

ARUBANS URGED TO REACH OUT IF THEY NEED HELP

Oranjestad, Aruba, May 27, 2020 – Arubans are being urged to reach out and seek help if they find themselves in need of food and other supplies due to the adverse economic effects of the Covid-19 pandemic .

Volunteer with the Aruba Red Cross Society Ms. Marla Dominquez made the call recently as she received care packages from staff of CIBC FirstCaribbean. Ms. Dominquez said they have been working day and night to provide assistance to families whose incomes have dried up as a result of the impact of Covid-19.

She said the charity has created a database of impacted families and a special crisis team has been set up to manage outreach to those families. To register for assistance or make a referral, persons are asked to visit the Red Cross' website, www.redcrossaruba.com and click on the tab "help during Covid".

Once on the site persons can choose either "meals on wheels" or "projecto asistencia social". Families can also opt to have prepared meals delivered to their homes or receive supermarket vouchers.

"Covid-19 has brought some big challenges for so many families and giving back or sharing is the best way to show that CIBC FirstCaribbean Aruba's employees care," stated Mr. Giovanni Atencio, the bank's Country Head in Aruba.

In addition to the Red Cross, staff of CIBC FirstCaribbean also teamed up with Oasis of Love to provide food and care packages to a number of families across the island.

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