

**STRUCTURE AND FUNCTION:
GRENADA DRUG INFORMATION NETWORK/NATIONAL OBSERVATORY ON DRUGS
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Establishment of the Grenada Drug Information Network (GREN DIN)

On 11 December 2002, the workshop, *“Network To Improve Recording, Exchange And Comparability Of Data Between Agencies”*, was convened. The establishment of the Grenada Drug Information Network (GREN DIN), which would facilitate the collection, and dissemination of data, was the primary outcome of this workshop.

The Grenada Drug Information Network (GREN DIN) 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 Information Network (GREN DIN)

The Grenada Drug Information Network (GREN DIN) 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 GREN DIN 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.

GREN DIN has strengthened Grenada’s ability to participate in local, regional and international drug control projects and programmes significantly. It has also played a major role in the implementation of the national drug control programme. GREN DIN was formally endorsed by Cabinet in December 2002.

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

GREN DIN focuses on one subject: Drugs. It covers that subject from eleven (11) perspectives:

- i. Admissions for Drug-related Treatment
- ii. Mortality
- iii. Scope of the Mechanisms for the Control of the Diversion of Pharmaceutical Products and Controlled Chemicals
- iv. Seizures
- v. Arrests
- vi. Court Cases
- vii. Criminal Deportees
- viii. Financial Crimes
- ix. Firearms, Ammunition, Explosives, Other Related Materials;
- x. Incarceration
- xi. Tests For Presence of Controlled Drugs

GRENDIN covers thirteen (13) 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 Grenada Police Force
- v. Criminal Investigation Department; Royal Grenada Police Force
- vi. Financial Intelligence Unit; Royal Grenada 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. Medical Records Office; General Hospital; Ministry of Health
- xii. Community Relations Department; Royal Grenada Police Force
- xiii. Drug Control Secretariat; Ministry of Education

GRENDIN extends over seven (7) Ministries.

- i. Ministry of Health
- ii. Ministry of Education
- iii. Ministry of Finance
- iv. Ministry of National Security
- v. Ministry of Agriculture
- vi. Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- vii. Ministry of Legal Affairs

It also extends across all Ministries in response to the Questionnaire of Indicators of the Multilateral Evaluation Mechanism (MEM), of the Inter-American Drug Abuse Control Commission (CICAD).

GRENDIN Statistical Report of Indicators

Documents about GRENDIN and GRENDIN Statistical Reports of Indicators can be sourced from the webpage: www.gov.gd/ncodc.html

Indicators

Ten (10) Indicators comprise the ***GRENDIN Statistical Report of Indicators***. This information is collected every three months (quarterly).

GRENDIN INDICATORS

NO.	GRENDIN INDICATORS	OBJECTIVES OF INDICATORS	MINISTRIES /DEPARTMENTS RESPONSIBLE FOR COMPLETION OF INDICATORS
1 A 1 B 1 C	Admissions, Rathdune Psychiatric Unit Admissions, Carlton House Admissions, General Hospital	To determine the number of persons who had access to care due to problems associated with the consumption of drugs.	Rathdune Psychiatric Unit Carlton House Medical Records Office, General Hospital
2	Mortality	To determine the number of drug-related mortality cases caused by problems associated with the consumption of drugs.	Epidemiology Unit, Ministry of Health
3	Scope of the Mechanisms for the Control of the Diversion of Pharmaceutical Products and Controlled Chemical Substances	To determine the volumes of seizures in cases of diversion of pharmaceutical products. To determine the number of pre-export notifications received, and approved for imports of controlled chemical substances. To determine the volumes of seizures in cases of diversion of controlled chemical substances.	Pharmacy Unit, Ministry of Health
4	Seizures (Customs)	To determine forfeitures made in connection with drug trafficking.	Customs and Excise Department
5	Seizures, Arrests, Court Cases (Criminal Records Office)	To determine the number of persons involved in cases in the area of controlled drugs, and related matters. To determine forfeitures made in connection to controlled drugs.	Criminal Records Office, Royal Grenada Police Force
6	Criminal Deportees	To determine the number of criminal deportees and the offences committed by these persons prior to deportation. To determine the number of criminal deportees who were arrested for criminal offences, since their deportation.	Criminal Investigation Department, Royal Grenada Police Force

7	Financial Crimes	<p>To determine the number of suspicious transactions reported.</p> <p>To determine the number of persons arrested and charged for money laundering offences.</p> <p>To determine the number of extradition requests made and received in the area of money laundering, and drug- related matters.</p>	Financial Intelligence Unit
8	Firearms, Ammunition, Explosives, Other Related Materials	<p>To determine the existence of a national database and statistics on seizure and forfeiture of these materials.</p> <p>To demonstrate the link existing between illicit traffic in firearms, ammunition, explosives and other related materials and narcotrafficking.</p>	Drug Squad, Royal Grenada Police Force
9	Incarceration	<p>To determine the number of persons who were incarcerated for drug-related offences.</p>	Her Majesty's Prisons
10	Tests For Presence of Controlled Drugs	<p>To determine the number of tests conducted for the presence of controlled drugs.</p>	Produce Chemist Laboratory

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