

## Project Goals

- Increase capacity of firearms examiners to present reliable ballistic evidence in courts of law.
- Reduce backlog of firearms-related open cases.
- Improve ballistic information sharing among Latin American and Caribbean States.
- Reduce impunity in cases of crimes committed with firearms.

## Beneficiaries

Bahamas, Belize, Barbados, Dominican Republic, Guyana, Jamaica, St. Kitts and Nevis, and Trinidad and Tobago

## Facts and Figures

- The Caribbean region experiences average rates of 17 homicides per 100,000 inhabitants with firearms used in approximately 75% of homicides.
- Backlogs and delays in arms trafficking and armed violence cases are obstacles to access to justice and due process. In that context, strong forensic ballistic evidence is crucial to strengthen rule of law.



## Impact

This project maximizes the return on investment of the international community towards the implementation of automated ballistic information systems and facilitates the consolidation of the Regional Integrated Ballistic Information Network (RIBIN) in the beneficiary States.

By supporting proper forensic ballistics investigative strategies and the presentation of firearms and ballistics evidence in courts of law, UNLIREC is contributing to preventing and solving firearm-related crimes across the region and to implementing the UN 2001 PoA on Small Arms and the International Tracing Instrument (ITI) as well as contributing to the achievement of the sustainable goal 16 – Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions.

Rigorous implementation of technological solutions, such as forensic ballistics systems, can help to link crimes, firearms and suspects, both locally and throughout the Caribbean, among other IBIS-equipped sites

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## Development of Standard Operating Procedures and Competency Testing

Adaptation and integration of SOPs

- Standardize operational forensic ballistics management and operations.

Forensic Ballistics Competency Testing

- Develop national competency certification systems at the basic and advanced levels.



*\*Course participants receive UNLIREC- certified training in several areas of Forensic Ballistics delivered by an expert instructor internationally qualified and certified.*



## Promote Inter-governmental Coordination and CARICOM'S Regional Integrated Ballistic Information Network (RIBIN)

Expert consultations and regional best practice workshops

- Develop and build upon existing forensic ballistic information exchange protocols for the Caribbean region.

Network of International and Caribbean forensic ballistics

- Promote the exchange of information among forensic ballistic operators working throughout the region.

## Forensic Ballistics

National executive seminars on forensic ballistics

- Raise awareness on the strengths and limitations currently used forensic ballistic tools and technology.

Operational forensic ballistics training courses

- Increase forensic ballistics knowledge in support of criminal investigations and the counter-proliferation of firearms.

## Beneficiaries

Forensic ballistic operators, justice, defence and national security officials

