

Ministry of Social Development and Family Services

The Ministry of Social Development and Family Services (MSDFS) is the core social sector Ministry with responsibility for coordinating the implementation of Government's social and human development objectives.

The MSDFS is mandated with responsibility for addressing the social challenges of poverty, social inequality and social exclusion. Particular emphasis is placed on developing and executing programmes and services that protect and assist vulnerable and marginalized groups in society such as women, children, persons with disabilities, the elderly, the poor/indigent, the socially displaced, ex-prisoners, deportees and persons living with HIV/AIDS.



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GRANTS & SERVICES

Quick Reference Guide

Log on to www.social.gov.tt

Call 623-2608 or 800-1MSD

Direct Deposit

- Complete registration form
- Attach Bank or Credit Union Record with your account number
- Attach a copy of your Birth Certificate



[Link to form online](#)

Disability Affairs Unit | 868-623-2608 (Ext.1150)

- Technical support and referrals to persons
- Implement programmes that empower
- Sensitize and increase public awareness
- Coordinate and monitor implementations of the National Policy on Persons with Disabilities
- Evaluate assistance requests from NGOs and individuals
- International Day of Persons with Disabilities celebrations (December 3rd annually)
- Establish and maintain a national registry on Persons with Disabilities

Division of Ageing | 800-OPIC (6742)

Call toll free number to report Elder Abuse

Senior Activity Centres: The Centres are multi-service facilities which provide education and recreation for seniors aged 55 years and over.

Senior Citizens' Homes: Ten Homes for the Aged are operational to rescue and provide shelter for the elderly who were displaced, had no relatives, or needed community care.

OPIC: Older Persons Information Centre

SOCIAL WELFARE

GRANT	VALUE	REQUIREMENTS
Household Items	\$6,000.00 (Generally) \$10,000.00 (Disaster)	ID Card, Fire Report, Estimate from furniture store
Medical Equipment	\$7,500.00	ID Card, Medical Records, Estimate from Supplier
Clothing	\$1,000.00 per person in family Disaster Only	ID Card, Estimate from Supplier, Fire/Police report/ERRA form
Funeral	\$7,000.00	Applicant's ID Card, NIS Form, Death Certificate, Funeral Home Quotation
Education	\$500.00 (Secondary School)	ID Card School Form
Rental Assistance	\$7,500.00 (up to 3 months rent - \$2500 per month)	ID Card, Letter from Landlord, Landlord's ID card, Utility Bill
School Supplies	\$700.00 per child (Primary) \$1,000.00 per child (Secondary)	ID Card, Estimate from supplier
Senior Citizens	\$3,500.00 (Maximum)	ID Card, NIS Form, Bank Statement, Passport
Disability	\$2,000.00 \$1,500.00 (Children under 18 years)	ID Card, NIS Form, Doctor's Certificate
Public Assistance	\$1,300.00 for 1 person \$1,550.00 for 2 persons \$1,750.00 for 3 persons \$1,900.00 for 4 persons	ID Card, NIS Form, Doctor's Certificate
Dietary	\$600.00	ID Card, Letter from hospital nutritionist, List of expenses
Domestic	\$1,800.00 (minimum of 3 months not exceeding 6 months)	ID Card, Must be living alone, temporary illness
Pharmaceutical	\$2500.00 (for 3 months supply)	ID Card, Estimate for materials
Special Child	\$800.00 (monthly)	

NSDP • NATIONAL SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

Minor House Repairs	\$15,000.00 (Generally)	ID Card, Copy of deed/ deed of comfort, Utility Bill, Job Letter, Estimate from hardware
Sanitary Plumbing Assistance		
House Wiring Assistance	\$20,000.00 (Disaster)	

SEED • SOWING EMPOWERMENT THROUGH ENTREPRENEURIAL DEVELOPMENT

Small Business Start Up	\$15,000.00 \$7,500.000 (Training)	ID Card, Utility Bill, Job Letter /Payslip/ Bank Statement, NIS letter, 2 Recommendations, Business Plan, Training Certificates, Supplier Quotations
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FOOD SUPPORT PROGRAMME

GRANT	VALUE	REQUIREMENTS
FOOD CARD	\$510.00 \$650.00 \$800.00	ID Card, Completed Assessment, Other Documents

ELDAMO • ELDERLY AND DIFFERENTLY ABLED MOBILE SERVICE

PTSC	Free Transport (623-RIDE)	For Senior Citizens and persons with disabilities
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NFSD • NATIONAL FAMILY SERVICES DIVISION

Free Counselling & Support 623-2608 Exts: 6701 – 6706	Counselling & Psychological Support Services for the following: Behavioural Problems (children and adolescents) through parental support
	Grief and bereavement
	Family dysfunction
	Elderly abuse
	Relationship/Marital discord
Suicide Prevention Hotline 800 – COPE (2673)	Crisis intervention resulting from natural disasters, fatal accidents
Law Association Building Frederick Street, Port of Spain	Support to victims of domestic violence/gender-based violence

NGO • NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

The Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) Unit was established within the Ministry of Social Development and Family Services in May 2013 with the mandate to manage the Ministry's relationship with service delivery partners involved in the delivery of social services to communities