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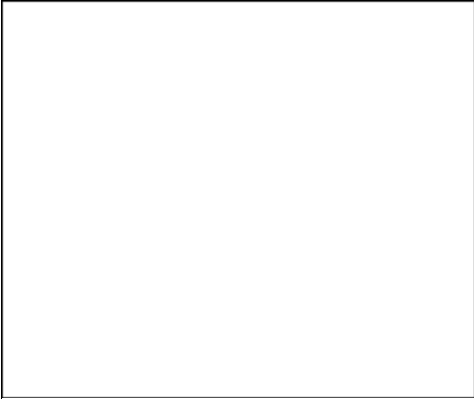



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BANGO endorses move to certify organic farmers

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Consumers will be the main ones benefiting from the recently announced move to ensure that organic farmers have some level of certification in organic food production.

Roosevelt King, Secretary General of the Barbados Association of Non-Governmental Organisations (BANGO), has noted that BANGO is pleased to adopt such a project, as meaningful to Barbados as this one is.

King, who was present at the recent launch of the "Organic Certification for Organic Farmers in Barbados" project which is being funded by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and implemented by the Organic Growers and Consumers Association (OGCA), stressed that consumers will now be able to guarantee that they are indeed eating nutritious foods, free of pesticides.

"Organic certification will give consumers more confidence in what they eat, by certifying a standard of food production that is chemical free and wholesome. It gives consumers also the option of not having to eat chemically treated foods," King remarked.

"BANGO has long been concerned with rights based development. In this case, it is the matter of a right to eat foods that are nutritious and wholesome. If we do not exercise this right, the survival of the human race is slim and our quest to enjoy a quality of life, will be lost," he added.

Suggesting that the country is already feeling the negative effects of consuming unhealthy foods given the rise in chronic non-communicable diseases, King suggested that the organic certification project could assist in getting persons back on track, where healthy eating is concerned.


"We know the effects of not eating nutritiously. Those who find themselves with non-communicable diseases have had to change their eating habits and eat more vegetables and more wholesome foods in order to stay alive, and also to avoid medical treatments and procedures that could be quite costly and painful," King maintained.

From the point of view of the economy he said, popularising this project also has the potential to help reduce the country's dependency on the importation of foods and the importation of medications, to treat the diseases that these foods cause. (RSM)

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