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Minister Calls on all in T&T to Unite to Reclaim our Country

“Both men and women, we all have to put aside jerseys and stand united to reclaim Trinidad and Tobago, and economic empowerment has to be at the core of our progress.”

This was the call to leaders of all manner of organization, citizens and media by the Honourable Ayanna Webster-Roy, Minister in the Office of the Prime Minister – Gender and Child Affairs, as she opened the Chaguanas **Women’s Entrepreneurial Development and Product Expo - “Women’s Village”** at Saith Park, Chaguanas today, Friday 23rd August 2024.

Minister Webster-Roy encouraged women, as influential figures in their families and communities to lead in positive change. The Women’s Village is one of the mechanisms the Government is using to empower women and survivors of domestic violence so that their personal improvements and achievements will result in improved communities and a nation.

Over 200 women entrepreneurs benefitted from the previous three (3) Women’s Villages’ on-site through point of sale occasions, networking with fellow small and micro-enterprises and business associations, and consulting with business development organisations in both Trinidad and Tobago. The same is expected for the more than seventy women business who took part in the 4TH Edition of the Women’s Village.

The upliftment of women and the nation was echoed by Senator the Honourable Richie Sookhai, Minister in the Ministry of Works and Transport, as he endorsed the Village as *‘laying a platform for women to showcase their products to the wider community’* for more financial opportunities. His Worship Councillor Faaq Mohammed, Mayor of Chaguanas also affirmed that *‘investing in women is a strategic imperative for national development’*.

Minister Webster-Roy, complimented the efforts of her Ministerial colleagues and the various Members of Parliament as well as the Mayors for their various development services offered free of charge to citizens. She challenged citizens to make full use of those programmes for their own personal development and that of their communities. She also challenged all politicians, community leaders, civil society and all of Trinidad and Tobago to stand united against all forms of violence.

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