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Scotiabank supports United Way's National Time of Caring initiative to help prepare Primary Schools for the new norm.

The United Way Trinidad and Tobago (UWTT) Support for the New Norm Project aims to help selected primary schools in high need communities, which serve low income families, to re-open safely and efficiently. Since 2020, Scotiabank has supported the initiative, which benefits 5,000 students and 241 teachers across 15 schools.

Phase 1, which concluded in March 2021 focused on enhancing sanitization and hygiene, through improving and expanding washroom facilities, infrastructure for handwashing stations, provision of face masks and child and parent friendly communication materials to the schools, as well as support for Principals to develop a culture of shared responsibility for living in the New Norm. In September 2021, UWTT began Phase 2 of the Project, aimed at both infrastructure and programmatic capacity supports, such as ventilation and internet connectivity to improve school readiness for implementation of the blended schooling model.

"In 2020, UWTT pivoted its popular National Day of Caring Project to the National Time of Caring initiative and through working with the Ministry of Education, spearheaded these much-needed improved safety measures at selected Primary Schools for young ones to return to in person schooling. At Scotiabank, we believe that with the right support, children can realize their potential and unlock a future of sustained success that benefits them, their family and their entire community, and as such, we are committed to investing in a better future for our young people" commented Gayle Pazos, Senior Vice President and Managing Director, Scotiabank Trinidad & Tobago.

"This is a commitment shared by UWTT and why we readily contributed to this Project. 40% of the funding for Phase 1, came from Scotiabank and the Scotiabank Foundation including contributions by employees. We're also pleased to support with a further donation towards Phase 2." Pazos concluded.

Jennifer Sancho, Chief Executive Officer, UWTT indicated "UWTT thanks Scotiabank for their long-standing partnership in our community impact programs, especially for Phase 1 and, now Phase 2, of the Support for the New Norm in Primary Schools Project. It is through collective working and social investment in projects like these, that we can actively prepare for safe return to in person school which is urgently needed to begin to address learning loss and mental health issues among children due to COVID-19 restrictions."

Schools involved in the Project include: Belle Garden Anglican School (Tobago); Cocorite Government Primary School; Cocoyea Government Primary School; Diamond Vale Government Primary School; Diego Martin Boys RC Primary School; LaHorquetta South Government Primary School; Marabella Boys Anglican Primary School; Matura Government Primary School; Nelson Street Boys Roman Catholic Primary; Nelson Street Girls Roman Catholic Primary; Salazar Trace Government Primary School; Santa Rosa Government Primary School; St. Gregory's Anglican Primary School; St. Mary's Mucurapo Boys RC Primary School and St. Mary's Mucurapo Girls RC Primary School.



Handwashing troughs at Nelson Street Boys Primary School were completed during Phase 1 of UWTT's Support for Primary Schools for the New Norm Project.



One of the handwashing troughs installed at Matura Government Primary School.



Scotiabank volunteers package face masks for distribution to schools in UWTT's Support for Primary Schools for the New Norm Project.



Some of the communication materials developed for schools in the UWTT's Support for Primary Schools for the New Norm Project.

To learn more about UWTT's Support for Schools for the New Norm Project, please visit <http://uwtt.com>

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