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PRESS RELEASE

To: The Media   **From:** Chief Statistician - Lori-Rae Alleyne-Franklin

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Re: Press Release – Government of Anguilla Announces EU funded Anguilla Labour Market Survey (ALMS)

The Government of Anguilla announces a new initiative to improve its capacity to undertake the process of skills needs anticipation and matching.

Education, Skills and Training are important components required to assist in preparing the labour force of any country. In an attempt to strengthen the institutionalisation and development of medium and long-term national planning frameworks many component pieces of data are required. A vital component of these areas is reliable indicators necessary to undertake effective economic and social planning.

The Ministry of Education (MOE) is one entity that is significantly impacted by the absence of the labour force and market indicators. With the new thrust and emphasis on Technical Vocational Education and Training (TVET), to meet labour market demands and support economic development, the MOE should be able to make informed decisions regarding the skills offered by the Education sector. There is a critical need to undertake a process of skills needs anticipation and matching to address the Anguillan context and address the skills mismatch between labour supply and demand, and a general disconnect between the Education sector and industry through the calculation and use of indicators and indices derived from the Labour Force and Market Survey.

With financial support from the European Union (EU), the Government of Anguilla, Anguilla Statistics Department (ASD) will conduct the first Anguilla Labour Market Survey (ALMS), which will support the Ministry of Education through the Education Planning Unit (EPU) in forecasting and matching skills need and jobs. The survey will help address potential gaps between skill supply and demand and enables skills providers, young people, policymakers, employers, and workers to make better educational and training choices. With the intention of increasing Anguilla's capacities in economic planning, reduce unemployment rates, support businesses to access qualified labour force and to strengthen its financial resilience.

Quality, trusted labour market statistics will strengthen Anguilla's capacity to analyse the skills and training needs required in the private sector and make informed decisions in budgetary and investment planning.

The Government Ministries and Departments, and valued private sector will also have at their disposal labour market information to improve the work in their respective areas.

The consultancy is being funded by the European Union and executed by Equinoccio/Ramboll.

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