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Scotiabank collaborates with I am a Girl Barbados as International Day of the Girl is observed. - US\$30,000 contribution to be used to help provide opportunities for girls.

Progress for girls has not kept pace with the realities they face today, and the COVID-19 pandemic has reinforced many of these gaps. Through a collaboration with I am a Girl Barbados (IAAGB), Scotiabank hopes to help provide opportunities for girls to realise their full potential. The donation of US\$30,000 will be used towards IAAGB's Adopt-A-Girl Programme.

Seventy – five (75) girls, ages 15-18 from low income households will benefit from the initiative. IAAGB's Adopt-A-Girl programme aims to assist with the educational and social needs of girls, helping guide them on the path towards academic and career success. Key components of the programme include educational study tools and scholarships, capacity building support, hygiene and food support, mental wellness and after-school support.

This collaboration aligns with [ScotiaRISE](#), the Bank's newest global community investment initiative designed to promote economic resilience among disadvantaged groups. "Through associations such as this one with IAAGB, we're helping these girls improve their education and employment prospects, adapt to changing circumstances and enhance their life opportunities and full participation in the economy" commented Suzette Armoogam – Shah, Managing Director, Scotiabank Barbados.

"We commend IAAGB on its dedication to helping disadvantaged girls in Barbados thrive and succeed in today's world and we're pleased to work with them as we create better opportunities for our girls who are on the cusp of adulthood" Armoogam - Shah concluded.

Alian Ollivierre - Executive Director, IAAGB indicated her delight in working with Scotiabank not only as International Day of the Girl is being celebrated on October 11, but also the organisation's 7th anniversary. "As we celebrate our 7th anniversary, we stay committed to working "with and for" girls...One of our core pillars of girls' development is personal upliftment through enhancing educational capacity. This is exactly why we are elated to partner with Scotiabank, through the ScotiaRISE initiative, as this donation will play an integral role in advancing our efforts to support girls' educational resilience, while tackling unemployment, under-employment, poverty and high school dropouts" she stated.

Ollivierre further commented "Our aim, through this initiative is to use this timely support to amplify opportunities for girls' and ignite their desire to succeed, while also advocating for their empowerment in having an advantage on their professional journeys and livelihoods."



Suzette Armoogam Shah (R) - Managing Director, Scotiabank Barbados presents the Bank's donation to Janece Daniel - Community Engagement and Programming Assistant and Alian Ollivierre - Executive Director, I am a Girl Barbados.



Suzette Armoogam Shah (R) - Managing Director, Scotiabank and Janece Daniel of I am a Girl Barbados in discussion.

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