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GCA Provides TTD 122,000 for Vital Interventions

During the **One-Off Grant Cheque Distribution** at the Office of the Prime Minister, St. Clair Office, today, Friday 7th June 2024, Mr. Vijay Gangapersad, Permanent Secretary (Ag.), Office of the Prime Minister, Gender and Child Affairs, noted

"The One-Off Grants are useful to increase the potency of our collective efforts, as governmental agencies partnering with civil society organisations, in addressing many of the issues that confront our most vulnerable."

The One-Off Grant is a one-time payment to a Civil Society Organisation or individual to assist in the execution of a particular Gender, Child, or HIV and AIDS related initiative. Each application is considered on a case by case basis, based on national priorities in the areas of gender, child, HIV and AIDS, and other considerations.

Close to TTD 400,000 has been disbursed to civil society organisations and individuals between October 2021 to September 2023, towards advancing gender equality, promoting the rights and protection of children, and ensuring a safe society for persons living with HIV and AIDS. In June 2024, fifteen (15) organisations and individuals have been awarded grants in the total sum of One Hundred and Twenty-two Thousand Dollars (TTD 122,000).

Today, Mr. Gangapersad applauded the civil society sector for their resourcefulness and steadfastness to the citizenry. He reaffirmed the Government's commitment to provide support and engage in collaboration. These strategic alliances include private, public, non-governmental, educational, regional and international agencies in wide spread implementation and engagement toward eliminating all forms of gender-based violence, addressing HIV and AIDS related issues, and bolstering the national child protection machinery.

The Gender and Child Affairs Division reminds all citizens that protecting each other is everybody's business and encourages individuals and organisations alike to **Stand United Against Domestic Violence and All Forms of Child Abuse.**

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