U.S.-Saint Lucia Partnership 2020

The United States of America works with Saint Lucia 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, Saint Lucia is a constructive Caribbean leader and valued U.S. partner.

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.
- Through the Juvenile Justice Reform Project, the United States helped former juvenile offenders reintegrate into society and offered training in community-based conflict resolution.
- The Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs (INL) hosted training for Saint Lucian judges on sentencing guidelines ensuring harmonization with Eastern Caribbean guidelines.
- 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

- The Inter-American Foundation announced US$5 million for community-led disaster preparedness, including US$1 million from USAID, which currently benefits several Saint Lucian NGOs.
- In preparation for the first ever Partnership Opportunity Delegation, U.S. and Taiwanese representatives met virtually with Saint Lucians to explore investment opportunities in the health and technology industries in Saint Lucia
- Saint Lucia benefits from the US$31 million regional Community, Youth, and Family Resilience (CFYR) program designed to reduce violence and increase opportunities for youth. More than 250 youth age 16-29 completed workforce development programs, and 186 secured new employment.
- Entrepreneurs Randy LaFontaine and Trudy Popo Leonce 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 alumna Michelle Samuel to convene monthly "Startup Huddle" entrepreneurship incubators to foster networking, business pitching, and professional networking.

Health and Education

- U.S. Southern Command delivered US$45,000 in critical personal protection equipment (masks, gloves, hazmat suits, sanitizer) to protect Saint Lucians and delivered more than 230 mattresses to the National Emergency Management Office to support the civic response to a natural disaster.
- The CDC and USAID provided more than US$3 million to PAHO and UNICEF's COVID-19 response in Saint Lucia and the OECS.
- USAID's US$8.9 million Early Learners Program with the OECS trained more than 450 Saint Lucian teachers and awarded over US$60,000 in small grants to support education activities and supplemental instruction.
- Through CFYR, 461 youth engaged in after-school programs and 279 students participated in coding and robotics projects now extended to additional schools through Government of Saint Lucia funding.

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