



Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago

**Ministry of Social Development and Family Services**



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#### **Ministry of Social Development and Family Services reaches out to Maraval mother in need of prosthetic leg**

**Port-of-Spain** --- Following media reports that a Maraval mother of one who lost her eyesight and a limb to diabetes is appealing for assistance to regain her independence, the Ministry of Social Development and Family Services, via its National Family Services Division has since made contact to render assistance to 38-year-old Nikesha Pierre.

A Family Social Worker contacted Ms Pierre on Wednesday April 03, 2024 following a referral from the Ministry's Suicide Prevention Hotline for psycho-social support and counselling.

As a part of the case management strategy being implemented, the Social Worker will guide Ms. Pierre through the process of engagement with the Social Welfare Division of the Ministry, where she will be assisted in applying for the Prosthetic Grant funding.

The Ministry will continue to provide the necessary support to Ms Pierre through counselling services from NFSD for this, and any other personal-social matters which may be deemed necessary, as she journeys through this challenge to regain her independence.

The Ministry of Social Development and Family Services reassures of its commitment to ensuring that no citizen is left behind. For further information on the social grants and services available from the Ministry, persons may log on to [www.social.gov.tt](http://www.social.gov.tt), visit a social welfare office nearest to where they reside, or call toll free at 800 – 1MSD (1673).

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