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### **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Scotiabank supports UNICEF's COVID-19 vaccination programs across Barbados, Dominican Republic, Jamaica and Trinidad & Tobago.**

Scotiabank has announced that it is supporting UNICEF's COVID-19 vaccination roll out and preparedness programs across 4 territories in the Caribbean - Barbados, Dominican Republic, Jamaica and Trinidad & Tobago with a contribution of CAD\$250,000.

UNICEF has been a key ally in the region's vaccine distribution efforts. In recent weeks, Caribbean territories have received their first batches of the COVID-19 vaccine as part of the global effort between the Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations (CEPI), Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, UNICEF, the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) and the World Health Organization (WHO).

UNICEF has been working with local Ministries of Health in each of these territories on its communication and educational campaigns. Scotiabank's donation will help strengthen advocacy through multi-channel community engagement activities, focusing on driving adult vaccination as an important step towards controlling the pandemic.

Anya Schnoor, Executive Vice President, Caribbean, Central America and Uruguay, Scotiabank commented "We are pleased to collaborate with UNICEF in support of their vaccine rollout efforts and education programs. As community members, it's important we do our part to help mitigate the health and economic impacts across the Caribbean so we can get beyond this pandemic safely."

Aloys Kamuragiye, UNICEF Representative for the Eastern Caribbean, said "We are grateful for Scotiabank's support towards our advocacy and communication efforts to combat vaccine hesitancy in Trinidad and Tobago and Barbados. In supporting UNICEF, Scotiabank is standing with children and playing a key role in ensuring their childhoods are not threatened by the impacts of the pandemic. We applaud such local contributions from the private sector that will mean so much to the communities, families and children in the Eastern Caribbean."

#### **About UNICEF**

UNICEF is the world's leading humanitarian organization focused on children. We work in the most challenging areas to provide protection, healthcare and immunizations, education, safe water and sanitation and nutrition. As part of the United Nations, our unrivaled reach spans more than 190 countries and territories, ensuring we are on the ground to help the most disadvantaged children. While part of the UN system, UNICEF relies entirely on voluntary donations to finance our life-saving work.

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