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### **GOVERNOR GENERAL LAUNCHES INTERVENTION INITIATIVE FOR GIRLS**

Provisions are being made for young people here in St. Vincent and the Grenadines who have dropped out of the formal education system to be given a second chance at attaining an education and training.

This is being done through “The Dame Susan Foundation for Girls” and “The Electronic Career Development Toolkit”. The twin initiative was officially launched on Thursday September 7 at Government House.

The Governor General stated that principals of primary and secondary schools will be called upon to provide the information on the girls with the permission of the Ministry of Education. After the consultation with schools and the families, these young girls will be enlisted into appropriate remedial programmes.

The project is expected to accommodate a total of 200 students in the first instance. Participants must be between the ages of nine and nineteen years.

Her excellency also stated every effort will be made to determine participants’ circumstances and the required support will be provided in this regard.

The Governor General also emphasised that though the programme is geared towards young females, provisions are being made to support young males as well.

Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Education Myccle Burke says the ministry fully endorses the initiative as it will be an essential intervention for many young people.

Burke stated that the dropout rate for students is especially high at forms 3 and 4, and this initiative would help these students to get back into the educational system.

Meanwhile, the “Electronic Development Career Toolkit” will be an integral part of the intervention support for the girls who are part of “The Dame Susan Foundation for Girls”.

This product was conceptualised in early 2021, and will now be made available electronically free of cost through support of The British High Commission in St. Vincent and the Grenadines in collaboration with MAHR Solution and Kestrel SVG.

The toolkit which was developed by Dr. Janelle Allen, who is a Human Resource Consultant and Career Coach, and designed by Vincentian Addison Edwards. The Career toolkit is a user-friendly, go to resources for job seekers, those embarking on a new careers and personal growth to the next level.

The Career Toolkit covers a range of helpful topics including Career Planning, Social and Professional Networking, Personal Branding, Digital Literacy among other skills.

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