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Ministry of Social Development and Family Services renders assistance to Victims of Enterprise Fire

Port-of-Spain --- The Ministry of Social Development and Family Services (MSDFS) commissioned a team of Officers to conduct a visit to the King Family who fell victim to a fire which occurred on January 13, 2024 and which destroyed their home located at **#16 Diamond Lane Extension Enterprise Chaguanas**.

During the visit, the Ministry, as second responder, learned that those affected comprised a total of six (6) persons, comprising four (4) adults and children of primary and secondary school age.

Through the assessments which were conducted by staff of the National Social Development Programme (NSDP and the Family Services Division, the various areas of need are as follows:

- ✓ Temporary Food Support for the family as they attempt to get back on their feet;
- ✓ Household Items, Clothing and School supplies grants;
- ✓ NSDP assistance grants for house repairs, and sanitary plumbing, pending provision of valid land documents. A referral will also be made to the National Commission for Help for the reconstruction of the home.

Through the National Family Services Division, members of the family have also been offered free counselling and psychosocial support to help them cope with the stress and mental strain caused as a result of the incident and their current living circumstances.

The Ministry of Social Development and Family Services remains committed to providing emergency relief and support services to the King family as they grapple with this unfortunate occurrence.

For all enquiries, and information on disaster relief funding and food support, persons may contact the Ministry's toll-free call centre at 800 – 1MSD (1673)

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