



Basic Needs Trust Fund (BNTF)

BNTF is a poverty reduction initiative funded by the Caribbean Development Bank and the Government of Grenada

BNTF Cycle 7 and 8



The Basic Needs Trust Fund is aimed at reducing poverty and vulnerability by enhancing access to basic social and economic infrastructures and supporting education and development across communities in Grenada. The Fund runs according to project cycles, which spans over 3-4 years for project implementation. We are currently in the 7th and 8th cycle, which were rolled out simultaneously. Sub-projects of cycles 7 and 8 provided low-income, vulnerable communities with better access to quality education and human resource development (HRD), improve water and sanitation facilities and basic community access and drainage opportunities; priority areas of the BNTF Project.

Through the Caribbean Development Bank, the Government of Grenada received grant funding of just over USD\$2,5M and USD 750,000 under Cycle 7 and 8 respectively to implement projects.

The BNTF local office received a total of 63 applications from CBO's, line ministries, schools, parent teachers associations, community members and other special interest groups throughout Grenada. A total of 23 proposals were reviewed and approved by the Over Sight Entity who has overall responsibility for guidance in the sub-project selection process. To date all sub-projects under cycle 7 have been successfully completed while most sub-projects under cycle 8 completed with the exception of one which commenced mid 2017 with a 6 month duration and is therefore expected to be completed in February 2018.

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List of projects implemented under BNTF cycle 7

Water and Sanitation

1. Darvey Fishermen Locker and Toilet Facilities
2. Loretto Toilet Facility
3. Wharf Lane Toilet Upgrade (Grenville)
4. Grand Roy Toilet Upgrade
5. Clozier Water Treatment and Distribution 2nd Phase
6. Upgrade Water Storage in 10 Schools located in St. Patrick's

Education and HRD

1. Paraclete Gov't School Refurbishment
2. Bonaire Government School ceiling replacement and ICT Resource Center
3. Mt Moritz Anglican School Expansion
4. St. Dominic's Pre-School Reconstruction (Laura St. Davids)
5. Victoria Resource Centre/ Day Care Facility
6. STCW Training 2nd Phase
7. Grencoda Rural Youth Skills Training and Capacity Development Programme
8. Technical Training for Single Women
9. Youth Out Reach Programme

Access and Drainage

1. Quarry Road Construction
2. Chantimelle Retaining Wall Construction
3. Laura/ La Pastora Road Construction

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Paraclete Government School Project



Old School Building

The Paraclete Government School was originally built in 1969 and is located in the rural village of Paraclete, St Andrews. The Country Poverty Assessment (2008) identified this parish as being the third poorest parish in Grenada. Over the years, the school suffered from poor maintenance and was faced with bat and termite infested roofs, dysfunctional toilets, over heated rooms amongst other challenges.



Damages to Building structure

It was through the insight of the Parent Teacher Association (PTA) at the Paraclete Government School that they submitted an application to BNTF in 2014 to renovate and upgrade the school building. A total of EC\$1.6 M in grant funds was approved for this sub-project.

This sub-project took an estimated eight months to be completed. The newly renovated school was able to provide a comfortable learning and teaching environment for 170 students and 12 teachers who were the direct beneficiaries of this project. This project produced the following outputs:

- ◆ 10 classrooms built or upgraded
- ◆ Upgraded facilities—1 staff room, 1 principal office, 1 library, 1 kitchen, 1 wood



New School Building

The Paraclete Government School project was implemented with BNTF Funding under cycle 7 in collaboration with the Ministry of Education and Human Resource Development as well as the PTA of the Paraclete Government School. A number of laborers from the community received employment through out the various stages of implementation of this project. The students now have a building which is safe and sanitary for use by the school population. This will in turn lead to a higher quality of education delivered to the primary school children and consequently enhanced their learning experience.

List of projects implemented under BNTF cycle 8

1. St. Theresa's/ Vincennes Pre- School Construction
2. Gouyave Day Care Construction
3. Telescope Resource Center Construction
4. Training for Marquis craft producers
5. Construction of the TAMCC Environmental Sustainability Practices Programme (Mirabeau Campus) Building

Laura/ La Pastora Road Construction Project

The residents of La Pastora community came together and identified this need and collectively decided to apply to BNTF for funding to repair the La Pastora road within the community. The residents felt that the bad state of the road prevented them from being able to access essential services which are not offered within the community.



State of road before repairs

This subproject was approved for implementation in 2014 for the construction of a concrete road measuring 1,115 ft by 12 ft with box and slipper drains. Over EC\$300,000.00 was allotted for the construction of the road which was completed within 12 weeks with strong support from Community members.



La Pastora Road after completion

Over 153 residents within the community of La Pastora is now benefiting from the road upgrade which now allows for free access in and out of the community. This project is a true testament of how a community can come together and make things happen within their community.

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Gouyave Day Care Center

Over crowding at the Gouyave Day Care Center has been a cry of the staff and parents for a number of years. The day care which housed a total of 35 children was in dire need of repair, as the roof leaked during the rainy season. All wooden structures were infested with termites, the kitchen, toilets and staff room were inadequate to accommodate the number of students enrolled. As such, staff was forced to use a shift system to effectively share the



State of building before intervention

In 2016, the Gouyave Day Care received its final approval and was awarded a total of EC 500,000 to complete the renovations and expansion of the Day Care which had to be completed within 5 months.

Once the building was completed, the beneficiaries received an outdoor and indoor play area, baby room, toddler room, staffroom, sick bay, storeroom, kitchen, rest area, lunch room for kids and staff, bathroom and toilets for kids and staff, as well as an office for the supervisor. The Day Care is now able to meet the requirements set out by the Ministry of Education and has an intake capacity of 50 students.



New Building nearing completion

They are also now able to meet the growing demand for day care services within the parish of St. John's.

BNTF Maintenance Workshop

Over the years, BNTF has completed a number of projects throughout Grenada, Carriacou and Petite Martinique with a large number being infrastructural projects. It has been noted that maintenance was a serious challenge, which was due mainly to the inadequacy of funds available for repairs. Bearing this in mind the various communities expressed their willingness to provide some level of maintenance to their respective projects. However they lacked the necessary skills and equipment.

This, then led to the implementation of the Maintenance Management Workshop, conducted over a 4 day session with 2.5 days dedicated to in class work while the other 1.5 was dedicated to practical/ fieldwork. The training targeted engineering and maintenance staff, Ministry of Works supervisors and beneficiaries of BNTF projects.

At the end of the workshop participants developed a maintenance plan for their respective projects and also received tools with the requisite knowledge on how to execute routine maintenance works which includes the designing of maintenance of building services systems such as electrical, plumbing, drainage and sanitation.



Tools being handed over to workshop participants

TA Marryshow Community College

The T A Marryshow Community College (TAMCC) developed a technical program entitled the Environmental Sustainability Practices– Competency Based Training in response to training needs related to sustainability in the Caribbean. However, the administrators were in need of a building to host this program. Unfortunately most of the available buildings were not fit for use as they were destroyed by Hurricane Ivan.



State of building before repairs

With this in mind, the administrators of TAMCC applied to the BNTF for funding to renovate an old campus building into a modern Technical Agricultural Training Center. This project received an amount close to EC\$ 400,000 to reconstruct and refurbish the building located at the Mirabeau Campus, St. Andrews into a modern technical agricultural training center. This will be the first of its kind in Grenada.

The new building will be used to house a technology based classroom, laboratory analysis section, washroom, and staff area. The entire top floor will also be utilized for the modern agriculture environmental practices program which will cover the practical aspects of the program.



New building after reconstruction

Training Programs Implemented by BNTF

Project Reach - Prison Rehabilitation Project

The BNTF collaborated with the Ministry of Youth, Sport and Religious Affairs and Her Majesty's Prison to implement Project Reach with an allotted amount of EC\$175,000.00. Project Reach was a rehabilitation project for young inmates between the ages of 18 and 35. This project targeted persons which would have been released within one year from start of the project with the aim of reducing the high levels of recidivism among young males incarcerated at Her Majesty's



Inmates involved in a life skills session

The REACH project provided an integrated training and capacity building programme, including the implementation of a preparatory process for their eventual re-introduction into society. It utilized a holistic approach that was geared at creating behavioral change and providing skills certification. The training covered the following eight areas:

- ◆ Life skills Training
- ◆ Spiritual Development
- ◆ Basic Literacy & Numeracy
- ◆ Vocational Skills & Enterprise Training - Electrical installation L2, Livestock Rearing L1, Crop Production L2, Small Engine Repairs Level L1
- ◆ Sports, culture and socialization
- ◆ Basic Finance Management
- ◆ Life Plan
- ◆ Monitoring of Inmates

The inmates also received counseling to assist them in dealing with their respective social challenges. A total of 26 inmates benefited from this program.

Basic Safety Training for Seafarers

The fisheries sector plays an important role in the overall food security and poverty reduction in Grenada. However small craft operators who are at the heart of this sector, lacked the required training and certification needed for upward mobility within the sector.

Through the initiative of the Ministry of Carriacou and Petite Martinique Affairs, BNTF, supported a two batches of trainees consisting of male and female seafarers to complete the Standards of training, Certification and watch keeping (STCW) programme at Caribbean Fisheries Training Institute (CFTDI) in Trinidad.



Practical training in session

Amongst those trained were cargo vessels staff, recreation vessels staff, ferry staff, fishermen, search and rescue officers, coast guard officers and water tour guides. These successful candidates received internationally acclaimed certificates in accordance with the International Maritime Organization (IMO), which now allow the opportunity to be able to operate at a higher level of safety and efficiency.

It is hoped that the number of accidents or fatalities will reduce with persons being trained and certified.



Batch of certified Seafarers In Trinidad

The impact of the BNTF training Programs implemented

At the end of the BNTF cycle 7 and 8, a tracer study was conducted to determine the impact and the effectiveness of the training programs implemented. This tracer study focused on three training programs which were the Technical Training for Single Women (TTSW), the Youth Outreach Program (REACH) and the Grenada Rural Youth Skills Training and Capacity Building Program.



Single Women planting crops

A total of 317 persons were targeted under the training programs offered with specific focus on the youth and women in Grenada. Participants confirmed, that they all were able to benefit from the training programs offered which increased their employability or allowed those employed to be able to function more efficiently on the job.

The tracer study also revealed that the trainings offered also had a positive impact on the social lives of the participants. They were able to improve their skills in dealing with customers, family members and themselves. This impact was largely due to the exposure to the life skills component of the training.

As identified by the tracer study, a number of persons trained were able to gain employment within the 6 months after training was completed. It was however noted that some persons were unable to gain employment within the areas for which they were trained. All new training program will aim to correct this.

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Telescope Resource Center Construction



State of old building before intervention



State of building near to completion

The Community of Telescope has been characterized by poverty for a number of years as Telescope is recognized as one of the poorest community in St. Andrews South East . Telescope has also been known for its generational problems of truancy where children and young adults fail to attend school for one reason or another and has no positive activities to keep them gainfully engaged. Members of the Telescope Community, have been asking for facilities like a community center for a number of years , as they saw this as an avenue to provide opportunities for children , young adults and adults within the community.

With this in mind, the St. Andrews South East Development Organisation took on the mandate to apply to BNTF for funding to convert an old coffee plant at Telescope , St Andrews into a multi– purpose community resource centre. This project received a total of EC 640,000 to renovate a 1,440sq ft building which included a conference facility, computer and library space, equipment and training room, counseling room, office spaces, toilet facilities, lunch room and spaces to accommodate agro-processing.

The Community welcomed this new addition to Telescope and pledged their support to ensure that activities are available for everyone within the Community.

BNTF Cycle 9

The Government of Grenada through the BNTF Project will continue to implement projects in an effort to reduce poverty and improve the lives of many in Grenada. The Government of Grenada has received a total of USD 2.5M to implement projects in three (3) priority areas: Community Access and Drainage Enhancement; Education and Human Resources Development ; Water and Sanitation. These projects will be implemented over a period of 3 years.

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