



Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago

Ministry of Social Development and Family Services



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Member of Parliament Dr Rai Ragbir receives Flood Relief Food Cards

The Ministry of Social Development and Family Services continues to distribute temporary food support to households affected by flooding as a result of rainfall experienced on November 26 and 27, 2022. Flood victims who are in shelters and those encountered during the field visits are being provided with emergency food support. Earlier today, Tuesday 6th December 2022, Minister of Social Development and Family Services Senator the Honourable Donna Cox, presented Dr. Rai Ragbir, Member of Parliament for Cumuto/Manzanilla with his second batch two hundred (200) temporary food cards valued at \$550, to be given to households where food items were destroyed.

Family Service Social Workers attached to the National Family Services Division (NFSD) have also been providing counselling and psychosocial support to individuals and families, to help them cope with, and manage stress during this time. Persons needing help to cope may also contact the NFSD at 623-2608 ext. 6701 - 6711 or call the Toll Free Suicide Prevention Hotline at 800 – COPE (2673), for urgent counselling services over the phone.

The MSDFS continues to partner with the Ministry of Rural Development and Local Government and the Disaster Management Units attached to the Regional Corporations to provide support and relief to affected households. Persons who were not yet seen by the DMU can log on to our Critical Incident Online Dashboard at <https://grants.social.gov.tt/> and complete the Disaster Relief form and submit this online or they can visit the nearest Social Welfare Office with their information and have an officer of the Social Welfare Division complete the form and have it submitted. The Ministry has also set up a special unit with the National Social Development Programme to fast track the processing of claims.



Minister Cox presents Dr. Ragbir with Temporary Food Support cards for Christmas and Disaster relief.

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