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Scotiabank supports Project ENGAGE – green entrepreneurship programme for youth.

As part of our commitment to supporting the young people of Guyana, we have collaborated with Recover Guyana to help our young people achieve success, through an initiative known as Project ENGAGE (Empowering Next Generation Achievers for Green Employment). Project ENGAGE was launched on December 5 and aims to empower vulnerable youths (with a focus on those exposed to crime, teen pregnancies, and high-school dropouts) by equipping them with the skills and knowledge needed for sustainable employment and positive community engagement.

The comprehensive programme includes workshops, hands-on training, mentorship, and community engagement activities. Participants will also be trained in eco-friendly technologies such as hydroponics, recycling, and renewable energy, promoting practical skills and environmental stewardship. The multifaceted approach ensures that participants are equipped with the tools necessary to reintegrate into society and contribute to local economic growth while fostering environmental sustainability.

Through Scotiabank's support, 70 young persons, ages 16-25 yrs. old from Region 3 will benefit from the programme.

Nafeeza Gaffoor, Country Manager of Scotiabank Guyana indicated "Scotiabank is pleased to collaborate with Recover Guyana on its ENGAGE project, helping to provide opportunities for young people to build their skills, while at the same time promoting environmental sustainability. We are committed to investing in initiatives that help people rise up, become better off and change their circumstances so they can have successful futures. The ENGAGE Project not only aligns well with this focus, but also helps our young people learn sustainable practices, encouraging greener communities."

Dr. Dave Lalltoo, President of Recover Guyana reinforced the organization's commitment to fostering innovation, environmental protection, and community resilience through the ENGAGE Project and many other initiatives. He explained that "by providing tailored training, mentorship, and funding opportunities, ENGAGE equips young people with the tools to turn their green business ideas into reality, creating lasting change for themselves, their communities, and Guyana as a whole."



Nafeeza Gaffoor - Country Manager, Scotiabank Guyana delivers remarks at the Launch of Project ENGAGE.



A cross section of the audience at the Launch of Project ENGAGE.



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