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Ministry of Social Development and Family Services prepared to render assistance to Family of Toddlers Living in Squalor

The Ministry of Social Development and Family Services recognizes that through the National Family Services Division (NFSD), it has an important mandate to focus on issues and problems related to the child and the family. In this regard, a team of Officers from the Ministry's NFSD has been assigned to visit and assess the parents of the two toddlers who were picked up by officers of Maloney Police Station on Monday night.

From news reports, Kwasi Squires, the father of the children, and his wife, are both alleged as having intellectual disabilities and as a consequence, the toddlers were found unsupervised when the TTPS visited the house located at Lp5 Jordan Trace, Samaan Drive, Red Hill, D'Abadie on Monday.

During the visit, the Ministry conducted an assessment and advised the family of the grant offerings available to them, given their living conditions at this time. Psychosocial support and counselling were also offered to the family. The NFSD intends to work closely with the Children's Authority (CATT) to determine and develop an effective intervention strategy to rehabilitate this family unit.

The Ministry of Social Development and Family Services remains committed to helping, empowering and transforming lives and supporting healthy, functional families.

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