



## **SCOTIABANK GUYANA INC.**

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### **Scotiabank Guyana and Recover Guyana Launch ENGAGE 2.0 to empower 180 youth across three regions.**

Scotiabank Guyana, in partnership with Recover Guyana, today announced the official launch of Project ENGAGE 2.0, an expanded youth development initiative designed to equip vulnerable young people with green skills, entrepreneurship training, job-readiness support, and financial literacy. The launch event took place at the Ramada Georgetown Princess Hotel.

Building on the success of the initial ENGAGE programme, which began in 2024, ENGAGE 2.0 will support 180 young people from Regions Two, Three, and Four, providing them with sustainable skills and pathways to economic empowerment.

During the launch ceremony, Nafeeza Gaffoor, Country Manager of Scotiabank Guyana Inc., reaffirmed Scotiabank's commitment to supporting youth development and strengthening community resilience. "At Scotiabank, we believe that long-term social and economic prosperity depends on future generations," Gaffoor said. "When young people thrive, communities become more resilient. ENGAGE aligns with our global purpose - to help customers, communities, and countries thrive, for every future."

She noted that the first phase of the programme delivered tangible results, with participants gaining practical skills, launching small businesses, improving employability, and developing stronger financial management capabilities.

ENGAGE 2.0 is supported through ScotiaRISE, Scotiabank's global community investment and social impact strategy, which focuses on breaking down barriers to economic inclusion for disadvantaged groups.

"This initiative reflects a forward-looking approach to youth empowerment," Gaffoor added. "By combining eco-friendly technologies, business development, mentorship, and financial education, ENGAGE prepares young people not only to find jobs but to create opportunities for themselves and others."

As part of the partnership, Scotiabank team members will continue contributing through mentorship and financial education sessions, offering participants direct access to practical guidance from banking professionals.

Dr. Omesh Balmacoon, First Vice President of Recover Guyana, said, "ENGAGE 2.0 is a critical step in realising Recover Guyana's vision of a sustainable, prosperous future led by empowered

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youth. Through practical skills development, mentorship, funding support and community engagement, we are creating measurable impact by equipping young people to turn innovative green ideas into thriving businesses that benefit both their communities and the nation as a whole.”



Nafeeza Gaffoor - Country Manager, Scotiabank Guyana delivers remarks at the launch of ENGAGE 2.0



Recover Guyana and Scotiabank officials celebrate the Launch of Project ENGAGE 2.0

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