

MCT, BRAGSA To Construct Houses



Most of the housing stock in Sandy Bay suffered from effects of the volcanic eruption.
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Forty-one households from beyond the Rabacca River who experienced damage to the extent that they have nothing to return to after the volcanic eruption wrought havoc on their homes, can look to being re-housed through a joint effort of the Mustique Charitable Trust (MCT) and the Building, Roads, and General Services Authority (BRAGSA).

With the MCT being the source of funding and BRAGSA undertaking the construction, 41 units are to be provided – some 1-bedroom, some 2-bedroom and 3-bedroom.

The houses, to be constructed from concrete blocks and reinforced concrete, complete with all finishing, will be built according to local building codes and hurricane and earthquake resistance guidelines.

According to a release from the MCT, the project – 41 houses – is estimated to cost EC\$4,024,050 and will be undertaken on lands provided by the Government of St. Vincent & the Grenadines at sites in Sandy Bay and Orange Hill.

The houses are earmarked for families whose homes were located in the pathway of the river that runs through Sandy Bay and on areas that were impacted by lahars and flooding.

This project falls under the Mustique Volcano Emergency Relief Funds (VERF), which was initiated through the donations from Mustique Homeowners, Guests and Friends of Mustique, in immediate response to the eruption of La Soufrière on 8th April 2021. These funds were earmarked to assist those residents in the Red and Orange Zones who were most severely impacted.

Other projects completed under the Mustique VERF includes: grocery boxes and water to over 5,000 evacuees; distribution of Relief Supplies to over 14,000 villagers in 28 Villages; Heavy Duty Cleaning Equipment to BRAGSA, NEMO, AIA and Kingstown Town Board; Shower Facilities in 12 School Shelters and 750 Farmers Tool Kits provided to small farmers in the Red & Orange Zones.

Total costs of all Mustique VERF projects to date, including the current Relocation Housing Project, is EC\$7.4 million. *(Source: MCT)*

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