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Strengthening Evidence Based Decision Making
for Citizen Security in the Caribbean

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HIGHLIGHTS

180

Officers of various ranks trained

12

Operational stations with trained teams



RBPF funded the upgrade of some ICT equipment to support the accessibility of PIF at the 12 operational stations



Printer and Firewall system provided to support officers in the printing of crime reports for Court purposes and to secure connectivity to the CARICOM IMPACS Data Centre



Data Quality Assessment revealed that Officers consistently input the data in a timely manner and that the level of accuracy and completeness is very high. This augurs well for the reliability and validity of the data collected



Benchmark Survey conducted, revealing satisfaction with PIF and that it 'greatly assisted' the work of the force

Barbados Joins the 100% Club!

The Royal Barbados Police Force (RBPF), under direction from Readiness Manager Inspector, Mark White, finished the year 2020 off strong with 100% roll out of the Police Incident Form (PIF)! The RBPF is committed to PIF and sustaining the work of CariSECURE in 2021 and beyond.

PIF is receiving great praise in Barbados and the RBPF has employed an effective communication policy! By encouraging the Public Relations Officer to be in the first batch of training, the force is ensuring that communications will be accurate when disseminated both to the public or internally within the constabulary.

NEWS FROM THE FRONTLINES

The Royal Saint Vincent and the Grenadines Police Force has made considerable strides towards the full and successful implementation of CariSECURE, since introduced to the programme as one of the eight beneficiary countries in the Eastern Caribbean.

This programme saw the signing of an agreement by Head of Departments and the setting up of a special task force. This task force, headed by Permanent Secretary, Ms. Yvette Pompey oversaw the initial development and implementation of the programme. Through a collaborative and inter-ministerial approach, the Police Incident Form was launched on 25 November 2019 at the Questelles Police Station, which led to the introduction of the form in four (4) Pilot stations, these are now running quite effectively.

This success in the pilot phase of this programme was made possible through the donation of computers and other equipment by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and the Eastern Caribbean. Additionally, the hard work of task force members and the Readiness Manager, along with the support from the CariSECURE System Administrator, Mr. Andre Waterman and Barbados support team, who oversee the completion of the ICCS, Crime Mapping and the Citizen Security Indicators and provide training for the supervisors and members of the Royal Saint Vincent and the Grenadines Police Force, continue to steer the project in the right direction.

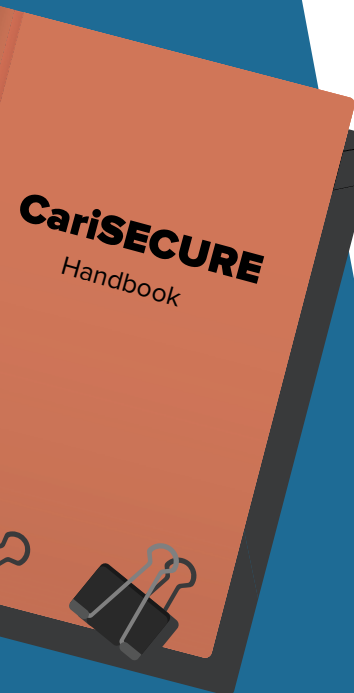
Furthermore, the Police Incident Form (PIF), has enabled the Royal Saint Vincent and the Grenadines Police Force to move from the time-consuming manual, pen and paper reporting system of collecting data to a computerised system. A method that is embraced as sure way to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the organization.

While at times the task seems arduous and cumbersome, the support of Commissioner of Police, Mr. Colin John and appointment of Superintendent of Police Mrs. Kamecia Blake-Byam as the Senior Police Technical Advisor, makes it more manageable.

Conclusively, the Royal St. Vincent and the Grenadines Police Force remains committed to the successful implementation of the project. While the process is multi-dimensional, the support and commitment from all stakeholders will make the project a reality.



Mr. Brian Archibald
Station Sergeant of Police
R.S.V.G. POLICE FORCE





CariSECURE under the COVID-19 Lens

There is no denying that the world has changed. The shaking of hands, once a friendly greeting, may now be considered a risky activity in a post-pandemic world where rising COVID-19 cases spark further lockdowns and restrictions. Even as countries prepare to roll out vaccines and bolster border control, it is of vital importance that we ensure the safety and security of the region's citizens on all fronts. As such, the *Strengthening Evidence Based Decision Making for Citizen Security in the Caribbean (CariSECURE) project*, a five-year initiative funded by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and implemented in partnership with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Barbados and the Eastern Caribbean, has had to evolve to meet the changing needs of its beneficiaries and partners in a post-COVID era.

CARISECURE, A VEHICLE FOR OUTREACH

Due to its reach in the Eastern Caribbean and partnering with regional security agencies, CariSECURE was able to pivot quickly to use its reach to support distribution of needed ICT equipment through the Regional Security System (RSS) to St. Kitts and Nevis.

DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION BEYOND THE FORCE

CariSECURE's focus on digital transformation could not be more relevant than at this time. Not only did the project transform the way in which crime data is collected, analyzed and used for policy development to protect at-risk youth and reduce crime. But project teams and external implementing partners adapted as required to reposition their training, stakeholder meetings, software development requirements gathering for the new digital police platform, Police Records Management Information Systems (PRMIS), and overall communication mediums to a virtual environment given the restrictions of the pandemic

CONNECTING DESPITE COVID-19

In the Caribbean, CariSECURE has been leading the shift towards digitization and data-driven decision making in citizen security; while the project's mission has stayed true, it's method of achieving this aspiring goal has evolved as a result of COVID-19. Crime analysis training was conducted virtually for a cohort of 28 regional trainees; 3 Crime Analysis Insight Webinars were held targeting police leadership and highlighting the skills of trained analysts, all culminating in the project's first virtual graduation. On the heels of this, the recently concluded (Jan. 2021) Training of Trainers workshop was delivered virtually to boost the capacity of the Regional Security System (RSS) and the CARICOM Implementation Agency for Crime and Security (IMPACS) to sustain crime analysis training beyond the life of the project.

CariSECURE is fully leveraging the digital world to build forward better through digital transformation to ensure SDG 16 is secured and that CariSECURE's objective is being championed onward in 2021!

PRMIS Progress Tracker

CariSECURE is on the last lap of the development of a digitalised Police Records Management Information Systems (PRMIS) that will aid police forces in standardising and disaggregating their crime data reporting within and among national authorities to foster the reliance on valid, reliable, and comparable data on citizen security. Take a look at the PRMIS Progress Tracker below:



Next Steps 2021

Fully completed and accessible to the beneficiary countries by the end of July



February 2021

PRMIS is approximately **40%** complete



December 2020

Final Current State Analysis report, vendor workshops and stakeholder meetings completed



January 2021
Technical design consultations with partners completed

November & December 2020

Several consultation sessions were held with the police forces of the beneficiary countries to determine the state of their regional police information management systems and what would be required to improve the efficiency of them.



December 2020
Business Requirement Document finalised

October 2020

Software Development Contract Awarded to Softengi

