1. OVERVIEW OF WATER AND SANITATION SYSTEMS ENHANCEMENT (WSSE)

The Ninth Cycle of the Basic Needs Trust Fund Programme (BNTF 9) aims to reduce the incidence of poverty in low income vulnerable communities by improving access to basic social and economic infrastructure, livelihoods enhancement and human resource development services. The focus of the sub-projects in the WSSE Sector Portfolio is to improve/increase access to water and sanitation services through the following initiatives:

⇒ Construction of the Better Village Toilet Facility
⇒ Refurbishment of the Downstreet Toilet and Bathroom Facility
⇒ Construction of the Harvey Vale Recreation Ground Washroom Facility
⇒ Munich Water Treatment Plant.

This WSSE Sector Portfolio is aligned with Grenada’s Growth and Poverty Reduction Strategy (GPRS) 2014-2018, Strategic Objective 3.1: Promoting vibrant and active local communities, which recognizes that sustaining vibrant local communities and bridging the urban-rural development gap requires the local government to provide critical public goods and services inclusive of water and sanitation services.

The WSSE Sector Portfolio is expected to benefit a total of 1,662 citizens (882 males and 780 females) valued at EC$252,023.00. The above listed sub-projects are expected to be implemented from the first quarter of 2019 to March 2020.
2. DESIGN PLANS INTEGRATE CROSS-CUTTING ISSUES

Gender equality, environmental sustainability & climate change, and maintenance management have been integrated as cross-cutting considerations in the WSSE design plans. Project requirements in these areas are anchored by awareness-building and institutional-development activities with stakeholders with performance indicators to track results. Grenada’s water sector is vulnerable to the effect of climate change on the hydrological cycle as the island relies heavily on surface water. This vulnerability along with a growing demand for potable water has developed the need to expand water storage and to increase the capacity of treatment plants. Much of the sewerage network in St. George’s dates back to the 1930’s and is no longer capable of adequately transporting the present volume of wastewater in the system. While Grenada has almost achieved universal access to sanitation services, 30% of the population depends on pit latrines for their sanitation solution and about 1% of the population has no access to sanitary services (Country Poverty Assessment, 2008).

Construction of the Better Village Toilet Facility

The sub-project proposes the construction of a sanitary block, with high efficiency water closets, an energy efficient electrical system, urinals, wash and laundry sinks and a bio-digester and septic tank. Once completed, male and female beneficiaries will have access to a clean and safe sanitary solution. In addition, Water, Sanitation & Hygiene (WASH) and Maintenance Management training will be extended to residents of the community.

Refurbishment of the Downstreet Toilet

The facility is in dire need of repairs, as it is generally unsightly and unsanitary. The proposed sub-project will include a general facelift with the replacement of doors, high efficiency water closets, urinals, installation of an energy efficient electrical system, and tiling of floors & shower stalls. In addition, Water, Sanitation & Hygiene (WASH) and Maintenance Management training will be extended to residents of the community with special emphasis to be placed on educating the most vulnerable.
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Construction of the Harvey Vale Recreation Ground Washroom Facility

There is no sanitary facility for use by children and patrons who use the recreation ground for athletics, cricket games, private and public events throughout the calendar year. The sub-project proposes the construction of a public washroom, with high efficiency sanitary wares and energy efficient electrical systems to be used by the general public and community members. In addition, Water, Sanitation & Hygiene (WASH) and Maintenance Management training will be extended to residents of the community.

Munich Water Treatment Plant

The Munich Water Treatment Plant serves the rural villages of Munich, parts of Mt. Carmel, Post Royal and Marquis with a demand for approximately 160 cubic meters of water per day. The current plant is a dilapidated rudimentary water system over 60 years old. Such a system is inadequate to meet the present demands of residents. During times of heavy rainfall, water quality is a major cause for concern. Hence the sub-project proposes the construction of a Water Treatment Plant consisting of a sedimentation tank, slow sand filters and chlorination equipment. WASH and Maintenance Management training will also be extended to residents.
3. **SDG #6: CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION**

**Goal #6: Clean Water**

As it relates to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), the WSSE Sector is working towards the achievement of Goal #6: To ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all.

Indicators of having met this goal are as follows:

→ By 2030, achieve universal and equitable access to safe and affordable drinking water for all.

→ By 2030, achieve access to adequate and equitable sanitation and hygiene for all and end open defecation, paying special attention to the needs of women and girls and those in vulnerable situations.

**HOW TO CONTACT US**

The BNTF, the Government of Grenada and community members will be working together to ensure that the implementation of WSSE sub-projects start within the first quarter of 2019. All projects are expected to be completed by December, 2020.

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