalized
and widespread.

Implementing the Sarawak OSC Model

Collaborate with Organizations

Partner with various organizations at different levels to enhance effectiveness.

Decentralize Activities

Implement five pillars of prevention, enforcement, treatment, rehabilitation, and reintegration.





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Stakeholder Collaboration Pyramid

Community urged to be first line of defence against drugs

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Fatimah (seated, centre) poses for a photo with others. Photo: Ukas

LET'S READ SUARA SARAWAK/ NEW SARAWAK TRIBUNE E-PAPER FOR FREE AS EARLY AS 2 AM EVERY DAY. CLICK LINK (<https://stssapp.com>)

DALAT: The community must unite and serve as the first line of defence in protecting society from the threat of drug and substance abuse.

Women, Childhood and Community Wellbeing Development Minister Datuk Seri Fatimah



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Stakeholders

Government, NGOs, private sector, and leaders



State Level

Policy alignment and strategic oversight



District Level

Coordination and resource allocation



Grassroots Level

Community-driven implementation and ownership



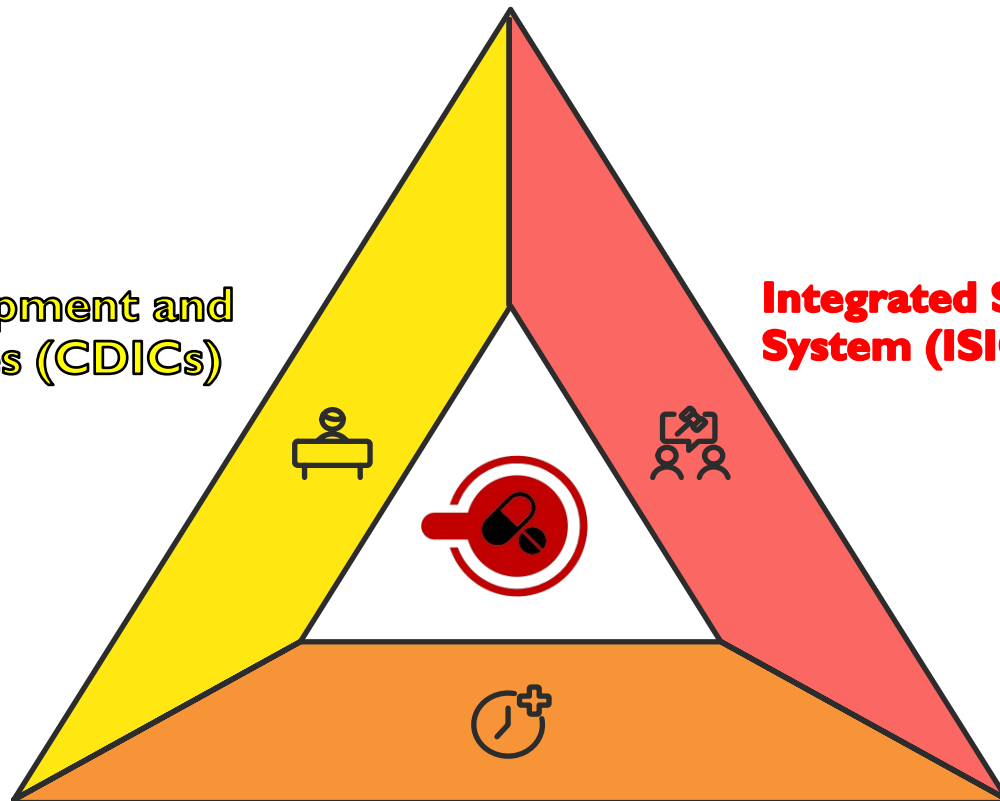


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Sarawak Key Initiatives

**Community Development and
Intervention Centres (CDICs)**

**Integrated Social Issue Case Management
System (ISICMS)**



**Low Income Family
Empowerment (LIFE)**



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Community Development and Intervention Centres (CDICs)

Counselling



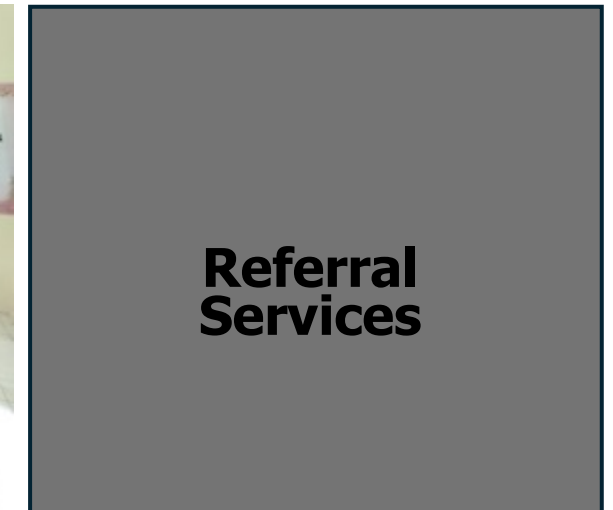
**Skills
Development**



**Recovery
Programmes**



**Referral
Services**





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Digital Case Management System



**Integrated Social Issue
Case Management System**

The collage displays three key components of the SICMS interface:

- Login Screen:** Features the SICMS logo at the top, followed by input fields for 'User ID' and 'Password', and a 'Login' button.
- Social Issue Case Submission Form:** A web form titled 'Social Issue Case Submission' with a progress indicator (1, 2, 3). It includes fields for 'Request Type' (Own Submission, On Behalf of Another Person), 'Name', 'Contact No.', 'I.E. No.', 'Email', 'Case Location', and 'Issue and Concerns'. A 'Submit' button is at the bottom.
- Successfully Submitted! Confirmation:** A green message box stating 'Successfully Submitted!' with the reference 'Social Issue Case Submission: [20250625-0001]' and a link to 'Progress status can be viewed in My Workspace under Application Status'. A 'Close' button is at the bottom right.



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Low-income Family Empowerment (LIFE PROGRAMME)



households receive one-off assistance of up
RM5,000.00



financial support, training, and skills development to families affected by substance use



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Impact of Collaborative Efforts in Sarawak

Stronger Family Support

Improved family support systems



Help-Seeking Behavior

Increased willingness to seek assistance



Lower Recidivism

Reduced rates of repeat offenses



Community Participation

Enhanced involvement in community activities



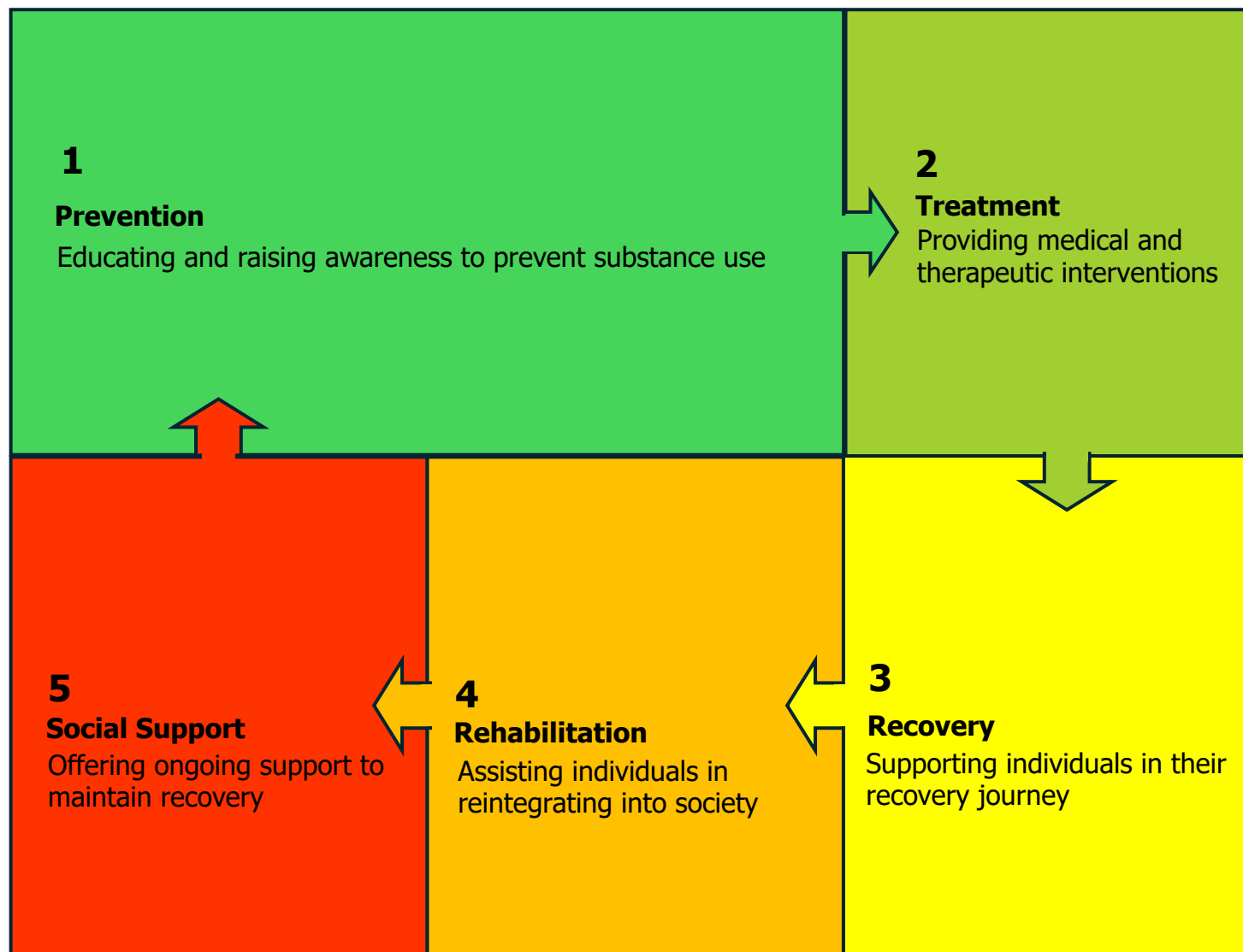
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Sarawak's Integrated Treatment and Recovery Cycle





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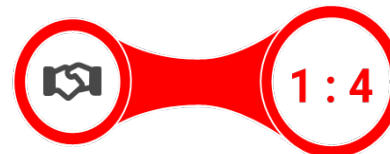
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Positive Outcomes of SUD Interventions in Sarawak Components



Help-Seeking Ratio

Better than national and
international average

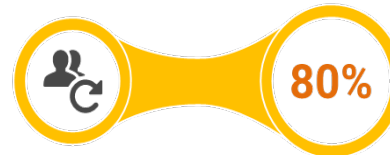


Recidivism Rate

Lower than national
prison recidivism

Community Participation

High involvement in
prevention and referrals



Progressive Enforcement Practices

Increased referrals for
treatment over
incarceration



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Pathways to Sustainable Recovery



Community Ownership

Essential for long-term success and community empowerment.



Collaboration

Fosters shared responsibility and effective problem-solving.



Holistic Integration

Ensures comprehensive support and interconnected solutions.



Structured Interventions

Provides organized and effective community-based support.



Inclusive Approaches

Promotes participation and reduces stigma for all.



Integrated Strategies

Combines resources for comprehensive and sustainable impact.



Ask Questions



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Comments





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