



CariSECURE

Strengthening Evidence Based Decision Making for Citizen Security in the Caribbean

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DONOR AGENCY:
United States Agency for International Development Mission for Eastern and Southern Caribbean (USAID/ESC)

IMPLEMENTING PARTNER:
United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) for Barbados and the Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS)

GOAL:
To improve youth crime and violence policy-making and programming in 10 Southern and Eastern Caribbean countries through the use of quality, comparable and reliable national citizen security information.

A Targeted Approach to Crime and Violence Prevention

CariSECURE draws on a public health approach to crime prevention. In adopting this approach, the Project will first work with technical personnel in public institutions to standardize and disaggregate citizen security data across the region. CariSECURE will then build the analytical capacity of public institutions to use such data to identify and measure youth crime and violence trends and resilience factors, draw conclusions on the actual state of citizen security in each country, and identify possible interventions. Finally, the Project will promote a culture of evidence-based policy-making and program development in national institutions, which focuses on addressing the root causes of youth involvement in violence and crime.

Partnerships and Beneficiaries

CariSECURE is one of three components of the broader USAID Youth Empowerment Services (YES) project which seeks to reduce youth involvement in violence and crime in the Eastern and Southern Caribbean. In collaboration with the governments of 10 Eastern and Southern Caribbean countries and other UN, regional and sub-regional agencies, CariSECURE will strengthen the capacity of regional and national institutions to collect, analyze and use citizen security data to develop evidence-based policies and programs that effectively target risk factors which drive youth violence, crime and victimization. Project activities will be implemented in Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados, the Commonwealth of Dominica, Grenada, the Republic of Guyana, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, the Republic of Suriname, and the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago.

Project Outcomes

CariSECURE will target the following project outcomes:



OUTCOME 1:

Standardized and disaggregated crime data reporting within and among national authorities to foster the reliance on valid, reliable and comparable data on citizen security.



OUTCOME 2:

Reliance on evidence-based analysis of crime and violence data to inform national citizen security policy-making.






OUTCOME 3:

Targeted policy-making to reduce likelihood of youth involvement in crime and violence, based on valid, reliable and comparable evidence at all levels.

Areas of Assistance and Sustainability of Results

CariSECURE emphasizes the importance of strong institutions and national ownership for long-term sustainability of results. The project will thus focus on strengthening regional and national institution by providing personnel with the necessary tools, skills and guidance needed to collect, analyze and disseminate citizen security data for the effective formulation, monitoring and evaluation of evidence-based citizen security policies and programs.

Sustainability measures include:

-  The sensitization of policy-makers and technical staff on the importance and need for comparable, reliable and timely information to inform national, sub-regional and regional decision-making on youth crime and violence prevention;
-  The upgrade of national and regional citizen security data systems through the deployment of specialized hardware and software to improve data management and analysis; and
-  Knowledge sharing of best practices for citizen security data management and crime prevention policy-making, as well as the provision of training and technical assistance. Training provided to technical staff will also include Trainer-of-Trainer components in order to create a pool of in-house experts capable of and committed to transferring acquired knowledge and skills to their colleagues.

CariSECURE will advocate for and promote data driven decision-making and policy in public agencies by enhancing the technical capacity of its officers. This will enable them to:

1. Independently produce credible standardized data for the analysis of crime and violence trends;
2. Maintain gender-disaggregated citizen security statistics;
3. Conduct gender and identity-sensitive victimization and perception surveys; and
4. Generate evidence-based quality policy analysis.

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