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## TAIWAN CAN HELP - DONATION OF SUPPORTING DIABETES TEST SERVICE TO IMPROVE DIABETES PREVENTION AND CONTROL IN ST. VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES

The Republic of China (Taiwan) on Monday, November16<sup>th</sup>, 2020 handed over a cheque in the amount of two hundred and twelve thousand US dollars (US\$ 212,000) to the Ministry of Health, Wellness and the Environment, as part of the Capacity Building Project for the Prevention and Control of Diabetes in SVG.

The funds will be used to purchase HbA1c and lipid testing supplies for the Cobas b analysers located at Chateaubelair Health Centre, Buccament Polyclinic, Levi Latham Polyclinic, Stubbs polyclinic and Port Elizabeth Health Centre.

This will increase the Ministry's capacity to provide testing services for HbA1c and lipids within 15 minutes at five health facilities. This will make it more convenient for clients who need these tests results to monitor their cardiovascular risk, to diagnose pre-diabetes and to control their diabetes.

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