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FarmABLE Livelihoods Project for Persons with Disabilities ramps up with support from Scotiabank volunteers.

Scotiabank's support for the FarmAble Livelihoods Project for Persons with Disabilities continues, with activities across 3 schools being ramped up over the past few months. An initiative of the Barbados Environmental Conservation Trust (BECT), through a collaboration with the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation in Agriculture (IICA), the Project offers youth with disabilities greater opportunities to learn and enhance their capabilities pertaining to environmental conservation and food sustainability.

Benefitting approximately 50 youth with disabilities, the FarmABLE Livelihoods Project is taking place at The Challenor Creative Arts and Training Centre, The Ann Hill School and The Derrick Smith School and Vocational Centre. Specific activities being undertaken focus on aquaponics, rabbit and poultry rearing, and sustainable agriculture systems for crop production. Scotiabank volunteers have provided some additional support, with many volunteering their time to work with the students in the preparation of broiler and layer pens, installation of a new aquaponic system and building of grow boxes for planting food crops.

Ché Greenidge -Executive Director, BECT commented "BECT is very proud to have such committed and engaging partners through Scotiabank and IICA. Their dedication has brought this project to life! The students remain excited and eager to learn and participate in the agricultural training and are genuinely interested in sustainable environmental practices. BECT is pleased to continue supporting youth in Barbados and wishes to also thank the teachers at each participating school for their assistance throughout the project."

Suzette Armoogam - Shah, Managing Director, Scotiabank Barbados underscored the Bank's commitment to helping provide opportunities for youth with disabilities. "We believe that each person should be enabled to reach their fullest potential. Providing opportunities for full and equal social and economic participation is beneficial not only to youth with disabilities, but also their surrounding societies, allowing them to contribute fully to the country's development and economic growth to the fullest extent of their abilities" she stated.

She also went on to highlight the Bank's volunteers who have helped make the Project successful. "I am so pleased that our volunteers continue to answer the call to support this initiative, helping execute the projects at the various schools. We believe in giving back to the communities in which we live and work and their support is testimony to this" she concluded.



Scotiabank employees and students at The Ann Hill School prepare the aquaponics system at the School.



Students at The Ann Hill School work on the grow boxes for planting food crops.



Scotiabank employees assist in the preparation of broiler and layer pens at The Derrick Smith School and Vocational Centre.



Teachers and students of The Derrick Smith School and Vocational Centre with representatives of IICA and Scotiabank following a volunteer activity.

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