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International Day of Families 2023

May 15 is recognized by the United Nations as International Day of Families. Upon the recommendation of the Economic and Social Council, the Commission for Social Development in 1983, in its resolution on the Role of the family, in the development process requested the Secretary-General to enhance awareness among decision makers and the public of the problems and needs of the family, as well as effective ways of meeting those needs.

Irrespective to the type of family; nuclear, extended, blended or extended the role of a family is important, as it provides emotional and psychological security, warmth, food, shelter, clothing and physical security to its members. In addition families may serve to promote order, structure and stability within the society as a whole.

The Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) do not specifically speak to families but the role of families and its contribution to meeting the SDGs, as the family is regarded as the natural and elementary social unit of all societies, gives it prominence with respect to its role in meeting these goals. The following SDGs to mention a few highlight the importance of families:

- **SDG 1 – End poverty in all its forms everywhere**
- **SDG 3 – Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages**
- **SDG 4 – Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all**
- **SDG 5 – Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls**
- **SDG 8 – Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth , full and productive employment , and decent work for all**
- **SDG 16 - Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels**

Source: [Families and SDGs Synthesis Report.pdf \(unicef-irc.org\)](#)

This year the Anguilla Statistics Department (ASD) joins with the world in celebrating this day and highlights some aspects of family data collected by the ASD in the Anguilla Population and Housing Census 2011 publication – The Fabric of Our Households, 2015 - [Anguilla Statistics Department | Publications \(gov.ai\)](#) and highlights some aspects of marriage data collected by the office from custodial agency the Judicial Department.

Such data in its collated form can also be found at the Anguilla Statistics Department's website: <http://statistics.gov.ai/StatisticsDept/Statistics> and on our Facebook page – Anguilla Statistics Department.

We look forward to providing you with courteous and professional service, as we endeavor to provide "*Sound Statistics for Sustainable Development*".

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