

THE CARIBBEAN BASIN SECURITY INITIATIVE



A Shared Regional Security Partnership



The United States and the nations of the Caribbean are partnering to combat the drug trade and other transnational crime that threatens regional security. This shared security partnership, the Caribbean Basin Security Initiative (CBSI), fulfills the commitment to deepen

regional security cooperation that President Barack Obama made at the Fifth Summit of the Americas, held in Port of Spain, Trinidad, in April 2009.

Enhancing Citizen Safety

CBSI complements other citizen safety initiatives between the United States and other partners in the hemisphere. CBSI will increase citizen safety throughout the Caribbean by working together to:

- Substantially reduce illicit trafficking
- Increase public safety and security
- Promote social justice

Regional Cooperation

Participating nations worked together for more than a year to develop CBSI. In meetings, which leadership of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) and the Dominican Republic facilitated, we assessed strategies to combat transnational crime and the root causes of crime and violence. Together, CBSI partnering nations adopted a Declaration of Principles, Plan of Action, and Framework for Security Cooperation at the inaugural Caribbean-U.S. Security Cooperation Dialogue held in Washington, D.C. in May 2010.

We will continue this dialogue through technical working groups to coordinate local, national, and regional security and crime prevention activities and policies. These working groups will ensure effective and efficient implementation of programs, identify future program and policy needs, and inform policymakers at the 2nd annual Caribbean-U.S. Security Cooperation Dialogue in 2011.

United States Support Under CBSI

The United States will provide more than \$45 million to support CBSI in 2010. In addition, the Obama Administration has

requested \$79 million to continue support for CBSI in 2011. This funding will complement non-monetary policy support the United States has committed to this multi-year partnership.

U.S. funding and programs complement those of our Caribbean partners. These programs were developed in response to those concerns and priorities discussed during our initial meetings, build on existing partnerships and prepare for future cooperation, and meet objectives described in the CBSI Joint Plan of Action.

The first year of CBSI funding includes:

- \$14.5 million to strengthen Caribbean partners' ability to control their maritime borders. This will build on previous efforts under the "Enduring Friendship" program whereby partner nations in the Caribbean Basin were provided interdiction boats, command and control communications equipment, and related equipment and training
- \$10.6 million for law enforcement capacity building. This support will increase law enforcement agencies' ability to conduct effective operations and help Caribbean governments' justice sectors effectively prosecute transnational criminal elements through training and information sharing capacity
- \$20 million in crime prevention programs that build on previous USAID efforts throughout the region focused on education and programs that divert youth from drugs. These programs will focus on expanding education and workforce development opportunities for at-risk youth and other vulnerable populations as an alternative to crime and other illicit activity. Other prevention measures will include juvenile justice reform, anti-corruption, and community-based policing

CBSI Complements Other U.S. Assistance

The U.S. commitment to the Caribbean and to the CBSI partnership extends beyond the CBSI funding described above. The United States is also investing heavily in HIV/AIDS prevention, hurricane preparedness, military education and training, and advancing economic development and trade.

The United States looks forward to continued cooperation with its Caribbean partners to strengthen the CBSI partnership. More information is available at: www.state.gov/p/wha/rt/cbsi/