



GRENADA DRUG EPIDEMIOLOGY NETWORK (GRENDEN)

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STATUS OF GRENDEN

- **Established in 2002.**
- **Grenada Drug Information Network (GRENDIN), was amended to, ‘Grenada Drug Epidemiology Network (GRENDEN), by the Cabinet; October 2012**



GRENDEN covers data from thirteen (13) perspectives, collecting data from eleven (11) Departments:

§ Admissions for Treatment

§ Mortality

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

§ Seizures



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§ Arrests

§ Court Cases

§ Criminal Deportees

§ Financial Crimes



§ Firearms, Ammunition, Explosives, Other Related Materials

§ Incarceration

§ Tests For Presence of Controlled Drugs

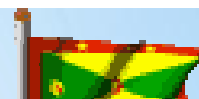
§ Magnitude of Drug Consumption

§ Nature, Extent and Patterns of Drugs



Recent Activities and Meetings (2012 and 2013)

- **Ninth Annual meeting of GRENDEN.
(December 2012)**
- **Administration of Third Secondary Schools
Drug Prevalence Survey. (April 2013)**



Recent Publications

- **Pictorial Analysis of the Drug Situation in Grenada, 2001 to 2010; Launched December 2012.**
- [Pictorial Analysis Of The Drug Situation In Grenada, 2001 to 2010, 6 December 2012.pdf](#)
- **Publication of GRENDEN Annual Report 2012. (May 2013)**
- **Quarterly Publication of GRENDEN Statistical Report of Indicators. (Ongoing)**



- Currently compiling data for GRENDEN Statistical Report of Indicators, 1 January to 31 March 2013.
- Preparation of GRENDEN Fact Sheet and Newsletter (**Due:** June 2013).



DATA TRENDS

**(1 January to 30 June 2011 &
1 January to 30 June 2012)**

- 100% increase in the number of females admitted for treatment.(7-14)
- In the age range 20-24 years, there was a 120% increase in admission.(22-31)
- 68 percent of admissions (23 patients) had medical problems with alcohol liver disease.



DATA TRENDS

**(1 January to 30 June 2011 &
1 January to 30 June 2012**

- No chemical precursors, or illicit pharmaceuticals containing controlled drugs, were seized during the period under review.
- 851 persons, which represents 97% of all persons arrested and charged for drug-related offences, were Grenadians.
- 62% of persons arrested were charged for possession of marijuana.



DATA TRENDS

**(1 January to 30 June 2011 &
1 January to 30 June 2012)**

- Increase in the quantity of controlled drugs seized (cannabis, cocaine, and crack).
- 4 firearms were seized by the Royal Grenada Police Force, in relation to drug trafficking, during the period 1 January to 30 June 2011.
- There were no seizures of firearms during the period 1 January to 30 June 2012.



DATA TRENDS

§Spikes in cultivation, trafficking of marijuana.

§Recent acquisition of two interceptor patrol boats by the Grenada Coast Guard, has enhanced its capacity to intercept speed boats involved in drug (cannabis) trafficking.

§Generally downward trend in seizures of cocaine.

§New Indicator added: Admission to Mt. Gay Psychiatric Hospital.



§While there are ‘rumors of ecstasy use’, there are no records of arrests, seizures, hospitalization etc. However the situation is being monitored.

§Increase in availability and production of illegal alcohol ‘bush rum’.

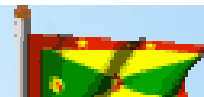
§Concerns about the seemingly increase in alcohol consumption among females.



FUTURE PLANS: GRENDEN

- § Develop a computerized network, among the local institutions which provide data to GRENDEN. This requires training, equipment, finances.

- § Develop new Indicators, where necessary.
New Indicator on Drug Related accidents.



- § Strengthen the capacity of the institutions to collect and collate the statistics (Training, software etc.).
- § Strengthen the overall structure and functions of GRENDEN, to meet the needs of our partners and clients.



THANK YOU

