U.S.-St. Kitts and Nevis Partnership 2020

The United States of America works with St. Kitts and Nevis 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, St. Kitts and Nevis is a close friend and neighbor 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.
- The U.S. Federal Bureau of Investigations provided the Royal St. Christopher and Nevis Police Force with up to date training on utilizing social media to advance investigations and respond to threats posted online.
- The Florida National Guard hosted a small unit tactics subject matter exchange with the St. Kitts and Nevis Defence Force to exchange best practices and improve coordination in the event of a critical security situation.
- The Florida National Guard also brought together sergeant majors from the Barbados and St. Kitts and Nevis Defence Forces with U.S. senior enlisted advisors to create a strategy for force development exchanges.
- The U.S. Air Force delivered more than five tons of humanitarian aid to charities in St. Kitts and Nevis including 900 backpacks and emergency supplies for primary and secondary students and beds, mattresses, and storage units to support the Garden of Rebirth domestic violence shelter for women and children.
- The U.S. Embassy hosted the first reunion for International Law Enforcement Academy (ILEA) alumni. The workshop advanced regional policing, sentencing guidelines, and international cooperation.

Prosperity

- Entrepreneur Amal Wilkin was 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 Janeel Boon to convene a monthly "Startup Huddle" entrepreneurship incubator to foster networking, business pitching, and professional networking.
- CARICOM Youth Ambassador Dwane Hendrickson partnered with the U.S. Embassy to create a series of virtual professional development programs focused on building business skills among youth.

Health and Education

- U.S. Southern Command delivered US$15,000 in critical personal protection equipment (masks, gloves, hazmat suits, sanitizer) to protect Kittitians and Nevisians.
- USAID contributed 10 ventilators to assist St. Kitts and Nevis with its COVID-19 response.
- The CDC and USAID provided more than US$3 million to PAHO and UNICEF's COVID-19 response in St. Kitts and Nevis and the OECS.
- USAID's US$8.9 million Early Learners Program with the OECS trained more than 200 teachers and supported over 2,100 students with books and supplies in St. Kitts and Nevis. Reading at grade level increased by nearly 50 percent among participating primary school students.
- The Early Learners Program awarded more than US$38,000 directly to St. Kitts and Nevis schools for parent workshops and supplementary education.
- St. Kitts and Nevis is one of the three countries to benefit from the US$31 million Community, Youth, and Family Resilience program designed to reduce violence and increase opportunities for youth. Approximately 250 family members benefited from the counseling of the Family Matters initiative.

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