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NEWS RELEASE



Women in Agriculture being supported by the Gender Affairs Division within the Ministry of National Mobilisation through UNWOMEN/EnGendDer project.

Kingstown, St. Vincent and the Grenadines;

On December 29, 2020, the Gender Affairs Division within the Ministry of National Mobilisation, Social Development, Family, Community Development, Cooperatives, Gender Affairs, Youth, Housing and Informal Human Settlements handed over a quantity of agricultural materials and tools to **forty-two (42)** women who are engaged in agro-processing, farming and fishing across 20 communities in St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

This activity was supported by the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UNWOMEN) under the Enabling Gender-Responsive Disaster Recovery, Climate and Environmental Resilience in the Caribbean (EnGenDer) Project that provided a grant of US\$7000 to assist small agro-processors, farmers and fisherfolks whose income and livelihood were impacted by COVID-19. It also set the platform for the introduction of a “Women in Agriculture” Programme within the Gender Affairs Division through partnership with the Community Development and Cooperative Divisions, and the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries.

It is expected that this undertaking will be the impetus for sustainable development and agricultural diversification, and which would aid with poverty reduction and food security, especially in the current health crisis. It will further assist in the advancement of women nationally, community development and entrepreneurship through the cooperative.

This project is expected to be further enhanced during 2021 with other socially impacting programmes to assist the “Women in Agriculture” programme.

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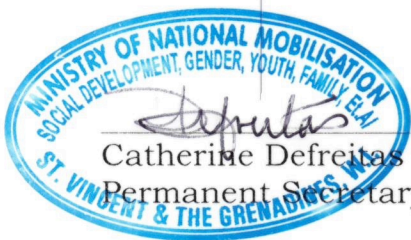
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Hon. Orando Brewster, Coordinator of Gender LaFleur Quammie, Supervisor of Community Development Keith Collis, Manager of Input Warehouse , with Women from the three sections being supported agro-processing, fisherfolks and farmers with some of the supplies being given.



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Catherine Defreitas (Ms.)
Permanent Secretary