



THE CARIBBEAN BASIN SECURITY INITIATIVE



A Shared Regional Security Partnership



Jamaica is partnering with the other nations of the Caribbean and the United States 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 fiscal year of CBSI funding includes approximately \$6.8

million for programs in Jamaica, to include:

- Equipment and training to the Jamaica Constabulary Force and other agencies engaged in sea and airport security operations
- Funding for the repair of vehicles and vessels and the provisioning of equipment and training to increase maritime interdiction capability
- Training and commodity assistance to strengthen the capacity of the government to investigate, seize, and forfeit criminal assets
- Training, operational, and technical assistance to strengthen the government's ability to counter public corruption
- Funding for the rehabilitation and upgrade of juvenile detention centers
- Assistance in modernizing and improving customs procedures, promoting legislative reform, and drafting anti-corruption laws
- Support for community-based policing programs
- Expanded education and vocational training programs
- Support to strengthen youth workforce development and increase service delivery and participation by youth in economic growth programs

CBSI Complements Other U.S. Assistance

The U.S. commitment to Jamaica and to the CBSI partnership extends beyond the CBSI funding described above. Over the past two years (FY2009 and FY2010), the U.S. has committed \$1.9 million in bilateral security assistance, as well as support for the following:

- Equipment for the Jamaica Constabulary Force for national security
- Partnership with Catholic Relief Services in establishing Community Risk Reduction through Youth Emergency Action Committees (YEAC) that train youth in disaster preparedness and response
- Training in the United States for the Director of the Jamaican Office of Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Management (ODPEM)
- Water management training to assist Jamaica in its drought and flood response efforts
- HIV/AIDS education and training for civic groups

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