

## DECIDES CARIBBEAN

### ***Cultural Rights to foster behavioural changes and women's empowerment against Domestic Violence in Barbados and the Eastern Caribbean***

DECIDES CARIBBEAN develops research, training and awareness raising activities to root out biases, promote behavioural changes and reduce domestic violence in Barbados and the Eastern Caribbean Region (Antigua and Barbuda, Dominica, Grenada, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Lucia and St. Vincent and the Grenadines).

The project will collect data, build the capacities of civil society organisations (CSOs) and other key stakeholders in justice, health and other departments, and launch communication campaigns. It is co-funded by the European Commission through the European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights (EIDHR).

The project refers in particular to the cultural dimension of the issue of domestic violence, at different levels,

promoting dialogue and cooperation between different relevant actors (CSOs with local and international remit, police, judiciary, local and national authorities, local health and social workers, teachers, and religious leaders).

In a comprehensive and societal approach that is preventative, responsive to the needs of victims, justice oriented and geared towards improving agency capacity & skills, the DECIDES CARIBBEAN project is designed to counter gendered attitudes and behaviours. It seeks to systematically include victims in political decisions that affect them and foster gender-sensitive approaches at all societal levels.



#### Duration of the project

**24 months**  
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#### Budget

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#### More information

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## Activities

- A **research** on domestic violence incidence and prevention tools in Antigua and Barbuda and **training** for local researchers.
- **1 public launch** event in Barbados.
- **7 seminars** with **3 workshops** for CSOs on data collection, project management and advocacy and lobbying.
- **4 sets of learning partnerships** in Antigua and Saint Lucia with relevant stakeholders.
- **1 video-animation workshop** with young people.
- **1 exhibit** about gender-based violence.
- National, regional and international **communication campaigns**.
- **7 community meetings**.
- Development of a proposal for a **harmonized protocol** for **reporting** for key stakeholders.
- Development of **guidelines for Domestic Violence Acts** and/or **Action Plans**.
- Proposals for **multi-sectoral Community Response Teams**.

## Results

- ✓ To **improve data collection** and better knowledge of trends and key features regarding domestic violence.
- ✓ To **strengthen CSOs' and women's capacity** of documenting and analyzing domestic violence and of advocacy and lobbying with key stakeholders.
- ✓ To **enhance the perception and capacity of professionals** from the justice, health and political systems to respond to victims' needs and to create a network aiming at domestic violence Response Teams.
- ✓ To **increase awareness** within the overall community through public recognition of the problem and behavioral changes.

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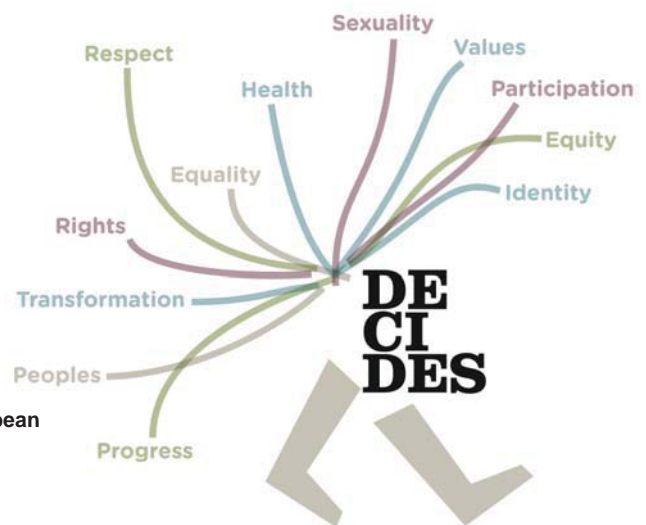
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