

## Anguilla Statistics Department Ministry of Sustainability, Innovation and the Environment Government of Anguilla, The Valley

## PRESS RELEASE

## OECS Regional Workshop on Multidimensional Poverty Measurement and Policy Uses of the Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI)

Anguilla participated in the recently concluded 5-day Regional Workshop on Multidimensional Poverty Measurement and Policy Uses of the Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI), held at the Royalton Resort in St. George's Grenada held from December 2<sup>nd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024. The workshop was sponsored by the Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS) and the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB).

The purpose of the regional workshop was to enhance the capacity of policymakers, planners and statisticians from OECS and CDB member countries in the Caribbean to use the Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI) as a tool for policy development and poverty reduction which was presented by the Oxford Poverty and Human Development Initiative (OPHI).

The workshop provided participants with a conceptual and technical understanding of multi-dimensional poverty measurement, with a focus on the Alkire-Foster (AF) method; Practical skills in using MPI for evidence-based policymaking and a platform for knowledge sharing and collaboration among policymakers and practitioners in the region such as stakeholder mapping and engagement.

Anguilla was represented by the Chief Statistician and Senior Statistical Officer of the Anguilla Statistics Department (ASD), Mrs. Lori-Rae Alleyne-Franklin and Mrs. Natalie Lake respectively. Other countries represented by their statisticians and social development officers at the workshop were Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados, Belize, BVI, Grenada, Jamaica, Montserrat, Saint Kitts, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname and Turks & Caicos. There was also representation from the CDB and the OECS.

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