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Ministry of Social Development and Family Services



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Distribution of local food baskets and vouchers continues

Distribution of local food baskets and vouchers continued today at various constituency offices across Trinidad. Among the recipients who collected today were the Port of Spain South, Moruga/Tableland, Laventille East/ Morvant, Barataria/San Juan and Diego Martin North/East constituencies.

The initiative which began on May 1 2020, is a collaboration between the Ministry of Social Development and Family Services and the Ministry of Agriculture, Land and Fisheries to assist persons in immediate need of food support for during the COVID-19 Stay at Home period.

Each recipient receives a \$250.00 supermarket voucher, a bag of ground provisions, callaloo, pumpkin, a bag of local fruits and vegetables including pineapples, melons, melongene, a box of tomatoes, sweet peppers, cucumbers and seasonings, and two chickens. The food baskets are supplied by NAMDEVCO and sourced from farmers across the country.

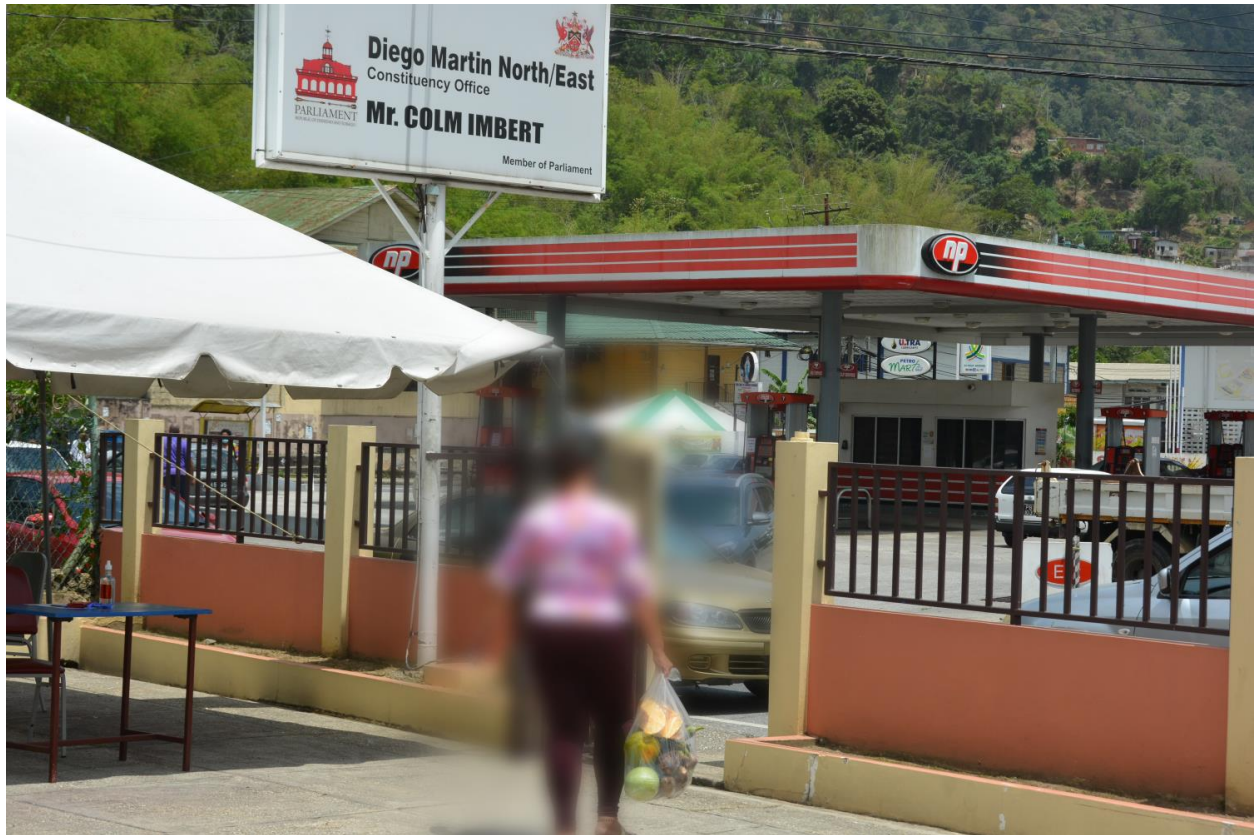
Recipients of the Local Food Baskets and supermarket vouchers will be drawn from those persons who are unable to access the social support grants, as well as those households with children under the School Feeding Programme that were unable to access food cards from their Member of Parliament.

Recipients will be contacted by their respective Member of Parliament for collection accordingly and persons must walk with their National Identification Card. The public is also reminded that expired ID cards are accepted. Distribution will continue over the next four months and will cost taxpayers the sum of \$15,000,000.00.

The Social Support Measures that have been implemented by the MSDFS which include Food Support, Rental Assistance, Income Support and Emergency Food Support continue to be available to persons who were retrenched or terminated or were self- employed and now have no income, since on or after March 1st, 2020.

For further details, please contact the Ministry's toll free hotlines at 800 – 1673, 800-6742 or 623-2608 ext.'s. 1120/1132.

The Ministry wishes to assure the public that it remains committed to bringing relief to those who have been negatively affected by the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic to ensure that no one is left behind as we begin to chart the road to recovery.



A recipient leaves the Diego Martin North/East constituency office with her local food basket and voucher.



A recipient receives his local food basket and voucher from the Barataria/San Juan constituency office today.



Robert Griffith receives his local food baskets and vouchers from the Port of Spain South constituency office.

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