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Scotiabank employees help distribute vegetable seedlings and fruit trees in the community of Marabella for World Environment Day 2023.

We all know that planting your own affordable, nutritious food promotes food security and sustainability. But did you know that growing your own veggies can also be good for the environment?

That's what Scotiabank and the SURE Foundation have been helping educate the public on for the past 3 years. Over the weekend, the partnership continued when Scotiabank employees helped distribute 50,000 seedlings and 30 fruit trees in the community of Marabella.

"For us, as part of our Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) strategy, we leverage opportunities such as World Environment Day and other key awareness days, to show people that they can adopt habits and make more sustainable choices that positively affect their everyday lives and the environment" commented Gayle Pazos - Senior VP and Managing Director, Scotiabank Trinidad and Tobago.

Vegetables grown in home gardens help to reduce the carbon footprint as they eliminate the need for transportation and packaging and reduce reliance on fuel. Even a small vegetable patch can make a difference by supporting pollinators, increasing green space, reducing carbon dioxide emissions, and generally improving the health of the environment.

Dr. Roger Hosein, Director at SURE Foundation shared positive feedback on the partnership with the Bank. "The SURE Foundation's partnership with Scotiabank goes beyond financial resources. The Bank's employees are always keen to support and are very involved at the relevant seedling distributions. Cultivating the interaction between our teams has resulted in the achievement of a beautiful community model which brings together civil society and corporate sector to enhance sustainable development outcomes."

This was the 5th community seedling distribution this year for Scotiabank with the SURE Foundation. Tomato, patchoi, melongene, chive, celery, corn, bodi, lettuce, cauliflower, sorrel and ochro seedlings were shared, along with barbadine and passion fruit plants.



Gayle Pazos - Senior VP and MD, Scotiabank during the community seedling distribution drive in Marabella.



Scotiabank volunteers with barbadee and passion fruit plants at the distribution in the community of Marabella.



A member of the public collects a home garden starter pack from a Scotiabank volunteer.



A Scotiabank volunteer packages seedlings for a member of the public during the Scotiabank/SURE Foundation seedling distribution.

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