

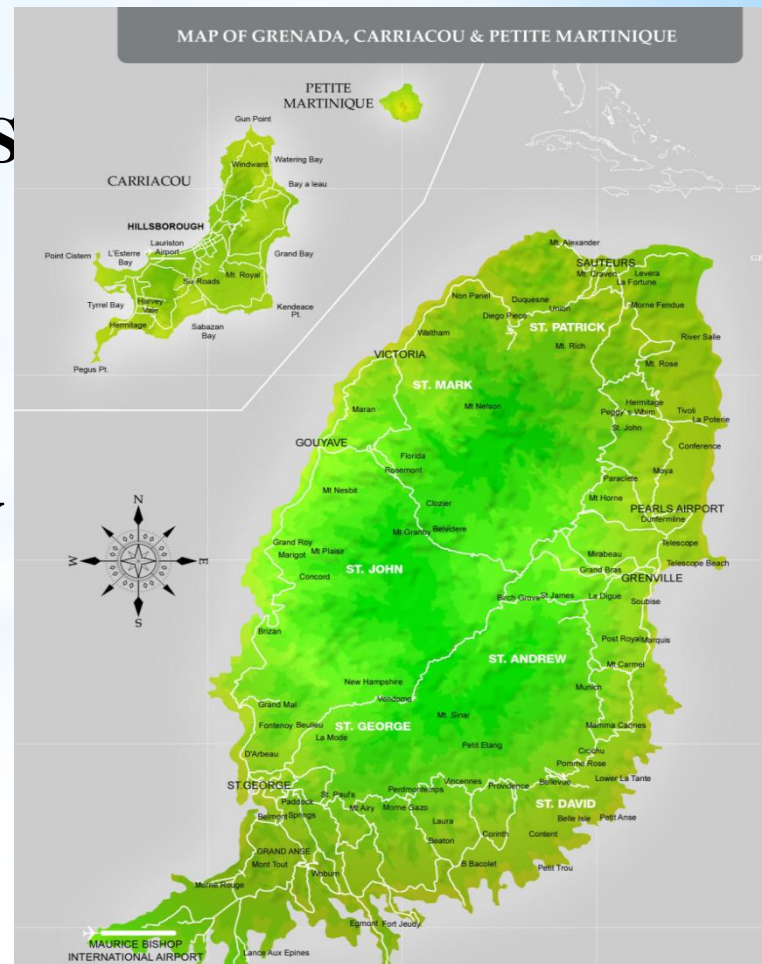


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GRENADA DRUG EPIDEMIOLOGY NETWORK (GRENDEN)

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GRENDEN

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



STRUCTURE

- **National Council on Drug Control (NCODC)**
- **Drug Control Secretariat (MoE)**
- **Drug Control Officer**
- **Assistant Drug Control Officer**
- **Drug Control Secretariat serves as Grenada's observatory on drugs and performs the functions of GRENDEEN**

GRENDEN covers data from thirteen (13) perspectives



- **Admissions for Treatment**
- **Mortality**
- **Scope of the Mechanisms for the Control of the Diversion of Pharmaceutical Products and Controlled Chemicals**
- **Drug Seizures**
- **Drug related Arrests**
- **Criminal Deportees/**Aliens sent from Grenada****
- **Financial Crimes**



- **Firearms, Ammunition, Explosives, other Related Materials**
- **Incarceration/Court referrals to the Grand Bacolet Juvenile, Treatment and Rehabilitation Center**
- **Tests For Presence of Controlled Drugs**
- **Domestic violence and drugs**



ACTIVITIES

- **National anti-drug programme**
- **Production of Documents: GREN DEN Fact Sheet, School Policy on Drugs, Draft Alcohol Policy, GREN DEN Statistical Reports**
- **Collection of treatment data**
- **GREN DEN Annual Meetings**
- **Juvenile and Family Court**
- **School related drug infractions**
- **MEM questionnaire**
- **Collaboration with local, regional and international agencies e.g. SGU, PHAST**



NEW DRUG USING BEHAVIOURS

- **Increase in female alcohol consumption
(Secondary School Survey , 2013)**
- **No evidence of NPS**



CHALLENGES

- **Adjusting to new demands/request**
- **Maintaining the relationship and trust with stakeholders (adapting to new formats of reports, new indicators, etc.)**
- **Regular administrative changes**
- **Small staff**

FUTURE PLANS: GRENDEN



- **Increase data collection, incorporating Standard DIN indicators; Develop new indicators**
- **Complete National Annual Report using modified format**
- **Use GRENDEN as an EWS**

THANK YOU