

Woman Leads in Saint Lucia National Fisherfolk Organisation (NFO)

After suffering the loss of her husband, Dannie fought to provide for six of her children all on her own and then "adopted" over 40 children from the surrounding areas who in some way or another needed either a Mother's touch or just a safe place to rest their head. Dannie has continued to open her household to any and all young persons who need help.

She worked alongside her husband but when he died unexpectedly she was left with no partner and six young children to tend to. From there she realized quickly that the opportunities were sparse particularly for a Rastafarian woman and she would have to find a way to support herself and her children.

Always believing in being her own boss, Danni decided to start farming and noticing their mother's situation her older children chipped in. From farming, she purchased a boat and started selling fish with her second son, in that way her family of seven was able to gain income from both farming and fishing.

Guided by the principles of the Most High, Danni is an illustration that "the greatness of a person is not in how much wealth he acquires, but in their integrity and ability to affect those around him positively."

One of Dannie's objective as the leader of the fishing communities is to encourage women to get more involved in fishing as a career. For her fishing is very diverse and interesting. Also, her greatest wish is that the government would acknowledge fisherfolks meaningful contribution to the economy and would endeavour to help form markets for the sale of fish and other seafood products. Dannie asserts that the fishing industry does not need priivitizatin to foreign entities who do not have fishers interest at heart.



I want more women
to get involved in
the fishing industry.

I am 43 years old Dannie James, President of Goodwill Fishermen's Cooperative and newly elected President of Saint Lucia Fisherfolk Coperative Society Ltd. I have been a fisherfolk for twenty (20) years and it is my only means of livelihood. It is a career I enjoy since it gives me the privilege of being my own boss.

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