



Spotlight Initiative
To eliminate violence against women and girls

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CREATORS OF PEACE INTERNATIONAL AND THE SPOTLIGHT INITIATIVE CARIBBEAN REGIONAL PROGRAMME



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY 2023

INTRODUCTION

The Spotlight Initiative Caribbean Regional Programme represents a pioneering effort by Creators of Peace International in partnership with UN Women, to address the profound issues of Gender-Based Violence in the Caribbean.

Our focus countries, Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados, Belize, Dominica, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, and Suriname, known for their vibrant culture and diversity, have a prevalence of Gender-Based Violence. This situation has far-reaching effects on the broader societal fabric impeding the empowerment of women and marginalised groups, undermining family structures, and stifling the potential for community growth and harmony.

Initiatives of Change International, a global organisation, received a grant for Creators of Peace International, to implement a tailored approach with the assistance of UN Women in the Caribbean. This initiative is a part of the United Nations Spotlight Initiative Caribbean Regional Programme supported by the European Union, and involved a multi-phased project.

What is the Spotlight Initiative?

- A global multi-year initiative of the United Nations
- Generously supported by the European Union
- Aims to eliminate all forms of violence against women and girls

What is Creators of Peace?

- A women-led charitable association operating as a programme of Initiatives of Change
- Explore the means to create peace in individuals, homes, and communities
- Use the Creators of Peace Circle methodology

OUR UNIQUE APPROACH

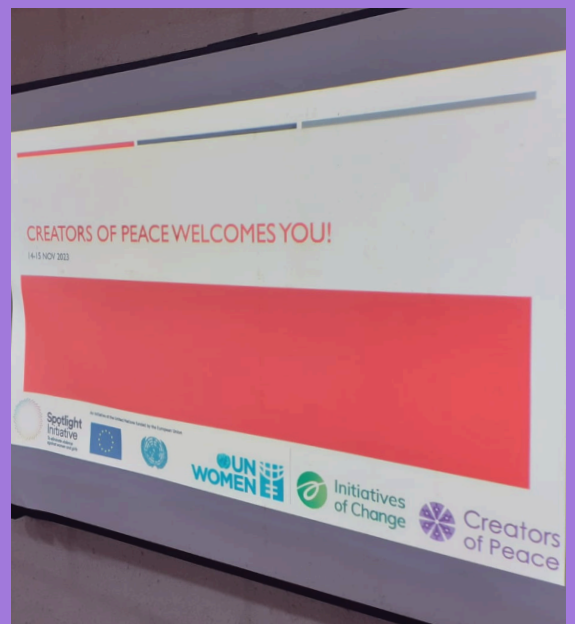
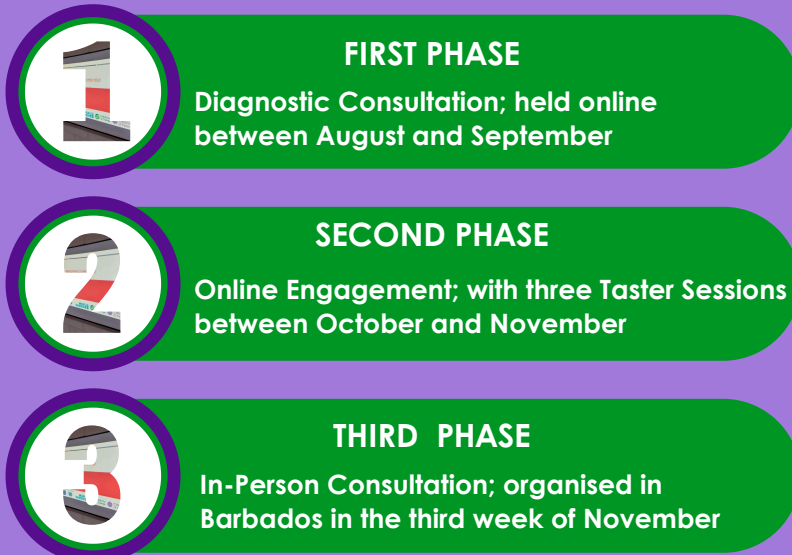
The initiative by Creators of Peace International sought to address Gender-Based Violence through the innovative application of the Creators of Peace Circles methodology.

Our approach, grounded in principles of open dialogue, community participation, and personal development, was designed to empower individuals and communities to transform their experiences with violence into opportunities for growth and change.

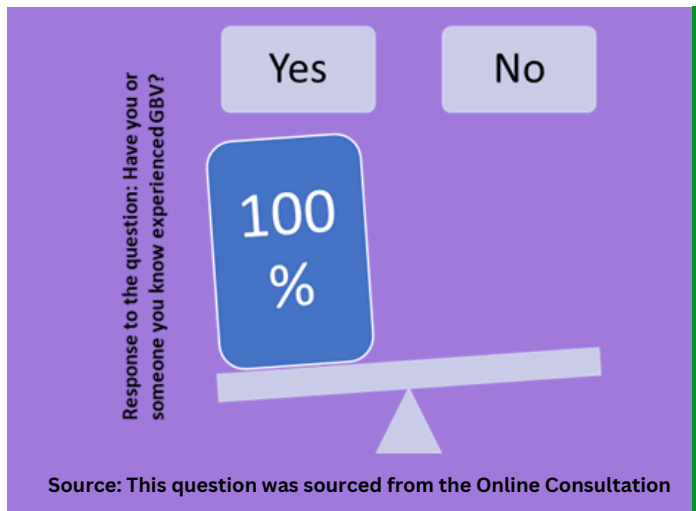


Creators of Peace, with the United Nations Spotlight Initiative Caribbean Regional Programme, aimed to diagnose the current landscape of Gender-Based Violence, engage stakeholders through direct consultations, and pilot transformative methodologies for community engagement.

Timeline

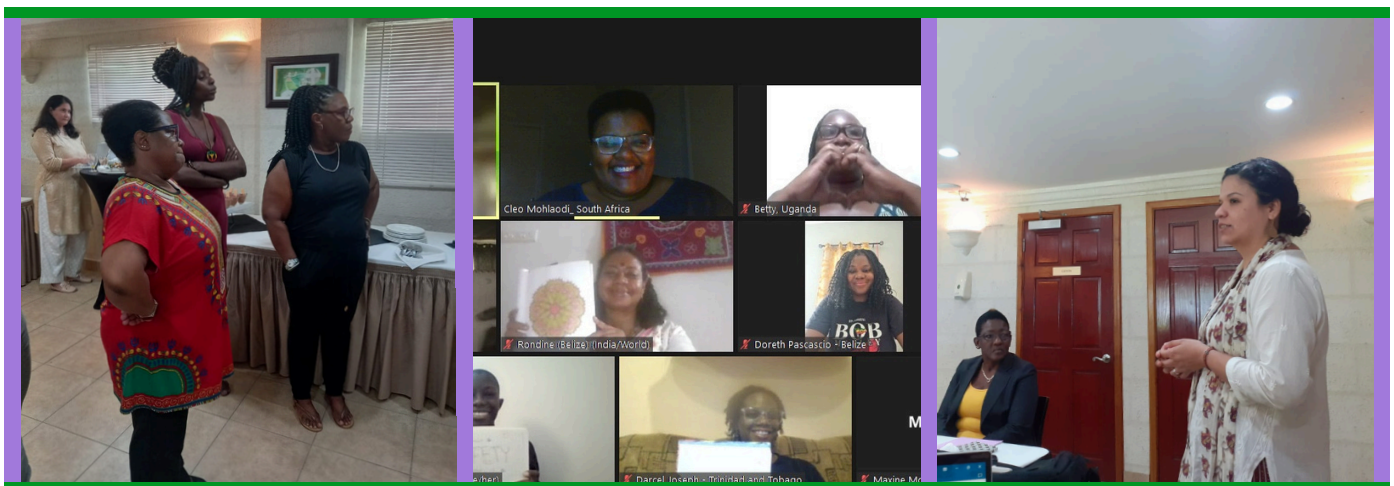


PROJECT OVERVIEW



The Spotlight Initiative Caribbean Regional Programme executed by Creators of Peace unfolded in three distinct but interconnected phases, each contributing critical insights and building the foundation for subsequent actions.

- The first phase entailed comprehensive diagnostic consultations, gathering data on the prevalence, perceptions, and responses to Gender-Based Violence across the Caribbean.
- The second phase involved the implementation of taster sessions of Community Learning and Transformation Spaces, applying the Creators of Peace Circle methodology to foster personal and communal healing and resilience.
- The third phase expanded dialogue on Gender-Based Violence through an in-person gathering in Barbados, creating a platform for deeper engagement with stakeholders.



The design of our consultation, rooted in the Creators of Peace approach, emphasised the importance of personal transformation, storytelling, and inner peace as foundational elements. By focusing on these core principles, the initiative aimed to inspire participants to envision new possibilities for addressing Gender-Based Violence in their communities and to lay the foundation for a sustained regional effort to eradicate this pervasive issue.

Feedback on the Creators of Peace Methodology

“ All the sessions were geared towards helping us to understand GBV (Gender-Based Violence) and the role inner peace and peace in general play in deterring GBV. ”

“ ... I am excited to take what I've learned and implement it in my community. ”

“ The online and in-person consultation were thought-provoking and brought about a high level of self-awareness, questions on inner peace and help in being aware and acknowledging the commonalities on among women and the various spaces we operate in. ”



Social Media Highlights

- Social Media handle: Instagram
- Impressions: 1136 (between the First Phase, and a month after the Third Phase)
- Overall and the most Popular: Instagram post of 15th November (Photo)

CONCLUSION

The Spotlight Initiative Caribbean Regional programme of the United Nations, with Creators of Peace International as the implementation partner, serves as a testament to the power of collaborative, context-sensitive approaches in addressing Gender-Based Violence within the complex landscape.

The Creators of Peace Circles methodology stands out as a beacon of hope, offering a promising path towards sustainable change.

THANK YOU

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