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**Ministry of Social Development and Family Services**



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### **Ministry of Social Development and Family Services donates hampers to assist families in Quarantine**

*Port-of-Spain* --- Senator the Honourable Donna Cox, Minister of Social development and Family Services, today presented fifteen (15) food hampers to Chief Executive Officer of the Eastern Regional Health Authority, Ronald Tsoi-a-Fatt, to assist families who are in quarantine at this time and have restricted movement. The presentation took place today at the ERHA in Sangre Grande. Also in attendance were County Medical Officer of Health, Clem Ragoobar and Surveillance Nurse, Janice Miguel.

According to Minister Cox: “This initiative aligns with our Ministry’s vision of being service driven and it is also reflective of a Government that cares and is committed to ensuring that no one is left behind. The reality is that many families have been exposed to a wide range of effects that COVID-19 has had on their lives. In most instances, children and older persons are involved, so it therefore calls for rapid interventions like these to help support the vulnerable. According to Minister Cox, the hampers, comprising of food items were donated by corporate entities, based on new and existing relationships with the Ministry. These items will be utilized by families during their quarantine period. It therefore shows how the State and the private sector could partner to provide support to the vulnerable, particularly during these challenging times.

On receiving the hampers, ERHA’s CEO indicated that he will ensure that the assistance from the Ministry goes to beneficiaries who are truly in need. He said, “In rural communities such as Matelot and Manzanilla, homes are scattered and therefore accessibility of services is quite challenging.” He further thanked the Ministry for the generous support. .

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The Ministry of Social Development and Family Services wishes to assure of its commitment to provide for the general well-being of the various vulnerable populations, as it continues to help, empower and transform lives amidst the COVID-19 crisis.

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**Caption: Minister Cox presents hampers to ERHA CEO, Ronald Tsoi-a-Fatt**



**Caption: (l-r) Surveillance Nurse Janice Miguel, ERHA CEO, Ronald Tsoi-a-Fatt, Minister Cox and County Medical Officer of Health, Clem Ragobar**

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