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Major National Clean-Up Campaign Activities in Couva/Tabaquite/Talparo over the weekend

February 13th, 2017 Kent House, Maraval – This past weekend the National Clean-Up Campaign moved into the Couva/Tabaquite/Talparo Region (CTTRC), beginning with a launch ceremony early on Saturday morning at Gilbert Park, Couva. Minister Kazim Hosein was in attendance along with Minister of Public Administration and Communication and Member of Parliament for La Horquetta/Talparo Maxie Cuffie, Minister of Labour and Small Enterprise Development Jennifer Baptiste Primus, Senator Avinash Singh, Senator Foster Cummings, MP for Couva North Ramona Ramdial, MP for Couva South Rudranath Indarsingh, MP for Pointe-a-Pierre David Lee and Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Rural Development and Local Government Desdra Bascombe, as well as the CTTRC Chairman Henry Awong and members of the CTTRC administration.

Major clean-up exercises were undertaken over the weekend such as the removal of bulk waste and old boats at the Claxton Bay Fishing Facility and Bay Road, Orange Valley, desilting of major watercourses at Monkey Point and Pranz Garden, and the removal of derelict vehicles in Beaucarro. Minister Kazim Hosein noted “We have seen a tremendous response from the public. They have cleaned up their properties and put out their bulk waste for collection. This is precisely the type of buy-in we need from the public. As we tackle bulk and white waste, desilting of watercourses and cleaning of underground drains, derelict vehicles, overgrown lots, and dilapidated buildings we will also reduce the breeding areas for mosquitoes, rodents and other pests, to create cleaner, healthier and safer communities across the country.”

This weekend, over 1500 loads of bulk and white waste were collected in the Couva/Tabaquite/Talparo region, numerous overgrown lots and public spaces were cut with assistance of CEPEP, and underground drains along the Southern Main Road were cleaned by WASA’s gully sucker. Minister Kazim Hosein added,

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“With the support of the volunteer contractors, we have been able to undertake major works in the region this weekend, such as the desilting and widening of major watercourses which will reduce flooding in the area and prevent the stagnation of water. We are immensely thankful to them for continuing to come out every week in all areas and keeping the momentum of the National Clean-Up Campaign going. We must also specially mention the volunteer groups who came out during the weekend such as the Police Youth Club and the Volunteer Centre of Trinidad and Tobago. And the CTTRC staff must also be highly commended as we have had 90% voluntary participation from them this weekend.”

Corporate volunteers present over the weekend included Kallco, Fides, Laing, Jusamco, Namalco, Coosal’s, Seereeram Brothers, KJS Enterprises, Singh’s Group of Companies, Khanson’s Transport, Central Equipment Rentals, Ricon, Jazco, V&V Contracting, Luxury R Estates and many more. A full list will be printed later in the week.

The National Clean-Up Campaign continues on March 4th 2017, and will launch at Carib Street in the city of San Fernando. The public is encouraged to participate as we Team Up to Clean Up.

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