



COMMUNITY RESOURCE AND INTERNET CENTER

CoRICs

Initiative in Eastern Caribbean States

CoRIC's - Origin

- The Community Resource and Internet Centers initiative (CoRICs) is one of the first Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) projects implemented by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Poverty Reduction Programme for the Eastern Caribbean.
- CoRICs will form an integral part of the quest for solutions to eradicate poverty since their institution will broaden access to information, education and training at the community level. Poor communities and individuals will have access to these tools and facilities in order to develop an orientation towards self-determination and self-reliance. CoRICs seeks also support innovative livelihood options for youth and women.

CoRIC's - main objectives

- creation of a larger pool of computer literate citizens and provision of greater opportunities for equal access to employment particularly for unemployed youths;
- promotion of partnerships and participation in communities;
- expanded community training and self-knowledge for setting up small businesses and encouraging youth entrepreneurship through availability of computers;
- a broadening of civil participation on social issues that affect the country through community Internet access.

CoRlC's - beneficiaries

- Students;
- Young adults;
- Unemployed and under-employed women, especially single mothers;
- Micro and small business managers;
- Farmers; and
- Primary and secondary schools teachers.

CoRiCs - communities

Commonwealth of Dominica

- Good Hope
- Paix Bouche
- Petite Soufriere

Grenada

- Coast Guard, St Mark's
- Pearls, St. Andrew's
- River Sallee, St. Patrick's

St. Lucia

- Mon Repos
- La Maze
- Belair
- Faux a Chaud
- Petite Soufriere

St. Vincent and Grenadines

- Coulls Hill
- Orange Hill
- Rose Place

CoRiC's – expected outputs

- The beneficiaries will have access to information, education and training at the community level and increase knowledge and skills of the use ICT in terms of employment and also micro and small business development, development of agriculture and community-based tourism as well.
- The government institution also will use the CoRiCs as communication centers (disaster management, public awareness, community mobilization and etc.)

CoRIC's – sponsor and supporters

- Government of France
- Local Governments
- International Telecommunications Union
- Organization of Eastern Caribbean States
- United Nations Development Programme

CoRiCs – implementation and administration

Implemented by:

- UNDP in collaboration with the local Ministries, NGO's and CBO's

Administered by:

- Project Steering Committee (PCS) comprising of officials from:
 - Local Ministries
 - UNDP
 - OECS
 - NGO's
 - Members of the Community Base Organizations (CBO's)

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