



ADVOCACY IN ACTION: DRIVING DRUG POLICY REFORM

# **HUMAN RIGHTS AND DRUG POLICY:**

## **REFLECTIONS FROM AN INTERSECTORAL FORUM**

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# SUS

## (UNIFIED HEALTH SYSTEM)

- Brazil's public health system, which universal, free and comprehensive access to health care.
- financed by public funds
- participation of municipal, state and federal levels of government

**PRIMARY HEALTH**

**SECONDARY CARE**

**TERTIARY CARE**



# SUAS

(UNIFIED SOCIAL ASSISTANCE SYSTEM)

- decentralized and participatory management model for social assistance
- services, programs, projects and benefits aimed at preventing and dealing with situations of vulnerability and social risk.





# CULTURAL FACILITIES

- integrating spaces for socialization and learning, hosting workshops and debates that foster social participation





# HISTORY

## Harm Reduction in Brazil

- 1989 - Santos
- 1994 - Salvador
- hepatitis and HIV/AIDS among people who used injectable drugs (cocaine)
- exchange of syringes
- increasing use of crack

## É de Lei Drop in Center

- founded in 1998
- central region of São Paulo
- non-profit civil society organization
- with people who use drugs, who work in the intersectoral network, academia and public management

## Expanding harm reduction

- individual and social rights of people affected by drug policy
- representation in participatory forums and councils
- technical-scientific and empirical knowledge



# FIDDH

## FORUM ON DRUGS AND HUMAN RIGHTS

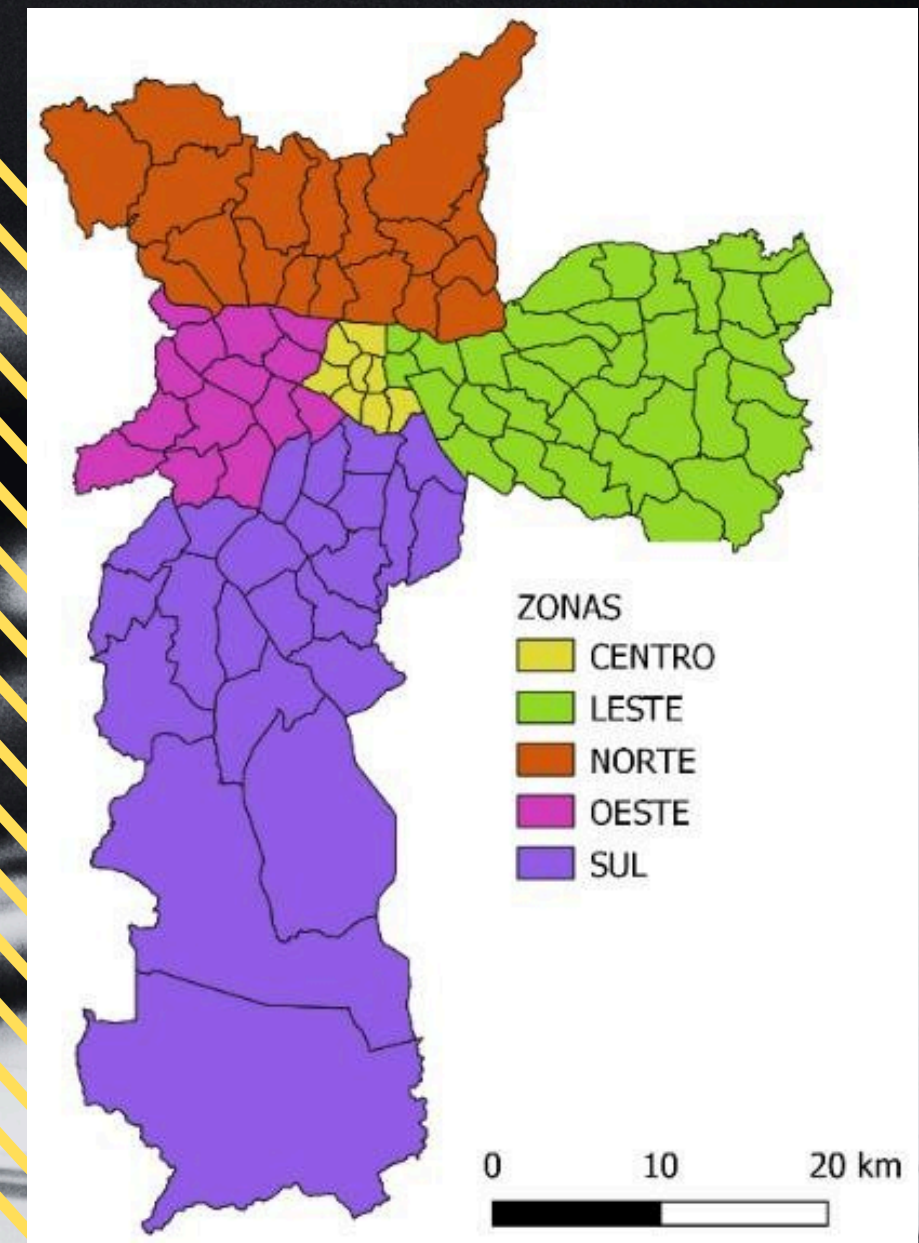
- space for discussion between actors with an interest in human rights and health policies from a Harm Reduction perspective

**2008** IT WAS CREATED

**2015** BEGAN TO OPERATE ON AN ITINERANT BASIS

**2023** THE PROJECT HAS RESUMED

- civil society and health and social care workers
- Harm Reduction, Sexually Transmitted Infections, HIV/AIDS, Viral Hepatitis, Tuberculosis, Human Rights and health care for people who use drugs





# RESULTS

## SMSE-MA

- social assistance service for adolescents and young people under partial restriction of liberty;
- drug use, intersection of race, class and gender, police violence and Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs).

## CEDESP

- vocational training center;
- mostly adult women;
- difficulty in accessing specialists in the health system;
- stigma faced when seeking help at Psychosocial Care Centers.

## SAE

- service that offers specialized care to people with HIV/AIDS, viral hepatitis and tuberculosis;
- training on specific substances and harm reduction practices.





**FIDDH**

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SOBRE:

REDUÇÃO  
DE  
DANOS  
DIREITOS  
HUMANOS  
ESTIGMA  
PREVENÇÃO  
COMBINADA

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# DISCUSSION

- lack of articulation between movements in general for effective participation in the debate on public policies
- development of micro and macro advocacy actions with the municipal legislative and executive powers
- build a care network for drug users in the metropolitan region of São Paulo

# DISCUSSION

A black and white photograph of a group of approximately 20 people sitting in a circle on a basketball court. They are engaged in a discussion. The setting is an outdoor court with a concrete floor and a chain-link fence in the background. A basketball hoop is visible at the top center. The people are dressed in casual clothing, including t-shirts, tank tops, and hats. Some are looking towards the center of the circle, while others are looking at each other. The overall atmosphere appears to be one of a community meeting or a group discussion.

- articulation with different social and health facilities
- the informative and non-repressive approach to drug use
- ongoing commitment is essential
- maintains partnerships with organizations and movements in the field of drug policy



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