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Top Story: BNTF Launches 7th Cycle of Sub-projects



Representatives of BNTF 7 Sub-projects Participated in Briefing and Consultation Sessions

The Basic Needs Trust Fund (BNTF) has commenced implementation of its 7th cycle of sub-projects.

The sub-projects aim to reduce poverty and vulnerability by enhancing access to basic social and economic infrastructures and human resource development services.

BNTF completed a Poverty Reduction Action Plan

(PRAP) in 2014 which established where and how resources, totaling USD \$2,981,105.00 (ECD \$8,033,779.87), would be targeted.

BNTF is jointly funded by the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) and the Government of Grenada.

BNTF 7 focuses on three key sectors: Education and Human Resource Development, Basic

Community Access and Drainage Improvement; and Water and Sanitation Systems Enhancement.

Nine (9) sub-projects will be undertaken in Education and Human Resource Development, six (6) sub-projects in Water and Sanitation and three (3) sub-projects in Community Access and Drainage Enhancement. These projects are expected to be completed by December, 2016.

BNTF Staff Participate in the Caribbean Development Bank's Environmental Due Diligence Workshop

The local BNTF staff have improved their capacity in environmental due diligence for implementation of sub-projects.

BNTF's Project Manager, Community Liaison Officer and Building Technologist participated in Caribbean

Development Bank's Environmental Due Diligence Workshop which was held in Barbados from 16-18 March, 2015.

Environmental screening, infrastructure integrity, gender and social impact assessments were key

areas of focus in the Workshop. Several tools were introduced for use in assessing and managing sub-projects.

BNTF staff from other member countries also participated in the regional workshop.

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Staff from regional BNTF offices and CDB attended the Environmental Due Diligence Workshop

Who's Who in BNTF



Mr. Bhagwan, known by most people as Baggies, is the Project Manager in the BNTF Implementing Agency (IA). The Manager is responsible for ensuring day to day operations run smoothly at the office and that staff are performing their duties in the most efficient and effective manner. The Project Manager also ensures that the Project adheres to the signed Grant Agreement between Caribbean Development Bank and the Government of Grenada, procurement guidelines and other local and regional standards.

Ms. Stephenson, the Administrative Assistant, supports all work in the office, including keeping records and maintaining an orderly filing system. She is also the front desk person that answers calls and directs visitors to the relevant officers.

Mr. Britton, is the Assistant Community Liaison Officer. Community Liaison Officers are the “legs” of BNTF, responsible for supporting community groups to identify and prepare documents for sub-projects, conducting assessments and supporting community organizations and other institutions’ development.

QUESTIONS AND FACTS

1. What is BNTF’s purpose?

1. Increase the productivity and income of the unemployed and underemployed.
2. Improve the standard of living of poor people
3. Expand and conserve the stock of economic and social infrastructure essential to national growth.
4. Strengthen community organizations to be able to initiate and manage change.

2. What sub-projects can be funded by BNTF?

Water and Sanitation

- Development, extension and repair of water treatment plants, public toilets/bathrooms.

Educational Facilities & Human Resource Development

- Building, renovation, refurbishment of education, special needs, ICT,

school feeding and resource centre facilities.

- Skills training/capacity building.

Health Facilities

- Construction, renovation & upgrade of health facilities.

Access

- Construction of roads, drainage and footpaths, bridges, retaining walls.

Vulnerable groups

- Residential accommodation and care for children, victims of gender-based violence, counselling and referral centres, people living with HIV/AIDS, the aged, infirm and homeless, youth at risk.

Day Care Centres

Construction, renovation or extension of day care centers.

3. Who can apply for funding?

- Community Groups
- Non- Government Organizations (NGOs)
- Government Organizations or Agencies
- Community Based Organizations (CBOs)
- Community Members
- Parliamentary Representatives on the advice of communities

4. What is the application process?

1. Fill in and submit a Sub-project Request Form.
2. Fill in and submit a Sub-project Proposal Form.

The Community Liaison Officer is available to assist applicants to fill in the forms. Forms are available at the BNTF office.

One Woman's Story

“When the people came here, they were like, “wow, look at the floor! You all have tiles now, look at the lattice to allow more ventilation and the redesign!”

From how it was before, people could not have imagined that it could be like that today. And they would boast of the lockers and even the toilet facilities, even our sick bay where we have a bed so that the children can rest comfortably...and we can boast that now, it is child friendly.

For instance, we have 3 (child appropriate) toilet facilities and sink basins

for the children. The teachers now have their own toilet facility. And now we have a ceiling fan to keep the area cool....



Non Pariel Pre-school After Refurbishment

At this time, I must say a big thank you to BNTF for the refurbishment of our school..... we are really grateful to them.”



Ms. Wendy Cox - Teacher in Charge at the Non Pariel Pre Pre-school

One Man's Story



Mr. Gary Jones—Acting Principal, Blessed Sacrament/ Grand Anse R.C. School

BNTF sub-project entailed fencing the school compound, recovering one of the buildings and improvement to drainage around the school.

“We have seen an improvement in confidence. Parents are more confident knowing that their children are at the Grand Anse R.C. School in an environment that is much safer. Part of our challenge was to rebuild confidence of the parents and the community. That was one way we were able to build that sort of confidence of the community again.

If you are going to run a serious school, you will have to have the facilities that characterizes a serious school.

Our mission and our goal is to continue

“We will continue to work hard with other stakeholders and BNTF to ensure such process does not fail.”

to improve the confidence in the school.

We want to build the confidence of the community and improve our image...

I will like to say thank you to BNTF and all the other stakeholders that intervened in this project.”

TEST YOURSELF!

1. What is the primary objective of BNTF?
2. Which regional organization funds BNTF?
3. In what year was BNTF started in Grenada?
4. In which cycle is the BNTF programme now?
5. What is the name of the local body that has responsibility for coordination and guidance of BNTF implementations?
6. Where is the BNTF Office located in Grenada?
7. Under which Ministry does the BNTF Office operate?



BNTF REACHING YOU

During the first quarter of this year, BNTF developed its Public Relations and Social Marketing Plan.

The purpose of the Plan is to guide public relations to improve awareness about BNTF and to establish an approach to engaged stakeholders to participate in and take ownership of BNTF projects.

The Plan identifies what activities will be undertaken, when and through what medium.

So far, BNTF has already undertaken three main activities highlighted in the Plan:

1. Production and release of a video, celebrating Grenada's 41 year of independence and highlighting BNTF's contributions to national development.

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2. Facilitation of 3 Pre-implementation Briefing and Consultation sessions to provide details about sub-projects and to receive feedback from key stakeholders. Information was also shared on the work of other organizations and areas for collaborations were identified. Over 45 persons attended the sessions.

3. Production of a video, highlighting beneficiaries' responses on the impact of BNTF's work on their lives. This video will be released during the second quarter of this year.

BNTF intention is to increase and improve its public relations and communications to encourage participation, buy-in and ownership of the sub-projects.

“Quotable Quotes”

“Every life deserves a certain amount of dignity, no matter how poor or damaged the shell that carries it.”

— Rick Bragg

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