



Seprod Foundation Celebrates RISE Life Management's 30 Years of Service to Jamaica

The Seprod Foundation is commending RISE Life Management for its 30 years of selfless contribution to Jamaica's social development. For 7 years, the Seprod Foundation has worked closely with RISE to provide financial support for the invaluable work the organisation has done in communities all across Jamaica.

Originally founded in 1989 as Addiction Alert to offer the island's first outpatient treatment centre for addictive disorders, RISE Life Management has since grown to become one of the most recognisable civil society organisations (CSO) in Jamaica.

RISE delivers community-based interventions in inner-city communities with an emphasis on life management skills, employability and entrepreneurial training, human rights, HIV/AIDS prevention, sexual abuse prevention, and governance and capacity building for civil society organizations island-wide. The organisation also offers Employee Assistance Programmes, support for state wards in juvenile detention centres, sexual abuse prevention programmes for youth, as well as youth leadership training. Their programmes have cumulatively impacted over 160,000 adults and youths.

The fruitful collaboration between the Seprod Foundation and RISE began in 2013 and has since expanded from a \$250,000 annual support package to \$1 million annual commitment, and one of the Foundation's most important civil society partnerships. Funds provided by the Foundation helps to cover the applicant's contribution, enabling various project specific grant funding opportunities, and assists in offsetting operational expenses.

Seprod Foundation Chairperson Melanie Subratie reflected on the relationship noting, "30 years is an incredible milestone for any organisation but even more so for one like RISE that provides such important and needed services to Jamaica. When the Foundation first partnered with RISE it was because of how much we admired their dedication to nation-building, and how complimentary their mission was to that of the Foundation. So far it has been an incredible journey and I look forward to many more years of close collaboration".

The benefits of the partnership were also extolled by RISE Executive Director Sonita Morin Abrahams who stated, "the Seprod Foundation has been an important source of support for our initiatives for several years and we appreciate the commitment they have made to help us achieve our mission. In our field of work, it is important to have partners like Seprod Foundation who have remained consistent over the years and who can be counted on to provide help when it is needed".

About the Seprod Foundation

The Seprod Foundation contributes to the development of Jamaica's youth by funding and organising Early Childhood Intervention initiatives, Tech-based training, fostering entrepreneurship skills, and strengthening communities through scholarships and grants.