

Drugs and (dis)order: Building sustainable peacetime economies in the aftermath of war



Project Aims

Key research Question:

How can war economies be transformed into peace economies in regions experiencing, or recovering, from armed conflict?

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- (1) Generate a **robust evidence base** on drug and illicit economies and their effects on armed conflict, state-society relations, public health and livelihoods.
- (2) Generate **new practical approaches and policy reforms**, that are based on improved understandings of the relationship between drugs, conflict and development and a knowledge of 'what works' in particular drugs affected contexts.
- (3) Build a **global network of researchers and research institutions** from the UK, Afghanistan, Colombia and Myanmar. This project will focus on drugs, but will widen the field of study to incorporate other illicit economies.

Research Areas



RESEARCH PARTNERS

UK PARTNERS

Universities

- SOAS [School of Oriental and African Studies]
- LSHTM [London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine]
- LSE [London School of Economics]

Non-academic partners

- Christianaid
- ALCIS
- PositiveNegatives

COUNTRY PARTNERS

Afghanistan

- Afghan Research and Evaluation Unit (AREU)
- Organisation for Sustainable Development and Research (OSDR)

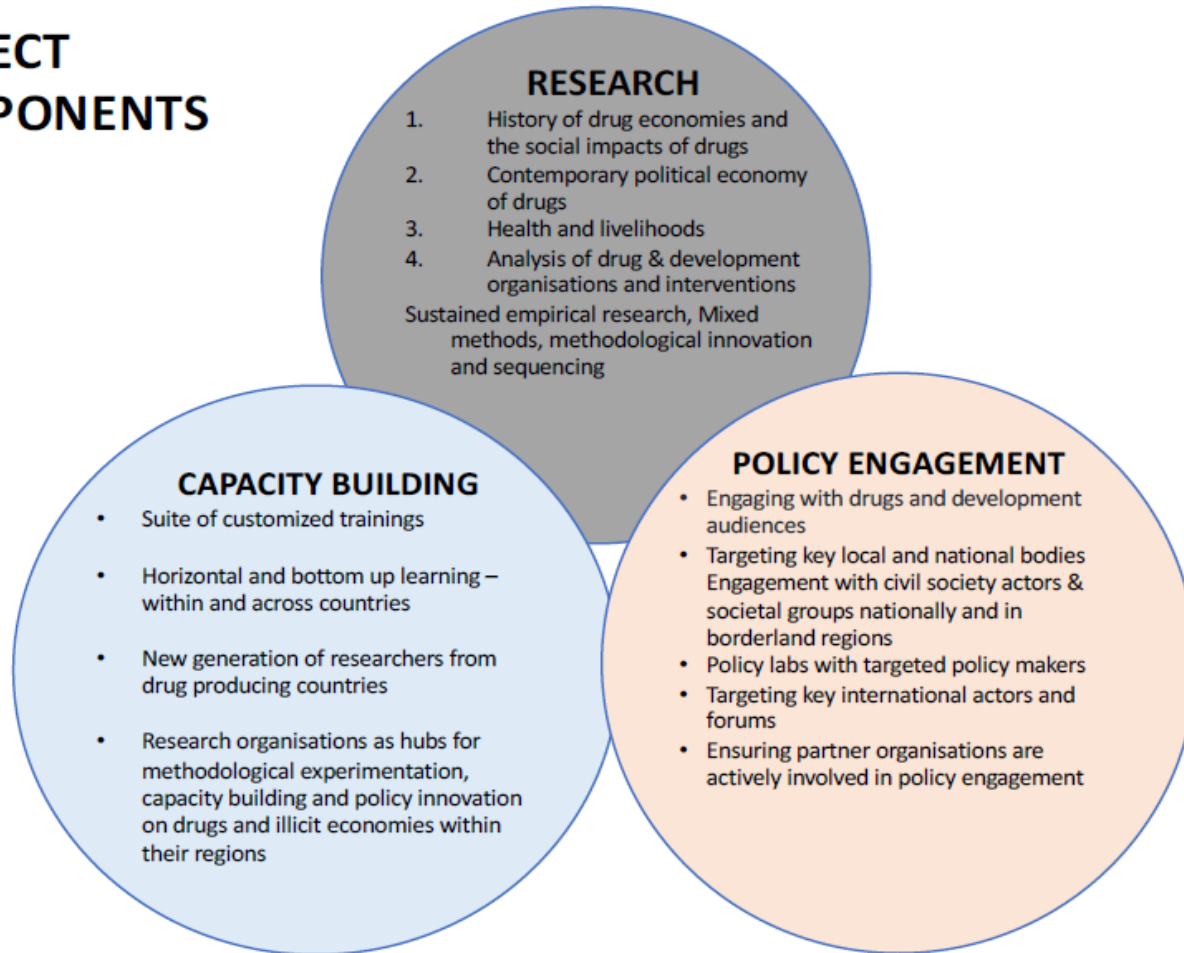
Colombia

- National University of Colombia
- University de los Andes

Myanmar

- Shan Herald Agency for News
- Kachinland Research Centre

PROJECT COMPONENTS



The story so far.....

- The challenges (and opportunities) that come with size and complexity
- Scope to scale up ambitions (data, methods, theory building) and impacts (capacity building, policy engagement/research uptake)
- But significant front loading of time and resources in the project set up phase – recruitment, administration, reporting, contracts, payment processes, workplans

Reporting on Project Outcomes

- Capacity strengthening in relevant DAC listed countries at individual, organisational and institutional level
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- Equitable partnerships
- Addressing relevant challenge areas
- Interdisciplinarity
- Global networks