U.S.-Antigua and Barbuda Partnership 2020

The United States of America works with Antigua and Barbuda 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, Antigua and Barbuda is an important regional 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.
- U.S. Southern Command provided US$200,000 through the Humanitarian Assistance Program for equipment and furnishings for the National Office of Disaster Services (NODS) headquarters accompanied by virtual emergency operations center training.
- The U.S. Federal Bureau of Investigations provided the Royal Police Force of Antigua and Barbuda with up to date training on utilizing social media to advance investigations and respond to threats posted online.
- The U.S. Embassy hosted the first reunion for International Law Enforcement Academy (ILEA) alumni. The workshop advanced regional policing, sentencing guidelines, criminal justice systems, and international cooperation.

Prosperity

- Entrepreneurs Ashante Lindsay and Reffica Atwood were selected for the State Department's flagship entrepreneurship program, the Young Leaders of the Americas Initiative (YLAI).
- The U.S. Embassy partnered with the Global Entrepreneurship Network and YLAI alumnus Elijah James to convene a monthly "Startup Huddle" entrepreneurship incubator to foster networking, business pitching, and professional networking.
- The U.S. Embassy's partnership with the CARICOM Youth Ambassadors created a series of virtual professional development programs focused on building business skills among youth.

Health, Education, and Environment

- 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 Antigua'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 NODS to protect Antiguan and Barbudan citizens.
- The CDC and USAID provided more than US$3 million to PAHO and UNICEF's COVID-19 response in Antigua and Barbuda and the OECS.
- USAID's US$8.9 million Early Learners Program with the OECS trained more than 250 Antiguan and Barbudan teachers and provided reading materials to over 5,000 local students. Reading at grade level increased by nearly 50 percent among participating primary school students.

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