



## Narcotics Control Board

### **Mission**

*"To implement provisions of existing legislation and international conventions on narcotics, psychotropic substances and precursor chemicals, through enforcement and control, education and preventive measures, as well as treatment and rehabilitation of drug addicts. This is achieved through a motivated workforce and effective local and international collaboration to fight the drug menace in Ghana efficiently."*

### **Vision**

*"To become a reference drug law enforcement agency of excellence in Africa."*

The Narcotics Control Board was established by the Government of Ghana in 1990 as a result of the rising incidence of drug abuse in the country and the threatening dimensions that illicit drug dealing had taken internationally.

The Board is an agency under the Ministry of Interior. It is the agency concerned with the formulation and enforcement of narcotics laws in the country. The Board's work is aimed at preventing the use, import, and export of narcotics

### **Objective**

In line with the United Nations guidelines in tackling the drug problem under the Comprehensive Multidisciplinary Outline (CMO), the Board's main functions are centered on:

1. Enforcement and Control Measures Aimed at reducing narcotic drugs in the society at large, by arrests and prosecution of cultivators, traffickers, peddlers and users and thus control the supply of narcotic drugs to the minimum.
2. Education and Prevention Measures Aimed at educating the general public and in particular target groups like the youth, workers, parents, law enforcement personnel on the harmful effects of drug abuse and the dangers inherent in drug abuse; so that those persons who have not taken to drug abuse would be sensitized on the need to lead a drug-free life.
3. Treatment, Rehabilitation and Social Re-integration Measures aimed at encouraging those who have become addicted to drugs seek treatment at appropriate canter. These drug addicts after overcoming the drug addiction would go through a process for rehabilitation and social re-integration."
4. Coordinating Functions: The multi-disciplinary approach to combating the drug problem esquires that the Narcotics Control Board liaises with governmental and non-governmental organizations which have anything to do with drug abuse in all aspects; and direct all their efforts towards a



common objective of fighting the drug war in line with the United Nations Comprehensive Multi-disciplinary Outline (CMO).

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