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Minister Cox lauds Case Care Management Project launched by Probations Division

Port-of-Spain --- Minister of Social Development and Family Services (MSDFS), Senator the Honourable Donna Cox, attended and addressed those present at the launch of the Ministry of National Security's, Probations Services Division's Case Care Management Pilot Project today, Wednesday 22nd September. The launch took place at the Probation Services Division, Ansa Building, Port of Spain. Also in attendance were the Honourable Fitzgerald Hinds, Minister of National Security, His Excellency Brigadier General (Ret'd), Anthony Phillips-Spencer, Ambassador of Trinidad and Tobago to the US and Mexico and Permanent Representative to the OAS, His Excellency, Adam Namm, Executive Secretary of the Inter American Drug Abuse Control Commission of the Organization of American States CICAD/OAS, Shante Moore, Charge d'Affaires, Embassy of the United States of America to the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago as well as Sintra Maharaj, Chief Probation Officer, among others.

Aimed at enhancing the existing coordination and integration systems at the Probation Services Division and streamlining the interventions to clients in a more efficient manner, the Case Care Management Project seeks to reintegrate and rehabilitate drug offenders first, rather than resort to incarceration.

According to Minister Cox, "I am pleased to state that the Ministry of Social Development and Family Services already has several programs and strategies for the provision of rehabilitation and psychosocial support to individuals and families, which can support the Case Care Management model. Such programmes include the Ministry's Piparo Empowerment Centre which provides treatment and rehabilitation services for males 18 years and over whose lives are negatively affected by substance use and associated disorders." In addition, the MSDFS is working feverishly to establish additional Centres to assess and assist street dwellers who are strictly homeless, by way of transitional housing to enable them to reintegrate into society.

Minister Cox also believes that this project comes at an opportune time since the Ministry of Social Development and Family Services is also embarking on a similar case management model to strengthen its social protection system for the most vulnerable sectors of society. "By managing clients on a case-by-case basis, the Ministry is able to utilize the resources allocated to it much more efficiently, and in an era of limited and dwindling resources, this is certainly a more prudent approach" said Minister Cox. She ended by assuring the MSDFS' commitment to partner for a holistic approach to reintegration of clients into society.



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Delivering the feature address, Minister of National Security, the Honourable Fitzgerald Hinds stated “The CCM Pilot Project, is in alignment with Government’s Vision 2030 National Development Strategy, which prioritises vulnerable sectors of society in the development agenda, under Theme I - Putting People First: Nurturing Our Greatest Asset. This theme acknowledges that the citizens are central to our development and in fact, are our greatest asset. We must therefore create a society in which all basic needs are met and each individual is valued and given the opportunity to contribute.”

Minister Hinds further commended the Ministry of Social Development and Family Services for its rehabilitation role over the years, in treating with persons who are affected by Substance Use Disorder. He concluded by thanking Minister Cox for her presence at the launch, stating “The services offered by the MSDFS are critical, not only to the clients of the Probation Services Division but to a wide cross-section of citizens across the country. This project is a prime example of interconnectivity in action”

The Ministry reassures of its commitment to ensuring that the lives of the most vulnerable persons are empowered and transformed.

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Minister Cox delivers remarks at the launch of Case Care Management Project



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Minister Cox and Minister Cox reveal the Case Care Management Project