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EU Providing St. Vincent & the Grenadines with EC\$18.5M for Health Sector Upgrade

The European Union is providing St. Vincent and the Grenadines with EC\$18.5 million (EURO 5.4 million) for various upgrades within the health sector. As a result on 22 July Head of the European Union Delegation to Barbados and the Eastern Caribbean Ambassador Mikael Barfod and Prime Minister of St. Vincent and the Grenadines Honourable Ralph Gonsalves signed works contracts.

The financing will contribute to the alteration and upgrade of the Milton Cato Memorial Hospital and the Mental Health centre, the construction of a staff hostel on Union Island, as well as doctors' quarters in Canouan, Sandy Bay and Chateaubelair. Two new fully equipped polyclinics will also be constructed at Buccament and Mesopotamia; each polyclinic will be provided with ambulances. The neonatal intensive care unit at the Milton Cato Memorial Hospital will be provided with modern equipment and staff will receive specialised training to ensure care for high-risk newborns.