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MAREP BEGINS VOCATIONAL AND SKILLS TRAINING FOR 20 WOMEN IN GERIATRICS CARE

The Market Access and Rural Enterprise Development Programme (MAREP) through its Vocational and Skills Training (VST) programme began the first Geriatric Care course for 20 rural women at the Care with Compassion (CWC) Training Centre, Young Street, St. George on **Monday, January 11th 2016**.

This provision of skills and vocational training is keeping with MAREP's commitment to rural development, and in particular to provide access to employment opportunities and assistance with job placement and business development. The main objective of the Geriatrics Care is to assist the selected women from MAREP's targeted communities to access employment as Care Assistants.

About \$100,000XCD (for tuition plus transportation and child care allowance) will be spent for the 20 selected female trainees to obtain the full-time eight (8) month training opportunity. This includes a six (6) month theoretical and practical module and two (2) month job training/apprenticeship.

- Theoretical unit (in class) will be held on Monday to Friday from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm;
- Practical unit (elderly homes Island wide) and job training unit will be held on Monday to Fridays from 08:00 am to 4:00 pm.

On successful completion of the competency based course, the Caribbean Vocational Qualification (CVQ) Level II will be presented to each trainee, to make them eligible to work as Care Assistants.

MAREP is therefore proud to reaffirm its commitment in delivering community-based programs to provide knowledge and skills to improve health outcomes, invest in the female workforce to ensure high quality care for the elderly citizens and boost the empowerment level of rural youth to become motivated in geriatrics/health care. This in turn will translate to development, employment and sustainable livelihoods.

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