

HIV/AIDS: Exploring the Beliefs of the Grenadian Faith-Based Community

The goal of this research study was to gain an understanding of the beliefs and perceptions of the Grenadian faith-based community (FBC) regarding HIV/AIDS and their attitudes and responses towards the increased spread of this epidemic in the Caribbean. As such, the study's objectives included exploring the FBC's attitudes towards people living with HIV/AIDS (PLHIV/AIDS), their role in prevention and treatment efforts, and areas in which they would like to have an increased presence as future community efforts for the prevention and treatment of HIV/AIDS are developed.

To achieve the goal and objectives of this study, two methodologies were selected: telephone surveys of the faith-based organizations to create an inventory of locations and services these organizations provide and semi-structured interviews with key leaders of the FBC.

The overall religious distribution of the Grenadian population is 53% Roman Catholic, 33.2% Protestant, and 13.8% Anglican. There are many other religious organizations present in Grenada; however, there are no official statistics about these groups (CIA 2007). Estimates of congregation size were gathered as part of this study and are included in the FBC inventory.