



News Release

BARBADOS FAMILY PLANNING ASSOCIATION TO RELOCATE FROM BAY STREET

Bridgetown, Barbados, 1 December 2022. One of the final activities retiring CIBC FirstCaribbean CEO Colette Delaney did before leaving the bank, was to present the Barbados Family Planning Association (BFPA) with a donation which will assist them in achieving their goal of moving from the now cramped headquarters at Bay Street to more spacious accommodations that they can better serve the persons that come to them for help.

During the presentation, Executive Director Anderson Langdon explained that the new offices will help them to expand and create additional programmes and services to the most vulnerable groups in society including developing more mental health support for the men, women and girls who need it.

The group is hoping to move to the very modern 'Harmony General Building' in Harmony Hall by the end of the year following the presentation of the gift from the FirstCaribbean ComTrust Foundation, which will be paid in tranches that will total USD \$125,000 over a 5-year period.

On a query from Mark St. Hill, the then CEO Designate, Langdon explained that through other technical assistance from the bank, the BPFA had also been able to refine the compilation and presentation of its proposals especially when working with the private sector.

He further explained that the BFPA is not just about looking at birth rates but is also about teaching about sexual and reproductive health, knowing the needs of the population and how to achieve what is required in terms of immigration and incentives for a natural birth rate. The BPFA examines and advises on areas such as population growth strategy, population development policy and even Immigration policy. Other areas such as reproductive health, genetic diseases, non-communicable diseases and any combination of these areas that could affect population growth is also a part of the remit of the BFA now.

Mr. St. Hill suggested that the story of the changing role of the BFPA which has evolved from birthrates and reduced pregnancies to looking at population growth needs to be told, as this is a wide gap from what the organisation was about in the 1950's, when it was established to what it is at the present time.

The Executive Director thanked the bank for its donation, wished Colette Delaney well and extended an invitation to the opening ceremony for the building when that takes place.

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Anderson Langdon (right) explains the changing face of the Barbados Family Planning Association to Colette Delany and Mark St. Hill.



Colette Delaney makes the presentation to Anderson Langdon while Mark St. Hill looks on.