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# SOCIAL PROTECTION ACT 2020

A SOLUTION FOR  
SUSTAINABLE  
DEVELOPMENT



## **SOCIAL PROTECTION IS AN INVESTMENT IN THE RESIDENTS OF ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA**

Social Protection is an investment, rather than a handout that empowers families and communities by enhancing their income and skills enabling them to be self-sufficient.

Different institutions have come together to develop a fair and transparent system.

### **WHAT IS SOCIAL PROTECTION?**

Social Protection is an investment in individuals and families that helps them to survive and thrive with vulnerabilities throughout their life cycle and thus reduces vulnerability and social exclusion.



# SOCIAL PROTECTION PROGRAMMES AND POLICIES HAVE AN ALL-ROUND INCLUSIVITY APPROACH

Social Protection concerns everybody. Anyone can become vulnerable at any stage of life because of a personal, country or global shock and may find themselves in need of help.



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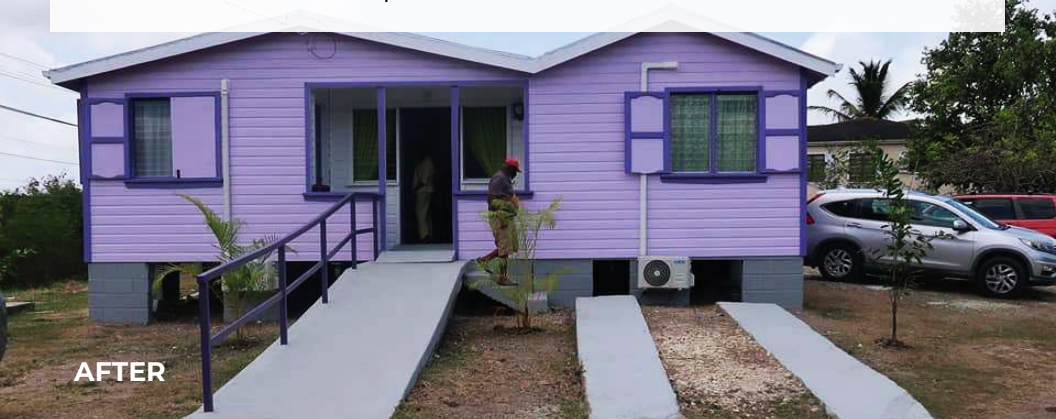
## **SOCIAL PROTECTION INCLUDES A WIDE RANGE OF TOOLS TO SUPPORT OUR PEOPLE**

Social Protection can be 'contributory' – where people pay, for instance, health insurance every month.

It can be 'non-contributory' – where people don't pay into a pot as they normally can't afford to do so.

Social protection can include regular monthly cash payments.

It also provides free access to education and healthcare, makes essential items like food cheaper and offers a range of other interventions that help build the nation.



**AFTER**

# AIMS OF SOCIAL PROTECTION



## A SOCIAL NECESSITY

To build a resilient community and break the poverty cycle.



## A HUMAN RIGHT

To ensure that we all have the resources to cope with setbacks.



## AN ECONOMIC ENABLER

To empower people to be more productive and help them rely on themselves to meet their basic needs.



# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## WHAT IS THE SOCIAL PROTECTION PROGRAMME?

It offers support to those who need it throughout their lives. For some, this means a monthly cash payment.

## SERVICES OFFERED UNDER THE NEW SOCIAL PROTECTION ACT INCLUDE (BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO)



Household Support Stipend



Food Assistance and Voucher programmes



Help for the homeless



Home Advancement Programme for the Poor and Indigent (HAPPI)



Funeral Grants



Fire Victims Grant



Paratransit Services



Over 80 years old Utility Subsidy

## **HOW DO I KNOW IF I QUALIFY?**

More information on the specific eligibility criteria for each programme will be made available at a later date.

## **I AM A SINGLE MOTHER WHO WORKS, CAN I STILL GET ASSISTANCE?**

Each case is assessed against eligibility criteria and will be determined by your family situation.

## **I AM A PERSON LIVING WITH A DISABILITY, CAN I STILL GET ASSISTANCE?**

Each case is assessed against eligibility criteria and will be determined by your family situation.

## **IF MY APPLICATION IS DENIED WHAT CAN I DO?**

There will be an opportunity to appeal.

## **HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE TO GET ON THE PROGRAMME?**

The Social Protection Board meets twice monthly and applications are reviewed and processed for approval during those times.

## **WILL THE CLIENTS' PRIVATE INFORMATION REMAIN CONFIDENTIAL?**

Yes, the clients' private information will be kept in the strictest confidence.





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