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Ministry of Rural Development and Local Government

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The Ministry of Rural Development and Local Government partners with Pan American Health Organization/World Health Organization (PAHO/WHO) to reinforce COVID-19 protocols to burgesses

February 5th, 2021, Kent House, Maraval – Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the Ministry of Rural Development and Local Government has partnered with Pan American Health Organization/World Health Organization (PAHO/WHO) to embark upon a COVID-19 risk reduction campaign. The campaign consists of COVID-19 educational posters being disseminated to burgesses through the 14 municipal corporations.

Trinidad and Tobago has been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic since March, 2020, and due to this prolonged period many citizens have relaxed adherence to the COVID-19 protocols. This project has become necessary as the placement of these posters will serve as a reinforcement of the implemented protocols.

The posters are available both in English and Spanish to also cater to the migrant population. They include information on how to properly wear masks, the steps to washing your hands properly and overall information on the measures persons can take to stay safe during the pandemic.

Present at the handing over were Minister Kazim Hosein, Permanent Secretary Ms. Desdra Bascombe and Dr. Erica Wheeler (PAHO/WHO Representative).

During the handing over on 4th February, 2021, Minister Hosein stated that he welcomed this campaign as it is important to keep burgesses informed and safe from the dangers of COVID-19. Minister Hosein also emphasized “Together we can help slow the spread of the virus and I encourage burgesses to take heed of the information provided on the posters.”

The Ministry of Rural Development and Local Government looks forward to similar partnerships to bring much needed information and services to burgesses across the island as we continue our mission of Putting People First.

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Above: Minister of Rural Development and Local Government, the Honourable Kazim Hosein, flanked by Permanent Secretary Desdra Bascombe on the left and PAHO/WHO Representative Dr. Erica Wheeler on the



Left: Minister Kazim Hosein, chats with PAHO/WHO Representative Dr. Erica Wheeler about the importance of the initiative.

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