



Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago

Ministry of Social Development and Family Services



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Ministry stands ready to assist Morris family following tragedy

The Ministry of Social Development and Family Services has initiated steps to render assistance to the Morris family whose home at Quinam Road, Siparia was destroyed by fire on Sunday 2nd April, 2023. The Ministry expresses heartfelt condolences to the Morris family, as the fire claimed the lives of wife and mother, Kemba Morris and her eight-year old daughter Zaya. Officers attached to the National Family Services Division have already made contact with the family and an official home visit by a team of Officers is carded for Thursday April 5, 2023.

Through the Family Services Division, emergency food support will be provided to the family as well as information on the grant offerings available to them during this difficult period. Among these include:

- Rental assistance grant for a period of three (3) months, with renewal for up to nine (9) months;
- Clothing Grant – each member of the household can receive \$1,000.00;
- School Supplies for Children – Primary School Level - \$700.00 and Secondary;
- Household Items - to replace appliances, amounting to \$10,000.00 in total;
- Minor House Repair and Sanitary Plumbing assistance; and
- Assistance through the Funeral Grant once necessary; as well as any other assistance related to acquiring documents for the funeral arrangements

The Ministry was informed that the family is staying with a close relative and as such, efforts will be made to provide any amenities required to bring comfort at this time.

The Ministry of Social Development and Family Services remains committed to providing emergency relief to the Morris family and will network with relevant authorities to help the family transition seamlessly following this tragic loss.

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