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Ministry of Social Development and Family Services



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Sample Survey for the National Register of Vulnerable Persons to begin

The Ministry of Social Development and Family Services in collaboration with the United Nations Development Programme and the University of the West Indies, HEU, Centre for Health Economics will be conducting a Sample Survey as part of the National Register of Vulnerable Persons from August 19-31, 2023, in selected communities across Trinidad and Tobago. This survey is designed to collect data on individuals and households in a range of areas, to provide a more targeted approach to helping, empowering and transforming lives.

The National Register of Vulnerable Persons (NRVP) is intended to be a cutting-edge computerised database that will be used to collect, store, and process vital information on vulnerable people on a single platform; which aims to improve the coordination of activities within the social sector, enhance the overall efficiency of the country's social protection system, and facilitate the rapid response to emergencies/shocks and adverse situations of vulnerable groups.

The NRVP will also ensure that the government can easily identify citizens in need, the programmes and services available, the eligibility criteria and the type and level of intervention required, as well as track clients' progress out of vulnerability.

Additionally, it will allow for more efficient and targeted resource allocation by ensuring that assistance reaches the most vulnerable populations and focuses on the holistic reality of said population, addressing not only immediate needs but also helping to break generational cycles of poverty.

Members of the public are encouraged to participate with the field staff during the survey period and are reassured that all field staff will be utilizing digital devices for the collection of data and will be wearing their respective identification badges displaying the logos of the collaborating entities.

The Ministry of Social Development and Family Services has been working assiduously towards enhancing its social protection system, and remains committed to empowering and transforming the lives of the most vulnerable.

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