

Cooperative Republic of Guyana

# **OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER**

## Industry and Innovation Unit

### Girls in ICT Programme 2023

The capacity development programme under the **Girls in ICT** initiative of the Office of the Prime Minister is intended to be innovative and ICT-based. Under the initiative, three activities are envisaged for the Year 2023:

### One-day Training – April 21st, 2023

- Duration: 3-4 hours
- **Target audience: 15-20** "at risk" girls from secondary schools between the ages of 12 and 16. This is done in collaboration with the Ministry of Human Services and Social Protection.
- Objectives:
  - To promote gender equality and inclusion in ICT for national development
  - To build exposure to the relevance of technology in the job market
  - To showcase females within the technology industry
  - To provide training content within the field of problem-solving, algorithms and programming
- Modality: In-person
- Content:
  - Algorithms
  - Unplugged Problem-solving
  - Block-based programming with scratch

#### Guyanese Girls Code Remote Training – July to August 2023

- **Duration**: 10 weeks
- Target Audience: 100-150 girls between ages 12-16 from all regions of Guyana
- Objectives:
  - Build capacity among youths, particularly girls between the ages of 12 to 16, on the creation of small-scale software applications, programs and tools in a way

that encourages the exploration of ICTs and awareness building of the application of technology in various domains

- Stimulate active learning process among students with mentoring in ICT competence.
- Develop skills that integrate hardware and software structures to widen the scope of digital literacy and technology use among youths.
- To integrate the needs of the workplace and higher education with that of the training content, to better prepare the trainees for developing opportunities.
- Facilitate the development of mentorship relationships between trainers and trainees to boost academic and career prospects for youths.
- Modality: Online
- Content:
  - Understanding of Females' Role in Computing Today
  - Awareness building of Remote/Distance Learning Methodologies
  - Problem-Solving and Design Thinking
  - Robotic Applications with VexCode VR
  - Programming with Scratch
  - Group-based/collaborative work

#### Guyanese Girls Code In-Person Training - July to December 2023.

- **Duration**: 1 week per region
- **Target audience**: 15-20 girls each from regions 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9 and 10
- Objectives:
  - Deliver specialized training content in line with emerging technologies and styles of programming in contemporary society.
  - Develop skills that integrate hardware and software structures to widen the scope of digital literacy and technology use among youths and young adults.
  - Build capacity among youths, particularly girls between the ages of 12 to 16, on the creation of small-scale software applications, programs and tools in a way that encourages the exploration of ICTs and awareness building of the application of technology in various domains.
  - Facilitate the development of mentorship relationships between trainers and trainees to boost academic and career prospects for youths.
- Modality: In-person
- Content:
  - Algorithms and problem-solving
  - Programming with Scratch
  - Miro:bit technology
  - Mini-projects and Assessments