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Temporary Food Cards for Families with Children Registered on the School Feeding Programme

The Ministry of Social Development and Family Services (MSDFS) is pleased to announce that all recipients of Food Support under the COVID – 19 Social Support Measures have already been topped up for a three-month period. This means that all persons in receipt of temporary food cards and also cheques or direct deposits related to food support, have already received their total amounts which represents a 3-month supply of food for April, May and June accordingly.

Since the launch of the Social Support measures on March 23, 2020, all 41 MPs were provided with Food Support Cards to be distributed to households with children registered on the School Feeding Programme. Each household/family received one card and these cards were topped up during the month of April. For existing clients of the Ministry's Food Support Programme, additional top ups have also been made as follows:

- For persons with cards valued \$510, an additional \$450.00 was added (\$150.00 for 3 months);
- For persons with cards valued \$650, an additional \$900.00 was added (\$300 for 3 months);
- For persons with cards valued \$800, an additional \$1,350.00 added (\$450.per month for 3 months).

Persons who have applied before the onset of the pandemic and were awaiting determination of their applications for food support, have also received support in the sum of \$1,530.00 which represents a three-month payment for April, May and June, 2020.

The Ministry of Social Development and Family Services 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.

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