



U.S.-St. Vincent & the Grenadines Partnership 2019



The United States of America works with St. Vincent and the Grenadines (SVG) 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, SVG is a valued U.S. partner.



Security

- U.S. experts led 24 training courses and conferences to support the professional development of members of the police force, prison service, judiciary, financial intelligence unit, and customs and border units.
- SVG law enforcement and military units received digital interview recording systems and other information technology equipment valued in excess of US\$282,000 to strengthen the rule of law, improve citizen security, and counter trafficking and smuggling of illicit goods and people.
- Twelve police force and coast guard personnel received professional leadership training and educational opportunities from the U.S. Army and U.S. Navy.
- SVG hosted approximately 800 participants during the second phase of the 35th annual Tradewinds exercise, a U.S. Southern Command-sponsored multinational Caribbean-focused exercise to help participants respond to natural disasters and land and maritime threats.

Prosperity

- The United States and Barbados hosted SVG at two sub-regional resiliency conferences to support SVG 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.
- The U.S. Embassy supported young Vincentian entrepreneurs to attend the business mentoring and networking Caribbean StartUp Summit.
- More than 30 local NGO and civil society leaders improved their organizations' operations and sustainability through U.S.-sponsored grant writing workshops.,
- The U.S.-supported Caribbean Marine Biodiversity Program trained 14 participants to grow their aquaculture sea moss businesses.



Education and Health

- Through the US\$9 million USAID/OECS Early Learners Program, Vincentian teachers developed their skills at 15 training courses and conferences.
- The majority of the 40 Peace Corps Volunteers in SVG supported reading and literacy education in rural primary schools. Small groups also assisted SVG government agencies and NGOs.
- More than 7,300 primary school students received books and literacy materials.
- More than 500 students and parents participated in EducationUSA outreach programs to learn about higher education opportunities in the United States.
- Financial Services Authority Executive Director Carla James and Ministry of Foreign Affairs Trade and Commerce Director Mozart Carr participated in the International Visitor Leadership Program.
- Union Island high school student Nikita Williams represented SVG through the U.S.-funded Youth Ambassadors program.



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