



Preventing Domestic Violence

*Taking the Temperature of the Landscape in
Grenada, for Implementation of NONEinThree,
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The Facts you Already Know

Tri-Island State

**Grenada: 133 sq.miles
population 108,132.**

**Carriacou: 13 sq.miles
population 6000**

**Petit Martinique: 1 sq.mile
population 1000**

Current Labour Force: 40% of
population.

Literacy Rate: 94%



The Far History

- 2 Million years ago – Underwater Volcano.
- Indigenous People – Arawaks, then Caribs (Calinago)
- 1498 – Christopher Columbus, Spanish
- French – drove off Caribs – established plantations
- Africans brought in as slaves
1700 Census: 257 whites, 53 coloureds, 525 slaves.
- 1795 – British took over
- 1795-96 Fedon’s Rebellion – Of 28,000 slaves, 14,000 joined. Eventually squashed by British.
- 1834 – Slavery Abolished
- 1857 – First group of East Indian indentured servants.
- 1955 – Hurricane Janet
- 1974 – Independence from Britain
- 1983 – Leftist coup (close ties with Cuba, Nicaragua and other communist bloc countries). Prime Minister executed with 7 others. Then invasion by America “Operation Urgent Fury”.



TIVOLI
DRUMMERS



Jab Jab = Diable, Diable. “Jab is consciousness in action...It is awareness, fuelled by passion...that should inform us in the fight for positive world change...The high, intense energy that the Jab family demonstrates during carnival should be channelled to fight against those who demonize and marginalize minorities at home and abroad.”



A History and Culture of Glaring Opposites

Every hour of every day 228 children and adolescents, mainly girls, are sexually exploited in Latin America and the Caribbean... we have to raise our voices against this social scourge. (There is a) pressing need to ensure the right of children to ... a protective environment. It's time to recognize the magnitude of this problem and act accordingly. ..When we talk about abuse we must also talk about the men who often perpetrate it. Machismo, combined with gender-based violence, often precedes violence against children. We need a movement made of men who repudiate this so-called masculinity, who make it clear that girls are not sex toys for adults...Families are the first line of defense against abuse, so it is imperative to give them the necessary tools to protect their children. Many mothers know that their husbands are abusing their children, yet they chose to remain silent because they know that they could not support their children on their own. Financial aid for victims is crucial if we want to ensure justice for cases of abuse and it should be established as a priority for countries that want to work seriously to eradicate this problem.” 2007, Nils Kastberg, Regional Director, UNICEF, Latin America and the Caribbean
http://www.unicef.org/lac/media_13743.htm

Resilience

- 1955: Hurricane Janet, one of the strongest Atlantic hurricanes on record. 500 people killed, 75% of crops destroyed.
- 1979: Revolutionary coup – The New Jewel Movement takes over and aligns closely with Cuba.
- 1983: Extremist Marxist faction executes Prime Minister Maurice Bishop, US President Ronald Regan sends 10-ship task force to Grenada.
- 2004: Hurricane Ivan, pummeled Grenada. 39 people killed. 90% of homes and buildings destroyed.
- 2005: Hurricane Emily. Of 25,000 banana farms in the Eastern Caribbean, only 5,000 remained. A drop of 80%.



Challenges

Resilience becomes a Risk factor, due to forcing through and pushing on with increasing “passion” and intensity; a historic commitment to not giving up.

Psychological collapse = Neurosis = Acting out or Acting in. Silence and Dissociation.

- **Crime:** 2007, UN Office on Drugs and Crime called the Caribbean “the most violent region on earth”.
- **Domestic Violence:** 33% of women in Jamaica, 27% in Barbados. 25% of all murders are of women killed in the home.
- **Alcohol Consumption:** 2012, Grenada 16th in the world. (St. Vincent, 12th. Bahamas, 8th. St. Lucia 4th, after Russia).
- **HIV/AIDS:** The main cause of death for adults 15 – 44. The only other region in the world with such a high infection rate is in Africa, south of the Saharan desert.
- **Child Sexual Abuse:** 48%, or 1 in 2 Caribbean girls.

Political, Legal, Cultural Readiness ...

***A lot has been done in
Grenada!***

Relevant International Treaties:

- The Universal Declaration on Human Rights (1948).
- The International Covenant of Economic, Cultural and Social Rights (1966).
- Discrimination (Employment and Occupation) Convention, 1958 (No. 111) of the International Labour Organisation (ILO), one of the bases for action on sexual harassment in the workplace.
- The Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (1979) (CEDAW) was entered into force in 1981, and it's Optional Protocol in 2000.
- The Convention on the Rights of the Child or "CRC" which entered into force in 1990. Grenada became a Party on November 5, 1990.

Relevant Local Laws:

- The Domestic Violence Act (2010)
- The Child (Protection and Adoption) Act (2010)

Relevant Local Protocols:

- The National Domestic Violence and Sexual Abuse Protocol (2011)

A lot yet needs doing!

- Kick in she back door – recent calypso
- No boys in skirts – recent radio call-in discussion
- Recent assizes – rape and incest topping the list



Cultural Exchange with some very positive Global Girls from Chicago, USA.



- Community Readiness.
- Local stakeholder buy-in.
- Multi-sectoral local and international partnerships.
- Teams of colleagues and volunteers in place.
- Training.
- Finance.

- The R.I.S.E. Club – Sandals/Bob Marley Foundation
- The Mum’s Club – Sandals/Bob Marley Foundation
- Circles of Safety – StopItNow! (U.S.)
- Helpline – Canadian High Commission
- NONEinThree – E.U.