

Shelter Management Training “No Talk Shop” says Minister Cox

IOM/USAID launches training to support survivors of human trafficking

Minister of Social Development and Family Services Senator the Honourable Donna Cox commended the International Organization for Migration (IOM) for their action-oriented approach and consistent dedication to addressing human trafficking and developing strategies towards the ultimate protection of victims and survivors of human trafficking. She also commended US Ambassador Candace Bond and USAID for their consistent dedication to addressing human trafficking internationally.

Minister Cox was speaking at the launch of the four-day Heal, Empower, Rise Counter Trafficking in Persons (HER-CTIP) Project Shelter Management Training for Man-



Pictured with Minister Cox are: Ms Jewel Ali, Country Representative-IOM, the Honourable Fitzgerald Hinds-Ministry of National Security, US Ambassador to T&T – Her Excellency Candace Bond, Mr Mervyn Farroe, USAID Regional Representative and Mr Zeke Beharry-HER CTIP Project Manager-IOM TT

agement and Staff of TIP facilities. The training is being hosted by the IOM in partnership with USAID from Tuesday 23rd – Friday 26th January 2024 at the Hilton Hotel. Recognizing the crucial role that shelters and transitional homes play in supporting survivors of human trafficking, Minister Cox stated that the Government of Trin-

idad and Tobago has articulated very comprehensive plans to establish various shelters which are expected to provide, amongst other things a safe haven and temporary housing for victims of trafficking and aide them in the process of recovery and reintegration

into society.

Minister Cox further stated that plans are underway to establish a dedicated facility for such victims. She expressed, “I am also pleased to inform you that the Ministry of Social Development and Family Services is establishing a transitional

facility to accommodate women who are victims of trafficking. This transitional facility forms part of the intervention strategies in support of a National Emergency/ Transitional and Social Housing Programme. Under this Programme, there will be several transitional homes operationalized in 2024, for vulnerable men, women and families.”

The Ministry of Social Development and Family Services remains steadfast in its commitment to collaborating with stakeholders to ensure that the most vulnerable individuals receive the essential support required for their empowerment and resilience.

MSDFS meets with FCB to discuss Food Support



Minister Donna Cox, PS Lenor Baptiste-Simmons, PS Ryan Ramcharan and other MSDFS executives engage in dialogue with FCB CEO Karen Darbasie and her team in order to address the Food Support matter.



Senator the Honourable Donna Cox gives remarks at the International Organization for Migration(IOM)’s Shelter Management Training (for the Survivors of Trafficking).

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Lucy Lewis
Age - 100



Lincoln Braithwaite
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Rita Smyke
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