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Joint Chambers Private Sector Disaster Response

The Trinidad & Tobago private sector has always responded to disasters, both here in T&T and throughout the Caribbean. We have provided relief items, equipment, supplies and expertise in post-disaster situations, working with national authorities, our private sector partners in other countries and respected NGOs.

We follow best practices in post-disaster relief efforts by making sure that we only provide support and relief items that are required. In many post-disaster situations, the response is made more difficult by people sending items that are not on the priority lists and clogging up ports, warehouses and other distribution points. People should only donate items when it is clear that they are required and that there is a clear route to ensure that they can be effectively distributed into the hands of people in need.

In many cases it is better to make financial contributions rather than to donate relief items. Financial contributions allow relief agencies to procure the specific items that are required at the right time. The Joint Chambers have established a relief account that can accept donations, and which can be used to disburse funds as needed to respected NGOs with an excellent track record or to procure specific items on approved national “needs lists” published by national response agencies (such as OPDM).

This account is under the direct joint control of the CEOs of:

1. Trinidad & Tobago Chamber of Industry and Commerce
2. Trinidad & Tobago Manufacturers Association
3. Energy Chamber of Trinidad & Tobago
4. AmCham T&T

Disbursements are made after unanimous agreement and reported to the respective Boards of the four associations.

The account details are as follows:

Beneficiary Name: The Energy Chamber of Trinidad and Tobago / Joint Chambers Currency: TTD Bank - First Citizens Bank Limited, Pt Lisas Account Number: 2818368 Account Type: Chequing

OR

Beneficiary Name: The Energy Chamber of Trinidad and Tobago / Joint Chambers Currency: USD Bank -First Citizens Bank Limited, Pt Lisas Account Number: 2818367 Account Type: Savings

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