

MEDIA RELEASE

The Trinidad and Tobago Housing Development Corporation (HDC) Supports Residents in its Trou Macaque Community

Port of Spain, Wednesday, 28 June, 2023 - On Tuesday, June 27, 2023, the Trinidad and Tobago Housing Development Corporation (HDC) wishes to notify you that the Trou Macaque community was significantly affected by severe weather conditions on that day. The HDC had been actively engaged in ongoing activities, particularly the refurbishment of Building 2. This encompassed various tasks such as installing steel roofs, ceilings, windows, doors, frames, floor tiles, electrical and plumbing systems, fire alarm systems, and emergency staircases. Unfortunately, despite our continuous efforts, the roofs of the buildings 1 and 4 were blown off, resulting in the displacement of four (4) families, comprising 15 individuals.

In order to expedite the repair process for the roofs, the Corporation organised a team to establish a detailed plan of action. As a precautionary measure to ensure safety at the location, the Trinidad and Tobago Electricity Commission (T&TEC) disconnected the electrical supply.

The team, led by The Honourable Fitzgerald Ethelbert Hinds M.P., Minister of National Security, and the HDC's Managing Director, Ms. Jayselle McFarlane, met with residents of the affected community. The Corporation's personnel were present on the ground and implemented the use of tarps as a temporary solution to protect the belongings of the affected families from potential damage.



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Demonstrating our unwavering dedication to assisting the community in their recovery efforts, the Corporation has committed to supporting the clean-up initiatives. In close collaboration with Blue Waters Products Limited and KFC (Prestige Holdings Limited), the HDC ensured a continuous supply of water, juice, and comforting meals for the impacted residents.

We extend our heartfelt appreciation and deep gratitude to these incredible partners for their invaluable support throughout this challenging time. Additionally, we would like to express our sincere gratitude to Unicomer Trinidad Limited (Courts) for their generous contribution of five (5) Queen-sized mattresses, providing much-needed comfort and assistance to the affected families.

The Corporation urges its communities to continue to monitor weather alerts and adhere to the guidelines issued by the Trinidad and Tobago Meteorological Services, the Office of Disaster Preparedness and Management (ODPM), the Ministry of Rural Development and Local Government, and other official Government sources for information.

The HDC will continue to collaborate with other agencies to ensure that residents in our communities always receive the assistance they require.

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Adanna Griffith-Gordon Counsellor Success/Trou Macaque assisting with the distribution of meals from KFC (Prestige Holdings Limited)

