Top Story: BNTF Rolls Out Sub-Projects!

During the third quarter of this year, there was a flurry of activities as BNTF’s partner organizations scaled up preparations and commenced sub-projects.

Youth and women, in particular, applied for training and were selected to enhance skills for employment to earn and increase income and reduce poverty.

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In addition to improving safety practices at sea, certified persons will also be in a better position to seek employment in the marine sector.

During the orientation in Grenada, Minister of State in the Ministry of Agriculture, Honourable Alvin DaBreo, highlighted the financial and social burdens placed on families when seafarers get injured or suffer losses at sea. He urged the candidates to take advantage of this opportunity and to make Grenada proud.

Seafarers Commence Basic Safety Training and Certification in Trinidad

The first batch of 14 seafarers from Grenada, Carriacou and Petite Martinique, including 2 females, is receiving training in Trinidad to improve their skills and receive certification in basic safety.

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Ms. Kim Frederick is the Chief Budget Officer in the Ministry of Finance and Energy and Chairperson of the Oversight Entity (OE). The OE has overall responsibility for execution of the BNTF Project, including approval of eligible sub-projects for submission to CDB for final approval; ensuring that the Project resources are targeted to the most needy communities and that resources are allocated and used efficiently; and ensuring that the Project is implemented in accordance with the Grant Agreement between the Caribbean Development Bank and the Government of Grenada.

The Accounting Officer (AO) is responsible for ensuring transparent and efficient use of Grant funds provided by CDB. The AO’s responsibilities include:

- Ensuring financial procedures are adhered to and proper management of BNTF funds;
- Making payments to all suppliers/contractors;
- Reporting financial updates to the Oversight Entity and CDB;
- Preparing the annual budget;
- Preparing financial statements and supervise the conduct of financial and performance audits;
- Preparing necessary documentation to draw down funds from the grant, made available through CDB.

Mrs. Carlene Sandy-Lewis

Who’s Who in BNTF

Ms. Kim Frederick

Mrs. Carlene Sandy-Lewis

Partners in Action

Members of Mt. Alexander Community Group and Residents of Darvey Clean Up and Prepare the Site for Construction of Fishermen Lockers and Beach Sanitation Facilities

Seafarers Selected for Basic Safety Training Were Briefed and Addressed During Orientation by Honorable Alvin DaBreo, Honorable Elvin Nimrod, Senator Norland Cox, Senator Keith Clouden and Permanent Secretary, Bernadette Lendore-Sylvester

Community Residents Briefed About the Status of Sub-projects
One Man’s Story

“I reside in St. Mark’s and I am the captain of the vessel “Life.” I am here in Trinidad for the STCW training. So far, everything is going fine. I’m happy with the people I have spoken with at CFTDI and the medical assessment. The facility is good.

I will like the candidates from Grenada who came to Trinidad for the STCW programme to stay together and make the tutors proud. I will also like us to make Grenada proud.”

Mr. Linroy Munroe

One Woman’s Story

“My name is Erica Benjamin from the small island, Petite Martinique. I am a captain for Osprey Lines Limited on Shanchez Tender IV, transporting children and other passengers between Carriacou and Petite Martinique. I have been a captain of speed boats for the past 10 years. This training will help me to advance to get my captain license. I want to captain the (bigger) Osprey Shuttle… This training is going to help me. I’m happy to be here.”

Ms. Erica Benjamin

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Community Action Continues

Honorable Emmalin Pierre Addresses Constituents in Telescope on Sub-projects

Representatives and Consultant, Carlyle Glean, Finalized Design for the Victoria Day Care and Resource Center

Training Will be Provided for Women in Marquis to Enhance Straw Craft

Vincennes Pre-school in St. David’s Will be Reconstructed

La Pastora Road in St. David’s Will Be Repaired

Principal of Paraclete Government School Meets Consultant from Barbados and BNTF to Discuss Design for Renovation of the School

The Building Will Be Renovated For TAMCC’s Modern Teaching Facility for Environmental Sustainability Practices at Mirabeau Campus
BNTF 7 and 8 Cycles Sub-projects

**Infrastructure Sub-projects**

**Education and Human Resource**
1. Paraclete Government School Refurbishment
2. Bonair Government School Refurbishment and Expansion
3. Mt. Moritz Anglican School Expansion
4. St. Dominic’s Pre-school Construction
5. Victoria Day Care and Resource Center Construction
6. Gouyave Day Care Refurbishment and Expansion
7. St. Theresa’s Pre-School Reconstruction
8. Telescope Resource Center Construction
9. TAMCC Environmental Sustainability Practices Teaching Facility

**Water and Sanitation**
1. Darvey Fishermen Lockers and Toilet Facility Construction
2. Loretto Toilet Facility Construction
3. Wharf Lane Toilet Facility Renovation
4. Grand Roy Toilet Facility Renovation
5. Clozier Water Treatment and Distribution Upgrade
6. St. Patrick’s Schools Water Storage Upgrade
7. Munich water treatment and distribution plant

**Community Access and Drainage**
1. Quarry Road (Telescope) Refurbishment
2. Laura/La Pastora Refurbishment
3. Chantimelle Resource Center Retaining Wall Construction

**Skills Training and Capacity Building Sub-projects**
1. **REACH project** - Ministry of Youth, Sports and Religious Affairs to train and certify young men in prison, who are soon to be released.
2. **Technical Training for Vulnerable Women:** - Ministry of Social Development to train and certify young women for self employment.
3. **Youth Skills Training and Capacity Development** - Grenada Community Development Agency (GRENCODA) for young people in rural communities.
4. **Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping (STCW)/Basic Safety Training for Seafarers** - Grenada Federation of Agricultural and Fisheries Organizations (GFAFO) to train and certify seafarers.
5. **Marquis Straw Craft and Small Engine Repair Training** - St. Andrew’s Development Organization (SADO) to train and certify residents in Marquis.

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**Quotable Quotes**

“The test of our progress is not whether we add more to the abundance of those who have much; it is whether we provide enough for those who have too little.”

― Franklin D. Roosevelt

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Look out for our next issue at the end of December where we will continue to feature progress of sub-projects!!