

HABITAT HIGHLIGHTS

Habitat for Humanity Trinidad and Tobago is pleased to share some first quarter highlights with you as we continue our work in service of humanity. It's no secret that we have all been challenged on some level by the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic as well as the continuing effects of adverse weather as a result of climate change. However, we continue to press on with renewed vigor with our goals towards community development and uplift, to create a better quality of life for the families we serve.

Towards a More Resilient Port of Spain

As part of a global initiative, the city of Port of Spain has embarked upon a project geared towards making the capital a safer, more inclusive, sustainable and resilient city. Under the auspices of His Worship, the Mayor of Port of Spain, Habitat for Humanity International and Habitat for Humanity Trinidad and Tobago have partnered with USAID's Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance on this 12-month project. Titled "Accelerating the Essentials and Making Port of Spain a Resilient City 2030", this multiphase initiative will produce a disaster risk reduction action plan for the city towards implementation.



Habitat TT has been working with communities using the **"Participatory Approach to Safe Shelter Awareness"** as an intervention. PASSA is a tool which aims to raise the awareness within communities of the 'everyday risks' related to their built environment and foster locally appropriate safe shelter and settlement practices.



PLNL supports Orange Valley

On July 28 some 30 families in Orange Valley, Couva benefited from food hampers—thanks to the support of Point Lisas Nitrogen Limited.

PLNL continues to partner with Habitat TT to alleviate some of the challenges heightened by restrictions resulting from the Covid-19 pandemic. PLNL's President Fitzroy Harewood also spearheaded initiatives with children and families in mind, including supplying Covid Care Packages, courtesy of MEDL and approximately 35 electronic devices to SEA students of Orange Valley Primary.

Providing Relief in POS & Environs



Habitat TT was on the ground assisting communities and the POS City Corporation after the heavy rainfall of August 3, which led to severe flooding.

Through the kind financial support of Republic Bank Limited, Habitat TT provided shovels, spades, buckets, 240 Ni95 masks and 60-gallon bottles of disinfectant and bleach to aid in the clean-up operations of the affected communities.

Accompanied by councillors for the respective areas, we conducted initial damage assessments in the Gonzales, Le Platte Village and St. Ann's areas and have begun taking action towards repairing several of the damaged homes.



On the Ground in St. Helena

After heavy rains caused severe flooding in the St. Helena area, Habitat TT conducted assessments and distributed cleaning supplies to some 100 families. Affected areas included Madras, Kelly Village and Piarco.

Capital Campaign Cabinet Chair, Sieunarine Coosal joined with National Director Jennifer Massiah and our technical team, as we went from house to house with Councillor for Kelly Village/Warrenville Samuel Sankar.

Habitat TT continues to work in collaboration with our donors towards engaging and educating families; not only to bring relief, but towards building responsibly.



Maritime Commits to Assist

As a partner NGO of the The Maritime Financial Group, Habitat TT remains truly grateful for their tangible assistance to vulnerable families.

In a brief ceremony on July 22, Corporate Administrator Shania Gloudon presented a cheque on the company's behalf, valued at \$20,000. From this, the much-needed repairs to a family home has been made possible.

The Maritime Team has committed to journeying with Habitat TT over the past three years, beginning with the staff's hands-on volunteering activity. We extend best wishes to them on this their 60th anniversary year



Building Back Better

Adverse weather conditions associated with thunderstorm activity caused Habitat TT to immediately activate our Disaster Response Plan on September 3.

We issued our online Disaster Request Form to vulnerable families to determine their immediate needs resulting from the high winds earlier that morning.

Based on the data received, Habitat TT collaborated with the Disaster Management Units and councillors of the affected areas with whom we continue to foster strong partnership. As a result, we were able to distribute and/or issue over 170 tarpaulins and collect critical information from families whose homes retained structural damage or whose roofs were blown off entirely.

Habitat for Humanity TT's response effort was funded by our corporate partner, Republic Bank Limited. Sincere thanks to them!

The Power of Partnerships



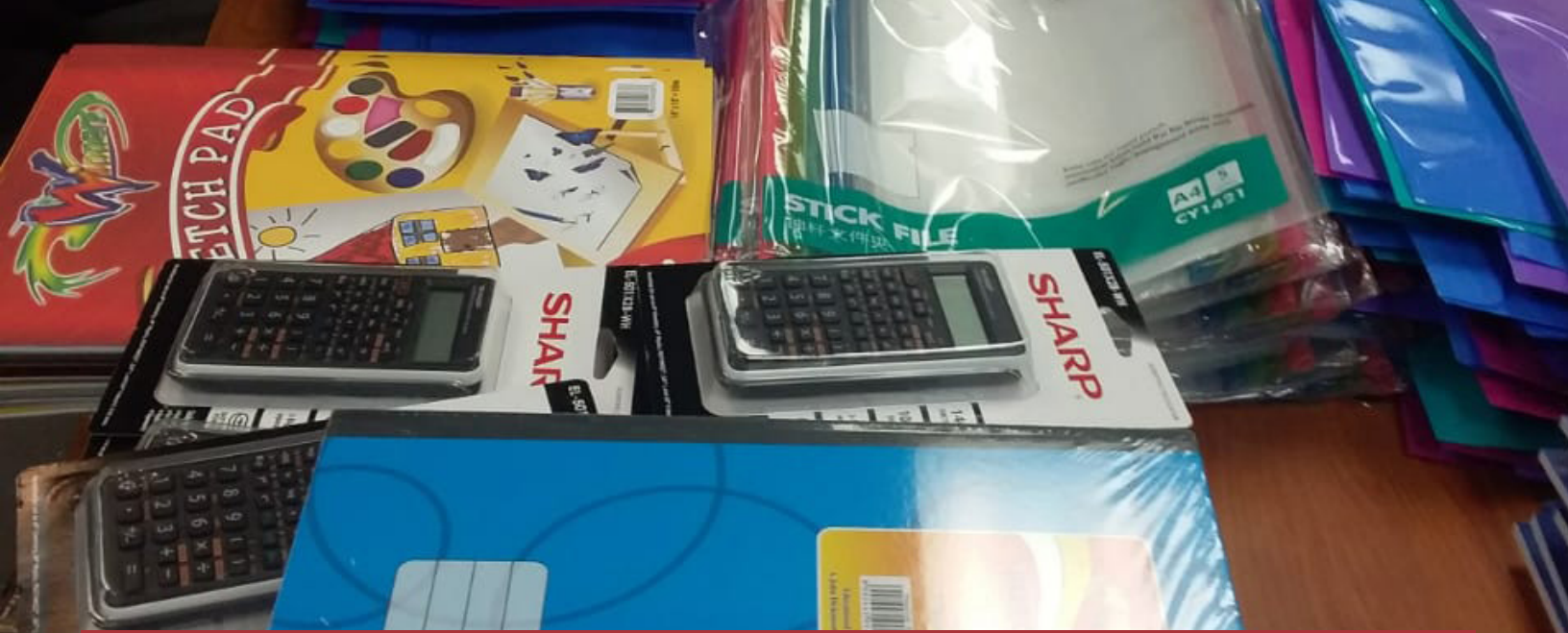
In September, Habitat for Humanity TT signed three MoUs all told. The first, was with the National Commission for Self Help Ltd. Qualifying applicants for NCSHL's Emergency Relief or Minor Repair Reconstruction Grants can now get further assistance from Habitat TT with labour costs, technical assessments and home solutions.

Present at the signing were the Hon. Shamfa Cudjoe, Minister of Sport & Community Development, NCSHL Chair, Anthony Campbell and CEO Elroy Julien, along with ND, Jennifer Massiah.

Later in the month on September 27, Jennifer Massiah sealed a partnership—first with Advisors Next Door represented by Ryan Assiu, Director/Principal Consultant, followed by Graeme Jones, Managing Director of RESSCOTT.

The MoU sets a collaborative framework for Habitat TT and each organization to undertake community-based projects aimed at identifying vulnerabilities, reducing disaster risk, using renewable energy and sustainable solutions and building adaptive capacity.





FUGRO Trinidad encourages Future Leaders

FUGRO Trinidad donated school supplies for the new academic year to the children of Habitat homeowners.

to return to (virtual) classes, fully equipped with notebooks, geometry sets, calculators, paints, pens and much more.

Habitat is thrilled that some of the needs of primary and secondary school students were met through this act of corporate caring. The result was that the children were able

Our sincere appreciation to Fugro for partnering with Habitat to boost the confidence and comfort levels of our nation's future leaders!



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