



*“I came to the Coady Institute to gain a deeper technical understanding of development and how to increase the impact of the work of my organization and our partners. Being at the Coady will allow me to better support my organization and my community.”*

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*Executive Director*

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My work is centered on mobilizing resources for community driven programs and to help communities realize their goals. I work with a team to design programs that reflect the needs of the communities we serve and to mitigate the impact of the lack of teachers, health and other social facilities. I work with community leaders giving them the relevant training and support for effective community management, and provide leadership to evaluation and health programmes that reach remote locations across the country.

Youth Challenge Guyana (YCG) promotes youth and community development. We create opportunities for youth to address the issues they face and to gain the skills they need to effect positive social change. Youth Challenge Guyana has been working together with communities to develop projects that encourage and foster local ownership over the development process in more than 20 remote indigenous communities across Guyana and series of coastal areas. Through YCG's health projects, HIV prevention and testing is able to reach populations where these services are otherwise inaccessible. Through our education programs, volunteers support schools located in the most remote parts of the country, and through our leadership programs community leaders are more empowered to effectively manage the affairs of their community.

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