

A WORLD OF HARM: HOW U.S. TAXPAYERS FUND THE GLOBAL WAR ON DRUGS

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The Cost of Complacency: Examining the Global Harm Reduction
Funding Crisis

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AGENDA

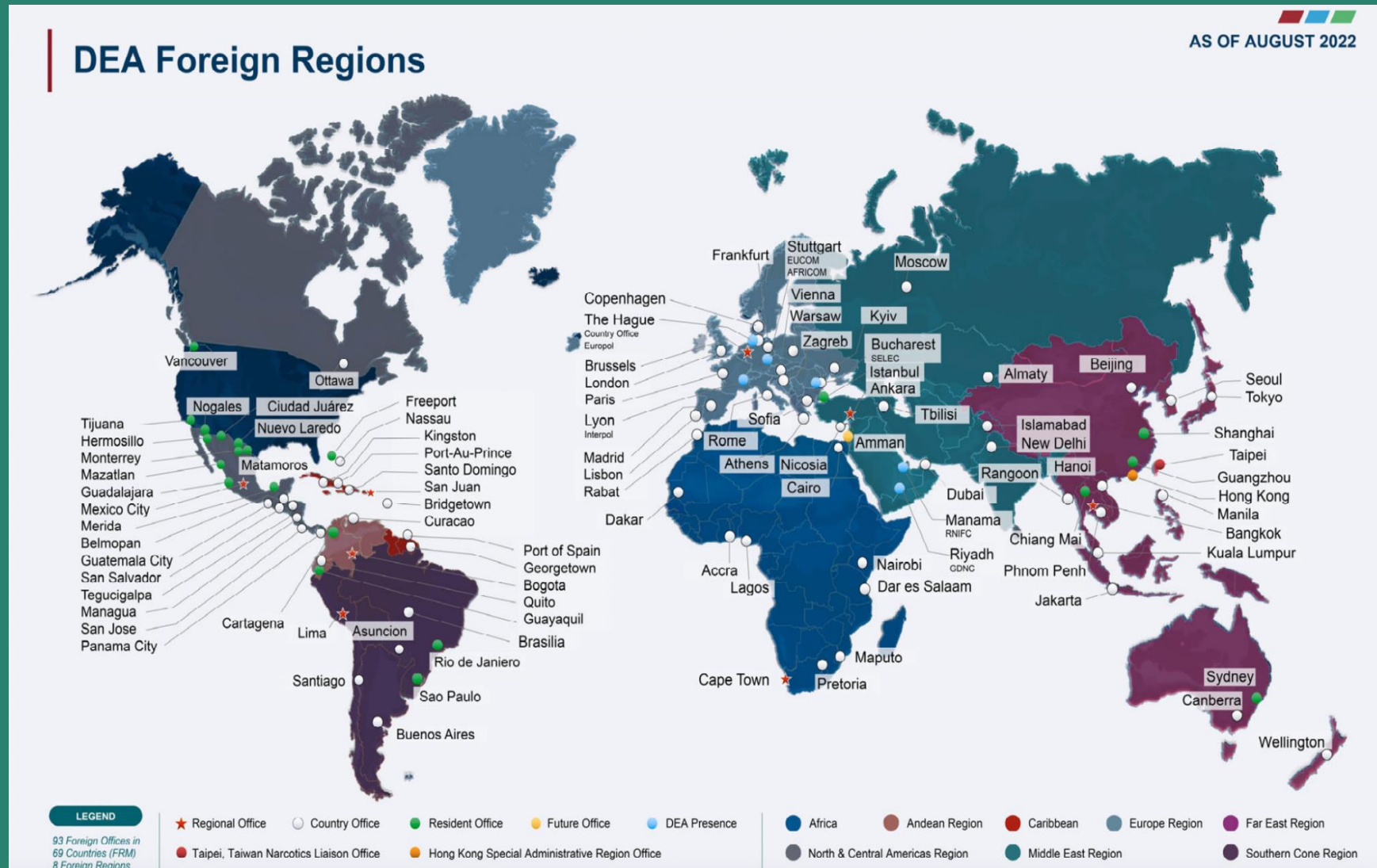
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Historical Context

U.S. Role in the Global War on Drugs

- Political and economic leverage to support drug prohibition internationally

DEA – 93 OFFICES IN 69 COUNTRIES



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**HOW U.S. TAXPAYERS FUND THE GLOBAL WAR ON
DRUGS OVER EVIDENCE-BASED HEALTH RESPONSES**

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KEY FINDINGS

- Since 2015, Almost \$13 billion of U.S. taxpayer money has been spent on international “counternarcotics” activities
- Some “counternarcotics” funds came from ODA budgets designed to help end global poverty and support other SDG’s.



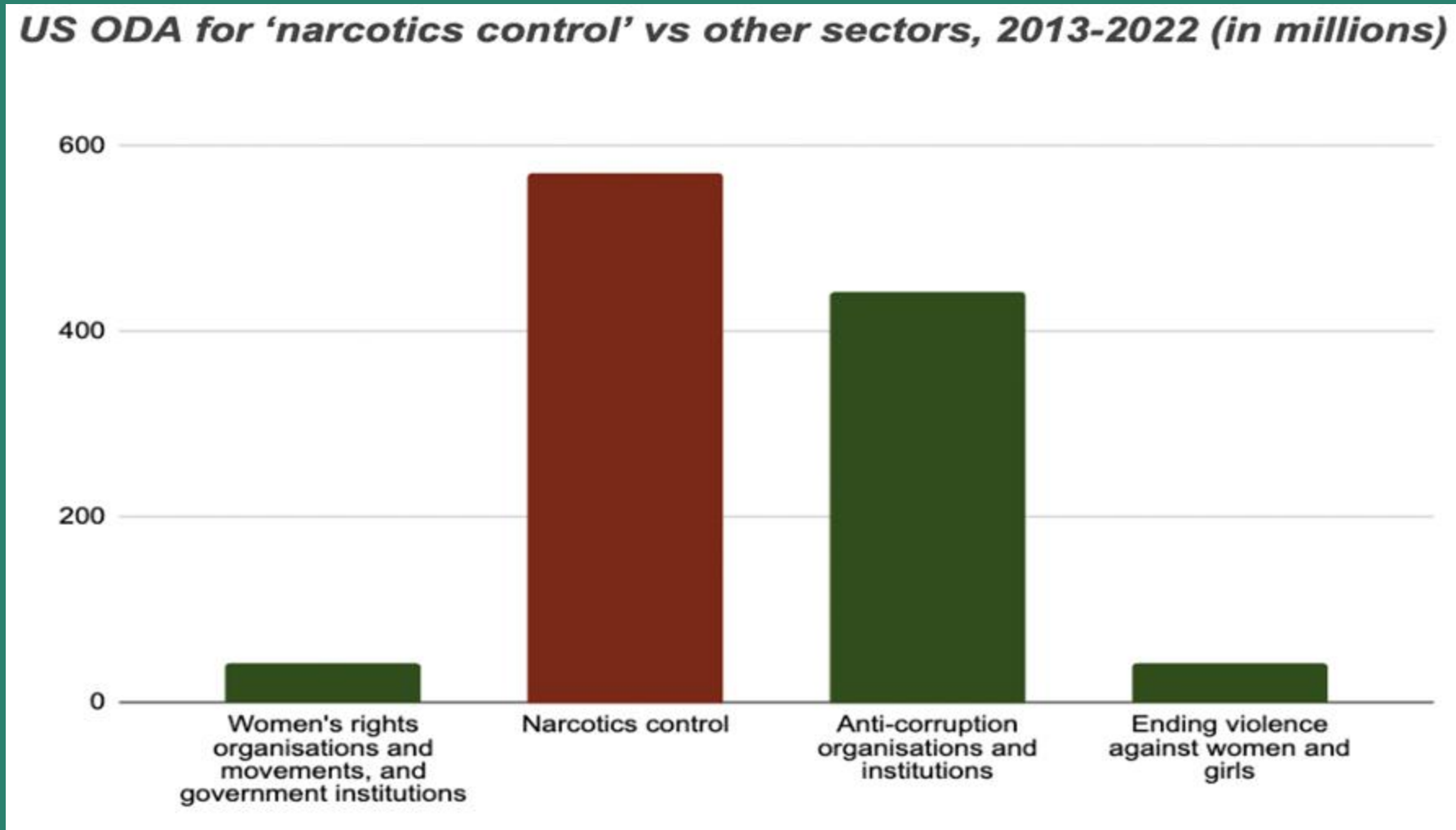
A World of Harm

U.S. Funds Supported:

- Foreign Police Units
- Purchasing Surveillance and Equipment
- Developing Punitive Drug Laws and Anti-Drug Campaigns



U.S. ODA Spending on Drug Control



Country Level Impacts

PHILIPPINES

U.S. ODA Supported:

- Punitive Drug Control
- Pretrial Detention
- Forced Rehabilitation



MEXICO

U.S. Drug War Funding resulted in:

- Militarized drug control
- Increased violence
- Erosion of Democratic Institutions



COLOMBIA

U.S. support for drug control resulted in:

- Violence and forced displacement
- Loss of livelihoods, eradication of food crops
- Pollution of soil and water sources



RECOMMENDATIONS

CONCLUDING REMARKS



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