



MINISTRY OF NATIONAL SECURITY
GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

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Minister of National Security the Honourable Fitzgerald Hinds M.P. along with Permanent Secretary (Ag.) in the Ministry of National Security, Ms Nataki Atiba-Dilchan met with the management and staff of the Trinidad and Tobago Immigration Division, to hear first-hand the issues affecting the organization.

The visit, on Wednesday May 11, 2022, included a tour of the Division's head office at Government Plaza, Richmond Street in Port of Spain and a dialogue with the executive, management, and staff representing a cross section of Operational Units.



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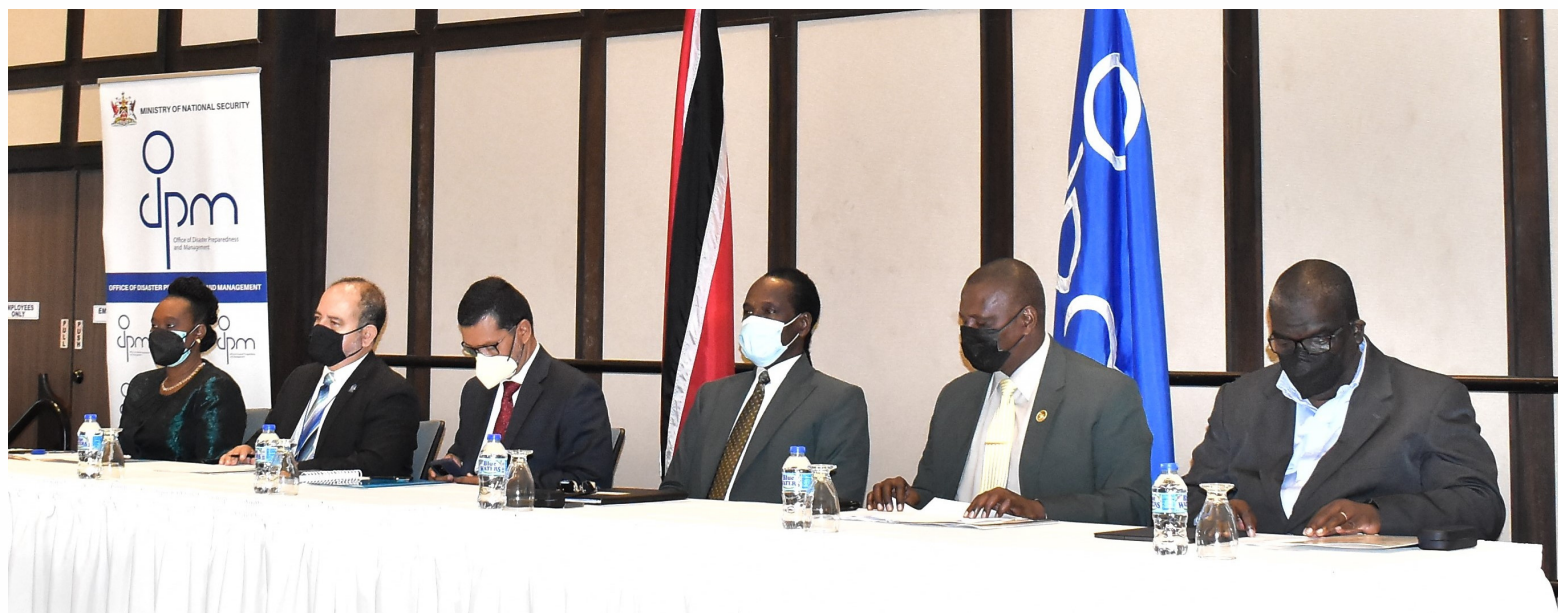
Minister Hinds met with Executive Management, engaged with members of staff at their work stations and observed operations. During the dialogue, the Minister encouraged open, interactive, and solution-oriented communication. Discussions focused on issues including staffing; policy matters; working conditions; emoluments; facilities; training; and operations.



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MINISTER HINDS PARTICIPATES IN UNDRR WORKSHOP



Disaster management stakeholders from regional National Disaster Offices, Statistics Offices and Meteorological Services, in twenty-two (22) Caribbean countries; as well as delegates from related regional and international agencies, are meeting in Trinidad and Tobago for a Caribbean Regional Workshop, entitled *"Measuring Effectiveness of Early Warning Systems, through the Sendai Framework Target (G) and Custom Indicators."*

The series of workshops, which runs from May 09-13, 2022, is a collaborative initiative of the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR) Regional Office for the Americas and the Caribbean, and the Office of Disaster Preparedness and Management (ODPM).

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Delivering the Keynote Address at the Opening Ceremony held on Tuesday May 10, 2022, at the Hilton Trinidad and Conference Centre in Port of Spain, Minister of National Security, the Honourable Fitzgerald Hinds M.P., described the Workshop as well-timed, as it is being held prior to the start of the 2022 Atlantic Hurricane Season. He indicated that the Workshop is strategic in its intent, as it seeks to strengthen the region's capacities to monitor and evaluate the advancement made in Multi-Hazard Early Warning Systems, while identifying areas for further improvement.

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ST. MARYS POLICE POST REOPENS

On Tuesday May 10, 2022, Minister of National Security the Honourable Fitzgerald Hinds M.P. joined the Commissioner of Police, Mr. McDonald Jacob for the reopening of the Police Post at St. Mary's, Moruga.



Delivering the feature address at the Reopening Ceremony held on the compound of the St. Mary's Police Post, the Minister stated that the decision to reinstate the police post was a welcome initiative, as it will enhance police presence in the area; support other border security measures; and assist in the fight against human trafficking.

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GRACE PROJECT LAUNCHED



The Gang Reduction and Community Empowerment (GRACE) Project was launched on Wednesday May 11, 2022 at the Police Administration Building, Port of Spain. The Project is an eighteen (18) month training programme administered by the Pan American Development Foundation, through the U.S. Department of State, International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs Bureau (INL). The Project will provide technical assistance to the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service (TTPS) with the aim of reducing gang activity. This will be done by strengthening the TTPS's community based policing initiatives and its anti-gang investigative capabilities.

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GRACE PROJECT LAUNCHED (Con'd)



Speaking at the launch, Minister of National Security, the Honourable Fitzgerald Hinds M.P. welcomed the Project, which he stated was yet another product of the strong bilateral relationship between Trinidad and Tobago and the United States of America.

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NDPPM MONTH ACTIVITIES CONTINUE

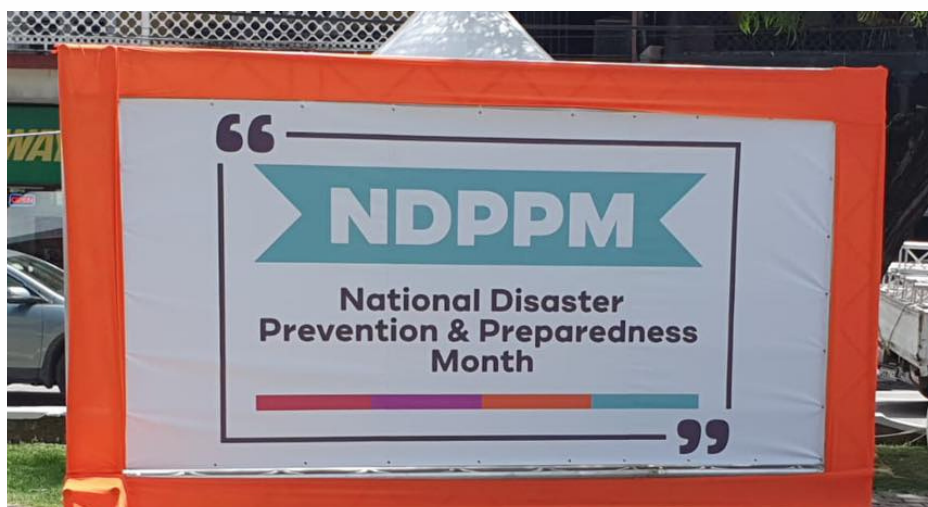
National Disaster Prevention and Preparedness Month (NDPPM) 2022 kicked off on Friday May 06, 2022 with a public education Caravan at the Brian Lara Promenade in Port of Spain.



Minister of National Security, the Honourable Fitzgerald Hinds M.P. and Permanent Secretary (Ag.) of the Ministry of National Security, Mr. Gary Joseph visited the Caravan's various booths, and participated in live demonstrations aimed at increasing awareness in the area of disaster prevention.

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The theme for this year's NDPPM is *"Be Prepared! Be Secured! Be Ready!"* Visit the Office of Disaster Preparedness and Management's (ODPM) Facebook page www.facebook.com/ODPMTT, for information on the month of activities.





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