

# Gender in Dominica

Promoting Gender Equality through UNDP's work



In Dominica, the **United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Barbados and the Eastern Caribbean** works to promote women's empowerment. To do so, all our projects include gender equality initiatives. Below are some of the projects UNDP is currently implementing in partnership with the Government of Dominica.

## The Global Environment Facility Small Grants Programme (GEF-SGP)

The UNDP - GEF Small Grants Programme believes that women and men have different knowledge, skills and vulnerabilities



which need to be considered when designing solutions to redress development constraints. SGP uses two complementary approaches: mainstreaming gender at global, national and project levels and targeting women by granting them access to financial resources and technical training for improved livelihoods.

## Gender Mainstreaming in SGP

SGP's objective is to empower women and promote gender equality in its portfolio. To achieve this SGP promotes programs and projects that specifically target and empower women by granting them access to financial and technical resources for improved livelihoods.

Twelve of the 18 active projects in SGP Dominica are led by women or have women in the forefront of activities such as beekeeping, sustainable agriculture, seamoss production, turtle conservation, invasive species management and capacity development.

## Supporting Sustainable Ecosystems by Strengthening the Effectiveness of Dominica's Protected Areas System (SSE)

Several consultations took place with female and male farmers who live and farm near the Morne Trois Pitons National Park (MTPNP). The project collaborates with female farmers through tailored training, facilitated in partnership with GEF-SGP and highlighting sustainable land Management and organic agricultural practices. Women are seen as integral stakeholders in reducing threats to biodiversity and to the ecological functioning of Protected Areas.



## Low Carbon Development Path (LCDP) Project

In a predominantly male energy industry, the LCPD trains women in the operation and maintenance of energy efficiency and solar PV technology, at various levels. The project also installs energy efficiency applications at financial centers across Dominica, where 50% of the beneficiaries of each of these facilities are women and girls.



## Strengthening Disaster Management Capacity of Women in the Cooperative Republic of Guyana and the Commonwealth of Dominica (GUY/DOM)



The project collected baseline data to assess gender gaps and disparities in areas of disaster preparedness, farming practices, land ownership and acreage, farm income and expenditure, sources of income, micro-finance, farm accessibility and connectivity, vehicle ownership, extension officer support, farming group membership, education level and learning styles, among others. This baseline is a critical step in making informed decisions to strengthen the agricultural sector. The project is training up 200 female and male farmers on the Participatory Integrated Climate Services for Agriculture (PICSA) approach. Additionally, the project has facilitated the first of a 6-session module on Gender Awareness for agricultural extension officers.