



U.S.-Barbados Partnership 2019



The United States of America works with Barbados to increase security, prosperity, and democracy in the Caribbean. A beneficiary of large regional programs like the FY19 US\$58 million Caribbean Basin Security Initiative (CBSI) and small community-led grants, Barbados is a Caribbean leader and valued U.S. partner.



Security

- The Barbados Defence Force (BDF), Royal Barbados Police Force (RBPF), Prison Service, Financial Intelligence Unit, the judiciary, and Customs and Excise and Immigration Department Officers participated in more than 35 training courses and conferences to share best practices and develop new skills.
- The RBPF received US\$350,000 to help police allocate resources, maintain accurate records, and provide security to the public.
- BDF personnel received professional military training and educational opportunities in the United States.
- The Police Records Management Information Systems (PRMIS) is transitioning police stations from paper-based to digital reporting. Part of USAID's US\$14 million CARISECURE program, PRMIS enables interagency data-sharing and collaboration, which ultimately means a safer society for Barbadian families.

Prosperity

- Barbados and the United States partnered to host two sub-regional resiliency conferences in disaster preparedness, emergency response, and recovery, announcing US\$9.5 million in funding for the Caribbean as part of the U.S.-Caribbean Resilience Partnership.
- Ministry of Environment staff received U.S.-funded training to strengthen their application to the Green Climate Fund. The Ministry subsequently secured a US\$27 million grant to strengthen national water infrastructure, which will provide safer drinking water for every family in Barbados.
- Barbados was selected as one of 26 countries worldwide to participate in the White House initiated Academy for Women Entrepreneurs, supporting 30 businesswomen with expert advice, online education, and networking opportunities.
- The Embassy's environmental programs highlighted challenges in saving endangered species and encouraged students to share their conservation ideas.



Education and Health

- More than 9,300 students, parents, and teachers benefited from 26 educational programs on study in the United States, youth empowerment, and careers in science, technology, engineering, and math.
- More than 1,000 students and twelve U.S. colleges and universities participated in the EducationUSA Barbados College Fair, promoting the diverse accredited higher education options available to international students in the United States.
- More than 140 Barbados guidance counselors received victim-centered training in the handling of sensitive gender-based violence cases.

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