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ZERO HUNGER TRUST FUND (ZHTF) CELEBRATES A DECADE OF NATIONAL SERVICE

The Zero Hunger Trust Fund (ZHTF) has officially launched its 10th Anniversary celebrations, marking a decade of national service dedicated to advancing food and nutrition security across St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

The anniversary celebrations, unveiled earlier today at a media launch, signal the start of a month of engagement, storytelling, and public participation. These initiatives aim to deepen the public's understanding of the ZHTF's work, strengthen partnerships, and invite citizens, organisations, and supporters to play an active role in shaping the next phase of the country's journey towards reducing hunger to zero.

Deputy Chief Education Officer/ZHTF Board of Trustees, Jocelyn Blake-Browne, notes that the Zero Hunger Trust Fund represents ten years of national resolve, building resilient communities, aiding vulnerable children and communities, and reforming dietary health.

Meanwhile, Principal of the Calliaqua Anglican School, Roslyn Marshall, congratulates the Zero Hunger Trust Fund for its support in shaping the nation's children. Marshall adds, "The Zero Hunger Trust Fund is a strong and active stakeholder" of the Calliaqua Anglican School. She zeroed in on the School Feeding Programme, which says eases the financial burden for parents and ensures that students are fed healthy meals.

Similarly, Principal of the Fair Hall Government School, Angella Kydd-Roberts, discloses that the Zero Hunger Trust Fund sponsorship has yielded good results with a boost in student grades, attendance, and self-confidence.

Minister of Tourism, Civil Aviation and Sustainable Development, Hon. Dr. Kishore Shallow, states that the Zero Hunger Trust Fund is a testimony of what can be achieved when governments, communities, and stakeholders collaborate. He commends the ZHTF for ten years of positively impacting the lives of Vincentians, striving to end hunger, promote access to safe, nutritious food, and promote sustainable development. He sends a call to donors, volunteers, and partners to continue to support the ZHTF.

Director and Chief Executive Officer of the Zero Hunger Trust Fund, Safiya Horne-Bique, while reflecting on the organisation's journey and its growing national importance, stated that "The Zero Hunger Trust Fund was established with a clear and urgent mission to ensure that no Vincentian is left behind in their ability to access safe, nutritious food. Ten years later, we are proud of the meaningful difference we have made in the lives of individuals, families, and communities across the nation. What began as a targeted intervention has grown into a trusted national institution and a catalyst for long-term resilience."

Noting that the anniversary represents both a moment of reflection and renewed commitment, she expressed gratitude to "our partners, stakeholders, and the Vincentian public whose support has made this work possible." Horne-Bique says the Zero Hunger Trust Fund remains "committed to building stronger systems, fostering more partnerships, and advancing innovative solutions to ensure lasting food and nutrition security for our country."

As part of its anniversary celebrations, the ZHTF will introduce a proposal to recognise April 6 as Zero Hunger Day, creating an annual national observance to raise awareness and inspire collective action. Other activities include: National Essay and Art Competition (April 1st launch); Volunteerism and 'Giving Back' week (April 5-11); National Thanksgiving and Reflection Service (April 26); and the Zero Hunger Gala and Awards (April 30).

The anniversary celebrations, scheduled throughout April, are being observed under the theme: '10 Years of Impact; Visioning for the Next Decade'.

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