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Scenarios and possible responses to the rapid expansion of synthetic drug manufacture, trafficking, marketing and consumption



Scenarios



The **accessibility** of starting materials facilitates production virtually anywhere



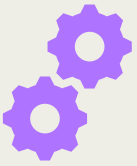
- The rise of online social media platforms has facilitated illicit drug trading and advertising
- Online drug sales, especially on the dark web, are rapidly growing



- Provides sellers and buyers with anonymity
- Lowers the risk of violence and police interference
- Offers the potential for higher profits



Responses



Controlling the manufacturing of synthetic drugs is more challenging than controlling the production of plant-based drugs



Many countries still **inadequately** address illicit drug use and dependence
Some rely heavily on punitive measures rather than health-centered approaches



Stigma, discrimination, and human rights violations persist, hindering access to necessary health services



Responses



STRATEGIC GOALS

1

Reduce Diversion
and Illicit
Production of
Synthetic Drugs

2

Strengthen
Capacity to Detect
and Interdict Illicit
Synthetic Drugs

3

Target Online Sales
and Financial
Flows

4

Reduce Global
Demand for Drugs

5

Expand Global
Partnerships and
Action



SMART Programme of UNODC



As per UNODC, “The factors that make young people vulnerable, or, conversely, resilient, to the initiation of substance use or development of drug use disorders, include individual and environmental influences on the development of children from a young age”



The Spectrum of Prevention

Influencing Policy & Legislation

Changing Organizational Practices

Fostering Coalitions & Networks

Educating Providers

Promoting Community Education

Strengthening Individual Knowledge & Skills



The overall aim of substance use prevention is to ensure the healthy and safe development of children and young people so that they can

Fulfill their talents and potential

Become contributing members of society and their communities.



We empower children and youth to prevent risky behaviors through

Capacity development

Awareness

Knowledge dissemination

Strategic partnerships





Mentor is aligned with the following United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

Our programs help create a sustainable society through trainings & seminars:

- We nurture socially competent mentors and inspire resilience in young individuals
- Adults learn life skills to better support young people in their everyday lives.
- Young people become more resilient & capable of reaching their full potential, as well as looking to the future with hope.



Goal 3 – Good Health & Wellbeing

Our programs empower youth & provide opportunities for healthy development away from risky behavior, for both young people & adult mentors.



Goal 4 – Quality Education

Mentor works closely with schools. Our programs inspire school motivation, as well as encourage young people to continue with education.



Goal 5 – Gender Equality

We work to promote balance & challenge stereotypes. Gender is a key component of our projects, & our life skills training workshops.



Goal 10 – Reduced Inequalities

At Mentor, all young people aged 13-18 have access to our programs. We work actively with particularly marginalized youth to reduce inequalities through integration efforts.



Goal 16 – Peace, Justice & Strong Institutions

Working with in the third sector in partnership with the private sector, we bridge the gap, engaging all parts of society to work towards better outcomes for youth.



How We Do It?

- **Increase** youth awareness on prevention from risky behaviors
- **Develop** children and youth related strategies & policies
- **Promote** youth participation in social & human development
- **Build** the capacities of children, youth & other beneficiaries
- **Disseminate** knowledge about children & youth empowerment
- **Forge** strategic partnerships with relevant stakeholder





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