

## MEDIA RELEASE

### **Embacadere Fire Incident: Response and Assessment by Trinidad and Tobago Housing Development Corporation (HDC)**

Port of Spain, Tuesday, 04 June, 2023 - The Trinidad and Tobago Housing Development Corporation (HDC) is aware of the fire that occurred in Apartment 203, Block A, Embacadere, on July 3, 2023, at approximately 3:35 p.m. Representatives from HDC's San Fernando office and the department of Social and Community Services, visited the site on Tuesday, July 4, 2023 to assess the damage.

The incident was confined to Apartment 203, resulting in an estimated 10% fire-related damages. Regrettably, all household articles within the apartment were completely destroyed. Fortunately, there were no reported injuries or casualties among the occupants of Apartment 203, which consisted of four (4) adults and two (2) children.

Additionally, the northern window, door, and paintwork of apartment 204 were damaged by heat emission. To ensure the residents' safety and well-being, the Corporation is assessing the extent of the damages. Efforts will be made to address the problems caused by the fire and minimise the inconveniences experienced by those affected.

The HDC recognises the significance of ensuring the safety of its residents and will work assiduously to provide the necessary support and assistance with the aid of other government agencies during this difficult time. Our top priority is to accurately assess the situation, facilitate the rebuilding process, and ensure that appropriate arrangements are made to aid the affected families.

The Corporation would like to express its gratitude to the Trinidad and Tobago Fire Services (TTFS), who responded promptly to the incident, preventing further damage and ensuring the safety of the residents in the area.

The Trinidad and Tobago Housing Development Corporation remains committed to the welfare of its residents and will continue to collaborate with other agencies to assist those affected by the Embacadere fire.

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