The Caribbean Basin Security Initiative

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**United States Support Under CBSI**

The United States is making a significant contribution to CBSI, committing more than $263 million in funding for CBSI since 2010. This contribution includes assistance in the following areas, all developed through the CBSI cooperative dialogue process:

- **Maritime and Aerial Security Cooperation.** Support regional maritime and aerial coordination by improving radar coverage in strategic locations and sharing radar information. Provide equipment and training that will enable Caribbean governments to carry out maritime and aerial operations.

- **Law Enforcement Capacity Building.** Enhance law enforcement effectiveness through police professionalization, anti-corruption training, community-based policing, and sharing regional ballistics and fingerprint information. Equipment and training augment the region's polygraph capacity and support vetted units in conducting complex investigations, implementing anti-gang initiatives, and combating money laundering and other financial crimes.

- **Border/Port Security and Firearms Interdiction.** Provide technical support, technology upgrades, and training on techniques for intercepting smuggled narcotics, weapons, bulk cash, and other contraband at commercial airports and seaports. Funding will also support the interdiction of firearms and secure management of weapons and ammunition stockpiles.

- **Justice Sector Reform.** Reform and strengthen juvenile justice systems through alternative sentencing and rehabilitation services. Regional justice advisors are providing technical assistance to judges and prosecutors, advising on legal reform, and developing a task force to address critical crime issues. Funding will assist host governments in improving prison conditions.

- **Crime Prevention and At-risk Youth.** Increase educational opportunities and provide workforce development and entrepreneurship training for at-risk youth as an alternative to crime and other harmful behavior. Funding also will support drug demand reduction through the training of treatment and rehabilitation professionals.

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Suriname benefits directly from several of the programs described above, including:

- Promoting regional coordination among justice and law enforcement sectors and institutions to harmonize policies, procedures, and systems across the OECS countries, Trinidad and Tobago, Guyana, and Suriname;

- Enhancing the prospects for at-risk youth through entrepreneurship training, improvement in basic life skills, and vocational education;

- Training and technical assistance to enhance Suriname's capabilities to investigate and prosecute money laundering and other financial crimes; and to counter security, transnational, and humanitarian threats in Suriname and the region;

- Building capacity among law enforcement in the area of forensic investigation and improving forensic evidence analysis capability to hold criminals accountable, strengthen judicial process, and improve citizen security;

- Supporting professional military education and technical training to the Surinamese military.

More information regarding U.S. assistance to the Caribbean and the CBSI partnership is available at: [www.state.gov/p/wha/rt/cbsi](http://www.state.gov/p/wha/rt/cbsi).