

# Grenada Drug Information Network (GRENDIN),

# Ten Years: Successes and Challenges; 2002 to 2012



- The Grenada Drug Information Network (GRENDIN), is the mechanism through which Grenada collects, analyzes, and disseminates information on drugs, and related information, for the purpose of monitoring trends, developing policy, and implementing appropriate programmes and responses.
- It was established on 11 December 2002, and endorsed by Cabinet, effective 22 December 2002.
- The Drug Control Secretariat is the National Observatory on Drugs (NOD). It performs the administrative functions of GRENDIN.



#### **Grenada Participates in Regional Project On Data Collection:**

- 1999: Implementation of the Drug Abuse Epidemiological and Surveillance System Project (DAESSP)
- Establishment of a regional surveillance network – Caribbean Drug Information Network (CARIDIN)



• August and November 2002: Consultations with institutions which collect drug-related statistics.

## **Objectives of Consultations:**

- i. To determine the availability/nonavailability of types of statistical data;
- ii. To determine the strengths and weaknesses of these institutions to collect and provide the data to the Drug Control Secretariat.



•11 December 2002: The workshop, *"Network To Improve Recording, Exchange And Comparability Of Data Between Agencies"*, was convened.

•Presentations by all institutions on agreements reached during the consultations.

•GRENDIN was established.



#### **Methodology to Collect Data:**

- GRENDIN Questionnaire of Indicators, is used to collect data.
- It consists of twelve (12) Indicators.

#### **Twelve Questionnaire Indicators**

- Admissions
- Drug-related Mortality (Not Being Used)
- Scope Of The Mechanisms For The Control Of The Diversion Of Pharmaceutical Products & Controlled Chemicals
- Seizures (Customs & Excise)
- Seizures, Arrests, Court Cases (Police)



- Incarceration
- Financial Crimes
- Criminal Deportees
- Firearms, Ammunition, Explosives, Other Related Materials
- Tests for the Presence of Drugs



- Magnitude Of Drug Consumption
- Daily Crime Report
- (Not an Indicator, but significant source of information)

#### CATEGORIES COMPONENTS/INDICATORS

#### **Drug Consumption**

• Magnitude of Consumption

#### **Drug Production**

- Type and Quantity of Drugs Produced
- Type and Quantity of Drugs Seized



The• ArrestsFirearmsConsequences• TreatmentFinancial Crimes

• Incarceration Criminal Deportees

• Court Cases

The Results of Policy and/or Program Responses

- Extradition requests
- Tests Conducted for Presence of Drugs
- Mechanism to Control Diversion of Pharmaceuticals and Precursor Chemicals (number of Pre-Export notifications issued and received, number of sanctions issued, number of licenses issued)

#### **SCHEDULE:**



ACTIVITIES	1 JANUARY TO 31 MARCH 2012 (1 <sup>ST</sup> QUARTER DATA)	1 APRIL TO 30 JUNE 2012 (2 <sup>ND</sup> QUARTER DATA)	1 JULY TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2012 (3 <sup>RD</sup> QUARTER DATA)	1 OCTOBER TO 31 DECEMBER 2012 (4 <sup>TH</sup> QUARTER DATA)
Prepare Letters and Indicators requesting data	23 March 2012	22 June 2012	21 September 2012	3 December 2012
Disseminate Letters and Indicators requesting data	29 March 2012	27 June 2012	24 September 2012	7 December 2012
Due date for data	25 May 2012	27 August 2012	23 November 2012	21 February 2013
Clean, collate and compile data	30 May to 22 June 2012	30 August to 24 September 2012	28 November to 28 December 2012	1 March to 29 March 2013
Disseminate quarterly data	2 July 2012	3 October 2012	4 January 2013	2 April 2013
Combine data for each quarter	No combined data	(1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> qtrs. data) 4 to 29 October 2012	(1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> , & 3 <sup>rd</sup> qtrs. data) 5 to 31 January 2013	(1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> qtrs. data) 3 to 29 April 2013
Disseminate combined data	No combined data	31 October 2012	1 February 2013	2 May 2013



#### **Does GRENDIN Work?**

- § Data is now available for the period 1 January 1988 to 31 March 2012. (Accurate, reliable, timely)
- § Improved Grenada's ability to provide data for local, regional and international projects, Institutions, such as the MEM, ARQ, BRQ, PAHO, CARICOM



- **§** Eight Annual Meetings and five review meetings held.
- § Partnership with St. George's University (SGU) and the Windward Islands Research Foundation (WINDREF) on various projects.
- **§** Publication of data. <u>www.gov.gd/ncodc.html</u>

#### CHALLENGES

- **§** Data is collected manually.
- § Minor delays in collecting data, due to modus operandi of some institutions.
- **§** Requests for types of data from local, regional and international organizations can be varied, and it is a constant challenge to provide the types of data requested.



## **GRENDIN AT WORK**

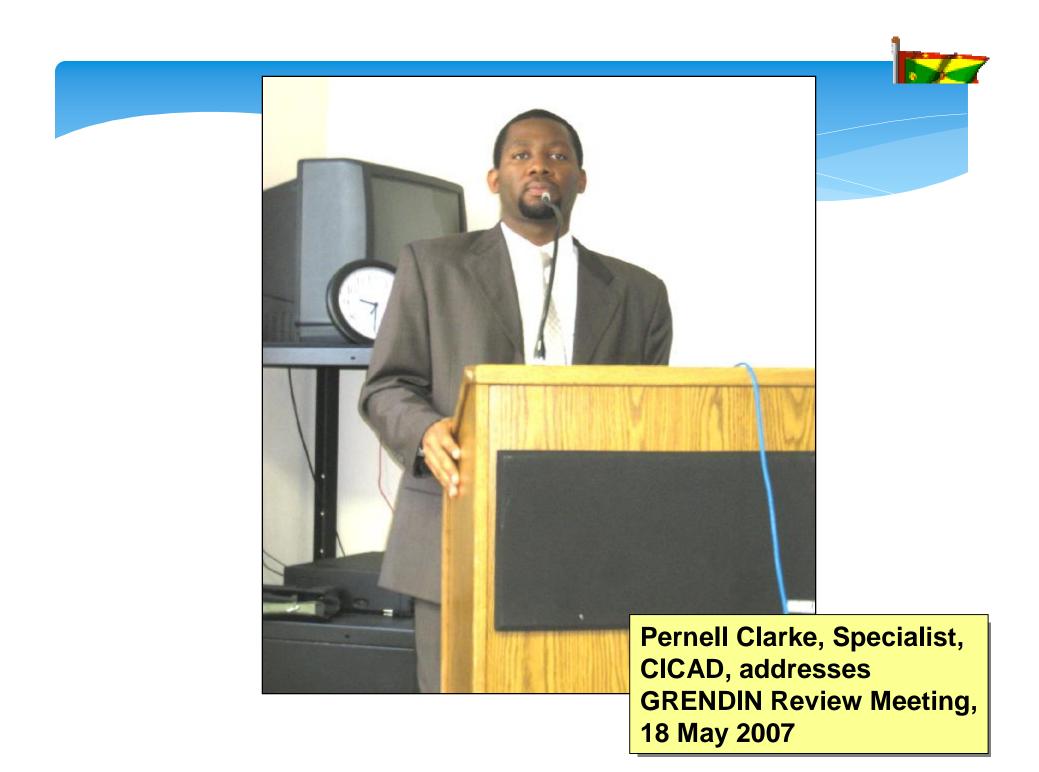




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Meeting, 21 February 2006

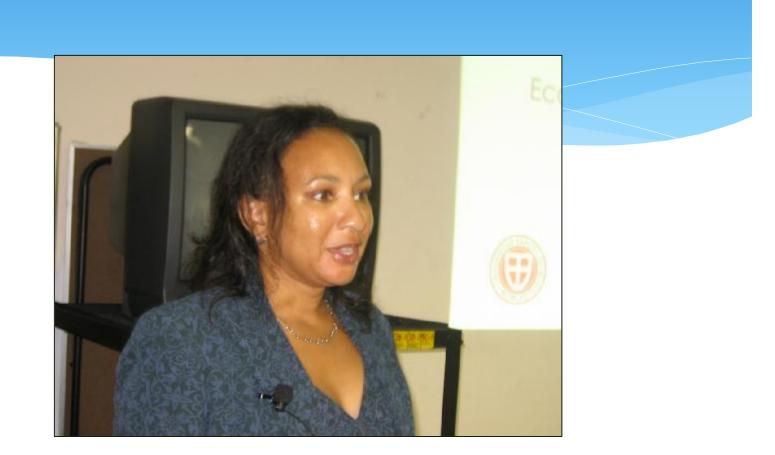




Darshan Ramdhani, Senior Crown Counsel, Addresses Fifth Annual Meeting of GRENDIN, 11 December 2008



Elizabeth Japal, Officer Responsible for GRENDIN, Addresses Sixth Annual Meeting of GRENDIN, 4 December 2009

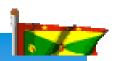


Dr. Cecilia Hegamin-Younger, Professor, St. George's University, Grenada, addresses Sixth Annual Meeting of GRENDIN, 4 December 2009



interviewed by the Press, Eighth Annual GRENDIN Meeting, 9 December 2011







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