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Community Outreach Caravan continues in March 2020

The Community Outreach and Impact Caravan, which is being hosted by the Ministry of Social Development and Family Services (MSDFS) will continue during the month of March 2020, in various communities across the country. The Caravan which is taking Government Services to the people started in August 2019 and has been taken to several communities including, Palo Seco, San Fernando, Diego Martin, Tunapuna, Claxton Bay and many others.

During the month of February 2020, the Caravan, which is aimed at taking information on several grants, programmes and services to the various communities was relaunched in Pinto Arima, and continued in St Augustine, Pointe a Pierre, Plaisance Park, Marabella and South Oropuche. Among the various agencies that have partnered with the MSDFS include the Ministry of Public Utilities – WASA and T&TEC; the Office of the Prime Minister – Children’s Authority and Gender and Child Affairs Division; the Ministry of Labour and Small Enterprise Development, particularly targeting job seekers as well as the Ministry of Education – YTEPP, National Training Agency and MIC.

During the month of March, the Caravan will move into Aripo, Tableland/Moruga, Maracas Valley/St Joseph, Enterprise, Londenville, Rio Claro, Arouca, Mafeking, Chaguanas and San Fernando.

Persons are invited to visit the Caravan as it comes to their community so that information on accessing Government Services is provided to them first hand and they also get an opportunity to interact with Officers of the various partner agencies. Many persons have since benefited from the Outreach initiative, either through counselling and psychosocial support, food support, funding for a new or existing business, assistance with house repairs and electrical re-wiring as well as employment and training opportunities.

Persons are required to walk with a valid National Identification Card in order to access services and grants. Several attendees at the Caravan have admitted that not only was it informative, but it also provided a one stop experience with Government services and brought different perspective into all that was available for the public to access, free of charge.

The Community Outreach and Impact Caravan is an initiative which supports the National Social Mitigation Plan of the MSDFS which focuses on building resilience and creating opportunities for vulnerable, the unemployed and at risk families and communities. The theme of the Caravan in “Building Resilience to secure our Nation.



Persons access services at the Ministry of Social Development and Family Services' community caravan in Maloney.



Persons access services at the Ministry of Social Development and Family Services' community caravan in South Oropouche on February 28th.

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