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**PRESS STATEMENT ON THE OCCASION OF INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY 2026**

**(Roseau, Dominica. March 6, 2026)**-The Ministry of Health, Wellness and Social Services joins the international community in commemorating International Women's Day 2026 under our national campaign **"Our Giving, Our Progress: Collective Action for Balanced Progress."** This theme aligns with the international campaign **"Give to Gain"** and the United Nations Women's theme **"Rights. Justice. Action. For ALL Women and Girls."**

2026 marks an important year in our national push for gender equality, highlighting the importance of collective responsibility in advancing the rights and opportunities of women and girls. It reminds us that meaningful progress requires the contributions of individuals, communities, organisations, and institutions working together. International Women's Day therefore provides an important opportunity to celebrate the achievements of women, recognise their contributions to national development, and renew our commitment to building a more inclusive and equitable society.

In observance of the day, the Ministry encourages reflection and action through the following objectives:

- Recognising the significant contributions of women to families, communities and national development
- Encouraging stronger collaboration among government, civil society and community groups to advance gender-responsive initiatives

The Ministry wishes to thank the many non-governmental organisations, community groups, businesses and individuals who continue to organise activities, honour women, and contribute to advancing gender equality across the country. Their efforts reflect the spirit of this year's theme, that progress is achieved when we all play a role.

As part of the week of activities, the Ministry will host a **"Brunch & Dialogue: Mobilising Resources for Gender-Responsive Community Development"**. This event will bring together community leaders and development partners to explore opportunities for financing gender-responsive initiatives at the community level.

The public is also encouraged to wear purple from March 8–9 as a symbol of solidarity and commitment to gender equality.

Achieving gender equality requires a whole-of-society approach, and the Ministry invites all citizens to play their part in advancing balanced progress for all.



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