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### **NHI-GRENADA TEAM IN BVI ON DATA GATHERING MISSION**

The team is meeting with insurance and healthcare stakeholders in BVI this week

**Road Town, Tortola, February 11, 2019** – This week, the BVI’s National Health Insurance System (NHI) is participating in a data gathering mission by the National Health Insurance Secretariat (NHIS) in Grenada.

As such, a two-member delegation led by Claudette James, Project Head of the NHIS and Jenifer James, Researcher is in BVI as part of ongoing efforts towards the full implementation of National Health Insurance in Grenada.

This morning the team met with Deputy Director of the Social Security Board with responsibility for NHI, Mr. Roy Barry, who said, “While BVI’s NHI is still young, having only been established for three years now, we have success stories and considerations for improvement that we are happy to share. With that in mind, we are pleased to facilitate the Grenada team and assist them with a successful implementation.”

Mr. Barry opined that networking and information sharing is key in ensuring successful implementation.

He continued, “A few months ago, we hosted a team from St. Kitts and Nevis with a similar purpose. This shows that our Caribbean partners are taking the health of their people seriously, and that universal healthcare is becoming the new normal in the Region.”

The BVI’s National Health Insurance system is built on the principle of universal healthcare, which is designed to provide all legal residents in the Virgin Islands, affordable access to healthcare.

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

Deputy Director of the Social Security Board with responsibility for NHI, Mr. Roy Barry meets with Ms. Claudette James, Project Head of the NHIS and Ms. Jenifer James,

Researcher in Mr. Barry's office on Monday, February 11, 2019. **(Photo credit: April Glasgow)**