

10th EDF CARIFORUM CRIME AND SECURITY COOPERATION - Strengthening CARICOM capacity to prevent and detect illegal activity at its borders and to enable increased prosecution and higher conviction rates

This project which focused on strengthening the technical and human capacity of the CARICOM Region to prevent, detect and minimize the opportunity for illegal activity at the borders and within Member States and to enable higher conviction rates on crimes perpetrated was completed in 2019, with the:

- Expansion of the *Advanced Passenger Information System (APIS)* to three (3) additional Immigration Departments namely, Haiti, Belize and Montserrat and the upgrade of the ten (10) already existing systems in Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Jamaica, Saint Lucia, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Trinidad and Tobago;
- The establishment of the *Advanced Cargo Information System (ACIS)* an all Automated System for Customs Data (ASYCUDA) Customs systems in CARICOM Member States with the commencement of the pilot in Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados, Dominica, Grenada and St. Vincent and the Grenadines;
- Strengthening of the capacity of Member States to gather ballistic evidence through *Double Casting* in four (4) CARICOM States: - Dominica, Haiti, St. Kitts and Nevis and Suriname – a total of thirteen (13) persons were trained;
- Strengthening of the capacity of *in thirteen (13) CARICOM Member States in Open Case File Management* (Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Dominica, Grenada, Jamaica, Montserrat, Saint Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname and Trinidad and Tobago; *a total of 29 persons were trained;*
- Execution of joint Border Security training programme for Customs and Immigration Officials in all fifteen (15) Member States which sought to increase cooperation between agencies. A total of One thousand and nineteen (1,019) Border Security Officers were trained.