

North Windward residents get new houses

LIFE IS RETURNING to normal in the Red Zone, and for some residents there is a sense of novelty about the process. That comes with the handing over of 18 houses to persons in the North Windward constituency.

The ceremony took place last Tuesday at Orange Hill where a steady breeze from the Atlantic coast crisscrossed the northern mountain range and brought a sense of relief to the humid atmosphere pervading over recent weeks.

The construction of three, two and one-room houses – 21 in total - was financed by the Mustique Charitable Trust MCT).

The MCT Chairman Roger Pritchard expressed pleasure with the completion of the housing project, and also took time to retrace his Fund's other areas of assistance during and post the La Soufriere eruption of 2021.

These included: delivering water to mainland St. Vincent the day after the April 9 eruption; distributions of food supplies, mattresses, cots to displaced people; providing kits to farmers; and availing water pumps, tanks for water storage and generators.

Minister of Housing Orando Brewster described the handing over of the houses as "Christmas in September."

He noted the changes in the Orange Hill area, with an initial 27 houses built with support from a Trinidad and Tobago based entity, and praised North Windward residents for their patience.

He recognised and pledged the government's commitment to look after people's needs.

Brewster acknowledged the Mustique Charitable Trust for their contribution to the rebuilding. He commended the collaboration between Ministries and departments in the rebuilding, and anticipates the delivery of twenty more houses in Sandy Bay.

His colleague Montgomery Daniel, Minister of Works and MP for the area, emphasized that "Having a home is what most of us look forward to." He is hoping that the next Independence Day celebrations will be significant for another set of residents.

Daniel estimated the costs of a one-bedroom

house at \$66,000, and placed on 4,000 square feet of land, the value increases to \$86,000.

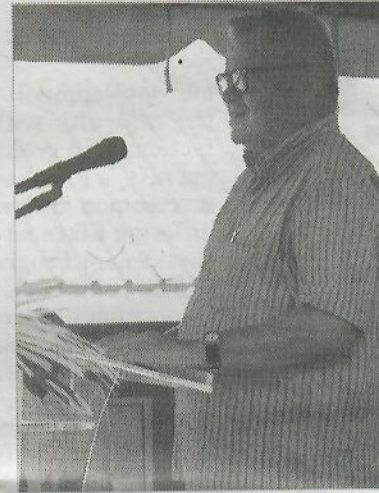
Prime Minister Dr Ralph Gonsalves reflected on his and his government's leadership of the efforts aimed at providing houses for the population.

He was particularly excited about the delivery of the next 20 houses in Sandy Bay and the distribution of 21 Guyana-sourced prefabricated to volcano-affected areas in SVG.

Prime Minister Gonsalves recognized the role of the Mustique Charitable Trust in helping to stabilize the situation of disruption caused by the volcanic eruptions.



The houses that were handed over included three, units.



Roger Pritchard, Chairman of Mustique Charitable Trust gave an indication of how his Trust responded in a time (volcanic eruption) need.



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