Both the range of drugs and drugs markets are expanding and diversifying

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Trends in drug trafficking and use

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Synthetic drugs shifting drug markets and supply chains

Manufacture/trafficking of synthetic drugs:
- cheap chemical inputs easily sourced
- different structure of labour
- shorter supply chains
- low operational costs
- reduced detection

Expanding in low- and middle-income countries, labs increasingly seized in all regions

Challenges for law enforcement
Challenges faced by users