U.S.-Grenada Partnership 2020

The United States of America works with Grenada to increase security, prosperity, and democracy in the Caribbean. A beneficiary of large regional programs like the FY20 US$20 million Caribbean Basin Security Initiative (CBSI) and small community-led grants, Grenada is a trusted partner of the United States.

Security

- U.S. Southern Command virtually hosted the annual Caribbean National Security Conference for defense and public-security leaders to focus on regional mechanisms to mitigate the impact of disasters in a COVID-19 environment.
- Royal Grenada Police Force (RGPF) Coast Guard interceptor vessels received a US$1 million upgrade, including new engines, navigation technology, and parts that will extend the boats' life.
- The U.S. Federal Bureau of Investigations provided the RGPF with up to date training on utilizing social media to advance investigations and respond to threats posted online.
- As part of the US$14 million CariSECURE, RGPF information technology personnel incorporated RGPF requirements into the Police Records Management Information System (PRMIS) to increase the availability of digital records for law enforcement to better protect citizens and prosecute criminals.
- The Embassy hosted the first regional reunion for International Law Enforcement Academy (ILEA) alumni, including a workshop to advance best practices in policing, sentencing guidelines, criminal justice systems, and international cooperation. Alumni also gathered for focused discussions on evolving crime trends and solutions.

Prosperity

- U.S. Southern Command provided US$6 million to build new emergency operations centers and warehouses in Grenada and Carriacou to help the National Disaster Management Agency (NaDMA) prepare for and respond to natural disasters such as hurricanes and earthquakes.
- Entrepreneurs Denny Cronneit and Rehanna Warren were selected for the State Department's flagship entrepreneurship program, the Young Leaders of the Americas Initiative (YLAI).
- The Embassy partnered with the Global Entrepreneurship Network and YLAI alumna Tamara Prosper to convene a monthly "Startup Huddle" entrepreneurship incubator to foster networking, business pitching, and professional networking.

Health and Education

- The United States quickly mobilized more than US$11 million to fund PCR test kits through the International Atomic Energy Agency and distributed thousands of tests to Grenada's Ministry of Health and Environment.
- U.S. Southern Command delivered US$15,000 in critical personal protection equipment (masks, gloves, hazmat suits, sanitizer) to protect Grenadian citizens.
- The CDC and USAID provided more than US$3million to PAHO and UNICEF's COVID-19 response in Grenada and the OECS.
- USAID's US$8.9 million Early Learners Program with the OECS trained more than 350 Grenadian teachers and supported 480 parents with online resources to improve their children's education. Reading at grade level increased by nearly 50 percent among participating primary school students.
- The Early Learners Program awarded more than $67,000 directly to Grenadian schools for parent workshops and supplementary education.

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