



MEDIA RELEASE

100 families receive keys to new HDC homes

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On July 18, 2023, the Housing Development Corporation (HDC) hosted a key distribution ceremony for **100 new homeowners**. This ceremony was held at the Mt. Hope/Mt. Lambert Community Centre.

In delivering the feature address, **The Honourable Camille Robinson-Regis, Minister of Housing and Urban Development**, congratulated new homeowners and thanked the HDC and contractors for once again delivering high-quality housing units. She reminded new homeowners they are getting value for money, as the State subsidizes home construction.

Minister Robinson-Regis, also stated that “The HDC continues to improve lives of citizens, not only through the provision of houses but through its capital and remedial projects.” For fiscal 2022/23, under the Public Sector Investment Programme (PSIP) the Ministry has reallocated to \$62M to the HDC, for remedial, improvement projects to existing housing units and housing developments such as electrical, civil infrastructure, external refurbishment, flood mitigation, remedial works, roof refurbishments, other refurbishment works, sewer work and other works.

New homeowners received keys to new, recently completed, valuable residential units located in San Fernando, Mt. Hope, Point Fortin, Princess Town, Freeport, Chaguanas and Moruga.

In the weeks and months ahead, the HDC will continue with its distribution of housing units in existing and brand new developments located in San Fernando, Malabar, Valsayn, Mt. Hope and Freeport.

Since 2015, the government, through the HDC has housed over 4,257 families. Minister Robinson-Regis further stated, “That is not counting the Land Settlement Agency, which up to June, tallied at 459 the total number of starter homes provided to families since the Housing and Village Improvement Programme (HVIP) commenced in 2017.

“That is not counting, since taking office, over 840 Certificates of Comfort issued to persons who have decided to come in line with the law, and regularise their

squatting situation on approved lands. In total just over 8,300 Certificates of Comfort have been issued since the enactment of the State Land (Regularisation of Tenure) Act #25 of 1998.”

Managing Director of the HDC Jayselle Mc Farlane spoke about "More Ways to Pay" a carefully curated suite of options, intended to remove any hassle, inconvenience, or impediment to tenants who desire to fulfil their mortgage obligations to the HDC.

New homeowners were reminded that they need to honour their commitment to the HDC and make their payments on time.

Also in attendance at the ceremony, were the Hon. Terrence Deyalsingh, Minister of Health and M.P. for St. Joseph; Ms. Shanmatee Sing Ng Sang, Acting Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Housing and Urban Development; Alderman Anthony Roberts, Chairman of the San Juan/Laventille Regional Corporation; Chairman and members of the Board of Directors of the HDC; Ms. Jayselle McFarlane, Managing Director of the HDC; Chairpersons and Members of the Boards of the Subsidiary Companies of the HDC; senior officials of the Ministry and HDC.



Minister of Ministry of Housing and Urban Development and Member of Parliament for Arouca/Maloney, The Honourable Camille Robinson-Regis delivers the Feature Address



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