



PROJECT LOCATION:
ST. KITTS & NEVIS

PROJECT START DATE:
JUNE 23, 2014

PROJECT END DATE:
DECEMBER 22, 2016

GRANT FUNDS APPROVED:
US \$290,000

ENVELOPE:
DIRECT FIRM SUPPORT

TOTAL PROJECT COST
US \$597,625

ECO-FRIENDLY HANDBAGS

PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

THE PROJECT:

The Reach Hamilton Estate Community Group (RHCG) began operating in 2008, championing numerous environmental as well as youth rehabilitative efforts in Nevis and St. Kitts. The firm produces handbags in order to enhance its efforts to provide opportunities for at-risk youth. These handbags offer an innovative solution to development problems by making creative use of the Hamilton community's natural resources and recyclables. The output is a valuable product on the open market, and profits from its commercialization will be used to assist at-risk youth and promote community development. There are a handful of individuals producing bags for sale to tourists in St. Kitts and Nevis; however, there are no bags of a comparable quality that share a similar production process.

OBJECTIVE:

To support RHCG to scale up production and market unique hand crafted products to finance its youth development programs.

HOW DONOR FUNDS ARE BEING USED:

- Improved skills in the making of eco-friendly handbags via training of the RHCG project team and wider community in St. Kitts & Nevis, particularly youth;
- Scaling up the production of eco-friendly handbags that will lead to increases in employment and exports.

ACHIEVEMENTS THUS FAR:

- Manufacturing facility fully equipped to a higher functioning capacity;
- All equipment installed and operational;
- Financial Controls implemented

OTHER LINKAGE PARTNERS:

Caribbean Export



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