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PLAYGROUND FACILITY MARKS A MILESTONE IN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Thursday, 4 April – Six months since its official handover, the Anegada Children's Playground continues to benefit children of all ages on the island.

The completed playground is the combined power of a shared vision, and public-private partnerships, as funding was provided by Unite BVI and the Government of the Virgin Islands. Designed to promote physical activity and foster social interaction, the facility represents a hub for families and children to gather, play, and thrive.

Key features of the playground include the installation of artificial turf and playground equipment and the construction of a white picket fence, which provides a safe and inclusive space for children of diverse abilities to explore and enjoy.

The completion of the Anegada Children's Playground is one of four activities to rehabilitate the Anegada Recreational Facility. Other completed activities are the Rubberised Resurfacing of the Basketball Court with demarcations, the Exterior Perimeter Fencing with a chain link fence and pedestrian gates, and the installation of Exterior Lighting.

The Recovery and Development Agency is now conducting a Value for Money (VfM) Assessment on the Recreational Facility to evaluate the economy, efficiency, effectiveness and equity of this project intervention. The RDA conducts VfM assessments for all completed projects towards continuous improvement in delivery of projects.

This is the third recreational facility that the RDA has rehabilitated. Directly following the passage of Hurricanes Irma and Maria, the RDA partnered with the BVI Olympic Committee and the BVI Athletics Association to install the rubberised track and thereafter, stands and bathroom facilities at the A. O. Shirley Recreational Ground and in May 2022, the RDA completed the rehabilitation of the Anthonie Jeffrey Caines Sports Arena in Virgin Gorda.

Director of Programme Strategy at the RDA, Kinisha Forbes said, "The successful completion of these projects underscores the RDA's dedication to community development, sustainability, and quality of life enhancement".

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Ms. Forbes added, “Through planning, design, and execution, we have transformed a vision into reality, leaving a lasting legacy for generations to come.”

Ms. Forbes continued, “We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all partners, stakeholders, and volunteers who contributed to this endeavour. Together, we have created spaces which will serve our community for years to come.”

The RDA is a statutory body dedicated to realising the vision of the Recovery to Development Plan in support of infrastructure projects, fundraising and capacity building to the Government of the Virgin Islands.

With a commitment to accountability, integrity, value for money and good governance, the RDA strives to Build BVI Stronger, Smarter, Greener and Better. Learn more about our initiatives at BVIRecovery.VG.

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ABOUT US

The Government of the Virgin Islands created the Virgin Islands Recovery and Development Agency (RDA) with the passage of the Virgin Islands Recovery and Development Agency Act (Act No. 1 2018).

The Act was passed by the House of Assembly, and gazetted on 16th April, 2018. The RDA is the implementing agency of the Government of the Virgin Islands and works closely with Government ministries to fulfil their priorities as laid out in the Virgin Islands Recovery and Development Plan.