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At Clinton Global Initiative Network Event In PR, My Brother's Workshop Trainee Discusses Challenges Of VI Youth

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ST. THOMAS -- My Brother's Workshop Senior Trainee and Charlotte Amalie High School Senior Adajah Benjamin joined Disaster Risk Management Specialist for IsraAID, Sawana Fabien, and Food Security Activist Carolyn Miles for a panel discussion titled "Supporting Tomorrow's Leaders: Creating Opportunities for Youth" at the Clinton Global Initiative Network event in Puerto Rico on Wednesday. The event was moderated by former First Lady and Secretary of State under President Obama, Hillary Rodham Clinton.

According to a release issued Friday, Mrs. Clinton and panel members addressed a crowd of over 600 guests gathered from around the world to discuss disaster recovery programs with a heavy emphasis on youth and female empowerment.

Upon exiting the stage, Adajah was approached by a number of people who were part of the audience, who requested that she address the youth in their communities with her story as a means to encourage and empower other young women and men to take action, according to the release.

Panelist members who took to the stage as the day progressed consisted of leaders in a number of fields, the release said. Among them were Puerto Rico Mayor Carmen Cruz, USVI Governor Albert Bryan, Barbados Prime Minister Mia Mottley, and former President Bill Clinton.

Below is a video of the panel discussion:

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