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UNITED NATIONS  
*Office on Drugs and Crime*

**Statistics and Survey Section (SASS)**

<b>Brief description of the organisation</b>	<p>The United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) is a global leader in the fight against illicit drugs and international crime. Established in 1997 through a merger between the United Nations Drug Control Programme and the Centre for International Crime Prevention, UNODC operates in all regions of the world through an extensive network of field offices. UNODC relies on voluntary contributions, mainly from governments, for 90 per cent of its budget. UNODC Headquarters are based in Vienna, Austria.</p>
<b>Mission</b>	<p>To undertake research and strategic analysis as a basis for developing policy options and drug and crime control measures.</p>
<b>Field of statistics</b>	<p>Analytical information about the global drug and crime problems enables the international community to identify drug and crime control priorities. UNODC provides trend and policy analyses and publicizes and disseminates data and information on the global drug and crime scene.</p>
<b>Mandate</b>	<p>UNODC is mandated to assist Member States in their struggle against illicit drugs, crime and terrorism. In the Millennium Declaration, Member States also resolved to intensify efforts to fight transnational crime in all its dimensions, to redouble the efforts to implement the commitment to counter the world drug problem and to take concerted action against international terrorism.</p> <p>The three pillars of the UNODC work programme are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Field-based technical cooperation projects to enhance the capacity of Member States to counteract illicit drugs, crime and terrorism;</li><li>Research and analytical work to increase knowledge and understanding of drugs and crime issues and expand the evidence-base for policy and operational decisions; and</li><li>Normative work to assist States in the ratification and implementation of the international treaties, the development of domestic legislation on drugs, crime and terrorism, and the</li></ul>

	provision of secretariat and substantive services to the treaty-based and governing bodies.
<b>Statistical work programme</b>	<p>The Statistics and Survey Section (SASS) is responsible for i) producing and disseminating accurate drug and crime statistics to support policy and trend analysis at international level and ii) supporting the countries in their efforts to produce and disseminate drug and crime statistics at national level. More precisely the section:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Perform the international collection and dissemination of drug and crime statistics. This includes the collection of data from member countries, the checking of their consistency and the development of series that are internationally comparable and the dissemination of results to the international community. The section is also expected to produce sub-regional, regional and world estimates for indicators related to drugs and crime;</li> <li>2. Develop international standards and recommendations for drug and crime statistics. This includes the development of standardized methodology, classifications, definitions, standard set of indicators to enhance the comparability of drug and crime statistics at international level and to support countries in their efforts to produce national statistics;</li> <li>3. Strengthen national capacity to produce, disseminate and use drug and crime statistics. This includes technical support in the design, implementation, processing and dissemination of data collection activities related to drug and crime;</li> <li>4. Support national and international processes to set up monitoring systems in the area of drugs and crime, including the production of primary data in the field related to the monitoring of illicit drugs cultivation and production.</li> </ol>
<b>Number of staff</b> <i>Total / Statistical division</i>	SASS includes 15 regular staff in the UNODC headquarters in Vienna. There are also survey teams ranging between 3-10 staff in selected UNODC country office

<b>Flagship Publications</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. World Drug Report</li> <li>2. Illicit crop monitoring surveys in Afghanistan, Colombia, Bolivia, Peru, Laos PDR, Myanmar and Morocco.</li> </ol>
<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.unodc.org">www.unodc.org</a>

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