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Priority:

Ministry of Social Development and Family Services participates in Public Service Day Expo

As the leading Government agency in the social sector, the Ministry of Social Development and Family Services (MSDFS), remains committed to developing a more enabling environment to stabilize our society in the midst of challenging socio-economic circumstances. This was evident on 21st June, 2023 as the Ministry participated in the Public Service Day Expo at the Hyatt Regency, Port of Spain hosted by the Ministry of Public Administration.

The Ministry was represented by Farisha Mohammed of the National Family Services Division and Stacy Brown of the National Social Development Programme (NSDP) and the Sowing Empowerment through Entrepreneurial Development (SEED) Unit.

Hundreds of persons who attended the all-day event, gathered around the Ministry's booth to obtain information on the grants and services, that are under the purview of the MSDFS; as well as jobs within the social sector.

There were many young persons who were eager to learn about the SEED grant, which affords those who are desirous of starting their own businesses. A grant of up to \$15,000 is available to start or grow a business.

The National Family Services Division was inundated with questions and inquiries about counselling and the psychosocial support which that division provides, as well as, grants under the Social Welfare Division, such as Public Assistance, Senior Citizens Pension and the Disability Grants. Several persons felt encouraged to learn about the National Policy for Persons with Disabilities which places focus on providing services to the community so that they too, can live full and rewarding lives.

The Public Service Day Expo was held to commemorate and celebrate Public Service Day which is observed annually on June 23rd, and involved participation from several Government Ministries and agencies, leading to a resounding success.

The Ministry of Social Development and Family Services participates in outreach sessions to provide information on available social services, thereby helping, empowering and transforming all citizens of Trinidad and Tobago.

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Photo 1 : Farisha Mohammed of the NFSD speaks to attendees about the Ministry's services



Photo 2: Stacy Brown of the NSDP shares information with visitors



Photo 3: Attendees checking out the MSDFS booth