Overview

Globally, one in three women will experience domestic violence. According to the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), the Caribbean Islands have an even higher rate of sexual violence than average.

With support from the U.S. State Department Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs (INL), the Pan American Development Foundation (PADF) is working with non-governmental organizations to fund awareness-raising campaigns, organize workshops and provide timely services to victims of gender-based violence. The goal is to improve access to community services, the justice sector and develop strategies for violence prevention in the Bahamas, with particular attention to the Family Islands. PADF will also host several conferences and workshops surrounding “International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women” on different Family Islands and in New Providence.
Objectives

The goal of the Women’s Initiative for Non-Violence and Development is to improve the capacity of law enforcement, the justice sector and communities to respond to and prevent gender-based violence in The Bahamas. PADF will work to:

- Increase the ability of law enforcement and justice sector officials to better response to the needs of communities and victims of gender-based violence

- Enhance awareness, particularly among youth and their parents regarding the role of police, prosecutors and the court system in addressing the needs of victims of gender-based violence

- Create positive change in the attitudes of youth regarding gender-based violence

- Disseminate best practices and lessons learned throughout the Bahamas, particularly in the Family Islands, in regard to successful interventions carried out at the community level

Partners

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About PADF

The Pan American Development Foundation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, brings together many stakeholders to improve livelihoods, empower communities, strengthen civil society, support human rights, protect the environment and respond to natural disasters in Latin America and the Caribbean. Established by the Organization of American States in 1962, PADF has worked in every country in the region. In 2014 PADF reached more than 15 million people by investing over $92 million in development resources in 27 Latin American and Caribbean countries.

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