**Business continuity and resilience**

**Name of Initiative:** Strengthening the National Innovation System

**Duration:** 2021 to 2024

**Current participating Countries:** Barbados

**Objective:** To encourage local innovation through the development of a supportive policy environment, inclusive of monitoring and evaluation mechanisms.

**Activities:** Trainings and workshops, situation analysis, stakeholder interviews, knowledge exchange, research, STI policy development and measurement, development of research and innovation measurement instruments.

**Cost and Funding:** USD $100,000 seed funding Grant from the OAS Development Cooperation Fund (DCF) secured.

**Expected Results**

- A Science, Technology, and Innovation (STI) Policy is available for Barbados to strengthen the local STI system.
- At least 5-10 persons with capacities developed in research and development indicator survey design and implementation.
- Instruments to measure research and innovation created and institutionalized.

**Beneficiaries:**

- Youth population of Barbados
- Ministry of Innovation Science and Smart Technology

35 people directly trained

**Request from Partners:**

- Additional funding
- Development and implementation of a Science, Technology, and Innovation, (STI) Policy
- Development of a Research Measurement Instrument
- Development of an Innovation Measurement Instrument

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