



CSP At A Glance

"Promoting and Culture of Peace and Lawfulness"

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Objectives

- A reduction in the levels of homicides, robberies and woundings in partner communities;
- An increase in the perception of safety in partner communities;
- A reduction in injuries related to firearms, child maltreatment, domestic violence and youth violence; and
- An increase in the collective efficacy to prevent violence in partner communities

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Editor's Note

We are pleased to publish our third edition of the CSP At a Glance Newsletter. For those of you who are not aware, the Citizen Security Programme has now taken up residence at 63 A Mucurapo Road St. James.

We hope this physical change will enable us to better serve you our stakeholders as we make our way to the programme's end in 2014.

In the mean time we are very happy to keep you abreast of

some of the highlights in our partner communities as well as within the Unit. In this issue we have also included initiatives from major partners, such as the TTPS. Enjoy!

Communities in Action

For the Period January to June 2011, a total of 77 projects were implemented within CSP partner Communities.

Community Engagements

A total of 24 were held in 15 partner communities with 1258 recorded beneficiaries. These engagements included Parent Training Workshops, Health Caravans, Sports and Family Days, Eater Camps, Summer Camps as well as Street Theatre.

ICONS 7 communities completed 10 ICONs in the period with approximately 378 beneficiaries. These were primarily sport projects with a focus on Boxing, Martial Arts and a Community Gym. Homework assistance was also a priority in North Eastern Settlement and St. Barb's.

Community Violence Prevention Training for CACs continued during this period. With a focus on Monitoring

and Evaluation. A total of 13 communities with 29 representatives benefitted from this training.

Police Led Community Activities

were also supported by the CSP. These interventions included a Community Town Meeting and Safety Fair., registration activities for a Police Youth Club as well as Draughts Tournament. A total of 300 persons were recorded to have benefitted from these events.

Public Education exercises continued in the reporting period and took place in the form of Pro Social Messages via radio and Street Education in Tobago, as well as Mentoring through Technology in St. Barb's.

School Based Violence Reduction Programmes have been newly introduced to CSP in fiscal 2010-2011. For the reporting period,

2 communities, Enterprise and Mon Repos were successfully able to implement a project in the Chaguanas North Secondary School and Russell Latapy Secondary School respectively.

Rapid Impact Projects for 4 communities Covigne Road, Farm Road, North Eastern Settlement and Quashe Trace were also completed during this period. These projects valued at up to \$90,000, had a heavy focus on children and youth.

Projects included a "Pro Peace Activity Month", "After School Programme", "Home Work Centre" and "Home Work Assistance". A total of 747 beneficiaries were recorded for the various RIPs.

13 Special Projects were also funded during the period. These included Community Meetings and Sports and family Days.

Featured Rapid Impact Project– Covigne Road



An upsurge in crime as well as its proximity to criminal escape routes has increased the vulnerability of the Covigne Community.

Members of the Covigne Road CAC, introduced the Pro Peace Activity month as an immediate response to the challenges within the community,

This RIP consisted of various activities including a prayer service, football tournament, karate/boxing tournament, community talent show, parenting session, peace march and a thanks giving service. The main beneficiaries were youth.

Expected Outcomes:

1. **Increased cohesion among interest groups and individuals involved in community action;**
2. **An increase in the level of proactive engagement in community action and violence prevention by residents;**
3. **Increased participation by youth in pro social activities.**

Findings :

Approximately 655 persons attended the events from Covigne and environs over the month with the Walk for Peace and Football Tournaments drawing in the most number of participants and attendees respectively. The talent show also brought in a large crowd of approximately 200 persons.

Achievement of Outcomes:

Outcome 1: There was a pre-existing level of cooperation within the CAC which assisted in the execution of duties as well as marketing the event.

Within the community it was observed that factions usually isolated from one another or hostile to each other were interacting in a positive manner.

Outcome 2: It was noted by the CAC and the CAO that these activities were able to draw out members of the community who would usually have no interaction with other residents. Persons generally felt safe to come out and participate

Outcome 3:

Most of the activities were geared toward youth and “sold themselves”. These events were held at the court which also encouraged a large group of young onlookers.

Youth dominated the Boxing and Martial Art competition and several registered in the Talent Show. There was also a significant number of youth noted at the Walk for Peace.

Cost Effectiveness:

The total cost of the intervention was \$82,305.05, with 35% being allotted to marketing and promotional items, catering (29%), Entertainment (26%) and Football equipment (11%). The cost per beneficiary was \$70.00 per client which was favourable for a project of this nature.

Conclusion:

The Pro Peace Activity Month was similar to previous RIPs. This project was beneficial to all stakeholders involved and met its stated outcomes.



Cross section of students at Martial Arts Demonstration

Police to Access Community Based Funding

The Trinidad and Tobago Police Service now has access to a special fund designed to enhance the relationship between the Police and communities across Trinidad and Tobago. This new CSP initiative was long in the making and has finally come to fruition in 2011.

Groups within the TTPS will be able to access up to \$30,000 to implement community based projects aimed specifically improving community safety and security and trust building. Eligible applicants are members of Police Youth Clubs attached to CSP partner stations or the Inter Agency Task Force.

Applicants can also work with NGOs, CBOs and other TTPS agencies to implement their respective projects. Each station district is eligible for up to 4 ICON grants per year. It is hoped that this particular facility will encourage communities and groups to work closely with the TTPS to improve overall safety and security.

Inside CSP- We Have Moved!

The Citizen Security Programme has now moved from its previous home of Temple Court 2, Abercromby Street Port of Spain to # 63 A Mucurapo Road St. James.

While we are no longer located in the heart of Port of Spain, our new building consists of two office levels and is easily accessible via Mucurapo Road, St. James or the For Shore. We hope that this change will assist us in better serving you our stakeholders.



Victim and Witness Support for Trinidad and Tobago



Crime especially, has impacted on our daily lives both directly and indirectly.

Those of us who would have been direct victims of crime know the trauma and emotional journey of dealing with and moving on from such an experience.

Trinidad and Tobago is in no way immune to this issue of crime. However, in an effort to improve the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service, initiatives have been taken to assist these victims of crime. The most prominent of these initiatives is that of the Victim and Witness Support Unit. This unit addresses the emotional needs of victims and witnesses of crime; not only those who have been directly affected but those who are secondary victims such as family members and children.

This Unit provides citizens with an outlet where they can express their feelings confidentially. They are able to talk about their trauma with someone who will not only listen, but will provide avenues for assistance. The VWSU will also assist in having the person understand the steps of the criminal justice system as it applies to their situation.

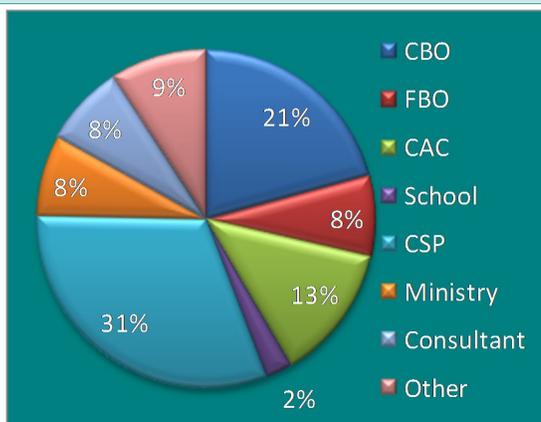
Its primary objectives are:

1. To educate the victim and witness and other stakeholders with the intention of minimizing the risks of secondary victimization.
2. To collaborate with other agencies with the aim of enhancing existing victim and witness support policies and programs.
3. To develop a network system, to harmonize governmental and non-governmental initiatives which promote victim and witness support.
4. To assist in promoting respect for the human dignity of victims through their interaction with all elements of the Police Service and by extension the Criminal Justice System.

Victim and Witness Support Units are located in Police Stations throughout the country; however, it is rapidly growing in an attempt to help as many citizens as possible. This effort will help to continue bridging the gap between the police service and the citizens. Adding a more caring approach to dealing with crime while also expanding the services one can receive from the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service.

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Project Implementers in CSP Communities



Between January 1st to June 20th 2011, CSP funded activities took place in all 22 communities. An inventory of the project implementers was taken to determine which stakeholder group was most active in CSP communities during the period.

Overall, for the period, CSP implemented 31% of the projects, CBOs 21% and Community Action Councils 13%. FBOs accounted for 8% as well as Government agencies and Consulting Firms.

According to the data, St. Barb's had the most number of projects with CBOs being the main implementer. This was followed by Covigne Rd. and Enterprise where CBOs again were the most active. From the data it was evident that Community led interventions dominated the period.

CAO *Spotlight*



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Name : Marlon Bascombe

CAO Since: April 2010

Communities Served: Patna River Estate and Covigne Road, Diego Martin

Describe your communities in one word: Misunderstood

Where did you work before CSP? In what is now called the CEPEP Company Ltd.

What's one nice thing that happened in your community? In Covigne a local fitness and basketball club is brining people together.

What is one surprise you have encountered while working at CSP? The fact that the people from Covigne and surrounding areas believe I live in Diego Martin.

What has been one humbling experience while working at CSP? The first time I realized that the work we are doing is so important to people that they t hank you from their hearts.

What inspires you the most on the job? When things work, when the programme actually produces a visible change in someone and that change is lasting.

What is your biggest wish for your communities? That the stigma attached to the communities, Patna Estate and Covigne Road is broken.



Community Action Officer,
Marlon Bascombe
Patna River Estate &
Covigne Road Diego Martin



Name : Gary Grant

CAO Since: March 2009

Communities Served: Gonzales and St. Barb's

Describe your communities in one word: Spirited

Where did you work before CSP? Ministry of Community Development and Vision On Mission

What's one nice thing that happened in your community? Crime, specifically murders, has reduced.

What is one surprise you have encountered while working at CSP? The selfless service that my co workers provide to their communities.

What has been one humbling experience while working at CSP? Taking part in a candle light vigil in Gonzales and seeing people join the march with candle in hand at night time, as we traversed the community.

Community Action Officer,
Gary Grant
Gonzales and St. Barb's

What inspires you the most on the job? The desire to see positive chance in my communities.

What is your biggest wish for your communities? That parents will develop their parenting skills so that they can positively direct their children on the right pathway in life , and full employment for the youth throughout the commu-nities.

The CSP services 22 partner communities throughout Trinidad and Tobago. In Trinidad: Cocorite, Covigne Road and Patna IRiver Estate (Diego Martin), Dibe IBelle Vue/ Dundonald Hill, St. Barb's (Laventille), Gonzales (Belmont), Sogren Trace (Laventille), Mon Repos and Never Dirty (Morvant), Beetham Gardens, Farm Road (St. Joseph), Mt. D'or (Champs Fleurs), North Eastern Settlement and Quashe Trace (Sangre Grande), Pinto Road and Samaroo Villagel/ Mootoo Lande (Arima), Enterprise (Chaguanas), Embacadere (San Fernando) and La Romaine. In Tobago: Bethel, Bon Accord and Glen Road/ Darel Spring.