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## Greetings, Drug Control Secretariat

The Drug Control Secretariat welcomes you to the Eleventh Annual Meeting of the Grenada Drug Epidemiology Network & National Observatory on Drugs (GRENDEN-NOD). We are delighted that you have joined us for this historic meeting.

Special welcome is extended to our distinguished colleagues from the Inter-American Drug Abuse Control Commission (CICAD), led by Mr. Pernel Clarke, and to those from the various countries in the region. Mr. Clarke has attended several of our GRENDEN meetings, since 2007. This is an historic occasion for GRENDEN, as it marks the first time that we are having our colleagues from the Caribbean attending our annual meeting. This meeting forms part of a series of meetings held this week with local and regional counterparts, to discuss the establishment of standardized Indicators for data collection in the area of drug control in the region. Grenada is poised to benefit from these meetings as we examine our fourteen Indicators used for GRENDEN data collection. I am pleased to inform you that our Indicators and the new data sources identified at the Sixth Review meeting of GRENDEN held in January 2015, have positioned Grenada to comply significantly with the regional Indicators.

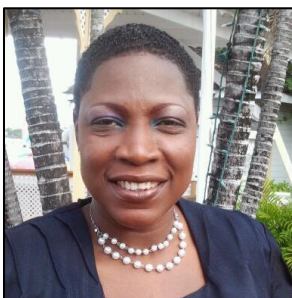
This meeting observes the thirteenth anniversary of GRENDEN. It was on 11 December 2002, at the meeting titled, **'Network to improve Recording, Exchange and Comparability Of Data Between Agencies'**, that GRENDEN was established. That meeting was the culmination of a series of consultations with institutions involved in the collection of drug-related statistics, held between August and November 2002.

The theme for today's meeting is, **'Substance Abuse: A Public Health Problem, in Grenada'**. It will be explored in our two featured presentations.

The Drug Control Secretariat expresses thanks to all Officers from Ministries and Departments who have provided data, during the period 2014 to 2015. We also wish to thank the Media (electronic, print and internet) who have assisted immensely in the dissemination of GRENDEN's data. Special thanks to (CICAD), which has provided financial and technical assistance to GRENDEN. Thanks to everyone who contributed to the success of GRENDEN throughout the years. Be assured of our best wishes. Thank you.



*Dave Alexander*  
*Drug Control Officer*



*Elizabeth Japal*  
*Assistant Drug Avoidance Officer*



*Carvell Lambert-Bartholomew*  
*Secretary*

**Agenda, Eleventh Annual Meeting, Grenada Drug Epidemiology Network & National Observatory On Drugs (GREN DEN-NOD), 4<sup>th</sup> December 2015**

**Invocation:**

**Remarks:** Mr. Dave Alexander, Drug Control Officer, Drug Control Secretariat

**Introduction of Participants**

**Remarks:** Honourable Anthony Boatswain, Minister for Education and Human Resource Development

**Reports:**

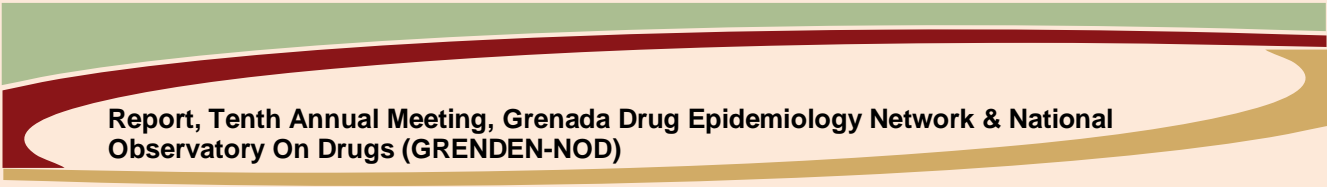
- i. **Report: Tenth Annual General Meeting of the Grenada Drug Epidemiology Network (GREN DEN) , 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2014;** Mrs. Elizabeth Japal, Assistant Drug Avoidance Officer, and Officer with responsibility for GREN DEN; Drug Control Secretariat
- ii. **Report: Sixth Thematic Review Meeting of the Grenada Drug Epidemiology Network (GREN DEN) Review Meeting, 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2015;** Mr. Dave Alexander, Drug Control Officer, Drug Control Secretariat

**Presentations:**

- i. **Initiatives of the Inter-American Drug Abuse Control Commission (CICAD) in the Caribbean, in the Area of Data Collection:** Mr. Pernel Clarke, Specialist, CICAD
- ii. **Substance Abuse: A Public Health Issue in Grenada;** Dr. Omowale Amuleru-Marshall, Professor, St. George's University, and Chair, National Chronic Non-Communicable Disease, Ministry of Health

**Vote of Thanks:** Mrs. Elizabeth Japal, Assistant Drug Avoidance Officer, and Officer with responsibility for GREN DEN; Drug Control Secretariat

**Adjournment**



**Report, Tenth Annual Meeting, Grenada Drug Epidemiology Network & National Observatory On Drugs (GRENDEN-NOD)**

The Tenth Annual Meeting of the **Grenada Drug Epidemiology Network and the National Observatory on Drugs (GRENDEN & NOD)** was held on 23 January 2014, at Ministry of Education and Human Resource Development, Conference Room, Botanical Gardens, St. George's. It commenced at 9:00 a.m.

Theme of the Meeting was, '**An Analysis of the Nature and Extent of the Drug Situation in Grenada: 1<sup>st</sup> January to 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2012 and 1<sup>st</sup> January to 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2013**

**Invocation:**

Mrs. Veronica Alexander, Medical Technologist, Laboratory, General Hospital, delivered the Invocation.

**Introduction of Participants:**

Thirty-two (32) participants attended the Meeting, and introduced themselves.

**Remarks: Mr. Dave Alexander, Drug Control Officer, Drug Control Secretariat.**

Mr. Alexander delivered welcome remarks. He expressed thanks on behalf of the Drug Control Secretariat to all Officers from Ministries and Departments that had provided data to GRENDEN, for the year 2013. He noted the following:

- i. Data collection for GRENDEN would be done biannually.
- ii. Mrs. Elizabeth Japal (Assistant Drug Avoidance Officer; Drug Control Secretariat, Ms. Verlina Straker (Medical Records Clerk), and Ms. Brenda Jones (Nurse, Rathdune Psychiatric Unit) were scheduled to attend a two-day training workshop on collection of data at drug treatment centers, in Guyana, 12<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> February, 2014. The workshop was being conducted by the Inter-American Drug Abuse Control Commission (CICAD).
- iii. GRENDEN would continue to liaise with the Royal Grenada Police Force (RGPF) regarding the collection of statistics on drug-related vehicular accidents.
- iv. A new GRENDEN Indicator on referrals by the Courts to the Probation Unit of the Ministry of Social Development was being drafted.
- v. Some data was obtained on alcohol and tobacco-related mortality in Grenada.

**Reports:**

**1.1 Report: Ninth Annual General Meeting of the Grenada Drug Epidemiology Network (GRENDEN), 7<sup>th</sup> December, 2012;** Elizabeth Japal, Assistant Drug Avoidance Officer; Drug Control Secretariat.

Mrs. Japal presented a summary of the said report. A copy of the complete report was provided to the participants.

**1.2 Status: Results of the Third Secondary Schools' Drug Prevalence Survey;** Dr. Cecilia Younger, Professor of Biostatistics, St. George's University. Dr. Younger, Consultant to the Drug Control Secretariat for the implementation of the Third Secondary Schools' Drug Prevalence Survey, 2013, indicated that data collection and entry were successfully completed. The draft report on the analysis of the data was being prepared and should have been made available sometime thereafter.

**1.3 Sixth Evaluation Round of the Multilateral Evaluation (MEM);** Dave Alexander, General Coordinator, MEM

In his presentation, Mr. Alexander noted the following:

- i. The Multilateral Evaluation Mechanism (MEM) is the mechanism designed to measure the progress of actions taken by the thirty-four (34) member states of the Inter-American Drug Abuse Control Commission (CICAD).
- ii. The Sixth Evaluation Round, 2013 to 2015, commenced in March 2013. It is using a new methodology, different from that used in the previous rounds. The process is based on a set of twenty-seven (27) common recommendations, on the basis of which member states will be evaluated. The primary objective will be to determine each member state's situation with regard to the complete set of recommendations, which were developed based on the Hemispheric Drug Strategy and its Plan of Action for the period 2011-2015.
- iii. Dave Alexander, Grenada's Principal Expert to the MEM, was elected as the General Coordinator of the Governmental Expert Group (GEG), for the Sixth Evaluation Round.
- iv. Draft country reports based on the findings of the Evaluation Survey, were prepared by members of the GEG, at the First Plenary Session of the GEG, 18<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> November, 2013, in the Dominican Republic.
- v. The General Coordinator of the GEG presented a report on the status of the GEG to the Fifty-fourth Regular Session of CICAD, 11<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> December, 2013, in Colombia.
- vi. The Second Plenary Session of the GEG is scheduled for February 2014, Washington D.C.
- vii. Each country would receive its report in April 2014, to review and amend accordingly. All country reports would be then updated by the GEG, approved by the CICAD Commissioners. Final reports would be published in December 2014.

**Feature Address: Honourable Anthony Boatswain, Minister for Education and Human Resource Development**

The Honourable Minister expressed congratulations to GRENDEN, on its accomplishments. He announced that Cabinet had approved the National Anti-Drug Strategy 2013 to 2018. However, clarification was needed on Government's financial contribution to the Strategy.

The Minister noted that the accomplishments of GRENDEN have strengthened the capacity of Grenada to respond effectively to the drug phenomenon, at the local, regional and international levels. Some of the accomplishments of GRENDEN for that past year included: Compilation of the GRENDEN Statistical Report of Indicators; Participation in the Sixth Round of the Multilateral Evaluation Mechanism (MEM), for the Inter-American Drug Abuse Control Commission (CICAD); Involvement in the Third Secondary Schools Drug Prevalence Survey, and Participation in various data analysis exercises with the St. George's University.

The issue of legalization or decriminalization of marijuana was also addressed by the Minister. He reminded GRENDEN that the cultivation and use of marijuana in Grenada is illegal, and therefore, we will abide by the Laws of our Land, and noted that Grenada signaled its commitment, to the international efforts to control marijuana and other drugs, when it acceded to several international treaties and conventions.

**Presentations: Analysis Of The Nature And Extent Of The Drug Situation In Grenada: 1<sup>st</sup> January to 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2012 and 1<sup>st</sup> January to 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2013**

Four (4) panels presented the analysis of the drug situation in Grenada.

- Panel 1: Drug Consumption:**  
 Rathdune Unit (Admissions): Brenda Jones; Nurse  
 Carlton House (Admissions): Gary Cox; Assistant Programme Coordinator  
 Mt. Gay Psychiatric Hospital (Admissions): Joanna Humphrey; Matron  
 Medical Records Office (Admissions): Colette Alexis-Prince; Medical Records Officer; Verlina Straker; Medical Records Clerk
- Panel 2: Consequences of Drugs:**  
 Her Majesty's Prisons (Incarceration): Kester Charles, Prison Officer  
 Financial Intelligence Unit (Financial Crimes): Raymond Lockiby, Financial Investigator  
 Criminal Investigation Department (Criminal Deportees): Sharm Roberts, Detective Constable
- Panel 3: Consequences of Drugs:**  
 Customs and Excise Department (Seizures): Portia Fraser, Customs Officer  
 Criminal Records Office/Drug Squad (Seizures, Arrests, Firearms): Rodriguez James, Superintendent, Royal Grenada Police Force
- Panel 4: Results of Policy and/or Program Responses:**  
 Pharmacy Unit (Control of Diversion of Pharmaceuticals and Controlled Chemical Substances): Marcelle Belmar; Pharmacy Inspector  
 Produce Chemist Laboratory (Tests for Presence of Drugs): Sean Henry; Chief Analytical Chemist



The document, '**Analysis of the Nature and Extent of the Drug Situation in Grenada: 1<sup>st</sup> January to 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2012 And 1<sup>st</sup> January to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2013**', was prepared by the Drug Control Secretariat and distributed to participants.

**Vote of Thanks: Mrs. Elizabeth Japal, Assistant Drug Avoidance Officer, Drug Control Secretariat**

Mrs. Japal expressed thanks to all Officials who delivered remarks at the Tenth Annual Meeting of GREN DEN. Special thanks were extended to the Honourable Minister of Education and Human Resource Development for delivering the feature address. She also extended appreciation to all Officials from various Government Ministries and Departments, who provided the relevant data on a timely basis to GREN DEN, and to the members of the four (4) panels who conducted the analysis of the drug situation in Grenada.

**Announcement**

The Eleventh Annual Meeting of GREN DEN-NOD was scheduled for 5<sup>th</sup> December 2014.

**Adjournment**

The Meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

## Structure and Function of Grenada Drug Epidemiology Network (GRENDEN)

### Establishment of the Grenada Drug Epidemiology Network (GRENDEN)

On 11<sup>th</sup> December 2002, the workshop, ***“Network to Improve Recording, Exchange and Comparability of Data Between Agencies”***, was convened. The establishment of the Grenada Drug Epidemiology Network (GRENDEN), which would facilitate the collection, and dissemination of data, was the primary outcome of this workshop. GRENDEN was formally endorsed by Cabinet in December 2002.

GRENDEN would also provide a forum to promote the use of international standard indicators of drug abuse, as represented in regional and international reporting requirements.

### Grenada Drug Epidemiology Network (GRENDEN)

GRENDEN is the mechanism through which Grenada collects, analyzes, and disseminates information on drugs, and related information, for the purpose of monitoring trends, developing policy, and implementing appropriate programmes and responses.

The objectives of GRENDEN are:

- i. To provide accurate, relevant and timely statistical data on the nature and extent of the drug situation in Grenada;
- ii. To increase coordination, dialogue, and cooperation among the institutions which work in the area of drug control, through the exchange of drug-related statistical information, and
- iii. To inform policy makers and the general public on drug trends and related matters.

GRENDEN has significantly strengthened Grenada’s ability to participate in local, regional and international drug control projects and programmes. It has also played a major role in the implementation of the national drug control programme.

GRENDEN focuses on the issue of drugs in four categories:

#### 1. Drug Consumption

- i. Magnitude of Consumption

#### 2. Drug Production

- i. Type and Quantity of Drugs Produced and Seized

#### 3. Consequences of Drugs

- i. Arrests

- ii. Firearms
- iii. Treatment
- iv. Financial Crimes
- v. Incarceration
- vi. Criminal Deportees
- vii. Court Cases

**4. Results of Policy and/or Program Responses**

- i. Extradition requests
- ii. Tests Conducted for Presence of Drugs
- iii. Mechanism to Control Diversion of Pharmaceuticals and Precursor Chemicals

GREN DEN covers fourteen (14) Governmental Departments, through its Questionnaire of Indicators.

- i. Epidemiology Unit; Ministry of Health
- ii. Pharmacy Unit Ministry of Health
- iii. Customs and Excise Department; Ministry of Finance
- iv. Criminal Records Office; Royal Gren ada Police Force
- v. Criminal Investigation Department; Royal Gren ada Police Force
- vi. Financial Intelligence Unit; Royal Gren ada Police Force
- vii. Her Majesty's Prisons, Ministry of National Security
- viii. Produce Chemist Laboratory; Ministry of Agriculture
- ix. Rathdune Psychiatric Unit; Ministry of Health
- x. Carlton House; Ministry of Health
- xi. Mt. Gay Psychiatric Hospital; Ministry of Health
- xii. Medical Records Office; General Hospital; Ministry of Health
- xiii. Community Relations Department; Royal Gren ada Police Force
- xiv. Drug Control Secretariat; Ministry of Education

## Indicators

Fourteen (14) Indicators comprise the ***GRENDEEN Statistical Report of Indicators***. This information is collected biannually.

### **GRENDEEN Statistical Report of Indicators**

GRENDEEN Statistical Report of Indicators is produced twice per year. Several other documents are also produced, as required. These reports can be sourced from the webpage: **[www.gov.gd/ncodc.html](http://www.gov.gd/ncodc.html)**

### **Principal & Alternate Focal Points**

Principal and Alternate Focal Points are responsible for inter alia the completion of the GRENDEEN Indicators.

The primary functions of the Principal Focal Points are:

- i. To complete the GRENDEEN Questionnaire of Indicators, biannually.
- ii. To represent their Ministries/Departments at events organized by GRENDEEN.
- iii. To assist in planning and conducting the annual meeting of GRENDEEN.
- iv. To provide any relevant data to GRENDEEN, which may be requested by the Drug Control Secretariat,

The functions of the Alternate Focal Point are:

- i. To assist the Principal Focal Point in completing the GRENDEEN Questionnaire of indicators for the above-mentioned Departments.
- ii. To represent the Ministry/Department at events organized by GRENDEEN, in the absence of the Principal Focal Point.
- iii. To attend the annual meeting of GRENDEEN.

### **GRENDEEN PRINCIPAL AND ALTERNATE FOCAL POINTS**

<b>GRENDEEN Indicator</b>	<b>Ministry/Department</b>	<b>Principal Focal Point</b>	<b>Alternate Focal Point</b>
1A: Admissions	Rathdune Psychiatric Unit	Ms. Brenda Jones Nurse Assistant	Ms. Suzian Walker Staff Nurse
1B: Admissions	Carlton House	Mrs. Brenda Scott Ward Manager Nurse	Mr. Gary Cox Nurse
1C: Admissions	Medical Records Office, General Hospital	Ms. Verlina Straker Medical Records Clerk	Ms. Shakima Frank-Lewis Medical Records Assistant

<b>GRENDEN Indicator</b>	<b>Ministry/Department</b>	<b>Principal Focal Point</b>	<b>Alternate Focal Point</b>
1D: Admissions	Mt. Gay Psychiatric Hospital	Ms. Joanna Humphrey Matron	Mrs. Joycelyn Victor-Blackman Ward Manager
2: Mortality	Medical Records Office, General Hospital	Ms. Verlina Straker Medical Records Clerk	Ms. Shakima Frank-Lewis Medical Records Assistant
3: Scope of the Mechanisms for the Control of the Diversion of Pharmaceutical Products and Controlled Chemical Substances	Pharmacy Unit, Ministry of Health	Ms. Marcelle Belmar Pharmacy Inspector	Mr. Joseph Lazarus Senior Pharmacist
4: Seizures	Customs and Excise Department	Ms. Portia Fraser Senior Customs Officer grenadacustoms.com portia.fraser@gmail.com	Mr. Ken Baptiste Class I Customs Officer
5: Seizures, Arrests, Court Cases	Criminal Records Office, Royal Grenada Police Force	Mr. Alfred Pierre Sergeant	Mr. Kimon Charles Constable
6: Criminal Deportees	Criminal Investigation Department Royal Grenada Police Force	Mr. Sharm Roberts, Constable	Mr. Earl Dunbar Inspector
7: Financial Crimes	Financial Intelligence Unit	Mr. Raymond Lockiby Sergeant	Mr. Terrence Mason Sergeant
8: Firearms, Ammunition, Explosives, Other Related Materials	Criminal Records Office, Royal Grenada Police Force	Mr. Alfred Pierre Sergeant Financial Investigator	Mr. Kimon Charles Constable
9: Incarceration	Her Majesty's Prisons	Mr. Kester Charles Prison Officer	Mr. Dexter Williams Prison Officer
10: Tests For Presence of Controlled Drugs	Produce Chemist Laboratory	Mr. Erwin Henry, Chief Analytical Chemist	Mr. Christopher Johnson
11: Extent, Patterns And Trends In Drugs	Drug Control Secretariat	Mrs. Elizabeth Japal Assistant Drug Avoidance Officer	Ms. Carvel Lambert- Bartholomew Clerk-Typist
12: Magnitude Of Drug Consumption	Drug Control Secretariat	Mrs. Elizabeth Japal, Assistant Drug Avoidance Officer	Ms. Carvel Lambert- Bartholomew Clerk-Typist
13: Aliens Sent From Grenada	Immigration Department Royal Grenada Police Force	Mr. Esau Pierre Superintendent	Mr. Elion Purcell Sergeant
14: Domestic Violence And Homicides	Criminal Records Office, Royal Grenada Police Force	Mr. Alfred Pierre Sergeant	Mr. Kimon Charles Constable

**GRENDEN Fact Sheet**

GRENDEN Fact Sheets are produced four times per year (one per quarter). This is a one-page summary of key statistical data.

**Management**

The Drug Control Secretariat is the National Observatory on Drugs in Grenada. It performs the administrative functions of GRENDEN.

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## Summary of GRENDEN Statistical Report of Indicators, 1<sup>st</sup> January to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2015

### Summary of GRENDEN Data

The following is a summary of key findings of the GRENDEN Statistical Report of Indicators, 1<sup>st</sup> January to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2015, in four (4) thematic areas.

#### Drug Consumption

- i. No studies were conducted on the prevalence of drug use.

#### Drug Production

- i. The Royal Grenada Police Force (RGPF) seized 9.70 kg of cocaine, 4,466.50 kg of cannabis, 1,241 units of cannabis plants and 1,559 units of cannabis cigarettes.
- ii. There were no seizures of pharmaceutical products or controlled substances (chemical precursors)
- iii. No illicit laboratories for drugs of natural or synthetic origin were detected or dismantled.

#### Consequences of Drugs

- i. Data from the Criminal Records Office of the RGPF indicated that 407 persons were arrested for drug related offences; this number comprised of 389 males (95 %) and 18 females (5%).
- ii. Thirty-two (31) or 8% of persons arrested were between 15 to 19 years.
- iii. The main offence for which persons were arrested was possession of drugs (cannabis).
- iv. Two (2) firearms and eleven (11) rounds of ammunition were seized in relation to narcotrafficking.
- v. Thirty-one (31) persons (25 males and 6 females) were admitted to Carlton House, while sixty-one (61) persons (56 males and 5 females) were admitted to the General Hospital for problems derived from the consumption of drugs,
- vi. Eight patients were admitted to the General Hospital for alcohol liver disease.
- vii. Ninety-seven (97) males were admitted to the Mt. Gay Psychiatric Unit for psychiatric and behavioral disorders due to the use of cannabinoids.
- viii. Thirty-two (32) persons were sentenced to Her Majesty's Prisons for drug-related offences; they were all males.
- ix. Twelve (12) persons, all males were deported to Grenada for criminal offences.

- x. Three (3) persons were sent from Grenada by Immigration authorities for drug-related offences.
- xi. Eleven (11) persons (10 males and 1 female) were arrested and charged for acts of domestic violence in which the consumption of drugs was detected.
- xii. There were seven (7) cases of alcohol-related mortality/comorbidity, recorded at the General Hospital.
- xiii. One hundred and twenty-five (125) persons, which comprised of 122 males and 3 females, were convicted for drug-related offences.

**Results of Policy and/or Program Responses**

- i. Forty-two (42) reports of suspicious transactions to the Financial Intelligence Unit (FIU)
- ii. Two persons were arrested and charged based on investigations in cases of money laundering.
- iii. Five hundred and six (506) samples of drugs were tested by the Produce Chemist Laboratory for the presence of drugs; four hundred and ninety-eight samples were cannabis.
- iv. One (1) administrative sanction was applied in relation to pharmaceutical products.




### Status of New Data Sources

The Sixth Review Meeting of the Grenada Drug Epidemiology Network (GRENDEN) was held 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2015, at the Conference Room, Ministry of Education and Human Resource Development, Tanteen, St. George's. Principal and/or Alternate Focal Points from eleven (11) Departments which complete the GRENDEN Indicator Forms, attended.

Seventeen (17) areas were identified as possible new data sources and the formulation of GRENDEN Indicators at the Sixth Review Meeting of the Grenada Drug Epidemiology Network and the National Observatory On Drugs (GRENDEN-NOD), convened 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2015. The following is a summary of status on these data sources and intended actions.

Data Sources	Status
Population Survey	Issue to be discussed with Inter-American Drug Abuse Control Commission (CICAD)
Poly drug use	Data on poly drug use is available in the GRENDEN Indicators, 1A, 1B, 1C & 1D, for poly drug use regarding cocaine  However, clarification on some aspects of the data is required
Purity/Characterization of Drugs	Drug Abuse (Prevention and Control) Act, 1992, does not prohibit purity/characterization of tests. However, It requests tests for presence of drugs  Equipment is needed for tests on purity or characterization
Cybercrimes, Internet & Drugs (Drug trafficking via the internet)	Discussions were held on this matter with Superintendent Rodriguez James, Head, Drug Squad on this matter. No such trafficking was identified in 2015.  Discussions to be held with Financial Intelligence Unit (FIU )
Deportees from Grenada	Meeting convened 16 February  Indicator established  Data is available for 2014 and 2015
Hospital Emergency Room Admissions	Convened meeting with Dr. Kester Dragon, Director of Hospitals, and the Medical records office, St. Georges General Hospital, on the matter  Data on drug-related admissions from hospitals in St. Andrews and Carriacou would be included in the GRENDEN Indicators
Alcohol-related mortality	Meeting was convened with Dr. Dragon and the Medical Records Office  Medical records would complete the Indicator, including data on alcohol-related mortality/comorbidity  Drug Control Secretariat would request data from Epidemiology Unit on alcohol-related mortality re: when alcohol is primary factor

Data Sources	Status
Alcohol-related vehicular accidents	Data on this matter is not available, because such data is not recorded due to technical issues  Matter is being addressed in the Draft National Policy on Alcohol
Juveniles on probation	Discussions to be held with Probation Department Ministry of Social Development
Juveniles at Bacolet Juvenile Centre	To be pursued on commencement of the Centre
Money Laundering schemes, trends, typologies	Matter to be discussed with Sergeant Lockiby and Sergeant Terence Mason at (FIU)
Emergence of new drugs/trends, such as e-cigarettes (importation, etc)	Initial discussions held with Mr. Algernon Belfon, Customs Intelligence Unit, on importation of e-cigarettes; discussions to be continued.
Importation of pharmaceuticals (Customs and Excise Department & Pharmacy Unit)	Meeting convened with Pharmacy Unit, Ministry of Health  Data on International Narcotics Control Board (INCB), estimates of Grenada's needs for narcotic drugs for medical purposes 2014, would be published in GREN DEN's annual report  Data is available at the INCB website  Joint meeting to be convened with Pharmacy Unit and Customs Department to discuss importation
Unrecorded 'illicit' alcohol	This is a difficult matter to be pursued; would require discussions, with the Royal Grenada Police Force and other relevant Institutions
Importation of chemicals in Tables I & II (Drug Abuse Prevention and Control Act, 1992	Matter was discussed with Mr. Rene Parke at the Customs Department. Data is available  Further discussions to be held
Domestic violence and drugs (Criminal Records Office)	Meeting convened with the Criminal Records Office of the Royal Grenada Police Force, 18 <sup>th</sup> February.  Data is available on presence of drugs in cases of domestic violence.
Social assessments, Domestic violence (Ministry of Social Development)	Discussions to be held



### Key Activities Of GRENDEN, 2014 To 2015

- i. Commenced development of an electronic platform that allows information collection, visualization and interactive mapping, showing crime hotspots and other relevant information.
- ii. Publication of the final report of the Third Secondary Schools Drug Prevalence Survey.
- iii. Publication of the GRENDEN Annual Report, 2014.
- iv. Publication of the GRENDEN Fact Sheets.
- v. Identification of GRENDEN Alternate Focal Points.
- vi. Meeting between Mr. Pernel Clarke, Research Specialist, CICAD, and Staff, Mt. Gay Mental Health Facilities, 3 October 2014.
- vii. Completed the Draft National Policy on Alcohol, in collaboration with St. George's University, University of Michigan School of Public Health, and University of Illinois.
- viii. Collaborated with St. George's University in conducting the following studies:
  - a. The Social and Economic Impact of Rehabilitation and Incarceration of Drug Users in Grenada; Shea Giaquinto, Cecilia Hegamin-Younger, PhD, MPH
  - b. Analysis of Students Aarrested and Charged for the years 2013 to 2014; Livio Ituah, MPH Candidate, St. George's University
  - c. Analysis Of Drug Trends In Grenada: A Review Of Grenada Drug Epidemiology Network (GRENDEN) Statistical Reports Of Indicators For The Period 2011-2013; Alisha Francis, MPH Candidate, St. George's University
  - d. Report On Alcohol-Related Mortality And Morbidity In Grenada; Bonnie-Wertelecky, MPH Student, St. George's University
  - e. The Relationship Between Alcohol Use And Social And Cultural Determinants In Grenadian Adolescents; Alisha Francis MPH (candidate.), St. George's University