

Citizen Security Strengthening Programme
Ministry of Home Affairs - Government of Guyana

The Government of Guyana (GOG) has undertaken a number of initiatives to strengthen the security sector aiming to reduce crime and improve citizen's security nationwide. These initiatives include legislative reforms, strategic planning, operational improvements, and human resource capacity building and cross-border alliances, among other strategic initiatives.

The Government of Guyana has requested the support of the Inter –American Development Bank (IDB) to expand on the work undertaken through the Citizen Security Program (1752/SF-GY - approved by the IDB Board in 2006 and completed in 2014) with a view of further addressing the pressing risk factors for Crime and Violence.

The Citizen Security Strengthening Programme (CSSP) agreement was sign in February 2015 and commenced implementation in December of the said year. It is a project funded by the Inter-American Development Bank (IADB), as a loan initiative for a total cost of US\$15 million. The CSSP project is being implemented by the Ministry of Home Affairs, Project Implementation Unit (PIU) led by Mr. Vishraj Singh with IADB oversight.

This project seeks to build on the results and experiences of the preceding Citizen Security Project (CSP). The CSSP project's emphasis will be to contribute to a reduction in crime and violence in Guyana, through a comprehensive approach that combines preventive strategies with institutional strengthening activities. While continued attention will be paid on the provision of efficient and sustainable support services, direct technical support will also be given to the Guyana Police Force, the Guyana Prison Service and at Community level.

Goals and Objectives of the CSSP Project

The general objective of the CSSP project is to contribute to a reduction in crime and violence in Guyana, especially in the targeted communities and among youths, by increasing their human, social and economic capacity.

The specific objectives of the project are:

- (a) To improve behaviours for non- violent conflict resolution in target communities.
- (b) Increase Guyana Police Force (GPF) effectiveness in crime prevention and crime investigation nationally; and

- (c) Improve Guyana Prison Service (GPS) effectiveness in reducing offender recidivism at the national level.

The above objectives are being achieved through the following Components:

Component 1: Community Crime & Violence Prevention (US\$5,728,600)

Component one addresses the weak aspects of Crime and Violence through differentiated social prevention interventions in the twenty target communities. Community Action Councils (CACs) will be established in each of the target communities as an oversight body, Community needs and asset assessments will be conducted with and in each community to tailor interventions to community needs, identify community assets (physical and human), and ensure community involvement to support implementation. Beneficiaries will be persons aged 15-64 in the 20 target communities

Non-governmental, governmental and private sector organizations will be contracted to provide evidence-based interventions and training to community members to:

- (i) address risks associated with interpersonal violence and social norms that promote acceptance of violence, *over three thousand, six hundred (3,600) community members* benefited from training in *Parenting, Gender norms* and *Conflict resolution*);
- (ii) support economic inclusion activities with private sector partnerships *benefited over twelve hundred (1200) youths* in areas such as, *Vocational and Remedial Education, Job-readiness, Job seeking* and *Job placement, Entrepreneurship, Mentoring, Counselling and Psychological skills training, and Literacy programs*. Training to community members will be complemented by awareness raising campaigns and workshops.

Activities Undertaken/Achievements (Component 1)

- 1 Twenty (20) Community Action Councils Established / Formalized and were Operational. These action councils were formed to better foster communication and enable decision making for community needs.
- 2 One Thousand Two-Hundred and Eighty-three (1283) youths were certified in Vocational Training; this training was geared towards reducing unemployment. Training included: Plumbing, Masonry, Welding and Fabrication, Electrical Installation, Cosmetology, Certificate in Office Administration, Computer Studies, Catering, Dress Making and Upholstery Designs.
- 3 Sixty (60) Job Readiness and Job Placement Training Workshops. Here youths were provided skills and knowledge that are essential for success at the workplace, including employability skills such as effective communication, problem solving, resume writing, appropriate behaviour and dress code for interviews, as well as good work habits and work ethics in the working environment. A total of 1221 youths benefitted from the training.
- 4 Entrepreneurship training programs geared towards reducing unemployment carried out in target communities (205 youth benefiting from training)
- 5 One Community Asset Needs Assessment completed in 20 communities (listed below).
- 6 Training on domestic violence, parenting skills, to prevent child maltreatment, and conflict resolution to reduce inter-personal violence have been carried out. - all 20 Communities benefited.
- 7 Mentoring programs carried out in the 20 target communities. – 20 workshops were conducted and a total of 800 youths benefited.
- 8 Rapid Impact Projects (RIPs) designed and implemented – Activities in 17 communities are completed while 3 are ongoing. The RIPs are immediate interventions to address some of the social, educational and recreational needs of youths in various communities which includes, creation of Recreational/safe Spaces, Learning Hubs, the Provision of IT Equipment and Furnishing.

The following twenty (20) communities benefited from interventions:

1. *Vreed en Hoop, Westminster & Klien Pouderoyen – rehabilitation of play park (pending).*
2. *Albouystown – provision of sports and kitchen equipment.*
3. *Charlestown – rehabilitation of a play field within the community.*
4. *Sophia - construction of a social media studio and counselling room, as well as entrepreneurial training in small scale production programme and sports equipment*
5. *South and North Ruimveldt – rehabilitation of a multi -purpose court within the community.*
6. *Alberttown and South Cummingsburg – provision of sports gear and equipment (pending).*
7. *Kingston, Lacytown and North Cummingsburg – construction of wash room facilities.*
8. *West Ruimveldt, La Penitence – construction of a basket-ball court within the community.*
9. *Agricola, McDoom - provision of computers and office equipment.*
10. *Mocha, Providence – rehabilitation of a ICT hub and community center ground, as well as the provision of computers*
11. *Annandale, Lusignan – provision of computer and office furnishing*
12. *Buxton, Friendship – Vigilance – enclosing room for a library.*
13. *Enmore, Haslington – rehabilitation of ICT- HUB room and the provision of computers.*
14. *Bushlot, Kildonan, Nurney, Friendship – rehabilitation of multi-purpose court + sports and kitchen equipment.*
15. *Albion, Kilcoy, Fyrish, Courtland - provision of sports equipment.*
16. *Port Mourant, Rosehall- Tain - rehabilitation of play field within the community.*
17. *Adelphi Village, Canefield – construction of wash-room facility and volley- ball court within the community.*
18. *Angoy's Avenue - provision of sports equipment.*
19. *Wismar – construction of basketball court (pending).*
20. *Rosignol – rehabilitation of a playground within the community.*

Component 2: Strengthening Guyana Police Force Crime Prevention and Investigation Capacity (US\$5,513,400).

This component seeks to support the strengthening of Guyana Police Force's (GPF) Crime Prevention (CP) and Crime Investigation (CI) capacity at the national level for homicides, burglaries and robberies. In order to improve CP effectiveness, CSSP will finance an evidence-based CP policing model at the national level, which includes: (i) IT improvements; (ii) police training and specialization in evidence-based policing which complements the efforts; and (iii) 4 national high-quality C&V surveys, to expand access to C&V data.

To strengthen GPF's CI capacity, CSSP will finance a model for effective Crime Prevention and Investigation to strengthen:

- (i) community relations;
- (ii) enhancing the human capacity and modernising the physical (asset) resources of the GPF;
- (iii) forensic and criminal trainings and tools;
- (iv) domestic violence, criminal investigative and crime prevention capacity;
- (v) inter-agency coordination mechanisms;
- (vi) national high-quality surveys to understand the extent and causes of Domestic Violence and Violence Against Women, Public perception on Crime and Violence, Business Victimization and Quality of Government Services;
- (vii) scenario-based DV training for police officers as well as training on the management of a Domestic and Sexual Violence unit for the GPF.

Activities Undertaken/Achievements (Component 2)

1. One diagnostics assessment of GPF performance completed.
2. One phase of an Electronic Document Management System for the GPF completed.
3. One Gender and other demographic data specialist trained and hired at the Ministry of Home Affairs
4. Data analysts trained and hired in Crime Observatory of the Ministry of Home Affairs.
5. Study on Crime and Violence in Guyana's Indigenous communities conducted and published.

6. Two Safe Neighbourhood Surveys conducted and completed. This is aimed in gathering data for policy design.
7. One Quality of Government Services Survey completed
8. One Business Victimization Survey completed
9. Guyana Women's Health and Life Experiences Survey completed. The findings from the study will aid in generating knowledge on the magnitude of the issue of intimate partner violence in Guyana
10. One Hundred and Thirty-seven (137) Police Officers were trained in Domestic Violence Scenario Response.
11. Six senior police officers will complete training on the managing of a Domestic and Sexual Violence Unit for the Guyana Police Force (scheduled for September 2022).
12. One Hundred and eight (108) Mid-career police officers completed training on community engagement and cooperation.
13. One (1) Digital Crime Mapping study conducted and completed.
14. Ninety (90) mid-career police officers who completed training on criminal and forensic investigation techniques.
15. Eighteen (18) Police Stations Constructed or Rehabilitated (16 completed while 2 are ongoing).

#	<i>Police Station</i>	<i>Status</i>
1	<i>Whim</i>	<i>Completed</i>
2	<i>Albion</i>	<i>Completed</i>
3	<i>Parika</i>	<i>Completed</i>
4	<i>Mahdia</i>	<i>Ongoing</i>
5	<i>Wismar</i>	<i>Completed</i>
6	<i>Mibicuri</i>	<i>Completed</i>
7	<i>Cane Grove</i>	<i>Completed</i>
8	<i>Issano</i>	<i>Completed</i>

9	<i>Suddie</i>	<i>Completed</i>
10	<i>Aurora</i>	<i>Completed</i>
11	<i>Mckenzie</i>	<i>Completed</i>
12	<i>Kwakwani</i>	<i>Completed</i>
13	<i>Annai</i>	<i>Completed</i>
14	<i>Aishalton</i>	<i>Completed</i>
15	<i>La Grange</i>	<i>Completed</i>
16	<i>Mabaruma</i>	<i>Completed</i>
17	<i>Port Kaituma</i>	<i>Completed</i>
18	<i>Blairmont</i>	<i>Ongoing</i>

16. Strengthening the forensic investigation capacities of the GFSL- New HVAC System completed at the Guyana Forensic Science Lab.
17. Acquiring of ISO 17025 Certification of the Guyana Forensic Science Laboratory.
18. Procurement of DNA Testing Machine and Automated Gunshot Residue Analysis Machine for the Guyana Forensic Science Laboratory completed.
19. Procurement of Equipment and Furnishing for the above listed police stations, the GPF Divisional Headquarters, the Brickdam Police Station and the Ministry of Home Affairs in order to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of operations and administration.

Component 3: Strengthening Guyana Prison Service Rehabilitation and Social Reintegration Services (US\$2,340,000).

This component seeks to improve GPS effectiveness in reducing offender recidivism at the national level, through financing 2 streams of activities. To strengthen GPS capacity to deliver R&R services, the following activities were financed:

- (i) a prison census of Guyana's 5 prisons, including needs assessment;

- (ii) design and implementation of an R&R model aligned with international best practices;
- (iii) design and implementation of a case management information system/program;
- (iv) development and implementation of a R&R service delivery training plan.
- (v) to address prison overcrowding, CSSP financed a study of incarceration alternatives for pre-trial detainees.
- (vi) procurement of tools and equipment for active rehabilitation centres.

Activities Undertaken/Achievements (Component 3)

1. A prison census of Guyana's 5 prisons, including rehabilitate needs assessment, completed.
2. Social reintegration model plans for the Guyana Prison Service designed, completed.
3. One Hundred and Twenty-nine (129) GPS staff completed training in rehabilitation and social integration model.
4. Digital Skills Training - 30 correctional candidates completed Digital Skills Training
5. Study of Incarceration Alternatives for pre-trial detainees, Consultancy completed.
6. Installation of one Full Body scanner to aid Prison Security- Scanner delivered, Installed and Operational at the Guyana Prison Service.
7. Procurement of Tools and Equipment for Prisons' Trade Shops, to aid skill training for financially success upon reintegration. completed.

The Citizen Security Strengthening Programme executed under the Ministry of Home Affairs is expected to conclude in the third quarter of 2022, where the outcomes/changes in the rates of crime and violence will be established.

The end of Project indicators will comprise of data from the Ministry of Home Affairs Crime Observatory Unit, the Guyana Police Force, The Bureau of Statistics and the 2021-2022 combined Safe Neighbourhood Surveys.



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