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# Ministry of Social Development and Family Services



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#### One hundred and fifty (150) families receive food hampers

Minister of Social Development and Family Services Senator the Honourable Donna Cox joined His Excellency Fang Qiu, Ambassador of the People's Republic of China to the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago for another distribution of support via food hampers to vulnerable families. On this occasion, food hampers were distributed to recipients selected by the NGO KIND - Kids In Need of Direction. The distribution took place today, Wednesday, 13 December 2023 at KIND's office on the Eastern Main Road, Laventille.

Delivering feature remarks, Minister Cox indicated that she was indeed pleased to endorse the NGO that is dedicated to supporting children. According to the Minister, "I am very happy to have recommended this organization to the Embassy of the People's Republic of China as a worthy NGO to receive this much-needed support. It is important to note that as a Government, our collective commitment to the poor and vulnerable involves a more targeted approach to providing social protection and food security. To this end, a whole of Government and whole of society approach must be utilised to implement initiatives that promote sustainable agriculture, support local farmers, and enhance economic opportunities for all."

She further applauded KIND for identifying these individuals and families that will be receiving the food vouchers and further commended them for their commitment to providing assistance to disadvantaged children and their families across Trinidad and Tobago for over the past twenty-five (25) years.

The Embassy of the People's Republic of China donated one hundred and fifty (150) hampers to KIND to be donated to vulnerable households. These communities include Morvant, Laventille, Beetham Gardens, Blanchisseuse, Sangre Grande, Carenage, Diego Martin/Petit Valley, Chaguanas, Couva, Moruga and Cedros.

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Minister Cox presents a hamper to Ms Nalynni Oreegal.



Minister Cox and His Excellency Fang Qiu present Ms Kensa Caruth with a food hamper.



Minister Cox, joined by His Excellency Fang Qiu and Ms Jarina Jardine-Scott, Chairperson of KIND, take a photo with recipients and attendees following the distribution.