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PRESS RELEASE:

Newmont Suriname collaborates with Ministry of Health on COVID-19 Resilience and Recovery in Suriname

Paramaribo, October 2022 — This week, Newmont Suriname held the kick-off meeting to declare the official start of the public-private partnership with the Ministry of Health on resilience and recovery for strengthening Covid-19 and Non-Communicable Disease (NCD) integration in Suriname. This project is a collaboration with the Ministry of Health and Newmont Suriname, executed by Crown Agents. Crown Agents has decennia of experience in supporting countries, including their communities, through designing and implementing practical solutions to improve the quality of healthcare workers and people living with non-communicable diseases (NCD); this also included their vital support to countries during the pandemic.

For the company, the response to the pandemic has been grounded by our values to assist host countries and communities, protect people, and support with recovering from the impacts of the pandemic. Newmont believes that through this partnership, the company can continue to create value in Suriname and the areas where we operate.

Newmont realizes that in Suriname, after almost two years, there is a lot of COVID-19 fatigue in the country and therefore, supports the approach of the Ministry of Health to include COVID-19 into their broader healthy lifestyle agenda and routine health delivery systems. Crown Agent's experience in integrating COVID-19 efforts with broader health systems will help to achieve this goal. Before this execution phase Newmont, the Ministry of Health, and Crown Agent completed a successful assessment phase last year to identify gaps and how to best operationalize the project. For the operational phase, four key areas have been identified: improving the integration of COVID-19 into routine facility-based services, strengthening behavior change communication (BCC), co-coordination and messaging around COVID-19, addressing Covid-19 vaccine hesitancy in healthcare workers, and improving cold chain management and storage capability.

Newmont Suriname's Senior Director for External Relations, Shirley Sowma- Sumter, mentioned, "Newmont will continue to partner with local governments, medical institutions, charities, and non-governmental institutions to ensure that its financial support will have the most positive impact and reach those who need it most. For the company, its purpose remains a priority which is to create value and improve lives through sustainable and responsible mining.

To date, Newmont has contributed through the COVID-19 fund donations $ of 3,251,293, and this includes the project with Crown Agents and the Ministry of Health, medical equipment, and personal protective equipment to health authorities and medical facilities in Paramaribo and the surrounding communities. This fund is part of a global initiative announced by Newmont in April 2020 to assist host countries and communities to protect people and recover from the impacts of the pandemic.

Newmont looks forward to successfully implementing the operational phase and will continue working closely with the Ministry of Health, Crown Agent, and all relevant stakeholders to promote positive and sustainable health behaviors and serve as a catalyst for long-term resiliency.

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