## ARCGIS DASHBOARD VISUALIZATION ON DRUG ADDICTION TRENDS IN MALAYSIA (2015-2021)

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#### ABSTRACT

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Drug addiction, particularly involving narcotics, poses a significant challenge to public health, social stability, and economic productivity in Malaysia. Despite various initiatives by community groups, NGOs, and government agencies, the prevalence of drug abuse continues to be a pressing concern. This study aims to analyze and visualize the trends and patterns of narcotics-related drug addiction in Malaysia from 2015 to 2021 using ArcGIS Dashboard. By integrating geospatial data with demographic and socioeconomic information, this project is able to identify high-risk areas, evaluate the effectiveness of intervention measures, and provide valuable insights for policymakers. This project employs a comprehensive approach to uncover correlations between drug addiction rates and socio-economic factors, facilitating a deeper understanding of the crisis. The findings will contribute to evidence-based recommendations for enhancing prevention strategies, improving treatment and rehabilitation services, and fostering a collaborative approach to addressing drug addiction in Malaysia.

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#### **CHAPTER 1**

#### **INTRODUCTION**

## 1.1 BACKGROUND OF STUDY

Drug abuse, in particular drugs containing narcotics is a very huge global health and safety problem. Drug abuse is a giant threat to society and more Malaysians are succumbing to drugs like heroin, methamphetamine and ketamine every year. This increasing concern calls for a more thorough comprehension of the patterns, trends, and underlying causes of drug addiction in the nation (United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime [UNODC], 2021).

Between 2015 and 2021, there have been various initiatives to tackle drug addiction on the ground in Malaysia carried out by community groups, non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and government agencies. The aim of these initiatives is to reduce the frequency with which drugs are used, and some would say also protect those who might consequently come into co-existence harm. They include treatment programmes, preventive measures, and enforcement actions (Malaysian Ministry of Health, 2021). But combating the multifaceted beast of addiction and shirt-shifting drug trafficking networks is difficult, even for these efforts.