

# Dominica's Report for the DIN



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## Status of the DIN



- Over the past two year the DIN met four times
- To review the network report
- Invitation was extended to several other institutions to be part of the network
- Ministry of education, Chances and Operation Youth Quake joined the network.
- Suggestions were made to improve the data collection system in Dominica.
  - It was suggested the Dominica should use a simple excel or excel data base to capture its data because of the volume and cost.
- With the exception of the annual report no other major report was done.

# Institutions Contributing to the Network



- **Dominica Police Force**
- **Financial Intelligence Unit**
- **Princess Margaret Hospital**
- **Social welfare**
- **Chances**
- **Ministry of Education**
- **National Drug Abuse Prevention Unit**
- **Dominica State Prison**
- **Ministry of Health/ Health Promotions**

## Recent Activities



- January of 2012 – As part of the Drug awareness month celebration the DIN bi-annual Report was officially presented / disseminated to the public.**
- Prison Study that was conducted with the full assistance of the OAS office**
- Recently conducted surveys**
  - i Global School Based Student Health Survey**
  - i Global Youth Tobacco Survey**
  - i National Secondary School Drug Survey**
- Neither reports have been published or disseminated**

# Recent Activities



- **Global Status Report on Alcohol and Health**
  - Dominica ranked fifth in the world per capita in alcohol consumption. Dominica consumed 7.2 liters of alcohol per year. That is hard liquor.
  - The three main drugs of abuse are alcohol, tobacco and marijuana.
- **Members of the DIN committee worked with all the secondary schools on the island on a tobacco campaign for World No Tobacco Day**
- **In progress – We are conducting a Community Needs Assessment that in an effort to develop**

## Recent Trends



- **One of the notable increase that we have seen is the number of person seeking medical assistants at the Princess Margaret Hospital**
- **Increase in seizures of cocaine and cannabis weed by the police for the period 2001**

# Future Plans



- Training for DIN personnel (which is one of our most urgent need)**
  - i Objectives are as follows**
    - ÷ To learn the importance of timely and relevant data as it meeting the needs of policy makers and service providers**
    - ÷ To improve the quality of data to meet the international level.**
    - ÷ To collect data in accordance with sound scientific methodological principles to ensure reliability and validity**