



“The mind is like an umbrella. If it is close you will not receive. To develop new skills, professionalism, new ideas and strategies, to become more innovative, and to gain new experiences which will enhance my organizations output.”

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My work involves planning, developing and implementing programs and activities for community development in the North Zone and surrounding areas of Antigua and Barbuda. I also promote the mobilization of various community groups. My work has had a substantial impact on these communities. I have assisted in the reduction of crime, encouraged residents to develop a sense of civic pride, and educate the residents about the importance of safety and security for the common good.

The main goal of my organization (Community Development Division) is to empower community members and to enable them to access and utilize their resources. We help community members identify and harness their potential so that they can plan and manage their own development in a sustainable and inclusive manner.

The Community Development Division has developed a strong community spirit through the creation and implementation of projects and programs which aid in developing civic pride. Such changes allow the communities to come together and focus on issues of poverty reduction.

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