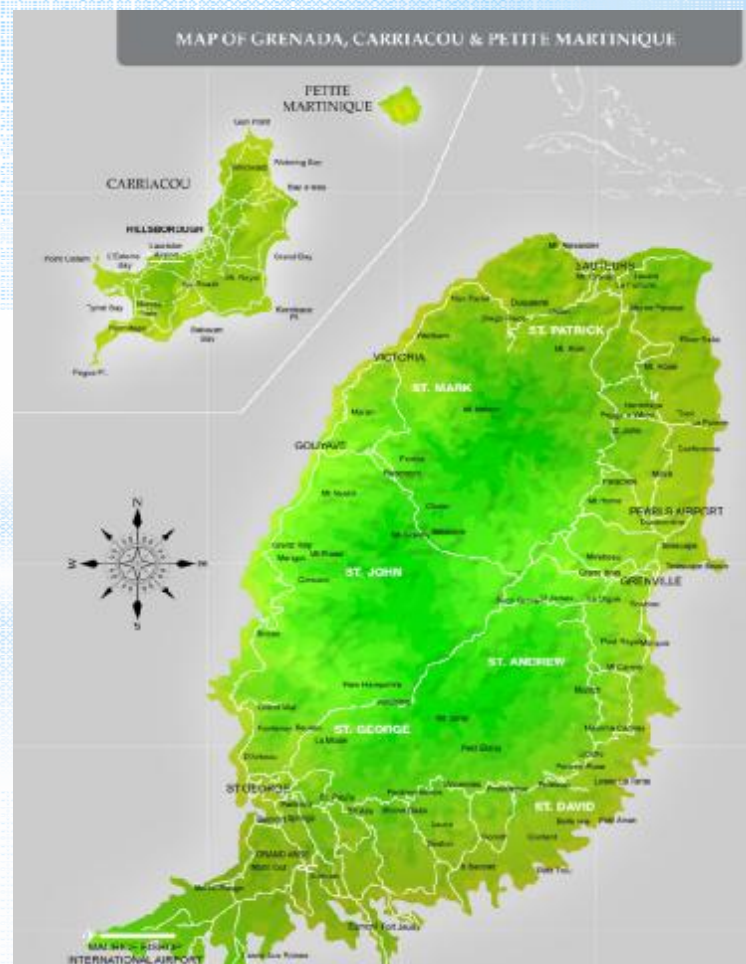


GRENADA DRUG INFORMATION NETWORK (GRENDIN)

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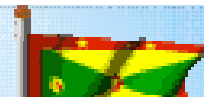
**Regional Meeting of Drug Information
Networks, 1-2 August 2012;
Antigua and Barbuda**





STATUS OF GRENDIN

- **Established in 2002.**
- **Decision to establish GRENDIN was later approved by Cabinet, which has strengthened the mandate of GRENDIN.**



GRENDIN covers data from thirteen (13) perspectives, collecting data from thirteen (13) Departments:

§ Admissions for Treatment

§ Mortality

§ Scope of the Mechanisms for the Control of the Diversion of Pharmaceutical Products and Controlled Chemicals

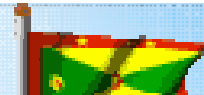
§ Seizures

§ Arrests

§ Court Cases

§ Criminal Deportees

§ Financial Crimes



§ Firearms, Ammunition, Explosives, Other Related Materials

§ Incarceration

§ Tests For Presence of Controlled Drugs

§ Magnitude of drug consumption

§ Nature, Extent and Patterns of drugs



Recent Activities and Meetings (2011 and 2012)

- Eighth Annual meeting of GRENDIN. (**December 2011**)
- Five Indicators were revised ; two Indicators were added. (**2011**)
- Report on the Analysis of Students Arrested and Charged by the Royal Grenada Police Force, January 2001 to 31 December 2010 was produced. (**2011**)



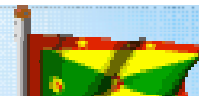
- Partnership with St. George's University (SGU) has been strengthened. Public Health Students are assisting in conducting studies on drugs in Grenada, at the request of the Drug Control Secretariat. **(2011)**
- Publication of GRENDIN Annual Report 2011. **(February 2012)**
- Publication of GRENDIN Statistical Report of Indicators for 2011. **(March 2012)**



- Publication of GRENDIN Statistical Report of Indicators, 1 January to 31 March 2012. (**June 2012**)
- Currently compiling data for GRENDIN Statistical Report of Indicators, 1 April to 30 June 2012. (**Due: August 2012**)
- Preparation for Ninth Annual Meeting of GRENDIN, 7 December 2012. (**Ongoing**)



- GRENDIN provided technical assistance to other Caribbean countries, through workshops organized by CICAD, for the establishment of their drug information networks. **(2011 & 2012)**
- Formulation of the Draft National Anti-Drug Strategy 2012 to 2017 **(2012)**
- Pictorial Analysis of the Drug Situation in Grenada, 2001 to 2010 was completed. To be launched at the Ninth Annual Meeting of GRENDIN in December 2012 **(2012)**



DRUG TRENDS

1. Linkage Between Drugs and Crime

- **33% of crimes committed by Repeat Offenders occurred under the influence of drugs.**

- **25% crimes committed occurred under the influence of drugs:**

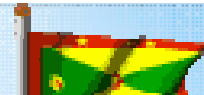
Alcohol (13%)

Crack (2%)

Marijuana (6%)

Cocaine (4%)

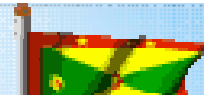
Source: Crawford, Dr. Wendy; Linkage Between Drugs and Crime, Grenada; 2010



2. Influences of Value Added Taxes (VAT) on Alcohol Consumption in Grenada, 2011; St. George's University

§ The study focused on the imposition of the Value Added Tax (VAT), and increased Excises Taxes in 2010, and the potential influence it has on changing consumer behaviors.

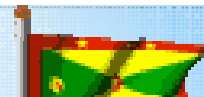
§ Locations: Rum shops, bars.



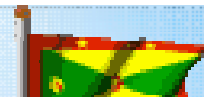
Some Findings:

§At rum shops or other gatherings, men tend to be less concerned with the price increases in alcohol, because it is a social norm to buy rounds for their friends.

§Grenadian men would alter other behaviors so they could drink alcohol in the same manner as they would before the burden of extra costs.

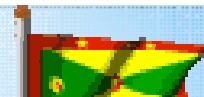


§70% of men said price increases had no effect on their alcohol purchases; (quantity, quality and frequency of purchase and consumption).



FUTURE PLANS: GRENDIN

- § Develop a computerized network, among the local institutions which provide data to GRENDIN. This requires training, equipment, finances.**
- § Develop new Indicators, where necessary. New Indicator on data on admissions to the Mental Hospital is being prepared.**



- § Strengthen the capacity of the institutions to collect and collate the statistics (Training, software etc.).**

- § Strengthen the overall structure and functions of GREN DIN, to meet the needs of our partners and clients.**

- § Greater use of the Daily Crime Report. (An updated database is presently being established by SGU for the Police)**

THANK YOU