



Canada's unregulated toxic drug deaths have laid bare the impacts of public health emergencies on certain groups and communities, in particular those facing multiple and intersecting barriers. They have also revealed the need for equity approaches based on relevant, actionable data on substance use and health.

We know that substance use and health are influenced by political, economic, social, and historical factors within societies, so we need to do

We developed the Co/Lab Substance Use Monitoring Framework in collaboration with a range of stakeholders, such as people who use drugs, service providers, researchers, and government. This included doing focus groups, as highlighted in the following infographic. The framework is based on a World Health Organization framework on social determinants of health. We adapted it to be specific to substance use and mental health.

