

# GUYANA DRUG INFORMATION NETWORK (GUYDIN)

## 2011 FIRST QUARTER REPORT OF THE DRUG INFORMATION NETWORK: JANUARY 1 TO MARCH 31, 2011

2011



MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

The report is based on data received for the period January 1 to March 31, 2011. The report will present a brief analysis of the data received from agency attached to the DIN. The data will be used to guide discussion at the next meeting of the DIN. At the next DIN Forum participants will discuss the various implications arising from the analysis and develop sector specific recommendations in responding to the drug problem. The Report is divided into two major sections: the first will focus on supply reduction and will cover drug interdiction, eradication and surveillance; and the second will deal with demand reduction and will cover prevention and treatment programmes.

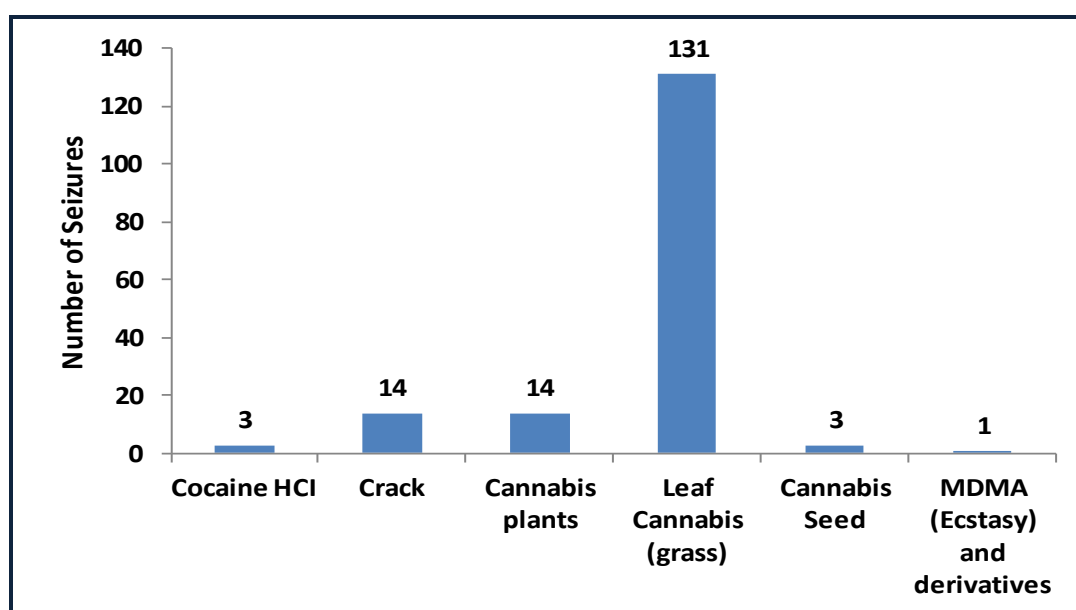
## **SECTION 1- SUPPLY REDUCTION**

### **A. DRUG SEIZURES**

#### **(i) Guyana Police Force**

The Guyana Police Force reported that they made a total of 166 seizures for the period under review. The chart below reveal that there were 131 seizures of cannabis leaf, 14 seizures of cannabis plants, 3 seizures of cannabis seeds, 14 seizures of crack, 3 seizures of cocaine, and 1 seizure of ecstasy.

*Number of Seizures by Type of Drugs, Jan. 1 to Mar. 31, 2011*



### *Cannabis Seizures*

Data from the Guyana Police Force indicate that 13 kgs 454 grams of cannabis seed, 47,318 kgs 750 grams of cannabis plant and 659 kgs 146 grams of leaf cannabis were seized by the agency. Summing up, Police data reveal that 47,991 kgs 350 grams of cannabis was seized.

### *Cocaine Seizures*

According to Police data 12 kgs 490 grams of cocaine (HCL) and 154.5 grams of crack were seized.

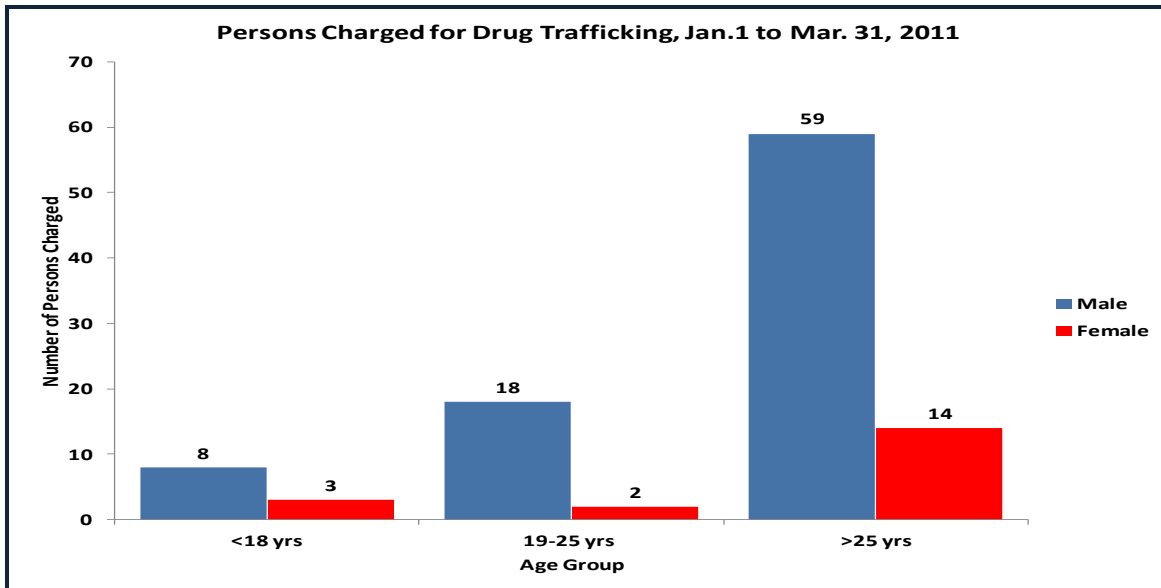
### *Ecstasy*

Police data reveal that 2 grams of ecstasy was seized.

## **B. PERSONS CHARGED FOR DRUG TRAFFICKING**

Guyana Police Force reported that 104 persons were charged for trafficking in narcotics. Of that amount 87 were charged for trafficking in cannabis, 5 were charged for trafficking in cocaine (HCL) and 11 persons for trafficking in crack and 1 for ecstasy.

Of the persons charged for drug trafficking, most of them were over the age of 25, for both males and females. Most of them were not gainfully employed, and marijuana was the drug they were most likely to choose to traffic.



*Data Source: Guyana Police Force*

Occupation	Gender		Total
	Male	Female	
Not Gainfully Employed	77	19	96
Skilled Worker	1	0	1
Other Professional	7	0	7
Total	85	19	104

## PERSONS CONVICTED ON DRUG TRAFFICKING

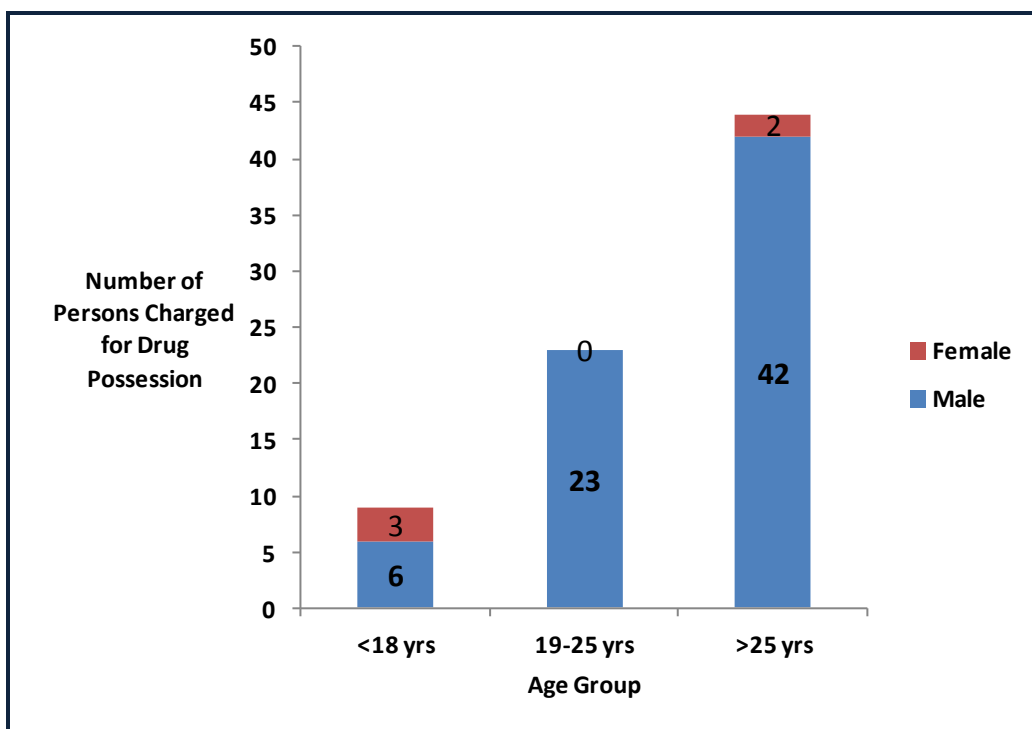
The data indicate that 19 persons were convicted for trafficking in illegal drugs. 16 persons, all of whom were male, were convicted for trafficking in cannabis, 12 of whom were older than 25. Three persons, all female, were convicted for trafficking in cocaine hydrochloride.

Fourteen of the nineteen persons convicted were not gainfully employed, eleven of them being male and 3 female. Five were categorized as other professionals. 17 of the 19 persons convicted were Guyanese, and one was American and one was Japanese.

## PERSONS CHARGED FOR DRUG POSSESSION

76 persons were charged for drug possession, of which 71 were males and 5 were females. Males older than 25, 42 in total, represented the largest proportion of those charged. 9 persons below the age of 18 were charged for drug possession of which 6 were males and 3 were females.

*Chart Depicting Number of Persons Charged for Drug Possession, Jan 1 to Mar. 31, 2011*



The category of those not gainfully employed again captured the majority of those who were charged 62 of 76 persons charged were not gainfully employed. All seventy six persons that were charged for drug possession were Guyanese.

## PERSONS CONVICTED OF DRUG POSSESSION

31 persons, all males, were convicted for drug possession. 29 of the 31 persons convicted for drug possession were convicted for marijuana possession and 2 for possession of crack.

18 of the 31 persons were over the age of 25, 8 were from the 19 to 25 years age group and 5 were from the 18 years and below age group. All but 3 of those convicted were not gainfully employed.

#### **B. SEIZURES OF EQUIPMENT, MONEY AND REAL ESTATE**

One firearm and thirteen projectiles/cartridges were seized, while the number of seizures amounted to three.

#### **AREAS ERADICATED, ABANDONED, OR OTHERWISE REMOVED FROM ILLICIT CULTIVATION BY TYPE OF PLANT AND GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION**

Selected areas in regions 1,3,4,9 and 10 were targeted for being removed from illicit cultivation of drugs. A total of 55071 acres were taken out of circulation, 90% of which was from areas in region 4.

#### **SPECIALIZED TRAINING ON THE CONTROL OF ILLICIT DRUG TRAFFICKING**

One police officer received training on how to control illicit drug trafficking for the period January-March 2011.

#### **AERIAL AND MARITIME MONITORING AND INTERDICTION**

No aerial anti-drug interdiction operations were carried out for the period January-March 2011.

#### **(ii) CANU**

## Drugs Seized

CANU reported that for the period under review that they agency seized 5 kgs 26.5 grams of cannabis and 32 kg 402 grams of cocaine.

### (iii) Guyana Prison Service

#### Persons Remanded for Drug Trafficking

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Persons Remanded						
Type of Drug	Male			Female		
	<18 years old	19-25 years old	>25 years old	<18 years old	19-25 years old	>25 years old
Marijuana(Cannabis)	6	12	35		1	4
Cocaine Hydrochloride	1	3	9			3
Other			1			
Total Number of Arrests	7	15	45		1	7
By Nationality						
Country						
Guyana	7	13	45		1	6
Brazil		2				
United States of America						1

The Guyana Prison Service data indicate that 75 persons were remanded for drug trafficking during the period under review. Of that amount 67 were males and 8 were females. 7 persons were 18 years or younger. 3 of the individuals remanded were not Guyanese. 58 persons were remanded for trafficking in cannabis and 16 persons for trafficking in cocaine.

#### *Persons Remanded for Drug Possession*

According to data from the Guyana Prison Service 20 persons were remanded for drug possession during the period under review. All of the individuals charged for drug

possession were males. 2 of the individuals remanded were not Guyanese. 10 persons were remanded for possession of cannabis and 8 persons for possession of cocaine.

<b>PERSONS REMANDED FOR DRUG POSSESSION</b>						
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<b>Type of Drug</b>	<b>Male</b>			<b>Female</b>		
	<b>&lt;18 years old</b>	<b>19-25 years old</b>	<b>&gt;25 years old</b>	<b>&lt;18 years old</b>	<b>19-25 years old</b>	<b>&gt;25 years old</b>
<b>Marijuana(Cannabis)</b>		5	5			
<b>Cocaine Hydrochloride</b>		2	6			
<b>Other</b>			2			
		7	13			
<b>Total Number of Arrests</b>						
<b>By Nationality</b>						
<b>Country</b>						
<b>Guyana</b>		7	11			
<b>Nigeria</b>			2			



## **SECTION 2- DEMAND REDUCTION**

### **Agency: Phoenix Recovery Project**

#### **Treatment Information**

Summary Table: Treatment Offered by Phoenix Recovery

Types of Drug	Male			Female		
	<18 years old	19 to 25 years old	>25 years old	<18 years old	19 to 25 years old	>25 years old
Alcohol	0	1	9	0	1	6
Tobacco	0	1	9	0	1	7
Marijuana(Cannabis)	0	1	8	0	1	6
Crack	0	0	6	0	1	5
Benzodiazepines	0	0	0	0	0	1
Total	0	3	32	0	4	25

Based on the information provided, it is evident that both Males and Females over the age of 25 years suffer from higher levels of substance abuse and addiction. For the reporting period, 32 males and 25 females over the age of 25 were treated for substance abuse and addiction. Information provided suggests that 4 females between the ages 19-25 years were treated for substance abuse and addiction, while 3 males between the same age range was treated for substance abuse and addiction.

The data reveal that 9 males and 6 females were treated for Alcohol abuse. 9 males and 7 females were treated for Tobacco addiction. Treatment for marijuana addiction included 8 males and 6 females. Alcohol, Tobacco and Marijuana were the leading drugs that persons were treated for.

## Salvation Army Men's Social Centre

### Treatment Information

Summary Table: Treatment Offered by Salvation Army

Type of Drug	Male			Female		
	<18 years old	19 to 25 years old	>25 years old	<18 years old	19 to 25 years old	>25 years old
Alcohol	0	1	14	0	0	0
Tobacco	0	1	14	0	0	0
Marijuana(Cannabis)	0	1	10	0	0	0
Cocaine Hydrochloride	0		11	0	0	0
Total	0	3	49	0	0	0

As the table above indicates the Salvation Army treated 52 persons for substance abuse addiction. This centre generally treats male substance abusers. The majority of the clients at this institution were males over the age of 25 years old. For the reporting period 49 males over the age of 25 were treated for substance abuse and addiction, when compared to 3 males between the ages of 19-25 years that were treated.

Alcohol and Tobacco abuse were the leading causes of substance abuse and addiction that were treated, with both recording 15 patients. 11 persons each were treated for Cocaine Hydrochloride abuse and cannabis abuse.