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PILOT STUDY ON DRUGS AND CRIME

Grenada has been chosen to be the venue for a study on the relationship between drugs and crime. In an effort to determine the linkages between drugs and crime, the Inter-American Drug Abuse Control Commission (CICAD), has launched a pilot research to examine this relationship at the Prisons in Grenada. This research would be later adopted for use in member states of CICAD.

The general objectives of the research include: To determine the prevalence of consumption of psychoactive substances of persons 18 years and older who are on remand or who have been sentenced to spend time in prison in a court of law; To analyze the relationship between the crime and the substance use as seen from the perspective of the prisoner, and to define the treatment needs of this population.

Specific objectives include: To determine the types of crimes that are associated with substance use; To determine the link between drug use and crime; To define strategies to better manage the problems of psychoactive substance use, both in the prison system, as well as in high-risk groups, from the point of view of crime and violence.

The target population for the proposed study is adults who have been remanded or sentenced by a magistrate or judge to serve time in a prison facility.

Using appropriate statistical methods, a random sample of persons will be chosen. Sampling corrections will be used based on the age and/or gender distribution of the population in the facility.

A structured questionnaire will be applied by a trained interviewer in a secure and confidential setting where respondents can speak openly and freely in response to the questions asked. There are separate questionnaires for persons on remand and for persons who have been convicted. The idea is to pilot this protocol for the English speaking Caribbean in Grenada to make sure that the fieldwork procedures, instruments and other processes actually work as they are intended.

As usual, we will work with and be guided by the administration of the facility in order to maintain the integrity and security of the institution. The pilot research should be completed by the end of June 2010. CICAD visited Grenada in April 2010 to meet with various Officials to organize the pilot research.



Her Majesty's Prisons, Grenada

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OUR MISSION

The Drug Control Secretariat would endeavour to create an atmosphere of non-tolerance towards drugs, through the implementation of appropriate programmes, which would promote the well-being of all persons in the State of Grenada.

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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK



Dave Alexander, Drug Control Officer

Without doubt, problems associated with the consumption of alcoholic beverages, have created havoc and distress to many families in Grenada. These problems include health, legal, socio-economic and other related issues. As new alcoholic beverages are introduced into the market, the appeal to consume these products poses significant pressure on our students and young people, to use these products.

Several recommendations have been made to curb this problem. A major issue raised was that the Liquor Dealers' Licences, CAP 174, should be amended to include the following: Consumption of alcoholic beverages by juveniles; Sale, delivery, supply of alcoholic beverages by and to juveniles; Sale, delivery, supply of alcoholic beverages on schools premises; Purchases of intoxicating liquor by juveniles; Advertisement of alcoholic beverages in the media.

The Drug Control Secretariat is concerned about the serious state of affairs regarding the devastating consequences of alcohol. It is time for action. The time is now! Let us be bold and decisive and take the necessary action to stem this systemic problem. An excellent place to start is by amending the Liquor Dealers' Licences, CAP 174, to include the above recommendations.

ALCOHOL-RELATED ADMISSIONS ON THE RISE

The increases in the number of patients being admitted to the General Hospital, St. George's, for medical problems associated with the consumption of alcohol, including cirrhosis of the liver, is of major concern to the Drug Control Secretariat.

Statistics from the Grenada Drug Information Network (GREN DIN), reveal that between 2007 to 2009, medical problems associated with the consumption of alcohol was the main reason for all drug-related admissions.

100 patients were admitted to the Hospital in 2007, for drug-related medical problems; this number included 95 patients (81 males and 14 females), who had alcohol-related health issues. In 2008, admissions for drug-related problems were 173 patients, which included 166 patients for alcohol-related problems (133 males and 33 females).

The number of admissions for 2009, for medical problems associated with drug use rose to 244, an increase of 41 percent.

Of the 244 patients, 226 were persons who experienced alcohol-related problems (197 males and 29 females).



GRENADA ASSUMES VICE-CHAIR OF OAS' ANTI-TERRORISM COMMITTEE

Grenada has assumed the Vice-Chair of the Inter-American Committee against Terrorism (CICTE) of the Organisation of American States (OAS). In her acceptance remarks, Ambassador Gillian

Bristol said that Grenada looks forward to working closely with the Chair, Members



and the Secretariat in furtherance of their common endeavour. *"Grenada undertakes this role in support of the Chair and welcomes the opportunity to contribute to the imperative of denying terrorism any place in our Hemisphere," she said. "Grenada intends to fulfil the trust placed in it, bringing its own experience in national security, sub-regional cooperation within the ambit of CARICOM, multilateral partnership such as within this Committee and other fora, as well as international collaboration".*

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**HEALTH WEEK
CELEBRATED**

The Drug Control Secretariat is pleased to have participated in the week of activities planned by the Ministry of Health in observation of **Health Week**, 5 to 9 April 2010, to coincide with World Health Day which is observed annually on April 7. The theme for World Health Day 2010 was, ‘**Urbanism and Healthy Living.**’

The week of activities included: an **Opening Address**, by the Minister of Health; a fifteen minute, ‘**Drop Work to De-stress**’; **Healthy Eating Day**, and a **National Display Day**.

National Display Day involved an exhibition by various agencies to promote health lifestyles. The exhibition included displays of health diets, educational materials, and fitness exercises. Several agencies including the Ministry of Health, Royal Grenada Police Force, Drug Control Secretariat, Grenada Food and Nutrition Council, and Body and Soul Wellness Gym participated.



Mrs. Elizabeth Japal of the Drug Control Secretariat makes Presentation, National Exhibition Day, 11 April 2010

**GRENADA SIGNS
AGREEMENTS**

Grenada, in keeping with its commitment to maintain transparency in the financial services industry and to comply with international standards on the exchange of tax information, signed thirteen Tax Information Exchange Agreements (TIEAs), with thirteen countries between March and May 2010. Consequently, Grenada was placed on the “white list” of the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), on 20 May 2010.

Over the last nine months, Grenada had been actively engaged in negotiating TIEAs with a number of its economically significant trading partners. This was a requirement of the OECD and G20 nations that countries should subscribe to the principle of transparency in the financial services industry and conclude at least twelve such TIEA Agreements or face sanctions including possible “blacklisting”.

The signing of these agreements is a reflection of Grenada’s commitment to comply with international standards on money laundering, terrorist financing, tax compliance and financial regulations.

Grenada will undergo reviews of its legal and regulatory framework for exchange of information in 2011 and reviews of its information exchange practices in 2013



Signing of Tax Information Exchange Agreements Between Grenada and the United Kingdom, 31 March 2010

REVISED GRENDIN INDICATORS

Revision of the nine (9) GRENDIN Indicators has commenced. The process of revision would involve a series of meetings with various Institutions which participate in implementation of the national drug control program. The Indicators are used by the Drug Control Secretariat to collect and analyze drug-related statistics. Implementation of the revised Indicators would commence in January 2011.

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IN THE NEWS

Drug Control Officer Dave Alexander attended the First Drafting Session of the Fifth Round of the Multilateral Evaluation Mechanism (MEM), held 19 to 28 April 2010, in Washington D.C. The session on the drafting of reports on progress of member states of the Organization of American States/Inter-American Drug Abuse Control Commission (OAS/CICAD) in the area of drug control for the period 2007 to 2009. The MEM is a tool through which the anti-drug efforts of the OAS/CICAD members are evaluated.

An evaluation exercise on the implementation of drug prevention education at the preschool and kindergarten levels in Grenada is currently in progress. The evaluation seeks to determine inter alia: to what extent the, 'Manual on Lesson Plans on Drug Prevention for Preschool and Kindergarten Children' is being used, and strengths and weaknesses of the said Manual. Preschool and kindergarten teachers would participate in the evaluation exercise. Final report on the evaluation is expected in September 2010.



Officers of the Drug Control Secretariat were part of a cadre of professionals who made presentation at “Camp of Hope” during the period March to 2010. The primary objective of the Camp was to empower students with the knowledge

and skills they need to enable them to make positive decisions. Presentations by the Drug Control Secretariat were made on the topics: ‘Drugs and Their Effects on the Human Body’ and ‘Females and Drugs.’ There were also presentations made on topics such as: Spirituality; Decision-making; Sexuality and HIV/AIDS; STI’s and Youth; You and the Law; Careers and Me. The Camp of Hope is an initiative of the Ministry of Education and UNESCO for secondary school students who exhibit behaviours which may put them at risk

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DRUGS AND ITS EFFECTS ON THE HUMAN BODY

ALCOHOL
 Used to relax, alcohol can affect every system of the body. Alcohol abuse can have devastating effects on the brain, liver, heart, stomach, and other organs. It can also lead to addiction and liver disease.

TOBACCO & NICOTINE
 Smoking is a public health hazard. Tobacco smoke contains a large number of chemicals, many of which are known to be carcinogenic. Smoking causes lung cancer, heart disease, and emphysema.

“ECSTASY”
 Ecstasy is a synthetic drug that is used to produce feelings of euphoria and energy. It can cause dehydration, overheating, and heart problems.

COCAINE
 Cocaine is a powerful stimulant that can cause heart disease, high blood pressure, and addiction. It can also lead to lung disease and other health problems.

MARIJUANA
 Marijuana is a psychoactive drug that is made from the dried leaves and flowers of the cannabis plant. It can cause impaired judgment, memory loss, and respiratory problems.

“CRACK” or “ROCK”
 Crack is a form of cocaine that is smoked. It is highly addictive and can cause severe health problems, including heart disease and lung disease.

LEGEND
 Heart & Blood, Brain, Liver, Stomach, Lungs, Kidneys, Muscles, Bones, Skin, Hair, Nails, Teeth, Eyes, Ears, Nose, Throat, Reproductive System, Endocrine System, Immune System, Nervous System, Circulatory System, Respiratory System, Digestive System, Urinary System, Integumentary System.

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