

Thailand data base on drug dependence and Illicit drugs : an appraisal of merit for problem monitoring and intervention planning for demand reduction

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ABSTRACT

The present communication attempts to describe in brief the data base on drug dependence and illicit drugs that is relevant to changing trends in the nature and extent of the drug dependence problem in Thailand. In referring to the drug dependence status, the opium dependent problem of the hill tribe population is not considered even though it is recognized as significant and closely related to the overall drug dependence situation. Only the dependence data related to the opiates and amphetamine-type stimulants are selected for discussion although many other substance are actively abused and contribute an important share to the national drug dependence problem. The data bases that deal specifically with the law enforcement control of the illicit drug supply are also excluded

The current data base can be classified into two categories, the regular records of various government agencies and the monitoring systems of specific population.

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