



**REMARKS BY**  
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**FOOD HAMPER DISTRIBUTION  
CEREMONY- KIND**

**KIND'S HEAD OFFICE  
#9 EASTERN MAIN ROAD  
LAVENTTILLE**

**WENDESDAY DECEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup>, 2023**

**12 NOON**

## **SALUTATIONS:**

- His Excellency Fang Qiu - Chinese Ambassador to Trinidad & Tobago;
- Ms. Karina Jardine-Scott - Chairperson of Kids in Need of Direction (KIND);
- Representatives of the Peoples Republic of China;
- Representatives of Kids in Need of Direction (KIND);
- Beneficiaries;
- Specially Invited Guests;
- Members of the Media;
- Ladies and Gentlemen

Good Morning,

Seasons Greetings!

It is with great pleasure and gratitude that I address each of you at this food voucher distribution to vulnerable individuals and families. I once again commend His Excellency Fang Qiu, the Chinese Ambassador to Trinidad and Tobago for this initiative.

This food voucher distribution is aimed at contributing to the nutritional needs of the recipients especially during this time of year, where families gather to share a meal.

Today, it is indeed heartening to witness the collective strength of various entities coming together to support one another.

I also applaud the Chairperson and other representatives

of Kids in Need of Direction (KIND) for their commitment to providing assistance to disadvantaged children and their families across Trinidad and Tobago over the past twenty-five (25) years and for identifying the individuals and families that will be receiving the food vouchers today. KIND's mission to "Empowering Children, Transforming Lives" supports the mission of the Ministry of Social Development and Family Services and hence was deemed worthy to receive support.

I am very happy to have recommended this organization to the Embassy of the People's Republic of China as a worthy NGO to receive this much needed support. It is important to note that as a Government, our collective commitment to the poor and vulnerable involves a more targeted approach to providing social protection and food security. To this end, a whole of Government and whole of society approach have to be utilised to implement initiatives that promote sustainable agriculture, support

local farmers, and enhance economic opportunities for all.

In closing, I take this opportunity to commend Ambassador Fang Qiu, and representatives of the Embassy of the Peoples Republic of China for their vision. Your continuous generosity has made a meaningful impact on the lives of our citizens. Let us continue to work hand in hand to ensure that no is left behind.

I thank you, God bless you!

Let us remember the reason for the season.