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### **NHI TEAM TALKS ELIGIBILITY TO YOUTH AT JOB FAIR**

Explained how to change eligibility and maintain coverage while between jobs

**Road Town, Tortola, June 21, 2018**— A team from the National Health Insurance of the Virgin Islands (NHI) spoke with several youth at the 2018 Job Fair about NHI eligibility and insurance coverage.

Approximately 75 youths attended yesterday's job fair which was hosted and organized by the H. Lavity Stoutt Community College and the Youth Employment Services (Y.E.S.) Programme of the Ministry of Education and Culture.

Compliance Officer Mr. Sheldon John and Public Relations Specialist Ms. April Glasgow shared various tips with some youth who are prospective graduates, those who are in-between jobs and budding entrepreneurs about how to change their eligibility.

Mr. John said, "It was a pleasure to represent National Health Insurance, and more importantly, to show the youth that NHI wants to reach them and share the information they need."

The compliance officer explained, "Eligibility simply refers to their status. Anyone who is making career moves would have to let NHI know so that we can have our system reflect those changes."

He continued, "For example, if a student graduates, but is not employed as yet, they would have to change their eligibility to voluntary and begin to make the necessary contributions."

Mr. John said that the process is quick and easy. Persons would have to fill out a 'Change Form' or 'Form O' (<http://vinhi.vg/wp-content/nhi/Forms/FORM-O-Notification-of-Change2.pdf>) and submit same to NHI. In the case of persons who are changing jobs, they would have to have their new employer sign the form.

A team from the BVI Social Security Board comprising Deputy Director Mrs. Jeanette Scatliffe-Boynes and Personal Assistant Ms. Seanelle Jones presented alongside the NHI. Team SSB spoke to youth about registering and the importance of checking in on their contributions.

For more information, beneficiaries can contact the NHI office via telephone (284) 852-7860/ 7875 or email [info@vinhi.vg](mailto:info@vinhi.vg) or [aglasgow@vinhi.vg](mailto:aglasgow@vinhi.vg).

The National Health Insurance (NHI) of the Virgin Islands is designed to provide all legal residents of the Virgin Islands with affordable access to the health services they need.

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**Notes to Editor(s): Photograph is attached.**

Minister for Education and Culture Honourable Myron Walwyn speaks at the Opening Ceremony for the 2018 Job Fair hosted and organized by the H. Lavity Stoutt Community College and the Youth Employment Services (Y.E.S.) Programme on Wednesday, June 20, 2018. (Photo credit: April Glasgow)