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The Social Sector Investment Programme (SSIP) remains indicative of the Government's enduring commitment towards the social protection needs of the vulnerable population. Overall, the SSIP works to translate the Government's vision for the sustainable development of the society into tangible programmes and projects. These projects and programmes align with the goals of the government's overarching national planning framework, the National Development Strategy 2016-2030 (Vision 2030). The Roadmap to Recovery Report (R2R) and the Community Recovery Report (CRR) also influence the development of projects and programmes across the social sector.

The SSIP 2025 provides a synopsis of Trinidad and Tobago's (T&T's) performance on multiple indices, including the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Human Development Index (HDI) and the Multi-Dimensional Poverty Index (MPI). Based on the HDI, T&T is a leader in the Caribbean region in terms of its economic strength and its levels of socio-economic development. The Human Development Report 2023/2024 indicated that T&T was ranked **60 out of 193** countries with a score of **0.814** and was among the highest-ranking human development countries. Some of the indicators provided in the Report included:

- Life Expectancy from Birth-**74.7 years** (SDG 3)
- Expected years of schooling-**14.1 years** (SDG 4.3)
- Mean Years of schooling-**11.7 years** (SDG 4.4)
- Gross National Income per Capita-**US\$22,473** (SDG 8.5)

Moreover, the Central Statistical Office's (CSO's) 2011 Multiple Indicator Cluster Survey data on MPI estimations indicated, inter alia, that **0.6%** of the population (10 thousand people in 2021) is multi-dimensionally poor and that **3.7%** is classified as vulnerable to multi-dimensional poverty (56 thousand people in 2021). The CSO is presently working toward updating this data.

Chapter 1- The National Social Situation examines the socio-economic climate of Trinidad and Tobago, including the developments made toward social transformation. It also outlines the Government's social sector mandate for fiscal 2024 through an overview of the national social context. This includes highlights of new and existing social sector initiatives, the levels of investment made by the key social sector Ministries, and the Tobago House of Assembly (THA) toward social development, and efforts toward the attainment of the United Nations SDGs 2030. The Chapter further highlights major advancements made within the social sector for fiscal 2024, in keeping with the Thematic Areas of Vision 2030: Theme 1: Putting People First: Nurturing Our Greatest Asset; and Theme II: Delivering Good Governance and Service Excellence. Generally, the chapter provides an overview of the government's various efforts to enhance Trinidad and Tobago's social capital and human development profile from a multi-sectoral perspective. Some of the major achievements identified across the various social sector Ministries and the THA for fiscal 2024 are outlined in **Table 1** below.

Table I: Summary of Initiatives and Achievements across various Ministries/Agencies for Fiscal 2024		
Theme I-Putting People First, Nurturing Our Greatest Asset		
Goals	Some Major Achievements	Ministry/Agency/Institution Responsible
1. Persons living in absolute poverty will be reduced	<p>A comprehensive proposed methodology for redefining (splitting) of the Local Board Districts of Caroni (Chaguanas Regional Office) and St. George East (Tunapuna Regional Office) was completed. The splitting of the Boards is necessary to provide better access to vital resources and support services to clients to lift themselves out of poverty and improve their quality of life.</p> <p>Commencement of the implementation of the National Register of Vulnerable Persons (NRVP) to facilitate improved targeting of vulnerable persons and more informed decision-making for policy and programme development.</p> <p>Establishment of a new Social Services Centre in Port-of-Spain to enable more efficient delivery of services to the citizenry.</p>	Ministry of Social Development and Family Services
	The Data NeTT Portal was launched on January 26, 2024 which contains the report on the MICS6.	Ministry of Planning and Development (MPD)
2. The Healthcare System will be efficient and provide quality services	The Commissioning of eight (8) Healthcare Service Robots (HSRs) funded by the India-UN Development Partnership Fund to help reduce the administrative burden on healthcare workers in the healthcare system.	Ministry of Health
3. Citizens will lead healthy lifestyles	<p>The establishment of TT Move Junior, conducted by the NCD Inspector Academy and the hosting of a Healthy Me Campus in March 2024 and April 2024 to encourage children and adolescents ages 5 to 17 to adopt healthy lifestyles.</p> <p>Launch of the TTMoves app.</p> <p>Commencement of the second Risk Factor Survey aimed at evaluating and tracking the prevalence and trends of Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs)</p>	Ministry of Health
	The Disability Affairs Unit hosted its inaugural Sexual and Reproductive Health Seminar on May 22, 2024. Approximately 50 women with disabilities, their caregivers, advocates and NGOs serving the community of persons with disabilities attended this Seminar.	Ministry of Social Development and Family Services

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4. The foundation of Trinidad and Tobago will be strong families and safe sustainable communities	The National Strategic Action Plan on Gender-Based Violence and Sexual Violence was launched as a cornerstone policy framework to reduce the prevalence of GBV and SV in Trinidad and Tobago.	Office of the Prime Minister (Gender and Child Affairs)
	The Standing Committee on Child Protection (SCCP) continued its work, overseeing the initiation of the kinship foster care system, the launch of the National Inter-Agency Protocol for Child Abuse Prevention and Management, and the conduct of child protection training for residential care workers.	
	The National Family Policy was developed as a Green Paper for the initiation of public consultations on approval.	Ministry of Social Development and Family Services
5. Trinidad and Tobago will have a seamless reformed, high-quality education and training system	Youth Week, the National Youth Awards 2024 and the National Youth Convention were undertaken. Action to re-establish a National Youth Council also commenced.	Ministry of Youth Development and National Service
	Work continued towards the implementation of the National Policy on Sustainable Community Development (NPSCD) in pilot communities (Perseverance Village, La Brea, Marabella, Beausejour and Canaan Bon Accord / Crown Point). Consultants were engaged to undertake Community-Based Assessments (CBA) in the four pilot communities and Easily Achievable Community Projects (EACPs) were implemented in the communities.	
	Vacation Revision Programmes (VRPs) were introduced to assist students in catching up on missed learning, and over 4,900 students have participated in these programmes.	Ministry of Education

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Theme II- Good Governance and Service Excellence		
Goals	Some Major Achievements	Ministry/Agency/Institution Responsible
1. Public Institutions will be high-performing entities meeting the needs of all	The Local TT mobile application which is a digital platform designed to streamline the reporting process of local issues, was launched on June 12, 2024.	Ministry of Rural Development and Local Government (MRDLG)
	The Ministry of Public Administration (MPA) signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the University of the West Indies on July 8, 2024, to increase the capacity of the MPA for the delivery of training courses to public servants	Ministry of Public Administration (MPA)
	The Ministry of Planning and Development partnered with the Inter-American Development Bank for the commencement of investment projects geared towards the digital transformation of Trinidad and Tobago by supporting the expansion and enhancement of the digital economy.	Ministry of Planning and Development
	Conducted Gender Training with Members of Staff of the Judiciary Trinidad.	Office of the Prime Minister (Gender and Child Affairs Division)
	The Water and Sewerage Authority commissioned its state-of-the-art Operational Control Centre (OCC) on July 10, 2024.	Ministry of Public Utilities
	Commenced the development of a Social Benefits Wallet for the MSDFS in partnership with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the United Nations Capital Development Fund (UNCDF)	Ministry of Digital Transformation
2. Citizens will have confidence in the justice system	The Administration of Justice (Indictable Proceedings) Act, 2011, referred to as AJIPAA, was proclaimed on December 12, 2023.	Judiciary of Trinidad and Tobago
3. An efficient and effective law enforcement system	The Ministry of National Security (MNS) collaboration with the United States on shared crime and security concerns has resulted in the development of a study conducted by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) on crime and criminality in Trinidad and Tobago. The USAID Criminal Dynamics Study for Trinidad and Tobago was presented to the MNS in June 2024.	Ministry of National Security
	The Trinidad and Tobago Police Service's Customer Service Unit was launched in June 2024 to elevate the	Trinidad and Tobago Police Service

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	quality of service provided to the public by the TTPS.	

The chapter concludes with an analysis of the social investments made toward attaining the United Nations SDGs 2030 across the 17 SDGs, for fiscal 2024. Findings revealed that **84.4%** of allocations in the social sector, was targeted heavily toward three (3) SDGs particularly: Goal 1- No Poverty (**66.3%**); Goal 4-Quality Education (**10.2%**); and Goal 8- Decent Work and Economic Growth (**7.9%**), which represents a nominal increase of **1.4%** as compared to fiscal 2023. The remaining **15.6%** of expenditure was spread across Goal 2- Zero Hunger; Goal 3: Good Health and Wellbeing; Goal 6- Clean Water and Sanitation; Goal 10- Educating inequalities; Goal 11-Sustainable Cities and Communities; and Goal 13 Climate Action.

Chapter 2 – Overview of the Social Sector, and the Review of Social Programmes and Initiatives, outlines the allocations made to key social sector Ministries and the THA over the last five (5) fiscal years (2020-2024), which have now exceeded **\$100B**. During fiscal 2024 total revenue was estimated at **TT \$54.012 billion**, whereas total budgeted expenditure was projected at **TT \$59.209 billion** resulting in a fiscal deficit of **TT \$5.197 billion** or **2.9 %** of GDP (Ministry of Finance, 2023). Of the total budget for fiscal 2024, allocations for social sector development amounted to **\$22.67 billion**. Additionally, social expenditure continued to be heavily focused on three (3) main areas: Health and Health Care (29%), Education (28%), and Social Services (26%).

Concomitantly, a review of more than **120** social programmes implemented across 13 Ministries and in three (3) Divisions of the Tobago House of Assembly indicated a slight increase in the number of programmes being executed in fiscal 2024. These programmes addressed a wide range of socio-economic issues including but not limited to ageing, community development and the arts; child protection; culture; disability affairs; education; employment and entrepreneurship; environmental protection; family support; gender issues; literacy; poverty reduction; skill development; social protection; and substance abuse. Some of the new programmes and projects which were commenced/developed, and research undertaken were:

- Launch of the Survivors Transformation and Empowerment Programme (STEP) – OPM
- Expansion of TSTT's Public Cloud Infrastructure – MPU
- Development of a Work from Home Policy for the Public Service – MPA
- Shock Responsive Social Protection Policy – MSDFS
- Study on Crime and Criminality in Trinidad and Tobago – MNS

Chapter 3 – The Social Sector Planned Initiatives for fiscal 2025, identifies the planned initiatives for implementation in fiscal **2025** by the Ministries in the social sector, and the Social Services Divisions of the Tobago House of Assembly. Some of the key initiatives are outlined in **Table II** below.

Table II: The Social Sector Planned Initiatives for fiscal 2025	
Ministry of Youth Development and National Service	Ministry of Education
Implementation of the Skills for Work Programme to promote and foster employability through technical/vocational training as a means of filling the employment gap.	Implementation of Mathematics and Numeracy work plans for 2024/2025 and the establishment of professional learning communities (online and face-to-face).
Ministry of Health	Ministry of Housing and Urban Development
<p>Information Systems (Equipment and Software) Upgrade of the Core ICT systems which provide the majority of ICT services to the Ministry of Health. Improved data storage, HIV surveillance, network security upgrades and data recovery will be undertaken.</p> <p>Continuation of the Medical Equipment Upgrade Programme to procure and upgrade medical equipment at the various Public Health Institutions and expand critical services.</p> <p>Commissioning of Sangre Grande Hospital and the New Central Block at Port of Spain General Hospital.</p> <p>Refurbishment of the Princess Elizabeth Home for Children</p>	Allocation of social housing/rental sites to families and persons in the Affordable/Low Income Housing Band. For fiscal 2025, four (4) sites have been identified with a potential yield of 120 units in Plaisance Road, Port of Spain, Almond Court, Morvant and Ocean View Apartments.

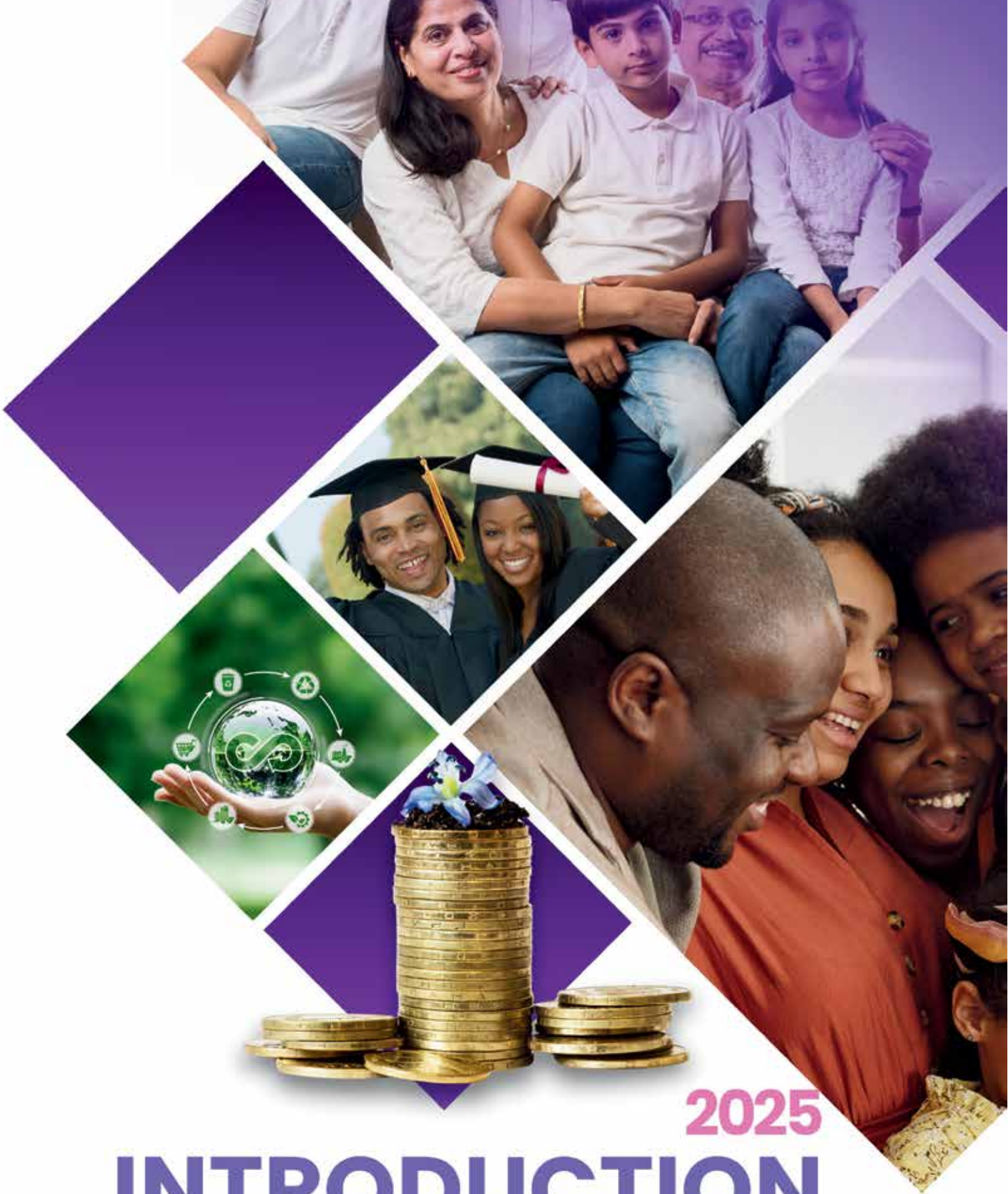
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Ministry of Labour	Ministry of National Security
Development of a Modernised Labour Market Information System.	Establishment of an Offender Management Programme.
Office of the Prime Minister	Ministry of Public Utilities
Establishment of the St Mary's Children's Village pilot project to provide a new model of care for wards of the state, transitioning them into adulthood and adding value to the wider community.	Implementation of an Electronic Complaints Management System.
Development of a National Framework to Respond to the Perpetrators of Domestic Violence.	
Ministry of Rural Development and Local Government	Ministry of Social Development and Family Services
Procurement and enhancement of eight (8) rescue boats to facilitate swift evacuation and rescue operations in flooded areas.	Continuation of the development of a Social Benefits Wallet (SBW) in collaboration with the Ministry of Digital Transformation (MDT), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and United Nations Capital Development Fund (UNCDF).
Ministry of Sport and Community Development	Tobago House of Assembly
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upgrade of the community swimming pools in the following areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Siparia, Sangre Grande, Diego Martin, Laventille, Morvant, Maloney, Cocoyea, La Horquetta, Couva, D'Abadie / Malabar • Continuation of the implementation of the National Community Empowerment Programme. 	Creation of new social assistance grant offerings, such as the Kinship Support Programme, which will provide financial support to relatives taking care of children in instances where their parents are either unable to or are absent.



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INTRODUCTION

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As global societies continue to learn from the phenomenal effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as the need to develop more cost-effective, impactful approaches for social protection, the world is now being described as one that is in 'poly-crisis'. The term 'poly-crisis' as originally coined by French theorist Edgar Morin, refers to the various crises in economics, politics, geopolitics and the environment, which are feeding into each other, exacerbating already difficult circumstances.¹ Currently, the term is apt for describing the interplay between the COVID-19 pandemic, the war in Ukraine and the energy, cost-of-living and climate crises.²

Small Island Developing States (SIDS), which include the nation states of the Caribbean region, have been adversely impacted, in many cases disproportionately, by the crossfires of multiple crises. In terms of climate change for example, the situation is becoming increasingly urgent, as weather-related disasters have doubled in two decades, with island nations being both most vulnerable and least responsible. The recent outcomes of Hurricane Beryl on the islands of Grenada, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Carriacou and Petite Martinique and Union Island attest to this reality.

The economic and social repercussions of COVID-19 and a crisis of debt have hugely impacted all island nations, especially those dependent on tourism. Global lockdowns left large holes in the islands' coffers and severely set back efforts to invest in the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Geopolitically, Caribbean analysts have asserted that Haiti's recent turmoil is also no longer confined to its borders as Haitians are emigrating in droves, and gangs now control the island and traffic firearms and drugs in the wider region.³ Closer to home, the political impasse between Venezuela and Guyana over territorial issues and the elections and ensuing turmoil in the former, have posed some challenges to the Government, with some fearing a new influx of migrants with its concomitant socio-economic implications.

Nationally, the Central Bank's Economic Bulletin (June 2024 issue)⁴, highlights that despite the resiliency of the non-energy sector, low energy sector output contributed to the real GDP declining by 2.3 per cent in the third quarter of 2023. Additionally, labour market conditions were adversely affected, highlighted by an increase in the unemployment rate for the first quarter of 2024. The unemployment rate for the first quarter was 5.4 percent whereas in the corresponding quarter of 2023, it was 4.9 percent. During this period, the labour force contracted by 2,900 persons and the labour force participation rate declined to 54.7 per cent. These economic challenges directly impact the welfare of individuals, households and families. Periods of stagnation result in diminished job creation and wage growth thereby increasing structural unemployment and widening the income inequality gap⁵.

The National Social Mitigation Plan 2017 – 2022 was developed as a direct result of economic hardships and worsening social conditions. Despite the ongoing commitment by Government to the implementation of this plan, various aspects are yet to be fully executed due in part to the global economic fallout as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. This pandemic compounded the economic vulnerability of those already on the poverty margin, as unemployment and retrenchment increased resulting in a heightened demand for social assistance. The pandemic exacerbated inequalities and highlighted the inefficiencies in the social and economic structure. The Government, however, remained committed to the provision of funding toward social and human development with consistently high percentage contributions of the national budget (between 32%-38%) being allocated to the core social sector ministries and agencies in the last five years.

¹<https://www.weforum.org/agenda/2023/03/polycrisis-adam-tooze-historian-explains/>

² Kate Whiting, "This is why 'polycrisis' is a useful way of looking at the world right now," *World Economic Forum*, March 7, 2023, <https://www.weforum.org/agenda/2023/03/polycrisis-adam-tooze-historian-explains/>

³ <https://www.atlanticcouncil.org/blogs/new-atlanticist/addressing-haitis-turmoil-starts-with-its-caribbean-neighbors/>

⁴ [efaidnbmnnnibpcjpcglclefindmkaj/https://www.central-bank.org.tt/sites/default/files/reports/economic-bulletin-july-2024.pdf](https://www.central-bank.org.tt/sites/default/files/reports/economic-bulletin-july-2024.pdf)

⁵ <https://www.imf.org/en/Blogs/Articles/2024/07/23/a-low-growth-world-is-an-unequal-unstable-world>

The United Nations in 2021, conducted a Caribbean Common Multi-Country Analysis (CMCA) to ascertain the progress of the Caribbean region towards the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and its commitments to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. T&T being one of the nations examined, faced the following challenges in the realization of its sustainable development goals⁶:

- Climate change. The Caribbean is the second most disaster-prone region in the world, regularly hit by natural and human-induced disasters. Its Small Islands Developing States are increasingly vulnerable to extreme climatic events, which are becoming more intense, unpredictable, and frequent due to climate change.⁷
- Crime. The circulation of small arms and light weapons compounds violent criminality, which is experienced at high rates. Additionally, the Caribbean's geography and international recreational drug consumption mean that Caribbean countries such as T&T are exposed to an increased risk of trafficking in narcotics, people, and arms.

In terms of social protection and labour markets, the CMCA revealed that the inadequacy of social protection systems precipitates the wrong kind of flexibility in labour markets and suggests that individuals who don't have access to decent work are more likely to experience lower health, nutritional, educational, and other negative social outcomes.

Notwithstanding these critical exogenous and endogenous factors, the International Monetary Fund's assessment of T&T in June 2024 noted that for the first time in a decade, T&T is undergoing gradual and sustained economic recovery. Economic growth is expected to gain momentum in 2024, supported by the non-energy and energy sectors, and inflation is projected to remain low.⁸ This level of economic resilience complements the country's global ranking of **60** of **193** countries with a score of **0.814**, which was among the highest human development countries as reported in the United Nations Development Programme's (UNDP) Report 2023-2024. According to the Report, T&T has been considered a leader in the Caribbean region in terms of its economic strength and its levels of socio-economic development.

Given that the social sector plays a fundamental role in helping to build a more equitable and socially just society, it remains imperative that a steady economic climate is realised for the implementation of robust social protection mechanisms. In fiscal 2025, the strategic focus for T&T will remain on attaining the objectives identified for the medium term (2016-2025) as outlined in Vision 2030, which consists of more than 16 goals aligned to five (5) Thematic Areas. The following two (2) Thematic Areas pertain to the social sector:

- **Theme I: Putting People First: Nurturing Our Greatest Asset**
- **Theme II: Delivering Good Governance and Service Excellence**

These themes also include several international goals that are consistent with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

⁶ <https://guyana.un.org/sites/default/files/2022-04/CMCA%202021.pdf>

⁷ https://civil-protection-humanitarian-aid.ec.europa.eu/where/latin-america-and-caribbean/caribbean_en

a) ⁸ IMF Executive Board Concludes 2024 Article IV Consultation with Trinidad and Tobago – June 4, 2024
<https://www.imf.org/en/News/Articles/2024/06/04/pr24200-trinidad-and-tobago-imf-exec-board-concludes-2024-art-iv-consult#:~:text=Economic%20growth%20is%20projected%20to,percent%20of%20GDP%20in%202024.>

b)



Social Protection and the Attainment of the SDGs by 2030

The Sustainable Development Goals Report 2023: Special Edition, warns that while the lack of progress towards the goals is universal, it is the world's poorest and most vulnerable who are experiencing the worst effects of the unprecedented global challenges. Urgent action is needed to rescue the SDGs and deliver meaningful progress for people and the planet by 2030⁹. Although social protection plays a key role in accelerating progress towards achieving the 2030 SDGs and in leaving no one behind, it is instructive that a key element of national development strategies should always be to promote human development, political stability, and inclusive growth. This year's SSIP will continue to map the trends in expenditure across the social sector towards the attainment of the SDGs.

Priority Issues emerging at High-Level International and Regional Events/Conferences germane to the Social Sector

At the 62nd Session of the Commission for Social Development, which was held in February 2024 under the priority theme, 'Fostering social development and social justice through social policies to accelerate progress on the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and to achieve the overarching goal of poverty eradication', the Secretary General's Report on the priority theme provided several recommendations for countries across the globe to address gaps in core services that hinder social development and social justice. The three (3) main areas identified were:

- Reprioritizing social development policies that deliver evidence-based quality services for all
- Ensuring sufficient domestic and international resource mobilization to match the scale of the social development challenges faced by countries
- Improving public sector accountability, transparency and capabilities and systematizing more inclusive institutional arrangements.¹⁰

Similarly, at the 68th session of the Commission on the Status of Women held in March 2024, the priority theme focused on, "Accelerating the achievement of gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls by addressing poverty and strengthening institutions". At this Conference it was highlighted *inter alia*, that social policies need to address gender and poverty to include those that promote equitable access to gender-responsive education, health, care services, as well as the introduction of social protections that can reach women and girls in poverty, including those in informal work. The session also highlighted that policies related to sustainable infrastructure can also contribute to reducing the time and intensity of women's unpaid care and domestic work.¹¹

Coming out of the Hybrid EU-LAC High-Level Event, which was held in Brussels on March 21 and 22, 2024 on the Theme: Inclusive Human Development and Equitable Access to Health Products", some key highlights were the need for human capital development to remain at the centre of all other development, as well as defining specific policy areas that are integral if they are to redound to actual tangible benefits. It was further underscored that consideration should be given by countries to prioritizing such areas as a consequence of limited resources.

In the area of Sport, at the 11th Commonwealth Sports Ministers Meeting (11CSSM), which was held in July 2024 in Paris, France under the Priority Theme, Building Inclusive and Resilient Societies through Sport, the key areas of exploration were:

- the inclusion of Indigenous Peoples in sports;
- reimagining the Commonwealth Games and Commonwealth Youth Games;
- leveraging artificial intelligence for sports development and peace; and,
- Assessing the contribution of sport to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

⁹ <https://unstats.un.org/sdgs/report/2023/>

¹⁰ <https://documents.un.org/doc/undoc/gen/n23/385/08/pdf/n2338508.pdf?token=29XaGhQZ6jFD9KoQSy&fe=true>

¹¹ https://www.unwomen.org/sites/default/files/2023-11/csw68_egm_cn_final.pdf

One of the critical action points outlined in the Ministerial Outcome was the recommitment to cross-sector cooperation to capitalize on the impact and benefits of sport, specifically by adopting Commonwealth tools; guidelines and frameworks; and model laws to address safeguarding, non-communicable diseases, gender equity, youth engagement and improve educational outcomes.

Of significance to the education sector was the hosting of the Latin American Summit on Artificial Intelligence (AI) held in Cartagena (Bolívar), Colombia in August 2024, which was organized by the Inter-American Telecommunication Commission of the Organisation of American States in collaboration with various other multilateral organizations. The Seminar was designed to explore and deeply debate strategies and policies for the implementation of AI in the region, and was structured around three core pillars:

- Supporting ecosystems, that ensure the infrastructure and socioeconomic environments are conducive to technological development that advances AI innovations
- Education, which focuses on fostering a highly skilled workforce capable of thriving in the AI environment
- Governance, which aims to ensure that the regulatory framework and public policies in the region promote social well-being and inclusion in the adoption of AI.

Regionally, the Third Annual Caribbean Examination Council (CXC) Ministerial Summit was held in Bridgetown Barbados, under the theme "Reimagining Educational Reform – Towards Transformative Agility." The Summit focused on fostering high-level discussions among education policymakers from the region regarding CXC's initiatives outlined in its 2021-2025 Strategic Plan; and featured two (2) significant sessions: "Moving from Educational Recovery to Transformational Change" and "Leveraging Innovations in Education." The Summit also presented the opportunity to foster greater collaboration and exposure to the best practice standards and innovative trends.

It is envisaged that the various issues which emerged will guide the work plans of the core social sector ministries in fiscal 2025 and beyond.

Some Significant Developments across the Social Sector in Fiscal 2024

During fiscal 2024 significant activities were undertaken across the social sector, which were expected to have a meaningful impact toward the achievement of social development goals and objectives. In May 2024, the GoRTT approved the implementation of a National Community Recovery Development Initiative entitled, "Building Trinidad and Tobago (BeTnT)", at an estimated cost of \$50M. Implementation was expected to take place over the period May to December 2024. One of the major goals of this initiative is "To develop socially and economically empowered communities".

The Gender Affairs Division of the Office of the Prime Minister (OPM) launched the STEP Programme, which involves the retraining of women in small and micro-enterprise development. The Programme aims to address financial dependence among domestic abuse survivors, by offering comprehensive micro-enterprise training, scholarship programmes and grant funding, to develop or expand small businesses.

The Ministry of Health (MOH), in its thrust to support mental health and provide easy access to services, created a digital directory of crisis and emergency mental health and psychosocial services entitled "FindcareTT".

In mid-fiscal 2024, the Ministry of Social Development and Family Services (MSDFS) as the core social sector ministry, was instrumental in providing critical information to the World Bank Group, which was engaged by the Ministry of Finance for the preparation of a Social Protection Expenditure Review (SPER) and Targeting Assessment, in two (2) components, namely the SPER and an Error and Fraud Assessment (EFA). The social programmes under the purview of the MSDFS that were identified for the assessments were:

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- Senior Citizens' Pension
- Targeted Conditional Cash Transfer Pricing/Food Support
- Public Assistance Grant
- Disability Assistance Grant

One of the primary goals of the SPER is to assess the nation's social protection system, as it relates to the level of social expenditure and to generate country-comparable statistics on social protection. The main objectives of the SPER are to:

- identify the scope of the social protection system and any existing gaps;
- establish costs associated with the country's social protection system in terms of expenditure (% GDP) and financing structures (contributory schemes, e.g. NIB, PSP, etc.) and;
- analyse the effectiveness of existing social protection schemes, regarding coverage of the most relevant proportion of the population (vulnerable), to the extent by which poverty can be prevented or alleviated.

The findings of the assessment are expected to impact policy and programme development across the sector over the next two to three years and to address some of the challenges faced by the ministries and agencies.

Building a strong Social Protection System using Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Data Analytics

Generally, social protection and labour systems tend to have a transformational impact on the lives of the poorest and most vulnerable, providing a lifeline to many during crises, boosting human capital for future generations, and empowering those customarily marginalized, especially women. However, in order to enhance the level of social protection, it is argued that AI-driven social welfare programmes improve productivity and services for citizens, and that simple artificial intelligence (AI) through the use of computing automation can help optimize how governments assess eligibility and needs of welfare benefits, make enrolment decisions and manage benefit delivery.

Additionally, AI despite its several drawbacks, can also augment the work of caseworkers by automating paperwork and helping them know, which cases need urgent attention. Thus, the potential of AI in social welfare programs could deliver incredible results that align with any government's goal of ensuring the well-being of its people. Overall, AI-based technology can play a positive role in detecting fraud and corruption, reducing errors and overpayments, making resource allocation decisions, improving employee satisfaction and providing services more efficiently to citizens¹².

Commensurate with AI, is the use of big data analytics as a powerful tool that can be used to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of social welfare programs. By collecting and analyzing data on clients/beneficiaries, the social sector can gain insights into what is working well and what could be improved, so as to make informed decisions on how to allocate resources and improve services.¹³

Regionally, there is now a compelling digital renaissance underway, which is driven by collaborative efforts among government agencies and development organizations committed to regional digital transformation¹⁴. The digitalization of social protection has also been emerging as a trend that is rapidly transforming the way social welfare is delivered to individuals and communities worldwide. This has led to the persistent development and extensive use of digital technologies, which continue to grow and influence how

¹² John Maynard AI-driven social welfare programs improve productivity and services for citizens-driven social welfare programs improve, April 11, 2024 <https://blogs.sas.com/content/sascom/2024/04/11/ai-driven-social-welfare-programs-improve-productivity-and-services-for-citizens/productivity>

¹³ Sample Data: Examples of Payloads related to the Service, AIMLPROGRAMMING.COM <https://aimlprogramming.com/download/pdf/datasamples-data-analytics-for-social-welfare-1711023305.pdf>

¹⁴ Digital Finance for Resilience in the Caribbean: Programmatic Updates- UNCDF

governments operate and function today. Although this has resulted in marked improvements for service users, clients, and providers, there are potential downsides that have also frequently been evident. Notwithstanding, transformation touches on vital elements of the delivery of public services and promotes progress toward the numerous SDGs.

Nationally, the GoRTT has already embarked on its T&T Digital Project (TT Digital Project), which involves a whole-of-society Digital Transformation, and is a critical enabler of social inclusion and the achievement of the SDGs. The TT Digital project also supports the Ministry of Digital Transformation (MDT) in its goal by focusing on upgrading the government's services offering through the development and integration of digital applications that simultaneously improve the ease, efficiency and security of service delivery. This project is valued at USD8,221,700.00 and its duration is three (3) years spanning the period 2022-2025¹⁵.

Social Sector Landscape for Fiscal 2025

As the sector approaches the final year of the medium-term (2022-2025) objectives under Theme I: Putting People First: Nurturing Our Greatest Asset and Theme II: Delivering Good Governance and Service Excellence, it will continue to be guided by the Monitoring and Evaluation Framework for the Roadmap to Recovery, and the Community Recovery Report, which serves as critical measurement tools for monitoring the performance of the social sector priority initiatives. This will facilitate the alignment of interventions to national results; collaboration among stakeholders; reporting on progress; and the guidance of new projects, programmes and policy development towards “recovery” and “transformation”.

As a consequence, the core sector ministries will pursue several high-level strategic initiatives that are essential for positioning the sector to meet the contemporary digital and socio-economic needs of society. These include the continuation of digital transformation requirements in keeping with the objectives of the TT Digital Project, which is to improve efficiency and reduce transaction costs to government and citizens, while expanding the inclusiveness of the provision of such services to the elderly, the poor, persons with disabilities, women and girls and residents of rural communities. Some of the key digital strategies germane to the sector include a Social Benefits Wallet; an Interoperability Framework; and the transition from a paper-based system to a digital one all within GoRTT's Digital Agenda and attendant e-strategy. These strategic initiatives are being undertaken collaboratively with the Ministry of Digital Transformation (MDT) in partnership with international agencies such as the United Nations Capital Development Fund (UNCDF) and the UNDP, to support the government's long-term development.

In the new fiscal year and in tandem with the overall development theme, “**Steadfast and Resolute: Forging pathways to prosperity**”, efforts will also be made by the various actors in the sector to maintain the gains achieved concerning T&T's Human Development Index ranking and to advance in the ranking. Accordingly, the core ministries will address primarily three (3) basic aspects of human development: health, knowledge, and a decent standard of living. Focus will be placed on revamping the welfare system and the introduction of more developmental programmes and social cohesion policies taking into consideration the global impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. This is to ensure that persons who are faced with life's daily challenges, also have rights to a range of social services, including healthcare and income security.

In order to achieve these expectations work will continue on developing a National Poverty Reduction Strategy to provide a systematic and accountable framework to guide the coordination, implementation and monitoring of multi-dimensional measures for reducing and preventing poverty in Trinidad and Tobago. A major strategy in this regard will be the implementation of the National Register of Vulnerable Persons (NRVP), which is poised to be a game-changer for the social sector as the information generated, will allow

c) ¹⁵ The Trinidad and Tobago Digital Project <https://www.undp.org/trinidad-and-tobago/projects/trinidad-and-tobago-digital-transformation-project>

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for more efficient and targeted resource allocation, thereby ensuring that assistance reaches the most vulnerable populations. The NRVP will also enable stakeholders to make informed decisions on programme development and policy advocacy in all aspects of society.

The core social sector Ministries will continue to work toward the attainment of their Vision 2030 and SDG targets and the implementation of their strategic plans and approved sector-specific development policies such as the National Policy on Sustainable Community Development (2019-2024), the National Education (2023-2027), Youth (2020-2025) and Sport (2017-2027) Policies.

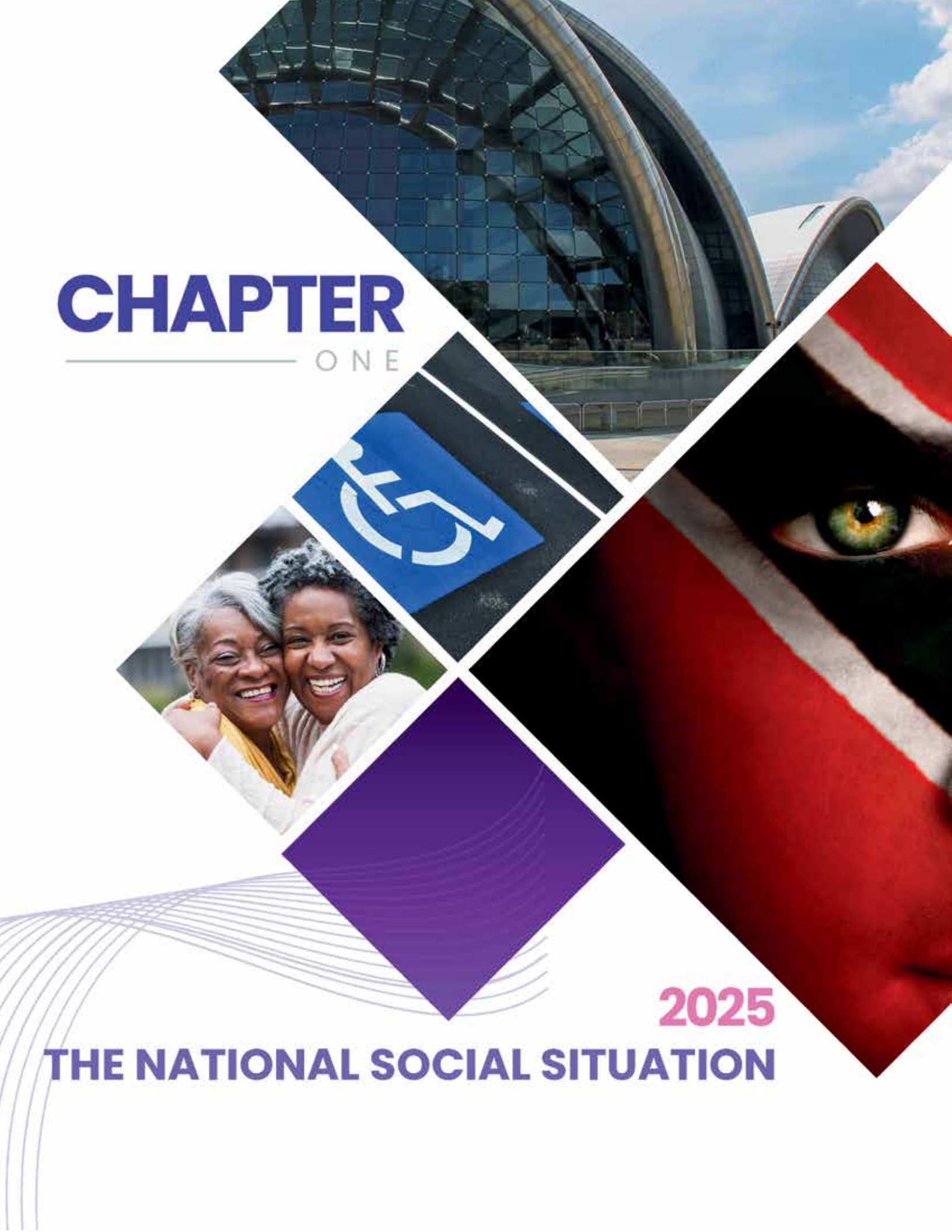
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This chapter provides highlights of the United Nations Development Programme's (UNDP's) reporting on Trinidad and Tobago's (T&T's) performance on the Human Development Index (HDI), and the country's profile in relation to the Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI). It also posits the major advancements and achievements of the social sector Ministries and Agencies in fiscal 2024, towards the realization of the objectives of the National Development Strategy of Trinidad and Tobago (Vision 2030). The Chapter concludes with an analysis of the Social Investment Programme Expenditure for fiscal 2024 mapped against the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) 2030. Altogether, the information contained in the chapter underscores the Government's steadfast commitment towards achieving its international and domestic social development obligations through investments in human capital, and the execution of the various social initiatives and programmes undertaken by social sector Ministries, aimed at enhancing sustainable social and human development in T&T.

UNDP's Human Development Report 2023/2024

Since 1990, the Human Development Report (HDR) published by the UNDP, has provided independent, analytical, and empirically grounded discussions of major development issues, trends and policies. Based on data captured from one hundred and ninety-three (193) countries, the HDR provides an overview of the state of development across the world by examining trends to guide policy development for the future. Accordingly, the HDR 2023/2024, which was launched in March 2024 based on 2022 data, reported that Switzerland topped the HDI ranking with a score of **0.967**. Other countries with very high human development included Norway, Iceland, Hong Kong, China (SAR) and Denmark with scores of **0.966**, **0.959**, **0.956** and **0.952** respectively. For the same period, the lowest HDI ranking countries included: Chad (**0.394**), Niger (**0.394**), Central African Republic (**0.387**), South Sudan (**0.381**) and Somalia (**0.380**).¹⁶

Notably, in the case of Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC), the region experienced the sharpest drop in the HDI in 2020-2021. While it significantly improved in 2022, it failed to reach pre-pandemic levels of progress.¹⁷ The HDR also recorded a HDI score of **0.763** for the LAC region. Specifically, the top-ranked Caribbean countries with very high human development included St. Kitts and Nevis ranked at **51**, Antigua and Barbuda ranked at **54**; The Bahamas ranked at **57**; Trinidad and Tobago ranked at **60** and Barbados ranked at **62** with the following scores **0.838**; **0.826**; **0.820**; **0.814** and **0.809** respectively.

Some of the indicators provided in the Report also included:

- Life Expectancy from Birth-**74.7 years** (SDG 3)
- Expected years of schooling-**14.1 years** (SDG 4.3)
- Mean Years of schooling-**11.7 years** (SDG 4.4)
- Gross National Income per Capita-**US\$22,473** (SDG 8.5)

¹⁶ United Nations Development Programme, "Human Development Report 2023/2024: Breaking the gridlock Reimagining cooperation in a polarized world" (United Nations Development Programme, 2024), accessed September 2, 2024.

¹⁷ United Nations Development Programme, "Human Development in Latin America and the Caribbean Improves More Than in Other Regions but Fails to Recover Pre-Pandemic Levels," UNDP Trinidad and Tobago, Aruba, Curacao and Sint Maarten, March 13, 2024, accessed September 2, 2024, <https://www.undp.org/trinidad-and-tobago/press-releases/human-development-latin-america-and-caribbean-improves-more-other-regions-fails-recover-pre-pandemic-levels>

Furthermore, T&T has been considered a leader in the Caribbean region in terms of its economic strength and its levels of socio-economic development. The neonatal mortality rate is among the lowest in the region at **6.5 per 1,000 live births**. Literacy rates are high at **99 per cent**, with **65 per cent** participation in tertiary education.¹⁸

Trinidad and Tobago’s Multidimensional Poverty Index Profile¹⁹

The global MPI measures acute multidimensional poverty across more than 100 developing countries. Each person’s overlapping deprivations are measured across ten (10) indicators in three equally weighted dimensions: health, education and standard of living. All the indicators needed to construct the MPI are taken from the same household survey and each indicator is equally weighted within its dimension²⁰ as observed in the structure of the global MPI²¹. The deprivation score of a multidimensionally poor person is the sum of the weights associated with each indicator in which the person is deprived as shown in the diagram below:

Structure of the global Multidimensional Poverty Index

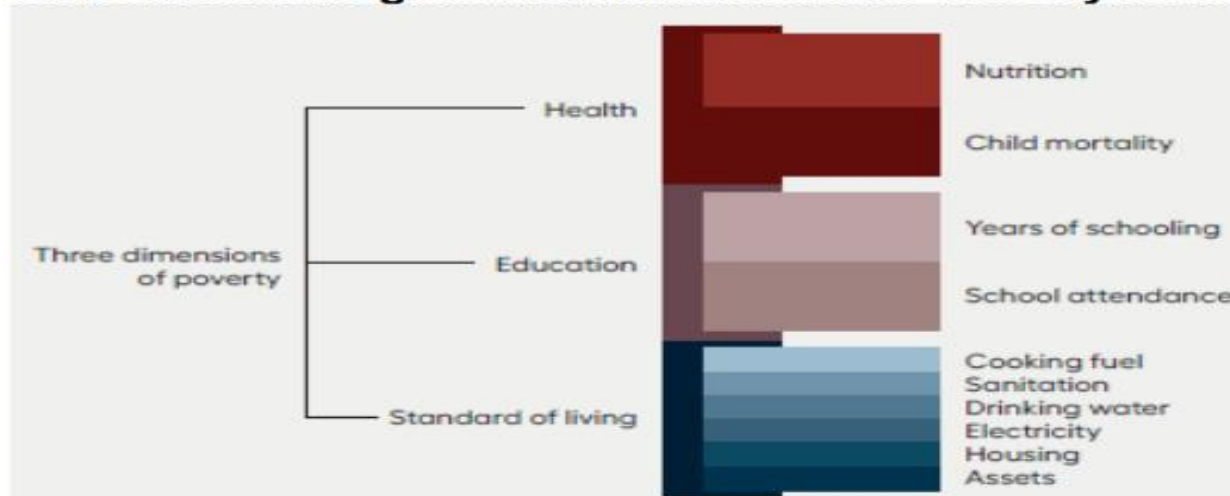


Diagram I: Structure of the Global Multidimensional Poverty Index

The most recent Trinidad and Tobago survey data (2011) revealed the following MPI estimations:²²

- **0.6%** of the population (10 thousand people in 2021) is multidimensionally poor
- **3.7%** is classified as vulnerable to multidimensional poverty (56 thousand people in 2021).

The intensity of deprivations, which is the average deprivation score among people living in multidimensional poverty, is **38.0%**. The MPI value, which is the share of the population that is multidimensionally poor adjusted by the intensity of the deprivations, is **0.002**. In comparison, Saint Lucia and Jamaica have MPI values of **0.007** and **0.011**, respectively. The Central Statistical Office

¹⁸ Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Population Fund and the United Nations Office for Project Services, “Country programme document for Trinidad and Tobago (2022–2026)” (United Nations, 2021), accessed September 2, 2024, https://www.undp.org/sites/g/files/zskgke326/files/2023-11/undp-trinidad_and_tobago_cpd_2022-2026.pdf.

¹⁹ United Nations Development Programme, “Briefing note for countries on the 2023 Multidimensional Poverty Index Trinidad and Tobago,” pgs 1-2, accessed September 2, 2024, <https://hdr.undp.org/sites/default/files/Country-Profiles/MPI/TTO.pdf>.

²⁰ Ibid

²¹ Oxford Poverty and Human Development Initiative, “The global Multidimensional Poverty Index”, accessed September 2, 2024, <https://ophi.org.uk/global-mpi>.

²² United National Development Programme, “Briefing note for countries on the 2023 Multidimensional Poverty Index Trinidad and Tobago,” pgs 1-2, accessed September 2, 2024, <https://hdr.undp.org/sites/default/files/Country-Profiles/MPI/TTO.pdf>.

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- (CSO) is presently making progress with the conduct of the Household Budgetary Survey to enable updates of this data.

The National Development Strategy (NDS) (Vision 2030)

The implemented and proposed strategies of the social sector for fiscal 2024 were aligned specifically to Theme I: Putting People First: Nurturing Our Greatest Asset, which comprises five (5) Goals and Theme II: Delivering Good Governance and Service Excellence, which comprises three (3) Goals, as outlined in **Table III** below:

Table III: Vision 2030 Themes and Medium Term Goals		
Section 1.1	Theme I	Putting People First: Nurturing our Greatest Asset
Section 1.1.1	Goal 1	Persons living in absolute poverty will be reduced
Section 1.1.2	Goal 2	The Healthcare System will be efficient and provide quality services
Section 1.1.3	Goal 3	Citizens will lead healthy lifestyles
Section 1.1.4	Goal 4	The foundation of Trinidad and Tobago will be strong families and safe, sustainable communities
Section 1.1.5	Goal 5	Trinidad and Tobago will have a seamless, reformed high-quality education and training system
Section 1.2	Theme II	Delivering Good Governance and Service Excellence
Section 1.2.1	Goal 1	Public Institutions will be high-performing professional entities, meeting the needs of all
Section 1.2.3	Goal 2	Citizens will have confidence in the justice system
Section 1.2.4	Goal 3	An efficient and effective law enforcement system

1.1 Theme I: Putting People First: Nurturing our Greatest Asset

Theme I focuses on five (5) key goals in keeping with the National Development Strategy for T&T. This theme reinforces the GoRTT commitment to put its citizens first in the development process and acknowledges the importance of providing basic services for the indigent, persons with disabilities, socially displaced persons, the vulnerable, those impacted by disasters and persons experiencing ill health. The 5 goals underscore the strategic importance of the attainment of sustainable development and equal opportunity to access social services. The goals also emphasize the role of individuals as contributors toward self-empowerment and the creation of a society where persons are treated with dignity and respect. To this end, some of the major achievements in fiscal 2024 are outlined in the undermentioned sections.

1.1.1 Goal 1: Persons Living in Absolute Poverty Will Be Reduced

In fiscal 2024, the GoRTT continued to execute its journey to transformation of its social protection system to better target and serve the poor and vulnerable in T&T. It is anticipated that enhancing the Government's social service delivery mechanisms with modern digital technology, would ultimately lead to a reduction in poverty levels and build resiliency among the poor and vulnerable. To this end, to increase the Government's efficiency in the delivery of social assistance and empowerment services for the most vulnerable groups in society, the following initiatives were undertaken during fiscal 2024:

- i. **Continued Development of the National Register of Vulnerable Persons (NRVP) for Trinidad and Tobago**

The Ministry of Social Development and Family Services (MSDFS) continued to work diligently on the establishment and operationalisation of a National Register of Vulnerable Persons (NRVP) for Trinidad

Tobago. The NRVP is designed to allow for more efficient resource allocation by ensuring that social assistance reaches the poorest and most vulnerable populations in T&T. (The University of the West Indies, Centre for Health Economics 2023). Additionally, the NRVP aims to help stakeholders make informed decisions on programme and policy development across the sector. Some of the main tasks carried out for the fiscal year 2024 regarding the NRVP include:

- Validation of the Register (testing of the register in real-time)
- Development of the Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs)
- Preparation of the final report on the Cyber Security Assessment from the Trinidad and Tobago Cyber Security Incident Response Team (TT-CSIRT)
- Preparation of the NRVP's Close-Off Report
- Coordination of Technical Planning Meetings to coordinate the soft launch and handover of the NRVP

ii. Establishment of Social Services Centre

During fiscal 2024, the MSDFS formally established its first Social Services Centre in Port of Spain. The newly established Centre accommodates four social service delivery divisions of the MSDFS, namely, the Social Welfare Division, the National Family Services Division, the National Social Development Programme, and the Citizen Engagement and Outreach Service Unit. The collaboration of these divisions is necessary to expand and improve the Ministry's customer service delivery and to enhance convenience and access to the general public.

This centre reaffirms the GoRTT's commitment to helping, empowering, and transforming the lives of its poor and vulnerable citizens by piloting this multi-service office that enhances service delivery and improves accessibility for those in need. Furthermore, the MSDFS is cognizant of the need for additional social welfare offices across T&T to effectively address the various service requirements of the poor and vulnerable populations. In this regard, during fiscal 2024, the MSDFS also continued works towards establishing new offices in various locations.

iii. Commissioning of Shade House Project

As part of its commitment towards promoting food security and employment, the GoRTT in fiscal 2024, commissioned four (4) ShadeHouses at Tucker Valley, Chaguaramas, as part of the ongoing Youth Agricultural ShadeHouse Project, which commenced in fiscal 2023. The commissioned ShadeHouses will be utilized by youth farmers, trained in the project mentioned above, to facilitate the production and sale of high-value crops. The ShadeHouse project is an inter-ministerial, collaborative initiative that supports the government's goal of attaining food security and becoming self-sustainable in the supply of local agricultural products, within Trinidad and Tobago and for our regional partners.

Students of the ShadeHouse project continue to receive the skills and resources necessary to thrive as agro-entrepreneurs and establish agriculture co-operatives, focused on producing high-value, short-term crops. Furthermore, the government has committed to the proposed development of an additional 16 ShadeHouses at various locations across the country. It is envisioned that this exercise of ShadeHousing and training individuals in commercial farming techniques can effectively address societal needs by promoting a culture of self-reliance, entrepreneurship and resiliency, whilst simultaneously providing employment opportunities.

iv. Launch of the Survivors Transformation and Empowerment Programme (STEP)

In fiscal 2024 the Gender Affairs Division of the Office of the Prime Minister (OPM) launched its Survivors Transformation and Empowerment Programme (STEP). This programme aims to address the issue of financial dependency faced by vulnerable women in society, specifically victims and survivors of domestic violence (DV) and gender-based violence (GBV). The three grants accessible through STEP are for non-governmental and civil society organisations to provide training for victims/survivors of DV and GBV to

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ensure entry into business opportunities; individual scholarships for training to enable the establishment of a small/micro enterprise (SME); and funding to establish or expand a SME.

As the government strives to promote resiliency and entrepreneurship amongst its vulnerable populations, this programme aligns with this goal as it empowers such individuals by providing pathways toward financial independence and freedom through business opportunities. Additionally, to ensure that the programme is fulfilling its mandate, the OPM has set up a committee to oversee the application process to facilitate fair, thorough, and inclusive selection of participants. The committee will also monitor grant recipients to ensure that the grants are used for the purposes for which they were disbursed.

i. Launch of the Training for Self Sufficiency

During fiscal 2024, the Gender and Child Affairs Division of the Office of the Prime Minister (OPM), completed its pilot vocational “Training for Self Sufficiency” programme for youths. The “Training for Self Sufficiency” programme aims to strengthen the transition of children who reside in Children’s Homes by enhancing their opportunities and skills to improve their employability. Participants completed various courses of studies including; barbering, general cooking, photography, and radio and video broadcasting. The next phase of the pilot is expected to include an intervention program, which will include aspects of life skills training, mentorship and internship opportunities.

ii. Interventions for the Socially Displaced

To address the issue of the street-dwelling population, the GoRTT continued to execute several initiatives aimed at providing essential care and social support to socially displaced persons. Over fiscal 2024, the following measures were implemented:

- **Development of an Assessment Centre**

The MSDFS continued its construction of an Assessment Centre for socially displaced persons. Through the Assessment Centre, socially displaced persons would be able to overcome their challenges through access to healthcare services, skills development programs, life skills training and psycho-social and spiritual counselling.

- **Creation of Additional Transitional Facilities**

Transitional facilities provide care, accommodation, and emergency shelter for persons displaced by crises (such as natural disasters, eviction, fires etc.) and other services to residents in preparation for independent living. Infrastructural works were advanced on some facilities namely; Hernandez Place Sanctuary; Penal Transitional Facility; Couva Transitional Facility for Women and Carapo Transitional Facility. Concomitantly, the MSDFS is in the process of procuring a Non-Governmental Organisation (NGO) to manage the Hernandez Place Sanctuary; Couva Transitional Facility for Women and Carapo Transitional Facility.

1.1.2 Goal 2: The Healthcare System will be Efficient and Provide Quality Services

The Ministry of Health is building on the tenets of the Government's Recovery Plan (2021-2025), to facilitate overall improvement in the healthcare system, by focusing on economic diversification through medical tourism; digitization using telemedicine, health information systems and patient portals; and initiatives for the prevention of Non-Communicable and Communicable Diseases (NCCDs). The Ministry of Health utilised epidemiological analysis of health data, the health status of the population, and internal reviews to formulate its strategic focus for 2021-2025, which seeks to strengthen all facets of the healthcare system and provide efficient and quality services to its clients.

i. Major Healthcare Achievements

- Commissioning of eight (8) Healthcare Service Robots funded by the India-UN Development Partnership Fund;
- Attainment of the World Health Organization/ Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) Baby Friendly Hospital Status at the
 - Point Fortin Hospital;
 - Mt Hope Maternity Hospital and
 - Sangre Grande Hospital
- Continued implementation of the Baby Friendly Hospital Initiative (BFHI) Accreditation at the South-West Regional Health Authority (SWRHA), in addition to preparing the Scarborough General Hospital, Tobago Regional Health Authority (TRHA), the Port-of-Spain General Hospital (POSGH), North West Regional Health Authority (NWRHA), and the San Fernando General Hospital, South-West Regional Health Authority (SWRHA) for internal and external BFHI assessments;
- Continued implementation of the perinatal information system (SIP) in all public health facilities with a focus on implementing the electronic version, SIP Plus, in all RHAs;
- Advancement of the Diabetes in Pregnancy Project (DIP) through the procurement of equipment, capacity building, and engagement with stakeholders for the ITSS (Information Technology Surveillance System);
- Completed construction of the Sangre Grande Hospital in April 2024;
- Continued efforts towards the re-purposing of the National Blood Bank System to achieve 100% voluntary non-remunerated blood donation (VNRD) by the end of 2024, using a donor-oriented approach with an adequate supply of safe, quality blood and blood components. These efforts have led to an increase in the VNRD.

Continued development of the following key strategic policies:

- The Health Research Ethics Policy (finalised and approved);
- National Policy on Electronic Nicotine and Non-Nicotine Delivery Systems (finalised and approved);
- Policy for the Management, Control & Regulation of Pesticide and Toxic Chemicals (finalised and approved);
- National Health Laboratory Policy (finalised and approved);
- The National Policy for the Prevention, Management & Control of NCDs (75% completed);
- The updated National Blood Transfusion Services Policy (80% completed);
- The Health Digitalization Policy (85% completed)

ii. Ensuring Proper Health Care for Neonates

Due to a series of clinical events that affected neonates at the POSGH, the MOH requested technical assistance from PAHO to review the current Infection Prevention Control (IPC) practices, to achieve two (2) objectives. These are: (i) strengthen the IPC Programme at the POSGH, with a special focus on neonatology; and (ii) assess the capacity of bacteriology laboratories to compile and analyse antimicrobial resistance data, thereby enhancing the use of quality-assured microbiology data for Healthcare Acquired Infections (HAI) surveillance. The MOH having noted the contents of the PAHO report on "Review Mission

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Clinical Events Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at POSGH Trinidad and Tobago April 2024”, expressed that many of the recommendations highlighted in the Report such as screening of bacterial cultures, identification of responsible personnel, standardised definitions and internal quality were already integral parts of the national and regional standard operating procedure. Notwithstanding, the Ministry committed to continuing its follow-up action after three (3) months, to discuss progress made on the implementation of the recommendations, and the integration of hospital IPC policies and procedures into the national action plan. The MOH will also continue collaborating with PAHO via its country office, to resolve the neonatal concerns identified in the above Report.

1.1.3 Goal 3: Citizens will lead healthy lifestyles

Trinidad and Tobago is getting closer to accomplishing the SDGs, and one of the most important aspects of that progress is the state of its citizens’ health and well-being. The MOH is unwavering in its commitment to promoting and safeguarding everyone’s health by offering high-quality medical treatment and educating the public about a range of healthy lifestyle options. Additionally, the MOH undertakes several projects and programmes that both directly and indirectly promote healthy living and offer comprehensive healthcare. The following are some of the main projects carried out for the fiscal year 2024.

i. Non-Communicable Diseases

Non-communicable diseases (NCDs) such as diabetes, cancer, and cardiovascular disease are becoming more commonplace worldwide, and this is leading to an increase in associated morbidity and mortality. To address these NCDs, the MOH implemented the following programmes/initiatives:

- **National NCDs Registry/Surveillance System:** the MOH continued the rollout of the National NCDs Registry/Surveillance System to improve NCD data gathering and reporting capabilities. It is envisaged that this system will result in a better understanding and analysis of the disease burden of NCDs in T&T. At the beginning of fiscal 2024, Regional Health Authorities (RHAs) acquired computers, and a software pilot was launched to demonstrate the new software that has been designed specifically to collect data on NCDs.
- **Diabetes Wellness Clinics:** During fiscal 2024, the MOH sought to establish, standardize and reorganize the Diabetes Wellness Clinics at every RHA to improve the care of persons living with uncontrolled diabetes and prevent the development of the long-term effects of diabetes.
- **The Second Risk Factor Survey:** This survey, which commenced in May 2024, aims to evaluate and track the prevalence and trends of NCD risk factors and help establish evidence-based policies and programmes to prevent and manage NCDs in Trinidad and Tobago. The Second Risk Factor Survey is scheduled to be completed by the end of fiscal 2024.
- To further support the aforementioned programmes, during fiscal 2024, the MOH also pursued a life cycle approach to help the general public become healthier. This approach focused on intergenerational health and well-being across the life course for a Healthy Me, Healthy You, and Healthy T&T. This involved implementation of a wide range of programmes and services from birth through early childhood, adolescence, early adulthood, mature adulthood, and elderly status.
- **Pregnancy:** To lower the risk of maternal death, the government, through the MOH NCDs Programme, has continued to execute the Gestational Diabetes Management Program, which identifies diabetes in pregnancy through universal screening. Within all RHAs, guidelines, protocols, standard operating procedures, and corresponding training are being completed for the application of enhanced quality control processes in laboratory management and the usage of an interactive online platform for medical staff. Additionally, the purchase of ICT devices and laboratory

supplies has started and will continue. All RHAs participated in the NCD Primary Care Symposia, a series of workshops for physicians and nurses in primary healthcare, as part of the Continuing Medical Education/CME program.

- **Adolescence:** As a part of the MOH's Community-based Healthy Youth Wellness TT Initiative, the MOH installed physical activity equipment at Youth Centres across T&T. Furthermore, as a consequence of the TT Move Behavioral Change Campaign, TT Move Junior was also created. Additionally, NCD Inspector Academy and a Healthy Me Campus were held in March 2024 and April 2024, to promote healthy lifestyles in kids and teenagers from 5 years to 17 years.
- **Adulthood:** MOH relaunched its TT Move Behavioral Change Campaign, which entailed print media encouraging citizens to lead healthy lives by exercising, eating more fruits and vegetables, and drinking water. All RHAs displayed these posters as a part of their health and wellness initiatives. To improve health and reduce the prevalence of NCDs and their risk factors, the National Health Fair Model was also redesigned and renamed the TT Moves Health and Wellness Festival.
- To aid the Ministry's overarching objective of lowering the incidence of NCDs, the MOH further launched the TTMoves app at the beginning of the fiscal. By accomplishing their overall wellness objectives, users of the app can keep track of their fitness journey. There are also the ongoing Women's and Men's Health Wellness Initiatives, which provide; screening, care, counseling, and education for important health services, including but not limited to HIV/AIDS, Diabetes, Mental Health, Drug and Alcohol, Sexual and Reproductive Health, Diabetes, Vision, and Hearing;
- The MOH held its first-ever National Consultation on Menopause to develop and implement strategies to serve women and their families while also encouraging fruitful dialogue on menopause and ageing among pertinent parties. Also, the Diabetic Foot Management Initiative was established to reduce the incidence of problems associated with diabetes, the prevalence of severe diabetic foot ulcers, and the need for both minor and major lower limb amputations.

ii. Mental Health

In the Caribbean, T&T has the third-highest prevalence rate of mental illnesses, such as schizophrenia, mood disorders, behavioural disorders, substance abuse, and suicide. In particular, the rising prevalence of behavioural disorders and self-harming behaviours makes teenage mental health a top national priority. In response to the MOH's designation of mental health as a priority area, the GoRTT is boldly moving away from the massive, centralized model of mental health services and toward a balanced care model in which most services are devolved into community settings. Currently, the Government's first-ever Mental Health Policy 2019–2029, with its service delivery model of decentralization of mental health care, is being finalized along the following strategic lines of action:

- Strengthened governance and leadership in the mental health sector at all levels
- Comprehensive integrated and responsive mental health care with special emphasis on rehabilitation and recovery in community-based settings rather than institutions
- Implementation of strategies for mental health promotion, prevention of mental disorders, and a decrease in the stigma and discrimination associated with mental disorders
- Strengthened human resources in mental health
- Development of a mental health information system

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Simultaneously, major programmes and initiatives have been put in place to support mental health in T&T throughout fiscal 2024 as follows:

- Created a digital directory of crisis and emergency mental health and psychosocial services under "FindcareTT" with over 30 entities. This directory has been published and is extensively used, improving access to services;
- The re-establishment and operationalization of Regional Mental Health Committees;
- Inclusion of mental health in all plans and programmes of the government in accordance with the Health in All Programs (HiAP) Framework;
- The expansion of inpatient mental health services at General Hospitals namely: The new Sangre Grande, Arima, and Point Fortin Hospitals, where fifty-nine posts were created for Eastern Regional Health Authority (ERHA) and to be created for South-West Regional Health Authority (SWRHA) to facilitate the opening of new psychiatric wards;
- The ongoing mental health promotion and prevention activities based on requests from public and private organizations;
- The revision of the data collection form following the pilot data collection exercise;
- Continuation of the Mental Health GAP (mhGAP) Action Programme, with support for mhGAP trainers made available at each RHA since mhGAP was implemented. Monthly meetings with RHA Team Leads are also scheduled to track developments, pinpoint problems and discuss possible remedies. Additionally, the mhGAP National and Regional Operations Teams' have been operationalized.
- The Implementation of the Standard Operating Procedures for Decanting of Care Homes;
- Inclusion of children and youth in the development of the Standards of Care for Mental Health Facilities;
- Enhancement of Services for Child and Adolescent Mental Health including:
 - In March 2024, MOH in partnership with the Ministry of Education (MOE) hosted a training session for trainers on school mental health literacy. The MOE is developing the Implementation plan for rollout.
 - A microsite for adolescent mental health is presently being developed in alignment with critical user input gained from focus groups.
 - A Mental Health Chatline was established in collaboration with the University of the West Indies and the United Nations Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF).

iii. Alcohol and Drug Abuse

During fiscal 2024, the following programmes and initiatives were pursued by the MOH to raise awareness of the dangerous hazards connected with vaping among children, and other populations through the National Drug Abuse Prevention Programme (NADAPP) and the Tobacco Control Unit:

- Representatives from the Caribbean, including Trinidad and Tobago, attended the Regional Training of Trainers in the Universal Prevention Curriculum (UPC) Practitioners Series Prevention in the Caribbean region conducted by the Executive Secretariat of the Inter-American Drug Abuse Control Commission (ES-CICAD), Organization of American States, held in Port of Spain. The goal of the UPC School-Based Prevention Course was to develop the knowledge, abilities, and proficiency of the Caribbean region's substance abuse prevention workforce by training national and regional UPC trainers to carry out evidence-based drug use prevention interventions and practices successfully.
- Conduct of community outreach sessions about the dangers of vaping at the request of partner agencies such as the Ministry of Youth Development and National Service.
- Conducted a lecture on the Dangers of E-Cigarettes /Vaping at the Civilian Conservation Corps for its Chaguanas Induction Programme.

- Conduct of workshops on e-cigarettes and vaping at two RHAs namely: the Lung Cancer/Thoracic Malignancy Unit at the North Central Health Authority and the Smoking Cessation Clinic at the South West Regional Health Authority.

iv. **Healthy Active Lifestyles among Youths through Sport**

To encourage the youth to lead healthy active lifestyles through sport, the MOH provided primary, secondary, and special education schools across Trinidad and Tobago with various physical activity gear and equipment. This included items such as agility ladders, skipping ropes, floor mats, exercise platforms, rowing machines, and pedometers for several sporting disciplines such as; football, netball, track & field, athletics, cricket, badminton, field hockey, tennis, and basketball equipment during fiscal 2024.

v. **Sexual and Reproductive Health for Women with Disabilities Seminar**

During fiscal 2024, the Disability Affairs Unit of the MSDFS held its first-ever Sexual and Reproductive Health Seminar. Women with disabilities who attended this session gained the knowledge and resources necessary to make educated decisions about family planning, and sexual and reproductive health. This session was attended by women with disabilities, along with their caregivers, advocates, and representatives of Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) who support the community of people with disabilities. Sexually transmitted infections, common menstrual issues, and options for contraception were among the topics covered. Additionally, the MSDFS collaborated with the Ministry of Health to offer participants services like nutritional counselling, mental health counselling, Human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccinations, and breast exams.

1.1.4 Goal 4: The foundation of Trinidad and Tobago will be strong Families and Safe, Sustainable Communities

Families as the bedrock of society, continue to play a critical role in the nurturing and socialisation of all individuals. The family as an institution, must be protected against the various endogenous and exogenous factors that continue to threaten its effective functioning. As a consequence, the GoRTT is cognizant of its obligations to protect and support the family as the primary social unit, and enable citizens to raise families in a safe, secure, and peaceful environment. During fiscal 2024 and across the social sector, the following strategic initiatives, which focused on family development, (including children and youth), support and integration were undertaken:

i. **Policy Development Towards Family Empowerment and Support**

The Ministry of Social Development and Family Services has been working on implementing several key policies to strengthen families and promote social well-being. These policies aim to create a family-friendly society by mainstreaming family issues into social sector policies and supporting families through social support services, based on 12 key themes. The policies geared towards family empowerment and support include the National Family and National Parenting Policies. The Ministry has finalised both policies and it is expected that once formally approved, implementation will result in the significant strengthening of the framework of support for the nation's families.

- **National Family Policy of Trinidad and Tobago (NFP) (2023-2028)**

The National Family Policy of Trinidad and Tobago (2023-2028) is a comprehensive framework designed to foster a supportive environment for families. It outlines strategies to promote a family-friendly society, integrate family concerns into social sector policies, and enhance government sensitivity towards the importance of supporting and strengthening families. The policy framework is grounded in 12 key themes, including family relations, caregiving, poverty, health, education, housing, the environment, foster care, safety, religion, research, and media. In fiscal 2024, approval was sought for the draft National Family Policy

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to be presented as a Green Paper to initiate public consultations. This step was a crucial part of the process to gather feedback and ensure the policy aligns with the needs and aspirations of the nation.

- **National Parenting Policy (NPP) (2023-2028)**

The National Parenting Policy (2023-2028) serves as a supplement to the National Family Policy of Trinidad and Tobago (2023-2028). This policy advocates for the necessary and enhanced social support and services from the government to empower parents and guardians in effectively fulfilling their roles and responsibilities. In fiscal 2024, the National Parenting Policy was completed and following approval, it is scheduled to be presented as a White Paper to Parliament.

- ii. **Family Empowerment and Support**

The Community Mediation Services Programme, under the Ministry of Sport and Community Development, provides an alternative dispute resolution mechanism for various areas including community conflicts, family and relationship disputes, landlord-tenant issues, juvenile conflicts and consumer complaints. Mediation offers several benefits such as reduced tension, direct involvement and faster resolution at no cost to the participants. In addition to mediation, the programme implements proactive initiatives aimed at promoting behaviour change and positive conflict resolution within families. These include:

- The National Empowerment Programme (NEP)
- The Peer Mediation Programme
- Parenting Support Group meetings
- Parenting Support Group Symposium
- Men's Support Group meetings
- Men's Symposium
- The Co-Parenting Programme
- The Mobile Mediation Unit (MMU)
- Public Education and Sensitization

- iii. **Protection, Care and Rights of Women and Children**

The Gender and Child Affairs Division (GCAD) carried out numerous interventions in response to the surge in domestic and gender-based violence in Trinidad and Tobago. The Division implemented a comprehensive strategy to empower survivors through economic independence, providing safe spaces and enhancing support services.

- **National Strategic Action Plan to combat Gender-Based Violence and Sexual Violence**

The GCAD, in alignment with its overarching goal of empowering survivors, launched the National Strategic Action Plan on Gender-Based Violence (GBV) and Sexual Violence (SV), as a cornerstone policy framework to reduce the prevalence of GBV and SV in Trinidad and Tobago. The Plan is intended to serve as the primary guide for the GoRTT to implement measures to combat these issues inclusive of prevention, protection and prosecution measures. It is anticipated that the implementation phase, which commences in fiscal 2025, will focus on operationalizing strategic actions outlined in the Plan.

- **Transforming Gender Based Violence Policies with Enhanced Data Integration**

During fiscal 2024, the Division also continued to demonstrate its resolution to activism and empowerment for women and children through its Central Registry on Gender-Based Violence (CRGBV). The initiative was established to address the critical need for a robust data management system to combat domestic violence in Trinidad and Tobago. THE CRGBV aims to inform programme and policy development, reduce service duplication and ensure timely responses to victims' needs. In fiscal 2024, the initiative prioritised the upgrading of its online platform to facilitate seamless data integration from partner agencies. This

enhancement has strengthened the CRGBV's capacity to serve as a comprehensive repository of national domestic violence data. As the initiative progresses, it will play a pivotal role in informing decision-making through comprehensive data analysis, mapping, and forecasting, setting the stage for future advancements and expanding the use of the platform in addressing gender-based violence.

- **The Standing Committee on Child Protection (SCCP)**

The SCCP was established in 2022 to oversee the Child Protection System and address systemic failures in safeguarding children in care facilities. The committee monitors the implementation of the recommendations emanating from the Inter-Agency Task Force Report on the Abuse of Children in Children's Institutions, assesses the child protection system, liaises with relevant agencies, makes improvement recommendations, and reports to the Cabinet. The key achievements for fiscal 2024 include the initiation of the kinship foster care system, the launch of the National Inter-Agency Protocol for Child Abuse Prevention and Management, and child protection training for residential care workers. Moving forward, their priorities include overseeing the provision of rehabilitation services to children in state care, reforming the childcare system, creating formal agreements, raising public awareness, conducting research, and developing a directory of services for children.

- **Interventions Undertaken During Fiscal Year 2023/2024 by the Child Affairs Division**

The Child Affairs Division took a multifaceted approach to address critical issues affecting children in Trinidad and Tobago during the fiscal year 2024. Key priorities included addressing the increase in child abuse reports, raising awareness about children's rights, and educating stakeholders on child protection. The division also focused on improving the Child Rights Ambassadors Programme and programs preparing wards of the state for independence. In response to these challenges, several programs were created and enhanced. Here are some examples:

- **The "I Am A Child" Campaign:** This campaign raised awareness of children's rights and prevented child abuse through various initiatives, engaging over 2,260 participants. It featured various initiatives, including a Pop Up Fest, Mental Health Cool Down, Child Protection Road Trip, What Is Love, I Am A Child Concert, Flash Mobs, and Going Live on the World Wide Web.
- **Be A Hero, Get Child Abuse to Zero" Initiative:** This initiative aimed to educate key stakeholders and trusted individuals about child protection and rights. It conducted sensitization sessions for government officials, including MPs and THA members. The programme engaged over 50 officials and will continue into the next fiscal year.
- **Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month:** The Child Affairs Division launched several initiatives to raise awareness about child abuse and promote prevention efforts during April 2024. These initiatives included:
 - Community Caravan: The Division launched a Community Caravan in San Juan, Bourg Mulatresse to raise awareness about child abuse and prevention. In collaboration with various ministries and stakeholders, the initiative educated families on child rights, safety protocols, and provided introductory skills training for youth.
 - ICT Panel Discussion on Cyberbullying: This event focused on the impact of cyberbullying on child rights, encouraging children to engage in open discussions with ICT experts. Twenty-six adolescents participated, exploring strategies for addressing cyberbullying in a virtual environment.
 - Child Protection Framework Stakeholder Meeting: A meeting with representatives of child protection organizations and agencies to discuss strengthening community-based protective measures against child abuse.
 - TTPOST Handover Ceremony of Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month Brochures: In collaboration with TTPOST, the Child Affairs Division launched a public sensitization campaign distributing brochures for Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month. The brochures were disseminated through various organizations, including the Ministry of Education and NGOs.

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iv. Operationalisation of the National Therapeutic and Resource Centre

The National Therapeutic and Resource Centre (NTRC) is under development, with a focus on providing therapeutic services and resources. A Technical Oversight Committee was formed to oversee its operationalisation, including the preparation of an implementation plan, collaboration with stakeholders, and procurement of necessary equipment.

The Ministry of Health and the MSDFS have been working together to equip the centre, with Digicel Foundation providing support through a Memorandum of Agreement. The NTRC is also developing job descriptions, an organizational chart, and undertaking other administrative actions toward operationalisation. Additionally, sensitization sessions are being planned to inform stakeholders about the centre's operations

v. Youth Empowerment and Development

The Ministry of Youth Development and National Service's (MYDNS) goal is to help young people achieve financial stability and contribute positively to their communities. To achieve this, the Ministry continued investing in youth development, national service, and entrepreneurship initiatives. In fiscal 2024, the MYDNS prioritised expanding its existing programmes to accommodate more young people, as many initiatives in the previous fiscal year had exceeded capacity. The Ministry also remained committed to developing innovative programs that align with current market trends, aiming to enhance the effectiveness of its training and certification courses. By doing so, the MYDNS sought to increase the employability and entrepreneurial opportunities for young people in Trinidad and Tobago.

In 2024, the MYDNS implemented the following youth development programmes/initiatives:

- **Re-establishment of the National Youth Council:** This project aims to restore the National Youth Council of Trinidad and Tobago. By fiscal year 2024, the tender for procuring a consultant to develop the council was completed.
- **Youth Week:** This initiative features activities centred around International Youth Day, engaging 1,000 young people under the theme "From Clicks to Progress: Youth Digital Pathways for Sustainable Development." Events will include AI education, coding workshops, and digital storytelling, highlighting the transformative power of technology.
- **Relationship 101: "Talk de Ting"**- The "Relationship 101: Talk de Ting" programme aims to educate 500 young people about healthy relationships. It offers practical skills to manage emotions and relationships, prevent domestic violence and resolve conflicts.
- **Youth on the Stage:** This youth festival and talent search aims to encourage creativity, excellence, and productivity among young people through the arts. It supports the development of visual and performing arts as career paths, promotes social inclusion, and fosters collaboration among young people. The MYDNS is organizing competitions in various communities across Trinidad and Tobago, focusing on categories like singing, dancing, instruments, spoken word, acting, and drumming.
- **Youth Awards:** The Youth Awards recognize and celebrate the achievements of over 550,000 young people aged 10 to 35 in Trinidad and Tobago. Youths receive individual awards in fields such as agriculture, entrepreneurship, sport, leadership and advocacy and arts and culture.
- **National Youth Convention:** The National Youth Convention brings together 500-800 young people from youth organizations and stakeholders to discuss youth policy, programs, and development in Trinidad and Tobago. It also focuses on climate change and fashion, encouraging young people to adopt sustainable fashion practices and support local businesses. This promotes a culture of sustainability and community support among youth.

- **Youth Career Education Roving Caravan:** The Youth Career Education Roving Caravan is a programme designed to reach out to young people in different communities. It involves mobile caravans and youth fairs that raise awareness about the Ministry's programs and opportunities for young people. The caravan also provides access to underserved communities and supports economic empowerment by hosting local entrepreneurial markets. In 2024, the caravan visited various communities.
- **The 40 under 40 Programme:** This programme connects secondary school students with successful young professionals. It aims to provide students with support and guidance for personal and professional development. The programme targets students in third and fourth form and provides opportunities for them to learn from the experiences of established entrepreneurs, entertainers, athletes, and fashion designers. In 2024, approximately 2,800 secondary school students benefited from this program.
- **PLAR: Prior Learning Assessment Recognition:** PLAR helps individuals get recognized for their existing skills and knowledge. Educational institutions, workplaces, and other organizations can use PLAR to assess a person's skills and award them credit or professional status. The MYDNS plans to assess and certify 150 young people aged 18-35 in technical vocational skills areas. The PLAR programme launched in Trinidad in May 2024 and in Tobago in July 2024.
- **Bridging Success:** This program, offered in collaboration with the University of Trinidad and Tobago, helps unemployed young people without full CSEC certificates continue their education. It bridges the gap between secondary school and tertiary education, providing an alternative training pathway for further intellectual development. Currently, 150 young people are enrolled in this program.

In addition to the Youth Development Programmes, the MYDNS has been refurbishing its Youth Development Centres (YDCs) and Youth Development and Apprenticeship Centres (YDACs) in 2024. The details are below:

- **Refurbishment of Youth Training Facilities (YDCs)**

Youth Development Centres (YDCs), are multi-purpose, youth-friendly spaces for individuals aged 10 to 35. Renovations include building upgrades, engineering refurbishments, and ICT infrastructure updates. The status of work in fiscal 2024 includes:

- Laventille YDC: Completed in June 2023
- California YDC: Completed in July 2023
- St James YDC: Completed in January 2024
- Los Bajos YDC: Completed in February 2024
- Malick YDC: 65% complete, expected by August 2024
- Palo Seco YDC: 50% complete, expected by September 2024
- Point Fortin YDC: 40% complete, expected by September 2024.

- **Youth Development and Apprenticeship Centres (YDACs)**

The Ministry's Youth Development and Apprenticeship Centres (YDACs) provide a two-year residential programme for youths aged 15-17 (males at Chatham and Persto Praesto) and 15-25 (females at El Dorado), offering training in agriculture and technical vocational skills to support their reintegration into society. Each centre accommodates around 250 youths, equipping them with valuable skills for personal and societal growth. Three YDACs are currently undergoing refurbishment:

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- Chatham YDAC: 75% complete, with upgrades to multiple facilities, including the dining hall, gym, IT lab, and a new dorm. Expected completion: Q1 of fiscal 2025.
- Persto Praesto YDAC: 72% complete, focusing on dorm refurbishments and new construction, with completion expected by September 2024.
- El Dorado YDAC: 65% complete, with ongoing works on dorms and infrastructure, slated for completion in September 2024.

vi. Sustainable Community Development

As a pioneering initiative in Trinidad and Tobago, the National Policy on Sustainable Community Development (NPSCD) provides the framework and institutional arrangements for a clearly defined, consistent and collaborative approach to sustainable community development through:

- adopting a more integrated, multi-sectoral approach;
- developing a strategy for the engagement of the corporate sector in a structured manner;
- facilitating the development of clear visions and targets for each community;
- strengthening the capacity of the Ministry of Sport and Community Development (MSCD) as the lead agency in the process of sustainable community development; and,
- facilitating opportunities for the professional development of the sector to entrench and sustain this development strategy.

By adopting a holistic approach, the policy seeks to transform communities through a multifaceted strategy that coordinates collaborative community leadership of sustainable development activities at the community level, focused on four areas of social and human, economic, cultural and environmental development in communities. It also focuses on strengthening the Ministry of Sport and Community Development as the lead agency and supporting professional development within the sector.

In fiscal 2024, work continued towards the implementation of the NPSCD in pilot communities (Perseverance Village, La Brea, Marabella, Beausejour and Canaan Bon Accord / Crown Point) to ensure clear economic development initiatives were well defined and executed. Further steps were undertaken to accelerate the conduct of Community Based Assessments in the Trinidad pilot communities to provide data in support of social and human, cultural and environmental development efforts. More specifically, the achievements under the NPSCD in fiscal 2024 are as follows:

- Hosting of the Extra-Ordinary General Meeting of the National Committee on Sustainable Community Development in February 2024
- Engagement of Consultants to undertake Community-Based Assessments (CBA) in the four pilot communities
- Undertook Peace building strategies for the Committees for Sustainable Community Development (CSCDs) through the Community Mediation Unit
- Oversight of the Implementation of Easily Achievable Community Projects (EACPs) in the pilot communities
- Facilitation of Staff and Stakeholder Involvement in the Professional Certificate on Sustainable Community Development

1.1.5 Goal 5: Trinidad and Tobago will have a seamless, reformed high-quality education system

The GoRTT continues to prioritise education since it is recognised as a fundamental human right and a key factor in the economic and social development of the nation. Education is essential to the growth and transformation of a country since it contributes to employability, skill improvement, the opportunity to earn higher income, and the general improvement of citizens' social status. In 2023, the Ministry of Education (MOE) provided educational services to approximately 239,361 students attending public Early Childhood

Care and Education (ECCE) Centres, primary, secondary and tertiary education institutions in T&T (**Source: MOE**). The MOE remains resolute in its commitment to aligning its programmes and projects to the following three strategic goals:

- Effective Governance and Administration of the Education System
- Access to Educational Opportunities by All Learners
- Quality Education provided at all levels.

In fiscal 2024, the Ministry, along with other relevant stakeholders, undertook several initiatives aimed at addressing the broader development needs of society.

i. Teaching Professional Development

In fiscal 2024, the MOE maintained its commitment to its provision of professional development opportunities for teaching staff to facilitate the upgrading of their skills and keeping abreast of innovations in the sector. These initiatives include a turn-up mentorship programme in 26 secondary schools, teacher training in various areas such as the Secondary Entrance Assessment (SEA) English Language Arts (ELA) Assessment Framework, mathematics assessment, numeracy coaching, and restorative practices, and the provision of information on after-school classes, remediation training, and a parent talk video series.

The Ministry's Training and Development Plan outlines a four-year projection of training opportunities to address identified challenges and ensure that the workforce is adequately prepared to serve both internal and external clients. The programme aims to offer a broad range of learning and development opportunities to all public officers.

Collectively, these initiatives are designed to improve teacher skills, enhance student learning, and support the Ministry's workforce development objectives.

ii. Re-engagement for Success

In fiscal year 2024, the MOE continued its 'Re-engagement for Success' programme. The programme focuses on enhancing classroom strategies, providing student support services, increasing home-school connections, and preventing crises. The MOE has identified 106 schools that will continue to receive specific support over the next three years.

The initiative targets 80 primary and 26 secondary schools and aims to provide comprehensive assistance to students over the next three (3) academic years. The MOE also seeks to establish a supportive learning environment that empowers students to overcome academic obstacles and actively engage in classroom activities. Key strategies include:

- enhancing teaching methodologies;
- offering support to students and families during transitions;
- strengthening partnerships between home and school, addressing crises promptly;
- fostering community involvement; and
- ensuring access to essential services.

Additionally, to bridge learning gaps, the MOE has introduced Vacation Revision Programmes (VRP) to assist students in catching up on missed learning, where more than 4,900 students participated in these programmes. Concomitantly, the MOE has aligned the initiative to the Prime Minister's Best Village Programme to offer visual and performing arts classes, providing students with additional opportunities for enrichment and development.

The VRP is being implemented and monitored throughout the 2023-2025 academic years with the ultimate goal of ensuring that all students have the necessary resources and support to achieve academic success.

iii. Student Support

The Ministry recognises that the effective management of the Education sector begins with prioritising the health and well-being of all learners. To ensure that students achieve optimal performance, it is essential

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to address their psychosocial, physical and special needs. As such, the Ministry provides a variety of services to students, some of which are outlined below:

- **Continuation of the National Comprehensive School Guidance and Counselling Programme**

The programme has implemented a range of initiatives, such as providing Learning Support Assistants and after-school classes to extend learning time. Additionally, Guidance Counsellors and Social Workers have been employed to support students experiencing behavioural difficulties. To address the specific needs of secondary schools, the MOE has upgraded facilities for Student Support Services and provided training in restorative practices. These practices aim to address disruptive behaviour, promote personal growth, and facilitate reintegration into the school community.

- **Continuation of the Early Detection and Intervention Initiative**

The initiative aims to enhance special education services for young students with special needs/disabilities, particularly at the early childhood education and early primary levels. Central to this effort is the development of Individualized Education Plans (IEPs), which are designed to address the unique needs of each student, ensuring personalized support and education. The programme also emphasises the inclusion of students with special needs in regular classrooms, fostering an environment of integration and equality.

A key component of the initiative is a comprehensive data collection effort aimed at identifying students with disabilities or special needs and informing policy development, targeted interventions and the provision of specialised services. To support this, additional staff are being recruited and placed in Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) centres, while teachers are receiving specialized training in assessment and intervention techniques for early childhood education. The programme also provides targeted support to students as they transition from ECCE to primary school, ensuring continuity in their educational journey. This includes the implementation of student evaluation plans and IEPs, as well as the provision of alternative classroom accommodations when necessary.

In fiscal 2024, the programme also focused on:

- procuring and distributing resources for screening, assessment, and intervention; and
- training special education officers in functional skill development and intervention planning

Additionally, the programme facilitated the identification and follow-up of students requiring intervention and conducted screenings using the SNAP assessment for referred students. Funded by UNICEF, the programme is set to continue its efforts into fiscal 2025.

iv. Investment in Higher Education and Infrastructure

- **Technical Vocational Education and Training**

The Ministry of Education remains dedicated to advancing Technical Vocational Education and Training (TVET) by addressing the key challenges hindering its implementation in secondary schools. For fiscal 2024, the following major initiative was undertaken:

- **Technical Vocational Education and Training / Technology Education Revitalisation Programme at Secondary Schools**

The Ministry of Education's TVET Revitalization Programme is a comprehensive initiative aimed at addressing the challenges impacting the effective implementation of Technical Vocational Education and Training (TVET) in secondary schools. The beneficiaries of the Programme continue to be the primary and secondary students and TVET teachers at both levels. The Programme has

made significant strides in the fiscal year 2024 as the Technical Needs Assessment Concept Note was completed, and the design for a TVET Career Pathway was developed. Moving forward, the Ministry plans to implement the technical needs assessment projects, initiate teacher professional development programmes, market TVET pathways, and develop new curriculum resources.

Moreover, the development of T&T is contingent upon the completion of higher education. The MOE is reviewing the Education Act to improve governance and include early childhood and tertiary education. The Government continues to support tertiary and TVET programs with financial resources. These investments aim to ensure quality facilities, continue programmes, and support high achievers. T&T can position itself for future growth and prosperity by investing in education.

- **Tertiary Level Education**

The development of Trinidad and Tobago is contingent upon a well-educated, qualified cadre of citizens. Levels of enrolment of persons in higher education institutions is an important indicator of development. Tertiary Education Enrollment²³

The MOE estimated a total of twenty-five thousand nine hundred and eighty-nine (25,989) students were enrolled in tertiary education institutions across Trinidad and Tobago in 2024. Female students accounted for 57 per cent (14,836) of student enrolment while male students represented 42 per cent (11,143).

Fiscal 2024's estimation reflects a consecutive year of decline in tertiary education enrolment and represented a decrease of 5.3 per cent or one thousand four hundred and sixty-one students. Similarly, in 2023 the student enrollment was an estimated twenty-seven thousand four hundred and fifty (27,450) students, a decline of 8.3 per cent from 2022's total of twenty-nine thousand, nine hundred and sixty-four (29,964) tertiary level students.

Student enrollment at tertiary education institutions was as follows:

- University of the West Indies- **13,876** students (53 per cent)
- University of Trinidad and Tobago- **5,350** students (21 per cent)
- College of Science Technology and Applied Arts of Trinidad and Tobago (COSTAATT)- **4,083** students (16 per cent)
- MIC Institute of Technology- **1,519** students (6 per cent)
- NESCC Technical Institute- **1,161** students (4 per cent)

The Government continues to support tertiary and TVET programs with financial resources. These investments aim to ensure quality facilities, continue programmes, and support high achievers. By investing in education, Trinidad and Tobago can position itself for future growth and prosperity. Some of the key infrastructural initiatives in which the Government has invested in the area of higher education include:

- **COSTAATT Technology Upgrade Project:**
 - The COSTAATT Technology Upgrade project aims to modernize the college's infrastructure and expand online learning. It aims to attract international students, enhance research and innovation, and improve stakeholder satisfaction. In fiscal year 2023/2024, key achievements included the installation of UPS units, delivery of Mac hardware, and initiation of VoIP configurations.
- **University of Trinidad and Tobago**
 - **Upgrade of the Aviation Campus:** The upgrade of the UTT Aviation Campus is a multifaceted project aimed at transforming the campus into a modern, safe, and student-friendly environment. This project directly aligns with the broader goal of social sector transformation by providing improved educational facilities and services.

²³ Ministry of Education Enrollment for 2023/2024, Ministry of Education. Accessed on September 23, 2024

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- to increase student enrolment, motivate staff and students, and provide top-quality theatre facilities.
- **University of the West Indies:**
 - **Upgrading Wireless Infrastructure at UWI St. Augustine:** To address the increased demand for wireless internet access due to the shift to online learning during the COVID-19 pandemic, the University of the West Indies (UWI) St. Augustine Campus is upgrading its ICT infrastructure. This project specifically aims to enhance wireless coverage for students in the Faculty of Science and Technology and the Faculty of Food and Agriculture. During the fiscal year 2023/2024, significant progress was made on the project. Wireless access points were delivered to the campus, and installation began in various sections of the targeted faculties.
 - **Upgrading Chemistry Laboratories UWI St Augustine:** The UWI St. Augustine Campus is modernizing its chemistry laboratories to improve the learning environment for students in the Faculty of Science and Technology.

1.2. Theme II: Delivering Good Governance and Service Excellence

The Government of Trinidad and Tobago remains steadfast in promoting the principles of good governance and service excellence as part of its commitment towards the realisation of the National Development Strategy. This Theme reinforces the dual importance of strengthening Government structures whilst building the public's trust in them. As the standard of living enjoyed by citizens is directly influenced by the effectiveness and efficiency of public institutions, there is a need for continuous advancement in government structures and service delivery. To this end, our democratic institutions must operate on the principles of transparency, value for money, accountability, equity, morality, and integrity in public life, which are all necessary for achieving sustainable development.

The establishment of a Digital Government, which is a transformed public sector that provides improved service delivery, enhanced transparency and greater accountability, through the use of digital end-to-end government products and services, remains a key priority of the GoRTT. As highlighted in the National Strategy for a DigitalTT 2023 – 2026, the digital government pillar encompasses the digitalising of business processes (through the adoption of appropriate digital technology), as well as, the digitisation of Government information (increasing the amount of information and services freely available on Government websites) with the overarching aim of increasing government's efficiency in service delivery. In keeping with the afore-mentioned agenda, the GoRTT in fiscal 2024 has remained resolute in its thrust to improve the services delivered at public institutions, as evidenced by the undertaking of several initiatives as outlined below under the three main goals.

1.2.1 Goal 1: Public Institutions will be High-Performing Professional Entities, Meeting the Needs of All.

As outlined in the National Development Strategy, sustainable national development requires the establishment of effective and efficient public institutions that comprise proficient individuals, processes, and technology. The GoRTT is cognizant of the fact that society is consistently transforming and evolving and public institutions need to evolve to keep abreast with such changes to effectively meet the needs of citizens. As a catalyst for societal transformation, improving service delivery and pursuing service excellence within the public sector remains an ongoing commitment of the GoRTT. To this end, the following initiatives were pursued:

i. Launch of the Local TT Mobile Application

In June 2024, the Ministry of Rural Development and Local Government (MRDLG) launched its Local TT mobile application, a digital platform designed to streamline the reporting process of local issues. It is envisioned that this initiative will empower citizens, enhance public engagement, and significantly improve service delivery within local government. This app enables users to report issues about roads, public health and safety, and emergency incidents, and contains a live-chat feature, real-time alerts, and provides notifications of any adverse weather alerts or other emergencies.

Phase 1 of this multi-phased initiative focuses on crowd-sourced data gathering in five (5) Municipal Corporations: Diego Martin Borough Corporation; San Fernando City Corporation; Couva/Tabaquite/Talparo Regional Corporation; Mayaro/Rio Claro Regional Corporation; and the Tunapuna/Piarco Regional Corporation. During this phase, citizens from these Corporations can submit reports on public infrastructural issues and this data will be used to guide fiscal measures and strategic planning in upcoming phases. It is anticipated that this initiative will enhance collaboration between citizens, Municipal Corporations, and Government institutions, resulting in improved community infrastructure and services.

ii. Local Government Reform

In fiscal 2024, the MRDLG continued to pursue the rollout of its Local Government Reform agenda, which seeks to promote greater autonomy and accountability within Municipal Corporations. As highlighted in the National Development Strategy (2016 – 2030), greater participation in national decision-making by the citizenry is needed to strengthen local democratic institutions. This requires getting citizens involved in the decision-making process, especially grassroots participation, to ensure a bottom-up approach to governance. Consequently, the MRDLG has identified key areas integral to the operationalization of the Local Government Reform Programme, including an Improved legal framework; strengthened organizational capacity; improved financial management and resources; change management and improved ICT infrastructure and digital processes.

Additionally, to ensure that the Corporations are equipped to respond to the requirements necessary for the full operationalisation of the Local Government Reform Programme, the MRDLG embarked on an initiative to ensure that all Corporations were beneficiaries of improved physical and digital infrastructure, enhanced human resource capabilities and robust processes, all of which will contribute to greater efficiency, effectiveness and improved service delivery.

iii. Learning and Development Programme for the Public Service

In fiscal 2024, the Ministry of Public Administration (MPA) continued to fulfil its mandate of improving the Public Service through the establishment and implementation of the Learning and Development Programme for the Public Service. As part of this initiative, the MPA signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the University of the West Indies in July 2024, to increase the capacity of the MPA for the delivery of training courses to public servants.

The MoU will facilitate the development of a framework for the identification and assessment of the learning and development needs of the public service; as well as the development and implementation of tailored, demand-driven curricula to build the capacity of the public service, and foster continuous improvements in service delivery. For the first instalment of this initiative, the MPA targeted approximately 3,000 public servants from various levels across the public service, including junior staff, mid-level managers, and senior executives, to participate in these online courses, to provide training for up to 9,000 civil servants annually.

Participants will benefit from accredited, undergraduate and postgraduate courses in subject areas such as Project Management, Policy Development, Leadership and Conflict Management, Public Sector Management, Monitoring and Evaluation, Social Services Management, Business Communication, Digital Literacy, Facilities Management, Public Speaking, and Events Management. Through this initiative, the

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MPA intends to equip public servants with the necessary skills and expertise needed to function effectively in a modern, high-performing public service.

iv. Gender Training for the Public Service

In an attempt to ensure that the public service addresses the needs of society from a gender lens, the Office of the Prime Minister through its Gender Affairs Division placed significant emphasis on training, capacity building, and awareness-raising on gender-related issues. To this end, the following targeted training sessions were undertaken during fiscal 2024:

- Gender training with members of staff of the Judiciary Trinidad: this in-person training session aimed to equip judiciary staff with essential knowledge on gender and development topics.
- Gender sensitization training for local government councillors: held as a three-day seminar, this sensitization training educated local government councillors on topics such as gender equality, child rights advocacy, and HIV/AIDS awareness. Interactive modules and discussions provided councillors with the knowledge and tools to promote gender-sensitive policies within their communities.
- Gender & Child Sensitization of Tobago House of Assembly (THA) administrators and senior officers: this sensitization session aimed to inform administrators and senior officers of the THA about national and community-level projects addressing domestic violence and child abuse. The session emphasized collaboration between the THA, governmental agencies, civil society organizations, and communities.
- Gender training outreach sessions to various schools and organizations: these training sessions aimed to raise awareness about gender roles, stereotypes, gender equality, and gender mainstreaming.
- Internal gender mainstreaming training for the Office of the Prime Minister 2024: this project aimed to provide comprehensive gender mainstreaming training to staff within various divisions of the Office of the Prime Minister. The training included enhancing gender awareness, promoting gender equality, effective report writing, and equipping staff with skills for a gender-sensitive work environment.

v. Partnership with IDB for Digital Transformation

In fiscal 2024, the GoRTT through the Ministry of Planning and Development partnered with the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) for the commencement of investment projects geared towards the digital transformation of Trinidad and Tobago by supporting the expansion and enhancement of the digital economy. The project, which was approved by the IDB Board in December, 2023, seeks to boost productivity through inclusive and safe digital technology adoption and innovation in Trinidad and Tobago. Consequently, selected government agencies are targeted to receive institutional strengthening support to advance their use of data interoperability platforms and cybersecurity management. Furthermore, it is anticipated that over 150 firms will receive support to use digital technology to improve their productivity and more than 500 public service employees will have access to advanced training opportunities in digital service delivery and project management. The programme will also feature activities that promote the digital inclusion of people with disabilities and women-led firms.

vi. Commissioning of WASA's Operational Control Center

The Water and Sewerage Authority of Trinidad and Tobago (WASA), through the Ministry of Public Utilities, commissioned its Operational Control Centre (OCC) in July 2024. This facility is equipped with state-of-the-art technology such as video walls and a centralized platform for 24-hour monitoring and control of Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition Systems, Geographic Information Systems (GIS), and telemetric devices. It is envisioned that these state-of-the-art technological devices will enhance executive, tactical, strategic, and operational oversight at WASA. In addition to improving monitoring capabilities, the OCC automates the management of several manual processes such as leak repair and water trucking, thereby increasing efficiency and transparency.

vii. Launch of new financial technology products

In fiscal 2024, the Telecommunications Services of Trinidad and Tobago (TSTT) through the Ministry of Public Utilities continued its development of digital products and services. Commencing with its e-PAY platform (an integrated payments aggregation platform, which enables citizens to access multiple forms of payment options inclusive of cash, debit/credit cards and kiosks), the TSTT introduced its e-Cashbook platform. In December 2023, the GoRTT formally accepted TSTT's e-Cashbook as its payment platform.

This platform, now utilized by Government Ministries, facilitates the recording of all data on money transactions including credit/debit cards, online payments, cash, cheques, prepaid vouchers etc., for reporting, reconciliation, and auditing by the Treasury Division. These financial solutions are now an integral part of the government's Payment System Technology Ecosystem and are now poised to support online tax collection, other government revenue, and grant disbursements via the technology backbone. It is envisioned that this initiative will significantly improve the efficiency of government collections and the ease of doing business while simplifying grant disbursements.

viii. Increasing Financial Inclusion

The GoRTT through the Ministry of Digital Transformation (MDT) has embarked on an agenda to personalise government service delivery to the public by tailoring services to more efficiently meet the needs of citizens. Consequently, the MDT along with the Ministry of Finance is advancing digital payments options in Trinidad and Tobago. This is premised on the adoption of particular strategies that focus, in the first instance, on recipients of social benefits provided by the Ministry of Social Development and Family Services (MSDFS), the unbanked segment of the population and greater participation by the domestic financial technology sector. For fiscal 2024, the MDT explored the introduction of India's Unified Payment Interface (UPI), an instant real-time payment system that facilitates inter-bank transactions through the use of mobile phones. It is envisioned that when linked to the National Digital ID (e-ID) programme, this initiative will:

- empower members of the target groups to better manage their social benefits and grants;
- improve affordability by eliminating usage fees for recipients of public benefits;
- reduce reliance on cash in the financial ecosystem;
- contribute to the reduction of criminal activity by limiting the use of cash;
- increase technical resiliency of the existing payment infrastructure by providing a complementary, non-competitive solution; and
- introduce micro-payments for small and micro businesses such as street vendors

One key initiative advanced in fiscal 2024 is the Social Benefits Wallet initiative which aims to digitally transform and optimize the current system of distributing both cash and non-cash benefits provided by all Government Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs), and eventually Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs). The MDT along with the MSDFS, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the United Nations Capital Development Fund (UNCDF) commenced the development of a Social Benefits Wallet for the MSDFS.

It is envisioned that the SBW will facilitate direct transactions between clients and vendors, empowering beneficiaries with the freedom to choose vendors while streamlining the payment process through digital means. This approach effectively circumvents the complexities and limitations associated with traditional cheque systems. A critical feature of this digital wallet is its potential capacity to maintain continuous communication between caseworkers, beneficiaries, and vendors. This feature ensures that all parties are promptly informed about payment statuses, item availability for collection, and other relevant details.

1.2.2 Goal 2: Citizens will have Confidence in the Justice System

In keeping with the National Development Strategy, the GoRTT remains committed to bolstering the judicial system as it represents the cornerstone of a modern, developed economy. Consequently, as part of the country's development agenda, the GoRTT continued to review, modernise and strengthen the legal and legislative framework whilst simultaneously pursuing initiatives to reform the judicial system. Additionally, a strong judicial system that citizens have confidence in, assists in the

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administration of justice and reduces corruption. During fiscal 2024, the Government continued its thrust to improve the perception of the judicial system via the following initiatives:

i. Proclamation of Judicial Legislation

The Administration of Justice (Indictable Proceedings) Act, 2011, referred to as AJIPAA, was proclaimed in December 2023. This transformative legislation is poised to facilitate criminal justice reform and establish a new standard for legal proceedings. The AJIPAA transforms the process for Indictable matters as preliminary enquiries at the District Courts have been removed, and these Indictable cases will now go straight to the High Court. It is perceived that this adjustment to the process will aid in reducing delays and provide opportunities for stronger case management by the Courts. Additionally, the AJIPAA framework encourages the use of the various electronic systems implemented by the Judiciary.

With the AJIPAA framework, evidence must be uploaded digitally to the Judiciary's evidence management platform, Case Center, and presented digitally in Court. This reduces the opportunity for delay in the court process in instances when physical evidence is not readily available and makes its presentation more secure and clearer. Furthermore, all indictable matters are now filed on the Judiciary's new e-forms platform known as SWiF (Secure Web Forms), which is a safe and secure platform for completing and submitting court forms. Overall, it is envisioned that this initiative will improve the pace and delivery of justice while enhancing efficiency, fairness, and transparency.

ii. The Partnership of the Caribbean and the European Union on Justice (PACE Justice) Regional Programme

The PACE Justice programme, which was launched in October 2023, is a four-year collaborative initiative of the European Union, the UNDP and the Eastern Caribbean, aimed at reducing existing and preventing future backlogs of criminal justice cases in eight (8) Caribbean islands. The mechanisms which are being utilised include integrated software, hardware, training and capacity development, procedural reforms and community awareness interventions. To achieve this objective, the programme is tailored along three (3) well-defined, but strongly connected dimensions, namely:

- Deployment of enabling technology and systems training to improve the efficiency of criminal justice administration.
- Empowerment of stakeholders through gender-awareness capacity-building across all elements of the administration of justice, with a focus on service design and delivery.
- Strengthening national and regional processes and procedures for improved efficiency and accountability within the justice sector.

As one of the participating countries, T&T will benefit as the project offers strategic and effective solutions to the current issues facing the judicial system. which can perpetuate instances of injustice, insecurity, and inequality. Through this programme, it is anticipated that the Judiciary of Trinidad and Tobago will be able to reduce the backlog of cases and strengthen the overall criminal justice sector, thereby resulting in improved public confidence in the judicial system, and increased adherence to the rule of law.

1.2.3 Goal 3: An Efficient and Effective Law Enforcement System

As noted in the National Development Strategy (2016-2030), sustainable development requires the establishment of an efficient and effective law enforcement system as it promotes public safety and national peace through the maintenance of law and order. Such a system requires a consistent examination of the various law enforcement agencies and their processes, for the identification of inefficiencies and gaps, and the subsequent measures necessary to address these. As such, the GoRTT remains committed to the continuous modernisation and strengthening of the national security forces as this engenders social stability and stimulates positive economic development. In this regard, the Ministry of National Security (MNS), which is charged with the mandate of maintaining law and order and public safety, continues to fulfil its responsibility through collaborations with various stakeholders, capacity-building initiatives, and intelligence-based decision-making. To this end, the following initiatives were embarked on during fiscal 2024 in continuation of the GoRTT's thrust toward improving the efficiency of the law enforcement systems:

i. Regional Search and Rescue Training

During fiscal 2024, various members of the national security forces underwent five days of Regional Search and Rescue Training. The intensive course provided the participants with the critical competencies necessary to respond effectively and conduct search and rescue operations, during disasters and emergencies, particularly in the urban environment. The course provided the participants with the knowledge needed to effectively manoeuvre through collapsed structures, save lives, operate as a member of a local, regional and international response team, and train others with the knowledge gained.

The capacity-building training course was taught by instructors from World Hope International and the Caribbean Association of Fire Chiefs (CAFC), who ensured that the graduates met the standards set by the United Nations-endorsed International Search and Rescue Advisory Group (INSARAG). It is anticipated that these graduates will not only inculcate the knowledge, skills, attitudes and behaviours gained from the course into their professional lives, but also share the information gained with their colleagues, thereby bolstering the capabilities of officers across the national security system to respond to any disaster or emergency.

ii. Strengthening of Law Enforcement through Collaboration

The MNS in fiscal 2024, continued to strengthen its collaborative initiatives with internal and external agencies as a means of improving the efficiency and effectiveness of law enforcement measures. At the local level, these initiatives included various stakeholder meetings aimed at deepening cooperation amongst local law enforcement agencies. Similarly, concerning external agencies, the MNS engaged in various meetings with international bodies on issues surrounding crime, gang violence, human trafficking and illegal firearms. Additionally, the following are some noteworthy collaborative initiatives that the MNS engaged in during the fiscal:

- USAID Study on Crime and Criminality in Trinidad and Tobago

In fiscal 2024 the MNS collaborated with the United States on shared crime and security concerns resulting in the development of a study conducted by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) on Crime and Criminality in Trinidad and Tobago. In June 2024, the MNS was presented with the USAID Criminal Dynamics Study for Trinidad and Tobago, along with its key findings. It is anticipated that this report will play a crucial role in formulating strategies to combat criminal gangs locally as it contains critical insights and recommendations necessary for developing effective strategies to combat gang-related activities. In addition to this study, other collaborative initiatives between the MNS and their United States counterparts included:

- the U.S. Department of Commerce's pause on licenses for exporting weapons to non-state and civilian dealers, which is expected to reduce firearm exports to the region by 35%;
- training for Crime Gun Intelligence Unit officers provided by agencies such as Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), Homeland Security Investigations, Interpol, the World Customs Organization and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC).

- Receipt of Tactical Equipment from the UNODC

As a participating member of the Caribbean Firearms Roadmap Project, the MNS received tactical equipment from the UNODC in November 2023. This equipment, which is for distribution to officers attached to the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service and the Customs and Excise Division, will improve the capabilities of these officers in executing their duties. The Caribbean Firearms Roadmap Project, which is funded by the Federal Republic of Germany, aims to reduce crime and violence in the region by countering the illicit circulation and misuse of firearms and ammunition in activities associated with transnational organized crime.

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iii. Strengthening Border Control Capacity

To prevent illegal activities, including drug trafficking, human smuggling, and terrorism, the MNS in fiscal 2024 prioritized strengthening its border control capabilities. This involved the deployment of advanced surveillance technologies, improving infrastructure, and enhancing collaboration with neighbouring countries. Specific focus was given to the Trinidad and Tobago Defence Force, which has explicit responsibilities as it relates to safeguarding the country's geographic boundaries. Additionally, in January 2024 the MNS and the shipbuilding conglomerate Damen Group executed a contract for the implementation of Integrated Support Services for the Naval Assets of the Trinidad and Tobago Coast Guard (TTCG).

It is envisioned that this programme will improve the reliability of machinery and equipment, which will increase the operational readiness and availability of the vessels. Additionally, the Integrated Support Services programme will facilitate the transfer of knowledge and tactical experience to the TTCG and will allow for the identification of gaps in their ability to maintain and operate more intricate large vessels. Overall, it is anticipated that this collaboration will result in the Coast Guard maintaining a greater presence in the maritime domain as the maintenance of these vessels will be improved and their lifespan increased.

iv. Launch of the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service's Customer Service Unit

On June 28th, 2024 the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service launched its inaugural Customer Service Unit at the St. Joseph Police Station. The Customer Service Unit is an initiative designed to elevate the quality of service provided to the public by every officer of the TTPS. It aims to reduce the number of complaints levelled at officers and provide a level of satisfaction to members of the public following any engagement with the police. Consequently, the Unit is responsible for coordinating training, managing complaints and making recommendations to the Office of the Commissioner of Police on matters of reform and discipline. The launch also commemorated the rollout of the Customer Service Unit Feedback Bin/Boxes. The receptacles, which are to be placed in every Police Station across the ten Policing Divisions, are meant to provide a channel for members of the public to submit feedback, comments or complaints regarding their interactions and experiences with the TTPS. This allows the Unit to gather on-the-ground feedback from citizens, that can then be analysed and acted upon.

SOCIAL SECTOR INVESTMENTS AND THE ATTAINMENT OF THE UNITED NATIONS SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS, 2030

The United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are a global framework designed to create a better and more sustainable future for everyone. Adopted by all United Nations Member States in 2015, the 17 SDGs, along with their 169 targets, aim to tackle the world's most urgent challenges, such as poverty, inequality, climate change, environmental degradation, and the promotion of peace and justice.

The Vision of the SDGs

The SDGs aim to eradicate poverty and hunger, ensure healthy lives and quality education, achieve gender equality, provide clean water and sanitation, foster affordable and clean energy, and promote inclusive and sustainable economic growth. They also emphasize the importance of building resilient infrastructure, reducing inequality, ensuring sustainable consumption and production patterns, combating climate change, conserving marine and terrestrial ecosystems, promoting peaceful and inclusive societies, and revitalizing global partnerships for sustainable development.

The Role of National Budgeting in Achieving the SDGs

National budgeting is essential for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), as it ensures that financial, human and other physical resources are allocated efficiently and effectively toward key development priorities. The following are the resulting benefits that may be achieved by supporting SDGs as they relate to national budgeting:

Governments can integrate the SDGs into their national budgets by mapping budget lines to specific SDG targets. This approach ensures that financial resources are directly allocated to sectors that contribute to achieving the SDGs.

- **Tracking and Accountability**

A well-structured national budget that is aligned with the SDGs allows for the tracking of progress and spending across various sectors. This transparency enhances accountability, as it becomes easier to monitor whether the allocated funds are being used effectively to achieve the desired outcomes.

- **Advancing Medium and Long-Term Planning**

Integrating the SDGs into national budgets encourages governments to think beyond annual fiscal cycles and incorporate sustainable development goals into medium- and long-term financial planning. This strategic approach helps in addressing complex and cross-cutting issues such as climate change and gender- inequality

- **Promoting Public-Private Partnerships**

A budget aligned with the SDGs promotes partnerships between the public and private sectors by highlighting opportunities for investment in sustainable development. Governments can use budget allocations to incentivize private sector contributions to areas like clean energy, infrastructure, and innovation, thus leveraging additional resources for achieving the SDGs.

Several countries have successfully integrated the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) into their national budgets, linking financial planning with sustainable development targets to ensure effective implementation. Some notable examples include Mexico, Columbia and Indonesia. These countries demonstrate to varying degrees that integrating the SDGs into their national budgets, enhances accountability and ensures that financial resources are effectively utilized to achieve the global goals by 2030.

Trinidad and Tobago is committed to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and has integrated these global objectives into its national development strategy, Vision 2030. The plan aligns with the SDGs, focusing on areas such as poverty reduction, quality education, gender equality, and climate action. Trinidad and Tobago has been actively working towards the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). One of the key initiatives in this regard is the modernization of the country's statistical ecosystem, which is aimed at enhancing the quality and availability of data necessary for informed decision-making and effective implementation of the SDGs. This includes efforts to improve the Central Statistical Office's capacity to collect and process data using modern techniques, which is crucial for meeting national and global development targets. By aligning Vision 2030 with the SDGs, the Government also ensures the simultaneous monitoring of the progress of the achievement of the goals as reporting on the national strategy is undertaken.

Findings & Analysis:

In the fiscal year 2024, for a third consecutive year, the Social Sector Investment Programme (SSIP) focused on assessing social sector investments in alignment with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). This evaluation entailed a review of the sector's mandate, an examination of budget allocations for various initiatives, and the classification of programs according to their contribution to specific SDGs. It should be noted however, that the interventions have been categorised under the SDG areas where it is intended to have its major impact (first round impact), with the understanding that interventions may impact multiple areas. The methodology utilised for the analysis is outlined in **Appendix I** of this document.

Based on the analysis of the 2024 Estimates of Expenditure, approximately \$9.58 billion was allocated for initiatives supporting the SDGs, as illustrated in **Table IV** below. This strategy underscores T&T's continued dedication to promoting the SDGs through targeted investments in social and educational programs.

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Table IV: Summary of Expenditure in effecting the Sustainable Development Goals based on Estimates of Expenditure for Fiscal 2024

SDG	Definition	ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR 2024 (TTD)	PERCENTAGE)
1	No Poverty	6,354,186,000.00	66.31%
2	Zero Hunger	472,916,800.00	4.94%
3	Good Health and Wellbeing	666,672,200.00	6.96%
4	Quality Education	973,136,219.00	10.16%
5	Gender Equality	25,000.00	0.00%
6	Clean Water and Sanitation	4,000,000.00	0.04%
8	Decent Work and Economic Growth	757,665,000.00	7.91%
10	Reduced Inequalities	45,400,000.00	0.47%
11	Sustainable Cities and Communities	23,000,000.00	0.24%
13	Climate Action	285,369,400.00	2.98%
Grand Total		9,582,370,619	100.00%

In the fiscal year 2024, **84.4%** of the total **\$9.58 billion** SSIP allocation was directed toward three (3) main Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), continuing a similar trend from the previous fiscal year, where 83% of the SDG funding focused on the three (3) similar goals: The breakdown for fiscal 2024 is as follows:

- Goal 1 – No Poverty-**66.3%**
- Goal 4 – Quality Education-**10.2%**
- Goal 8 - Decent Work and Economic Growth – **7.9%**

The remaining **15.6%** of the SSIP budget was distributed among six (6) other SDGs:

- Goal 2- Zero Hunger
- Goal 5-Gender Equality
- Goal 6-Clean Water and Sanitation
- Goal 10-Reducing inequalities
- Goal 11-Sustainable Cities and Communities
- Goal 13 Climate Action

This allocation emphasises the GORTT's commitment to tackling poverty, enhancing education, and promoting decent work while also addressing a range of other sustainable development goals. A graphical depiction of the Findings is presented in **Figure 1** below:

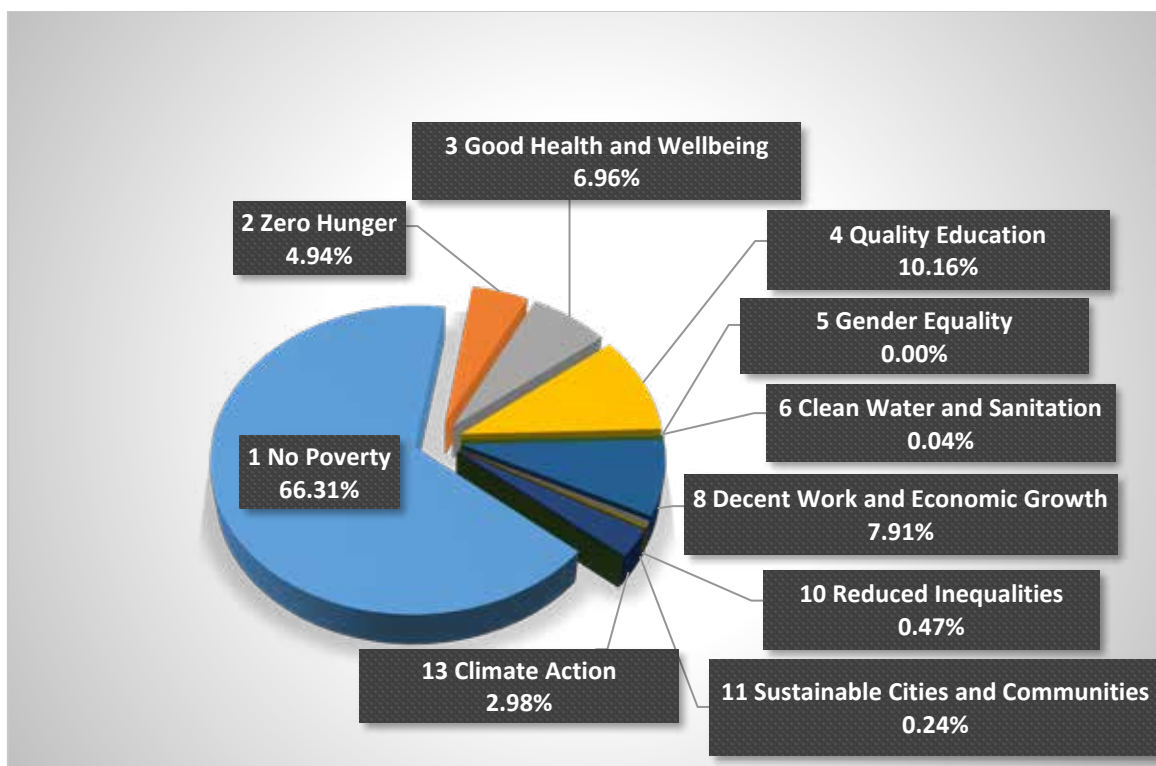


Figure 1: Summary of Expenditure in Effecting the Sustainable Development Goals based on Estimates of Expenditure for Fiscal 2024

A more detailed breakdown of the SSIP's Estimates of Expenditure for the fiscal year 2024, aligned with the SDGs, Targets, and Indicators, is provided in **Appendix II** of this document.

In summary, T&T's 2024 budget allocations for the SDGs illustrate a strong and increasing commitment by the Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago (GoRTT) to advancing development goals and making significant strides toward the SDGs. The funding for SDGs increased from \$9.1 billion in 2023 to \$9.6 billion in 2024. Significant allocations to SDGs such as No Poverty, Quality Education, and Decent Work and Economic Growth emphasize a focus on improving the living standards of the population and addressing inequalities. Investments in climate action and sustainable cities highlight an awareness of environmental and urban issues.

However, there is a noticeable trend suggesting that goals such as Gender Equality and Clean Water and Sanitation might benefit from increased investment. These insights underscore the importance of regular monitoring of the SDGs, which not only improves the analysis of fiscal expenditures but also highlights areas requiring more attention to support national development.

The emphasis on the SDGs should go beyond financial indicators to include enhanced programme planning and development, in line with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. It is essential to clearly define the intended SDGs and their beneficiaries from the beginning of the budgeting process. By aligning budget expenditures with the objectives of Vision 2030 and the SDGs Agenda 2030, more accurate and timely mechanisms for monitoring, evaluating, and reporting on investments can be established.

Given the interconnected nature of the SDGs, extensive collaboration between Ministries and active stakeholders is vital. This calls for dedication from all levels of Government, the private sector, and civil society. Trinidad and Tobago has been acknowledged as a regional leader, with the capacity to leverage

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cooperation amongst stakeholders, using its strong institutional framework to push forward the SDG agenda. While the data from the SSIP expenditure review, aligns with this position, persistent challenges emphasize the need for continued and enhanced efforts to meet the SDGs by 2030.



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OVERVIEW OF THE SOCIAL SECTOR AND REVIEW OF
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CHAPTER 2: OVERVIEW OF THE SOCIAL SECTOR

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This chapter outlines the Government's fiscal 2024 budgetary allocations made towards social sector development and reviews the allocations made over the period 2020 -2024. The Chapter lists the new social programmes implemented, policies developed, and the research and evaluations undertaken during fiscal 2024. It also provides a review of the achievements of social sector programmes and aligns these to the national outcomes of Vision 2030.

2.1 Defining the Social Sector

A core social sector Ministry (SSM) is defined as an agency whose primary function is to prevent or redress social ills, or to foster social progress. Generally, more than 75% of the respective budgets of these Ministries would be allocated to addressing social issues. In addition to the core SSMs, there are several other Ministries whose primary or secondary activities impact significantly on the social development of the society. Most of the activities of these agencies would be considered social interventions that also contribute significantly to the Government's fight against social ills. In addition, more than 50% of their respective budgets would be allocated to social service initiatives. All other Ministries are regarded as social development enablers as their activities directly or indirectly facilitate the development of society. Collectively, the core Social Sector Ministries, ancillary and enablers strive to improve the quality of life experienced by the citizenry.

2.2 Budgeted Allocations to the Social Sector

According to the International Monetary Fund (IMF), World Economic Outlook (April 2024), global economic growth generally remained resilient. The baseline forecast for 2024 and 2025 is for the global economy to continue growing at the same pace as 2023. Global inflation is also forecasted to decline steadily, from 6.8 % in 2023 to 5.9 % and 4.5% in 2024 and 2025 respectively, with advanced economies returning to their inflation targets sooner than emerging market and developing economies. Overall core inflation is generally projected to decline more progressively. There is a projected slight acceleration in growth for advanced economies from 1.6 % in 2023 to 1.7 % in 2024 and 1.8 % in 2025. This will be offset by a modest slowdown in emerging markets and developing economies from 4.3 % in 2023 to 4.2 % in both 2024 and 2025.

In the domestic market, Trinidad and Tobago's economic growth was expected to gain momentum in 2024. Real GDP, supported by the non-energy sector and new energy projects coming on-stream, was projected to expand by 2.4% in 2024, to offset the structural decline in energy production. According to Central Statistical Office (CSO) data, economic recovery led by non-energy activity continued in 2023. Real GDP rose by 3.6% (year on year) during the second quarter of 2023 compared with 1.4 % in the previous quarter. Indicators monitored by the Central Bank pointed to a continuation of that trend during the second half of the year, with relatively strong performances in the Wholesale and Retail and Construction sectors. CSO also reported a decline in the unemployment rate to 3.2 % in the third quarter of 2023 compared with 3.7 % three months earlier. Headline inflation rose to 0.8 % (year-on-year) in February 2024 from 0.3 % in January (Central Bank Monetary Policy Announcement May 2024).

In the National Budget for fiscal 2024, total revenue was estimated at TT \$54.012 billion and total budgeted expenditure was estimated at TT \$59.209 billion with a fiscal deficit of TT \$5.197 billion or 2.9 % of GDP (Ministry of Finance, 2023). Of this total budgeted expenditure an estimate of TT 22.67 billion was allocated to the key SSMs and the Social Services Divisions of the THA. A breakdown of the budgeted allocations for the SSMs and Social Services Division of the THA is provided below in **Table V**.

Table V: Budgeted Allocations for the Key Social Sector Ministries and the Social Services Divisions of the Tobago House of Assembly for Fiscal 2024

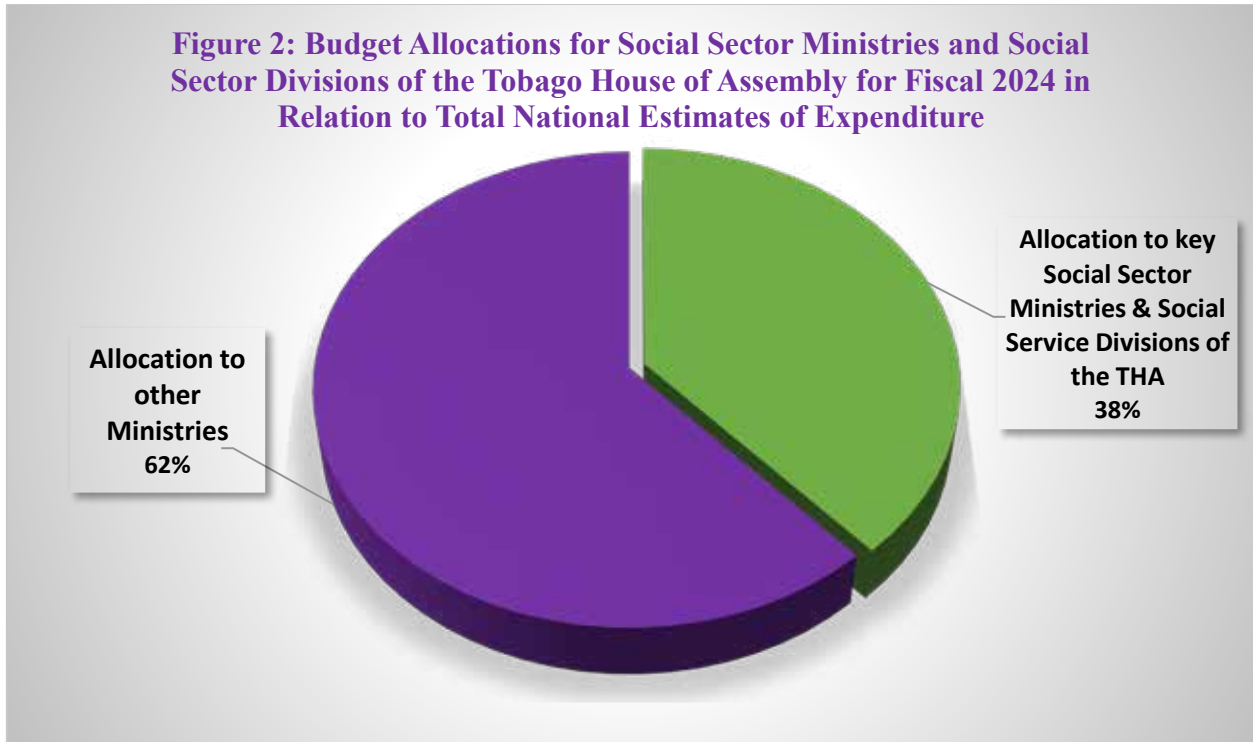
Key Social Sector Ministries & THA	Development Programmes TTD	Recurrent Expenditure TTD	Total TTD
Health	596,012,000.00	6,020,761,950.00	6,616,773,950.00
Education	532,270,000.00	5,794,294,000.00	6,326,564,000.00
Social Development and Family Services	61,929,000.00	5,732,744,200.00	5,794,673,200.00
Housing and Urban Development	380,967,000.00	1,002,283,000.00	1,383,250,000.00
Youth Development and National Service	200,000,000.00	192,045,000.00	392,045,000.00
Sport and Community Development	300,992,000.00	433,456,200.00	734,448,200.00
Tobago House of Assembly (THA)	118,000,000.00	1,306,762,500.00	1,424,762,500.00
Total			<u>22,672,516,850.00</u>
Tobago House of Assembly (THA)* Social Services Divisions			
Health, Wellness and Social Protection	30,400,000.00	752,209,500.00	
Community Development, Youth Development and Sport	37,100,000.00	103,735,000.00	
Education, Research and Technology	29,700,000.00	419,082,000.00	
Settlements Public Utilities and Rural Development	20,800,000.00	31,736,000.00	
	118,000,000.00	1,306,762,500.00	1,424,762,500.00

Source: Draft Estimates of Expenditure 2024

The aggregated sum of TT \$22.67 billion allocated to the key SSMs and Social Sector Divisions of the THA represents 38% of the national budgeted expenditure of TT \$59.209 billion. **Figure 2** below shows the percentage allocations.

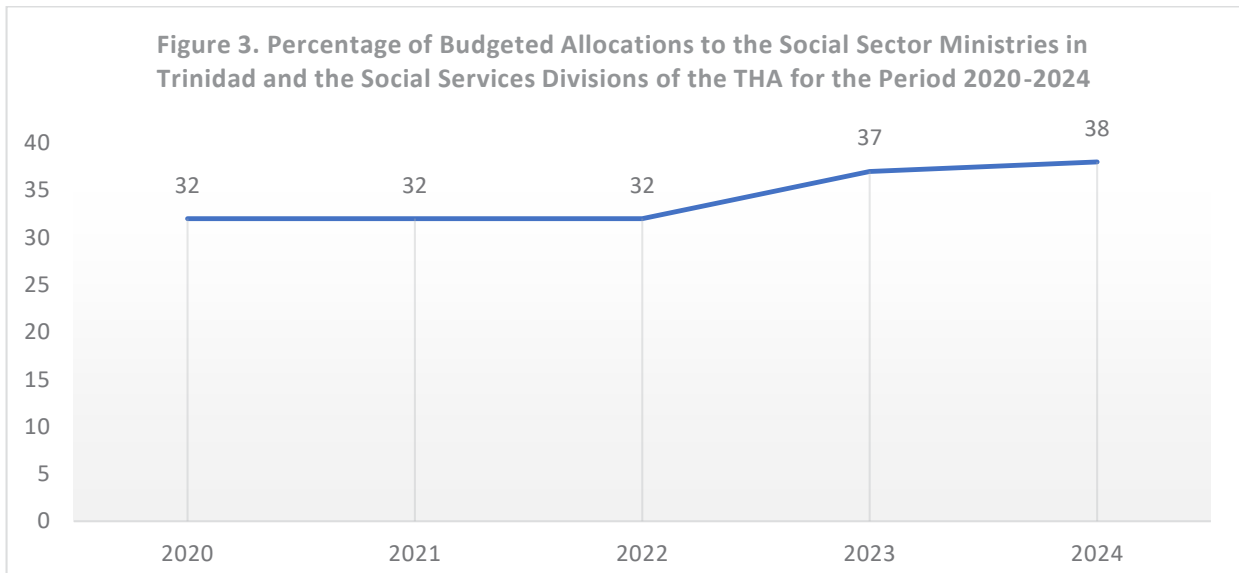


Figure 2: Budget Allocations for Social Sector Ministries and Social Sector Divisions of the Tobago House of Assembly for Fiscal 2024 in Relation to Total National Estimates of Expenditure

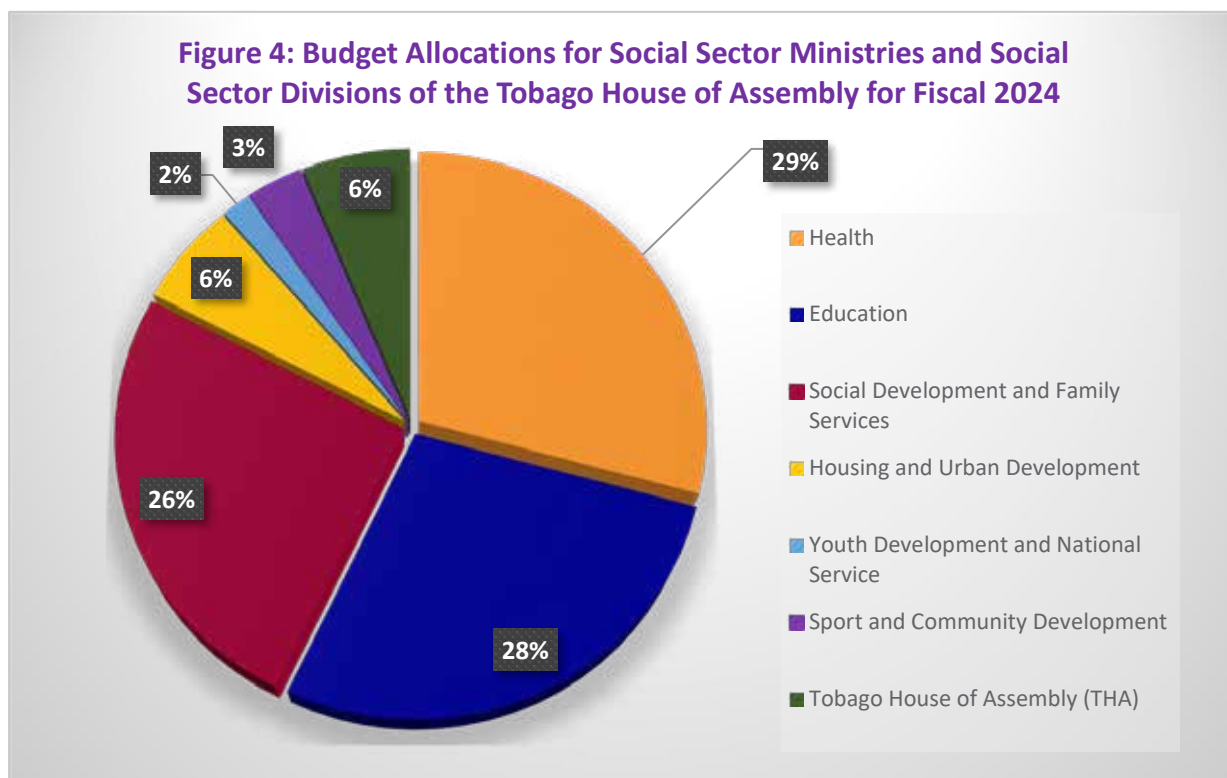


Source: Draft Estimates of Expenditure 2024

Over the five years 2020-2024, the average allocation to social sector ministries and social divisions of the THA has been 34%. For the period, 2020 – 2022 the allocation has consistently been 32%. However, in fiscal 2023 and 2024 the allocations are 37 % and 38% respectively as shown in Figure 3 below:



Adequate access to education, healthcare, and social services improves the quality of life for individuals and impacts communities and the wider society. Investments in these critical areas can lead to long-term economic growth and increased global competitiveness. Health, Education and Social Services continue to be prioritized by the Government of Trinidad and Tobago. This is evident by the Ministries of Health, Education and Social Development and Family Services receiving the largest budgeted allocations among the SSMs, 29%, 28% and 26% respectively for fiscal 2024. Such an investment in the nation’s human capital lays the foundation for sustainable development, economic prosperity, and social well-being. A well-educated population is better equipped to innovate, drive economic growth, and participate meaningfully and productively in society. Investment in healthcare ensures that the vulnerable population, reducing poverty, enhancing overall social stability and promoting social cohesion. **Figure 4** hereunder details the percentage budgetary allocations to the key Social Sector Ministries and the Social Services Divisions of the THA for fiscal 2024.



Source: Draft Estimates of Expenditure 2024

Table VI: Budgeted Allocations for Social Infrastructure and Programming for Fiscal Period 2020-2024

Year	Social Infrastructure TTD	Social Programming TTD	Total TTD
2020	2,189,359,000	8,318,258,320	10,507,617,320
2021	1,639,602,000	8,072,090,956	9,711,692,956
2022	1,807,866,000	8,068,458,409	9,876,324,409
2023	2,187,621,000	9,012,844,686	11,200,465,686
2024	2,512,208,000	9,827,318,419	12,339,526,419

Source: Draft Estimates of Expenditure

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There was a 10% increase in the total budgeted allocations for social infrastructure and social programming in fiscal 2024. The total for fiscal 2024 amounted to TTD 12.34 billion compared to TTD 11.20 billion in fiscal 2023. Table VI details the total allocations for both social infrastructure and social programming for the last five fiscals over the period 2020-2024.

NEW PROGRAMMES, PROJECTS & POLICIES DEVELOPED/IMPLEMENTED AND RESEARCH UNDERTAKEN IN FISCAL 2024

Social projects and programmes play a critical role in fostering sustainable development. It is representative of the investments required to improve the well-being and future prosperity of the country. Such programmes and projects redound to enhanced human capital through increased capacities and opportunities, increased social cohesion, reduced poverty and inequality and a more stimulated economy. Conversely, policy provides guidance and direction, regulating and strategically controlling the various actors to achieve the Government's objectives (Vision 2030). Research complements both the policies and programmes/projects as it provides the data on the social issues, and guides the development of evidence-based interventions. Overall, research is a fundamental pillar of progress, driving advancements that lead to more informed, and equitable decisions.

The lists in **Boxes 1-3** below outline the new programmes and/project, policies and research undertaken by Ministries for fiscal 2024.

Box 1: New Programmes and Projects /Initiatives developed/implemented in fiscal 2024

- **Launch of the Survivors Transformation and Empowerment Programme (STEP) – OPM**
- **Expansion of TSTT's Public Cloud Infrastructure – MPU**
- **Sexual and Reproductive Health for Women with Disabilities Seminar - MSDFS**

Box 2: Policies Developed and/or Implemented in fiscal 2024

- **Development of a Work from Home Policy for the Public Service – MPA**
- **Shock Responsive Social Protection Policy - MSDFS**
- **Anti-Fraud and Corruption (AFC) Policy -MSDFS**

Box 3: Research scheduled to be conducted and/or finalised in Fiscal 2024

- **Study on Crime and Criminality in Trinidad and Tobago – MNS**
- **Baseline Study on Disability Assistance Grants -MSDFS**

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REVIEW OF SOCIAL PROGRAMMES

This section highlights over 120 new and ongoing social sector programmes spanning 13 Ministries and the 3 Tobago House of Assembly Divisions, which provide social services. These programmes address a wide range of socio-economic and other pertinent issues including ageing; community development and the arts; child protection; culture; disability affairs; education; employment and entrepreneurship; environmental protection; family support; gender issues; health care and services; housing; information technology; literacy; poverty reduction; skill development; social protection; and substance abuse. This section also outlines how these programmes impact sustainable human, social and community development.

Box 4: Ministries/Divisions highlighted in this Chapter

1. Ministry of Agriculture, Land and Fisheries (MALF)
2. Division of Health, Wellness and Social Protection, Tobago House of Assembly (THA)
3. Division of Community Development, Youth Development and Sport (THA)
4. Division of Education, Research and Technology (THA)
5. Ministry of Education (MoE)
6. Office of the Prime Minister (Gender and Child Affairs) (OPM GCA) & (Communications) (OPM-C)
7. Ministry of Health (MoH)
8. Ministry of Housing and Urban Development (MoHUD)
9. Ministry of Labour (MoL)
10. Ministry of National Security (MNS)
11. Ministry of Public Utilities (MPU)
12. Ministry of Works and Transport
13. Ministry of Rural Development and Local Government (MRDLG)
14. Ministry of Sport and Community Development (MSCD)
15. Ministry of Social Development and Family Services (MSDFS)
16. Ministry of Youth Development and National Service (MYDNS)

	INITIATIVE	BENEFICIARY CATEGORY	ACHIEVEMENTS	NATIONAL OUTCOME
<p>MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, LAND AND FISHERIES</p>	<p>MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, LAND AND FISHERIES ❖ AGRICULTURAL INCENTIVE PROGRAMME</p> <p>This programme is geared towards supporting the agricultural sub-sectors through increased access to low-cost technology and with a renewed focus on increased food production and food security.</p>	<p>Farmers</p>	<p>For the period October 2023 to June 2024:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approximately 1,563 farmers benefitted. 	<p>Improved livelihoods</p>
	<p>❖ VALUE ADDED TAX (VAT) AND DUTY EXEMPTION</p> <p>This programme provides VAT and Duty exemptions to commercial fishing vessel owners on the purchase of marine engines, and marine accessories and when authorization is granted for importation of fishing vessels.</p>	<p>Communities, environment, fisher-folk, general public</p>	<p>For the period October 2023 to June 2024:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 378 persons benefitted from this programme. 	<p>Improved livelihoods</p>

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<p>DIVISION OF HEALTH, WELLNESS AND SOCIAL PROTECTION (TOBAGO HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY)</p> <p>❖ Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention Programme</p> <p>The Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention Programme (ADAPP) has the specific responsibility of providing substance use (alcohol and other drugs) demand reduction services in Tobago through psycho-education and intervention.</p>	<p>Families</p>	<p>For the period October 2023 to June 2024 the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention Programme provided services for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 75 primary school students. • 636 secondary school and Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) students. • 612 Health Centre Clients between the ages of 25 – 59 years, both in internal and outpatient treatment options. • 125 Health Centre Clients over the age of 60 years. 	<p>An Enhanced Quality of Life for Participants</p>
<p>DIVISION OF HEALTH, WELLNESS AND SOCIAL PROTECTION (TOBAGO HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY)</p> <p>❖ Thinking for a Change – Community Intervention at a Children’s Camp</p> <p>The program targeted children ages 3 to 12 years who were participants at an Easter Camp. The sessions engaged the children in the Social Skills modules of the Thinking for a Change programme.</p>	<p>Children</p>	<p>This programme provided services for 62 children participants for the period October 2023 to June 2024.</p>	<p>An Enhanced Quality of Life for Participants</p>
<p>❖ Remedial Therapy</p> <p>The programme is targeted toward the rehabilitation of Offenders/Probationers. This kind of group therapy engages participants in Cognitive Restructuring, Social Skills Development, Development of Problem Solving Skills and aims at promoting positive behaviour change.”</p>	<p>Criminal Offenders/ Probationers</p>	<p>A total of 9 adult persons benefitted from this programme for the period October 2023 to June 2024.</p>	<p>Reformed behaviours for previous perpetrators.</p>

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<p>DIVISION OF HEALTH, WELLNESS AND SOCIAL PROTECTION (TOBAGO HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY)</p>	<p>❖ Thinking for a Change Intervention at the Learning Enrichment Centre (LEC) for suspended secondary school children</p> <p>The programme is targeted to foster the rehabilitation of suspended students in the secondary school system. This kind of group therapy engages participants in Cognitive Restructuring, Social Skills Development, and Development of Problem Solving Skills and aims at promoting positive behaviour change, while reducing repeat suspensions.</p>	<p>Suspended secondary school students</p>	<p>This programme provided services for 387 secondary school students within Tobago for the period October 2023 to June 2024.</p>	<p>An Enhanced Quality of Life for Participants</p>
<p>DIVISION OF HEALTH, WELLNESS AND SOCIAL PROTECTION (TOBAGO HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY)</p>	<p>DIVISION OF HEALTH, WELLNESS AND SOCIAL PROTECTION (TOBAGO HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY)</p> <p>❖ Golden Apple Adolescent Partnership Programmes (GAPP)</p> <p>This programme, delivered under the Aging Unit is designed to meet the social needs of the elderly in Tobago, through long-term care.</p>	<p>Senior Citizens</p>	<p>The Golden Apple Adolescent Partnership Programme provided:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Services for the social well-being of seniors in Tobago and the provision of caregivers to those in need continued. • The Programme provided care to approximately 41 clients via Caregivers. 	<p>An Enhanced Quality of Life for Older Persons.</p>

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DIVISION OF HEALTH, WELLNESS AND SOCIAL PROTECTION (TOBAGO HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY)	<p>❖ Community Social Services Unit (CSSU)</p> <p>The Community Social Services Unit was established to strengthen the (then) Department of Social Services and Gender Affairs by improving its monitoring and evaluation capability, thereby increasing the efficiency and effectiveness of social services intervention. Services provided by the Unit include, crisis intervention, general, rental, medical and household assistance and items, and funeral grants.</p>	<p>All Citizens</p>	<p>For the period September 2023 to June 2024 the CSSU provided:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clothing Assistance to 41 persons. • Rental Assistance to 163 persons. • Household Items Assistance to 104 persons. • Medical Assistance to 21 persons. • Funeral Assistance to 15 persons. • Psychosocial Intervention to 14 persons. • The unit also provided general assistance to 24 families. 	<p>An Enhanced Quality of Life for Persons.</p>
	<p>DIVISION OF HEALTH, WELLNESS AND SOCIAL PROTECTION</p> <p>❖ Programme for Adolescent Mothers (PAM)</p> <p>The programme assists adolescent mothers who are school dropouts to acquire the skills of mothering while continuing their education. The programme is intended to decrease the number of repeated pregnancies among young women and break the cycle of inter-generational poverty which may emerge among the target group due to early pregnancy. The Programme also provides counselling, day-care services and training in pre-post-natal childcare. The components of the Programme consist of training in: Life Management, Moral/Spiritual Education, Parenting Education, Childcare, Mathematics, English Language, Social Studies and General Knowledge. The technical skills include Cosmetology, Food and Nutrition, Computer Literacy and Sewing. The programme also provides therapeutic counselling and day care services. Participants of the Programme receive a stipend of fifty (\$50.00) dollars a day.</p>	<p>Adolescent Mothers</p>	<p>For the period October 2023 to June 2024:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 201 participants benefited from the sessions. 	<p>An Enhanced Quality of Life for Teenage Mothers.</p>

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<p>DIVISION OF HEALTH, WELLNESS AND SOCIAL PROTECTION (TOBAGO HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY)</p>	<p>Communities</p>	<p>For the period October 2023 to May 2024:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 118 persons benefited from the programme. 	<p>Self-reliant and sustainable communities.</p>
<p>DIVISION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, YOUTH DEVELOPMENT AND SPORT (THA)</p>	<p>Children</p>	<p>For the period October 2023 to August 2024:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 940 children (under 14 years of age) benefited from this programme. 	<p>Empowerment through sport to lead healthy lifestyles</p>

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DIVISION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, YOUTH (THA) DEVELOPMENT AND SPORT	<p>❖ Vocational Skills Training Programme</p> <p>The Vocational Skills Training Programme is one of the flagship programmes in the Division's work plan. It is geared towards empowerment, community development and the promotion of lifelong learning. These skills training sessions are held annually for six months at community facilities throughout Tobago. Training takes place during the day from 9 am to 12 noon and in the evening from 5 pm to 8 pm.</p>	Communities	<p>For the period October 2023 to June 2024:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 300 youth (between the ages of 15 and 24), 1,240 adults (between the ages of 25-59) and 376 older persons benefitted from this programme. 	A well-developed, well-educated, qualified cadre of citizens
DIVISION OF EDUCATION, RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY (TOBAGO HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY)	<p>DIVISION OF EDUCATION, RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY</p> <p>❖ Multicultural Education</p> <p>The Multicultural Education Unit is designed to infuse culture and its related activities of Music, Dance, Art and Theatre Arts into the curriculum of schools in Tobago.</p> <p>❖ Financial Assistance to Necessitous Students</p> <p>The Division seeks to assist necessary students within Tobago by supplying school-related items which would provide an opportunity for them to perform at their maximum potential. This Programme occurs during the July/August period. A financial assessment to determine the severity of the need is undertaken and items supplied include books, uniforms and shoes.</p>	<p>Students within Tobago</p> <p>Necessitous students within Tobago</p>	<p>For the period October 2023 to June 2024:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ 900 children under 14 years benefitted from continuous music, dance and drama programmes in schools. ❖ 400 youth ages 15 – 25 participated in the Biennial Music Festival. ❖ Eight (8) adults between the ages of 25 – 59 participated in steel pan tutors' workshops. <p>For the period October 2023 to June 2024:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 29 youth (ages 15 -24) and 16 adults (ages 25 – 59) benefitted from this programme. 	<p>Empowerment of individuals.</p> <p>A well-developed, well-educated, qualified cadre of citizens</p>

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MINISTRY OF EDUCATION	<p>❖ School Transportation Programme</p> <p>The Division of Education, Research and Technology provides free transportation to necessitous students in primary and secondary schools.</p> <p>MINISTRY OF EDUCATION</p> <p>❖ GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE FOR TUITION EXPENSES (GATE)</p> <p>The Programme seeks to provide financial assistance, to cover the cost of tuition fees, to all qualified citizens of Trinidad and Tobago pursuing approved tertiary-level programmes at local and regional public and private institutions. On completion of their studies, persons benefiting from the programme are required to complete a period of national service commensurate with the value of the grant.</p> <p>The implementation of a Means Test is now in effect to determine access to the GATE Programme. Undergraduate students are to be funded as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. where the household income is \$10,000 per month or less, students will be eligible for 100% funding; ii. where the household income is above \$10,000 per month but less than \$30,000, students will be required to pay 25% of their tuition fees; iii. where the household income is \$30,000 per month or more, students will be required to pay 50% of tuition fees. <p>Postgraduate students are to be funded as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. persons who qualify and whose household income is \$30,000 per month or more, will receive 25% of tuition fees; ii. persons who qualify and whose household income is less than \$30,000 per month, will receive 50% of tuition fees. 	<p>Necessitous students within Tobago</p> <p>Students of undergraduate and postgraduate level programmes at public, pre-approved private and regional Tertiary Level Institutions (TLIs)</p>	<p>For the period October 2023 to June 2024:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3950 primary and secondary school students benefitted from this programme. <p>For the period October 2023 to June 2024:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15,756 students in post-secondary and tertiary education benefitted from the GATE Programme. 	<p>A well-developed, well-educated, qualified cadre of citizens</p> <p>A well-educated, well-qualified cadre of citizens</p>

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MINISTRY OF EDUCATION	<p>MINISTRY OF EDUCATION ❖ HELPING YOU PREPARE FOR EMPLOYMENT (HYPE)</p> <p>The HYPE programme is a nine (9) month entry-level training which provides unskilled persons with introductory practical exposure to a variety of technical skills. Trainees are exposed to two (2) core complementary skill areas, together with a range of foundational training, to equip them for entry into the world of work and entrepreneurship. Based on a "learn to work" model, trainees receive 80% practical exposure and 20% theory whilst on the programme.</p> <p>❖ HIGHER EDUCATION LOAN PROGRAMME (HELP)</p> <p>The Higher Education Loan Programme (HELP) was established with the aim of providing financial assistance to citizens of Trinidad and Tobago desirous of pursuing tertiary education, by expanding equitable access to tertiary education and consequently increasing the national participatory rate in tertiary education. The programme offers a low-interest loan facility, accessible at local commercial banking institutions to qualifying students. The programme covers tertiary expenses such as tuition, accommodation, airfare/transportation costs and books.</p>	<p>Unemployed Nationals between the ages of 16 and 25 years</p> <p>Tertiary Level Students</p>	<p>For the period October 2023 to June 2024:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 206 trainees were enrolled in the HYPE programme and received hands-on experience at external projects. <p>For the period October 2023 to June 2024:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 525 loans were approved for students. 	<p>A well-developed, well-educated, qualified cadre of citizens</p> <p>A well-developed, well-educated, qualified cadre of citizens</p>

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<p align="center">MINISTRY OF EDUCATION</p>	<p>MINISTRY OF EDUCATION NATIONAL SCHOOLS DIETARY SERVICES LIMITED: (SCHOOL NUTRITION PROGRAMME)</p> <p>The School Nutrition Programme provides deserving students throughout Trinidad and Tobago with breakfast and lunch to ensure that they achieve a head start in their quest for academic excellence.</p> <p>The programme seeks to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Improve the nutritional status of the needy child thereby enhancing the child's ability to learn; and 2. Further, stimulate the agricultural sector by utilizing local produce wherever possible in the meal plan. 	<p>Primary and Secondary School Students</p>	<p>For the period October 2023 to June 2024 the following was achieved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7,669,037 breakfast meals and 9,511,486 lunches were provided to 60,735 students for breakfast and 75,354 students for lunch. • Six 20-day menu cycles (regular and vegetarian) were nutritionally analysed. • Virtual nutrition education sessions, with a focus on the basics of healthy eating and the promotion of local foods, were conducted for approximately 9,842 participants from 137 schools. <p>Additionally:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quality Assurance Officers and Zonal Managers conducted routine visits to contracted kitchens to assist them with the execution of menus or recipe standardisation. • Independent random microbial testing of food items, to ensure that the standards of food quality were consistent and in keeping with requirements was continued. • Institutional strengthening occurred in the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Nutritional Education Training - Caterers and Suppliers received ongoing training to ensure safe meal production and quality assurance. - Recipe testing and development - via menu trials and ongoing work with caterers towards greater meal acceptance by students. 	<p>A well-developed, well-educated, qualified cadre of citizens</p>

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MINISTRY OF EDUCATION	<p>❖ MULTI-SECTOR SKILLS TRAINING (MuST) PROGRAMME</p> <p>The MuST Programme is a “Work to Learn” programme designed for unemployed nationals of Trinidad and Tobago between the ages of 17 to 59 years. The programme seeks to develop self-awareness and self-confidence in citizens.</p>	<p>Unemployed Nationals between the ages of 17 and 59 years</p>	<p>For the period October 2023 to June 2024, the following was achieved under the MuST:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 207 trainees were enrolled in the Programme and received training in Hospitality and Tourism, Construction, and Crop Production. • 104 participants are currently engaged in On-The-Job Training. • 18 Hospitality and Tourism trainees were retained by industry partners. 	<p>A well-developed, well-educated, qualified cadre of citizens</p>
	<p>MINISTRY OF EDUCATION</p> <p>STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES DIVISION (SSSD)</p> <p>This initiative covers the following areas within the education system:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Evaluations and Assessments - Teacher Education Sessions - Parenting in Education - School Social Work - Counselling - Special Education <p>❖ Evaluations and Assessments</p> <p>This programme assesses students presenting emotional and behavioural issues affecting their learning and development.</p> <p>The objective is to apply standardized testing principles and procedures to investigate students’ academic, social emotional and behavioural functioning. It is also intended to apply psychometric principles to determine students’ performance in comparison to the norm population.</p>	<p>Students</p>	<p>For the period October 2023 to June 2024 the following was achieved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 112 psychoeducational evaluations were completed. • 33 Functional Behavioural Assessments (FBA) were completed. • 34 Behavioural Intervention plans were completed. • 7 Psychotherapeutic Support sessions were completed online. • 759 consultations and meetings were completed. 	<p>A well-developed, well-educated, qualified cadre of citizens</p>

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<p style="text-align: center;">MINISTRY OF EDUCATION</p>	<p>❖ Teacher Education Sessions The psychologists conduct successive teacher training sessions to inform specific features of Psychoeducational and functional behavioural assessments. The objectives are to provide strategies for teachers to treat with specific behavioural challenges within the classroom and to train teachers in de-escalation of challenging situations.</p>	<p>Teachers</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1,479 Teachers benefited from 44 sessions on “Teacher Education Sessions”. 	<p>A well-developed, well-educated, qualified cadre of citizens</p>
	<p>MINISTRY OF EDUCATION ❖ Parenting in Education This programme is geared to increasing parental support, developing productive partnerships between home and school and sensitizing parents to their role in parenting and supporting their children. It aims to improve the low parental and community involvement in the school environment to contribute to the development of children’s personal academic achievement.</p>	<p>Parents and Students</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 28,999 parents benefited from 1,179 sessions on “parenting in education”. 	<p>A well-developed, well-educated, qualified cadre of citizens</p>
	<p>❖ Counselling & Consultations The school social workers counselling programme aims to provide best practice clinical services to students that may be experiencing mental health challenges psycho-social barriers to education, challenges with cognitive processing or other psycho—therapeutic needs as assessed by a series of assessment tools employed.</p>	<p>Teachers and Students</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10,927 students benefitted from in-person individual counselling. Additionally, 161 students benefitted from in-person individual counselling via telephone or online. • 14,969 students benefitted from in-person group counselling. Additionally, 47 students benefitted from in-person group counselling via telephone or online. 	<p>A well-developed, well-educated, qualified cadre of citizens</p>

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MINISTRY OF EDUCATION	<p>STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES (SSSD) –</p> <p>Other services include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Teacher Information Programme ❖ Networking and External Referrals ❖ Home Visits ❖ Crisis Intervention 	<p>Teachers and Students</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7,779 teachers benefitted from over 981 teacher information sessions. • 425 external referrals were received, 814 external referrals were sent for intervention by external stakeholders and a total of 2,042 stakeholder engagements were undertaken. • 4,677 home visits were conducted to address the psychosocial barriers to learning. • A total 808 students received crisis intervention, 950 critical incidents were received and 919 required crisis intervention on various topics such as: suicide, student shot by police, injury, sexual misconduct, anxiety, abuse and teenage pregnancy. 	<p>A well-developed, well-educated, qualified cadre of citizens</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Parent Education Sessions <p>These sessions focus on sharing strategies with parents to allow them to conduct reinforcement activities with their children in all areas covered through the delivery of the Comprehensive School Guidance and Counselling Programme.</p>	<p>Parents</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 27,132 parents at the primary and secondary school level benefitted from this programme. 	<p>A well-developed, well-educated, qualified cadre of citizens</p>
	<p>MINISTRY OF EDUCATION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Group Guidance <p>This programme seeks to provide students with specific life skills/tools for character development in the domains of personal social development, academic development and career development.</p>	<p>Teachers and Students</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 297,544 students benefitted from group guidance sessions, in career development, academic progress and personal development at the primary level. • 201,170 students benefitted from group guidance sessions at the secondary school level. 	<p>A well-developed, well-educated, qualified cadre of citizens</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Career Fair/World of Work <p>This programme seeks to provide students with an opportunity to interact with persons from within various career clusters – to understand the requirements (academic, skills, attitudes and experience) needed to enter these areas of work.</p>	<p>Students</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A total of 23,281 career fairs and educational advising sessions were conducted at the primary and secondary school levels. 	<p>A well-developed, well-educated, qualified cadre of citizens</p>

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<p>❖ Teacher Education Sessions These sessions deliver the training components to help teachers/administrators understand the psychoeducational needs of students and provide them with strategies for intervention.</p>	Teachers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5,313 teachers at the primary and secondary school levels benefitted from the teacher education sessions. 	A well-developed, well-educated, qualified cadre of citizens
<p>❖ Consultations</p>	Parents and Teachers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A total of 31,581 consultations were held with parents, teachers and administrators at the primary and secondary school levels. 	A well-developed, well-educated, qualified cadre of citizens
<p>❖ Conduct of Pro-active Counselling and Guidance Interventions at primary and secondary schools (SSSD) This initiative offers intervention to students who present as being “at risk” if academic failure due to behavioural challenges or challenges of motivation/negative attitudes toward learning.</p>	At Risk Youth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2,376 referrals were received at the primary and secondary school levels. 	A well-developed, well-educated, qualified cadre of citizens
<p>MINISTRY OF EDUCATION</p> <p>❖ Early Childhood Intervention For Learners With Special Needs/Disabilities/Improved provision of Special Education Services for Identified students enrolled at the ECCE and Early Primary level This programme involves the provision of special education services and individualised education plans for students enrolled at the primary levels who have been identified as having developmental delays/special needs.</p>	Students/ Special Education Officers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 196 students identified for intervention at the ECCE level. • 4,052 students identified for follow up and intervention at the Primary level. • 559 students identified for follow up and intervention at the Secondary level. • 708 referred students screened using the Special Needs Assessment Profile (SNAP). • 22 Special Education Officers were trained on functional skill development and intervention planning using resources distributed to district personnel. 	A well-developed, well-educated, qualified cadre of citizens

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MINISTRY OF EDUCATION	<p>❖ Implementation of Special Education Interventions/Administration of Special Concessions</p> <p>This programme involves the granting of special concessions/considerations, aides, alternative placement, braille specialists, accommodations to students diagnosed with special education needs for all local examinations.</p>	Students	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approved 364 special concession applications for examinations. Implemented special education interventions for 5,990 students. Completed 1,402 Alternative Intervention Strategy plans for students. Completed 739 Individualised Education Plans for students. Completed 1,640 Student Observation sessions, 1,565 Initial Screenings and 543 Standard Assessments as part of Diagnostic Screening and Assessment Interventions. Completed 39 Teacher Professional Development and Training Workshops benefitting 820 teachers. Completed 97 Parent Education Workshops benefitting 1,912 parents. Hosted 140 School Based Intervention Training sessions with 1,233 persons benefitting from them. Assigned 449 student aides to students with special need requirements. 	A well-developed, well-educated, qualified cadre of citizens
	<p>MINISTRY OF EDUCATION</p> <p>❖ Private Special Schools Project</p> <p>This project aims at expanding universal quality access to education for students with special education needs.</p>	Students	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provided Grant funding to 13 Private Special Schools for the academic year 2023/2024. Conducted 39 scheduled school visits. 	A well-developed, well-educated, qualified cadre of citizens
	<p>❖ Special Education Intervention: Special/Alternative Placement</p> <p>This initiative provides the transitioning/placement needs of students with Special Education Needs.</p>	Students	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 115 applications submitted for alternative placement for CEO approval. 	A well-developed, well-educated, qualified cadre of citizens

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MINISTRY OF EDUCATION	<p>❖ Restorative Practices Project The restorative practice is a lifestyle approach that emphasizes the importance of positive relationships and building community. It involves processes that repair relationships when harm has occurred.</p> <p>❖ Enhancing School Performance Recognising the inherent differences in students' learning abilities, the MOE established the After School Support Education Programme (ASSEP) to offer students additional teaching time to increase school and student performance. ASSEP is an educational programme that focuses on providing academic support after school hours to identified weaker students in Standards 4 and 5. The programme runs from Tuesdays to Thursdays from 3:15 to 4:45 pm.</p>	<p>Students at Focus Schools</p> <p>Students</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A total of 13,975 circles were conducted benefitting a total of 23,230 students. 8,130 students benefitted from this programme. 	<p>A well-developed, well-educated, qualified cadre of citizens</p> <p>A well-developed, well-educated, qualified cadre of citizens</p>

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MINISTRY OF EDUCATION	<p>MINISTRY OF EDUCATION YOUTH TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMME (YTEPP)</p> <p>❖ Youth Training Programme</p> <p>This programme aims to provide technical and vocational skills training to prepare graduates for employment opportunities and articulation to higher levels of training. The Programme targets a broad category of at-risk, unskilled and unemployed youth, as well as under-served communities, by offering a suite of relevant demand-driven courses, and incorporates Life Skills and Entrepreneurial Training interventions.</p> <p>The benefits of this programme include an:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase in the number of young and at-risk youth that are skilled and certified in occupational areas that are in demand; • Increase in the number of young entrepreneurs. <p>Participation in this programme would lead to an improvement in occupational competence, work habits and attitudes of young persons to enhance their employability.</p>	<p>Young persons between the ages of 15 and 35 years particularly “at risk” youth</p>	<p>For the period October 2023 to June 2024:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1,552 persons were enrolled in programmes under Youth Training. This represented an average 67% achievement of the enrolment target for the Youth Training Department. 	<p>A well-developed, well-educated, qualified cadre of citizens.</p>
	<p>❖ Rehabilitating Inmates through Training and Retraining (RITTR)</p> <p>The Rehabilitating Inmates through Training and Retraining (RITTR) is an intervention geared towards providing training to convicted inmates with the intent of reducing reoffending and recidivism and targets inmates in all of the prison institutions who have 6 to 18 months of their sentence remaining. Trainees in the 3 prison institutions are exposed to training in 3 areas, namely, Technical and Vocational Skills Training, Life Skills, and Information Technology at Levels 1 and 2.</p>	<p>Prison inmates who have 6-18 months of sentencing remaining</p>	<p>For the period October 2023 to June 2024:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 71 persons were enrolled in five (5) courses under the RITTR programme. 	<p>Improved Reintegration into society</p>

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MINISTRY OF EDUCATION	<p>MINISTRY OF EDUCATION</p> <p>❖ Maxi Taxi School Transport Concessionaire Service</p> <p>This service caters to students of rural communities on a needs basis, who are not served by the Public Transportation System.</p>	<p>Students</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 903 Primary school students and 5,572 Secondary school students benefitted from this programme. 	<p>A well-developed, well-educated, qualified cadre of citizens.</p>
	<p>❖ National Numeracy Plan (2020-2025)</p> <p>This plan targets improvements in students' numeracy levels at both primary and secondary levels. It is designed to address the issue of low performance in Mathematics and create a numerate citizenry through student development of critical numeracy skills. The plan hinges upon the School Based Management model with the aim of developing autonomy among school administrators in numeracy leadership and planning.</p>	<p>Students/ Teachers/ Administrators</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11 primary schools and 23 secondary schools of focus were monitored and supported. • 828 Standard 4 teachers were sensitised and trained in relevant strategies in alignment with the SEA 2025-2028 Mathematics framework. • 410 Principals were sensitised and trained in relevant strategies in alignment with the SEA 2025-2028 Mathematics framework. • 70 Standard 4 teachers and principals in Tobago sensitised and trained in relevant strategies in alignment with the SEA 2025-2028 Mathematics framework. • Supported 56 teachers at 4 schools across the country with planning, pedagogical and assessment strategies in Mathematics. • Reviewed and approved 4 Mathematics course outlines in the University of the West Indies (UWI) Bachelor of Education (Primary) programme. 	<p>A well-developed, well-educated, qualified cadre of citizens.</p>

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<p style="text-align: center;">MINISTRY OF EDUCATION</p>	<p>❖ National Literacy Plan (2020-2025) The revised Ministry of Education (MOE) Literacy Plan targets improvements in students' literacy levels across primary and secondary schools.</p>	<p>Students</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provided multiple intervention measures to combat the effects of learning loss exacerbated by the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic. • Provided remediation training through the University of Trinidad and Tobago to curb and stem the learning loss arising from the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic. 	<p>A well-developed, well-educated, qualified cadre of citizens.</p>
	<p>MINISTRY OF EDUCATION</p> <p>❖ Technical Vocational Education and Training (TVET) Technology Education Revitalisation Programme at Secondary Schools 2023-2027</p> <p>This programme stems directly from the national initiative on TVET and Technical Education implementation in the secondary schools in Trinidad and Tobago. The National initiative involved National TVET Rationalisation Committee making recommendations to identify solutions for the many challenges impacting TVET. This project underscores the proactive role of the MOE in keeping pace with the requirement of the fourth industrial revolution and the regional and national direction for TVET.</p> <p>At the secondary school level, the TVET/TE Unit of the Curriculum Planning and Development Division (CPDD) has taken a proactive role. They have developed a programme that not only identifies the Key Areas of Focus for the revitalisation, transformation and operationalisation of TVET and Technology Education, but also provides viable solutions to overcome the challenges.</p>	<p>Students and Teachers</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 224 teachers and 73 schools participated in a workshop to support the implementation of technology education within secondary schools. • 56 teachers and 43 schools participated in the Head of Department workshop which provided management strategies for monitoring the implementation of TVET, Technology Education and CVQs. 	<p>A well-developed, well-educated, qualified cadre of citizens.</p>

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MINISTRY OF EDUCATION	<p>❖ Students Transitioning Effectively from Primary to Secondary (STEPS)</p> <p>The modules of this programme are designed to assist students in developing the knowledge, skills and attitudes to make a successful transition to secondary school. This can positively impact student experience at this level and increase retention rates.</p>	Students	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Created 7 modules in core subject areas at the primary level. This programme benefitted 492 post SEA students from 29 primary schools. 	A well-developed, well-educated, qualified cadre of citizens.
OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER (GENDER AND CHILD AFFAIRS)	<p>OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER (GENDER AND CHILD AFFAIRS)</p> <p>❖ NATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HOTLINE</p> <p>The National Domestic Violence Hotline (800-SAVE) is a 24/7 facility to provide listening, information and referral support for victims and perpetrators of domestic violence. This initiative is a mechanism implemented to promote increased reporting of gender based violence and a strategy to prevent, treat and alleviate the occurrence of domestic violence events. The objectives are to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Reduce the incidence of violent acts related to domestic violence; 2. Provide support for victims and perpetrators of violence; 3. Provide a facility for anyone to access help in a situation of crisis; 4. Facilitate the collection of data, which can be analysed for informing the development of policies, programmes and projects to deal with issues. 	All victims of domestic violence	<p>For the period October 2023 to June 2024</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Hotline received domestic violence reports from 45 persons: 28 children, 4 youth, 12 adults aged 25-59 years and 1 older person (60+). 	Reduction in acts of Domestic Violence

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<p>❖ IN THE KNOW- ON THE GO: A SERIES ON CHILD ABUSE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION</p> <p>The programme aims to raise public awareness of child abuse by applying a proactive approach towards assisting communities in gaining insightful information about the various issues affecting children and how we can address and prevent them from occurring. The goal of this programme is to increase communities' ability to protect children. At completion, the programme proposes an outcome where a significant number of adults and children will be educated on preventing abuse and will gain skills for behavioural change.</p>	<p>Parents/ Teachers/ Caregivers</p>	<p>For the period October 2023 to June 2024:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 14 adults and 16 trainers benefitted from workshops held within this program. 	<p>End abuse, exploitation, trafficking and all forms of violence against and torture of children</p>
<p>❖ FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO COMMUNITY RESIDENCES – (PAYMENT PER CHILD SYSTEM)</p> <p>This System involves the GoRTT providing financial assistance to meet the direct and a certain percentage of the indirect needs of children living in Community Residences (CRs) and State Residences. The direct needs are food, clothing, schooling, medical care and transportation, whilst the indirect needs being met are psychosocial care, administration, utilities, building and fixtures. Payments are based on the various age brackets into which the children fall with a different upkeep cost applicable to each bracket.</p> <p>The objectives of the initiative are to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Enhance the quality of care provided to children at Community Residences 2. Aid in the attainment of the licenced status of CRs. 	<p>Children up to 18 years living in Community Residences</p>	<p>For the period October 2023 to June 2024:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Payments were made to cover the needs of 933 residents in Community Residences. Of the total residents, 654 were children 14 years and under and 279 were young persons 15 to 18 years. 	<p>Enhanced quality of care provided to children in Community Residences.</p> <p>Progress towards the attainment of licenced CR status.</p>

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OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER (GENDER AND CHILD AFFAIRS)	<p>OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER (GENDER AND CHILD AFFAIRS) ❖ CHILD RIGHTS AMBASSADORS PROGRAMME</p> <p>The Child Rights Ambassadors (CRA) Programme seeks to provide a platform upon which children are ambassadors for their rights and to speak out on issues that affect them. It is financially supported by UNICEF. This 6th year of the programme featured a return to in-person training on the Convention on the Rights of a Child, drama, and fundamental graphic and video design. The ambassadors were then tasked with conducting a child rights presentation in their school/community and creating a 1 min video suitable for Social Media to be completed in January 2024..</p>	Children and youth under 24 years	<p>For the period October 2023 to June 2024:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 72 youths between the age of 15-24 years representing primary and secondary schools benefitted from this programme. 	Awareness on Rights of Child
	<p>❖ TRAINING WARDS FOR SELF SUFFICIENCY</p> <p>This project seeks to pilot a programme that will strengthen the Transition Programme for wards, so that in addition to a Secondary School education, they are equipped with vocational and life skills which will increase their employability, or in some cases, enable them to engage in some entrepreneurial endeavours.</p>	Youths in Children's Residences	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For the period October 2023 to June 2024, 3 youths benefitted from this programme. 	A well-developed, well-educated, qualified cadre of citizens.
	<p>❖ GENDER SENSITISATION TRAINING</p> <p>This programme was geared towards Local Government Councillors (LGCs). It is a component of ongoing gender mainstreaming initiatives designed to empower LGCs with knowledge to champion gender equality, child rights and HIV/AIDS advocacy.</p>	Local Government Councillors	<p>For the period October 2023 to June 2024:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 56 councillors benefitted from this programme. 	Awareness of Gender, Child rights and HIV issues.

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OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER (GENDER AND CHILD AFFAIRS)	<p>OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER (GENDER AND CHILD AFFAIRS)</p> <p>❖ ONE-OFF GRANT FOR COMMUNITY RESIDENCES This project will provide financial grants and technical support to Community Residences, so that they are able to complete necessary projects and attain the status of licensed Community Residences. This is based on specified criteria developed by Gender and Child Affairs, in association with the Children's Authority of T&T.</p> <p>❖ DISBURSEMENTS OF (ONE OFF) GRANTS Grant disbursement was initiated to provide national civil society organisations (CSO), or individual applications with financial assistance in order conduct of gender or child development services and initiatives.</p> <p>❖ WOMEN'S ENTREPRENEURIAL DEVELOPMENT AND PRODUCT EXPO-WOMEN'S VILLAGE Embodying the theme IWD 2024 "Invest in Women: Accelerate Progress", the Women's Village seeks to support local female entrepreneurs by providing a space for entrepreneurs to market their business; and opportunities for them to network with other entrepreneurs, as well as state agencies for business development and training.</p>	<p>Youths ages 14 to 24</p> <p>Civil Society Organisations</p> <p>Female Entrepreneurs</p>	<p>For the period October 2023 to June 2024:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 35 children's homes were renovated and approximately 126 youths benefited from this programme. <p>For the period October 2023 to June 2024:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 29 Civil Society Organisations (CSO's) received grants. <p>For the period October 2023 to June 2024:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 218 persons benefited from this programme. 	<p>Enhanced quality of care to children in Community Residences</p> <p>Support to Civil Society Organisations</p> <p>Gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls at all levels</p>

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OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER (COMMUNICATIONS)	<p>OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER (COMMUNICATIONS)</p> <p>❖ DIGITAL LITERACY FOR SENIORS The Digital Literacy for Seniors seeks to create a digitally literate and independent Trinidad and Tobago senior citizenry, with the ability to stay socially connected, access information, and perform everyday tasks using digital resources. Objectives include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To create a digitally literate and independent senior citizenry; 2. To equip seniors 50+ with the tools required to operate in a digitally literate society; 3. To help seniors stay connected and have access to information in order to perform everyday tasks using digital resources; 4. To expand NALIS's brand and highlight our unique and client-centred service delivery. <p>❖ BOOK CLUB The Book Club is a staple library programme where a group of people read and discuss books based on a topic or an agreed-upon reading list.</p>	Senior Citizens	<p>For the period October 2023 to June 2024:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This programme provided a total of 142 senior citizens with the tools needed to function in a digitally literate society, keep them linked and provide them with knowledge to complete everyday tasks via digital resources. 	A digitally literate citizenry
		Senior Citizens	<p>For the period October 2023 to June 2024:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 38 online book club sessions were hosted for the period October 2023 – March 2024, with engagement of 557 and reach of 14,305. • An additional 32 participants engaged in Book club activities via zoom during the period. • A total of 291 persons attended the various book clubs throughout the period October 2023 – March 2024. • 265 Online readers' advisory posts reached 69,334 persons, of which 4,118 persons engaged. • 2615 persons participated/engaged in in-house readers' advisory. 	Inclusive Society/ Rights of Elderly

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OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER (COMMUNICATIONS)	<p>OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER (COMMUNICATIONS)</p> <p>❖ ONE BOOK, MANY SCHOOLS One Book, Many Schools is hosted yearly to expose our school community to the rich literature of our Trinidad and Tobago authors. This initiative aims to increase reading levels and enhance the literacy skills of secondary school students by utilising material from local and other West Indian authors. The Library and Information Literacy Skills Programme is designed to equip students with the relevant skills and resources to manage the vast amount of information today.</p>	Students	<p>For the period October 2023 to June 2024:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 632 persons (Administration, teaching, and non-teaching staff and students) participated in “One Book, Many Schools (OBMS)” and the Library and Information Literacy Curriculum (LILC). 	Improved access to quality education and training
	<p>❖ GENDER SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES FOR FEMALES AND MALES This initiative comprises a series of activities that are meant to highlight the contributions and importance of females and males in society. Activities include physical displays and exhibitions, virtual displays, workshops, panel discussions and seminars.</p>	Citizens	<p>For the period October 2023 to June 2024:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 67 persons participated on-line in Gender Specific Activities for Females. • 101 persons participated on-line in Gender Specific Activities for Males. 	Inclusive Society, Learning and Education
	<p>❖ WORLD DAY OF THE BOY CHILD This initiative is organised to commemorate “World Day of the Boy Child” which was introduced in 2018 and is celebrated annually on May 16. The day aims to promote awareness about the health, education, and well-being of boys, addressing societal issues that impact their development. It encourages people to consider the specific needs and rights of boys, fostering an environment where they can grow up to be healthy, educated, and empowered individuals.</p>	Boys	<p>For the period October 2023 to June 2024:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1,603 persons (Administration, teaching, and non-teaching staff and students) participated in this event. 	Inclusive Society, Learning and Education

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<p>OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER (COMMUNICATIONS)</p> <p>❖ SERVICES TO VISUALLY IMPAIRED PERSONS (VIPs)</p> <p>NALIS facilities provides a range of resources for VIPs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The creation of videos to sensitize the VIPs, their families and the general public about issues surrounding the visually impaired community. ▪ Training by two (2) Visually Impaired Library Assistants, to evaluate the current services and recommend improvements. ▪ Facilities and the resources including, braille, computers with upgraded software and hardware specially designed for VIP patrons, braille printers, page magnifiers, access to audio books and braille books. 	<p>Visually Impaired Persons</p>	<p>For the period October 2023 to June 2024:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 287 persons and 39 families participated in Services to Visually Impaired People (VIP) at Public Libraries Division – NALIS. 	<p>Inclusive Society</p>
<p>OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER (COMMUNICATIONS)</p> <p>❖ PROVISION OF ITEMS TO VISUALLY IMPAIRED PERSONS</p> <p>NALIS, as a sole provider, facilitated access to published works in accessible formats for the blind, visually impaired and print disabled for educational and recreational purposes through the ABC Global Book consortium. This was achieved by conversion of texts, downloading and distribution of items onto accessible devices. Through this initiative NALIS afforded visually impaired students, a vulnerable sector of the national population, with access to school texts in usable formats. This activity provided a platform enabling equitable right of use to resources for underserved and vulnerable individuals in society.</p>	<p>Visually Impaired Persons</p>	<p>For the period October 2023 to June 2024:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 24 persons benefitted from this programme. 	<p>Inclusive Society</p>

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OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER (COMMUNICATIONS)	<p>OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER (COMMUNICATIONS)</p> <p>❖ DIGITAL LITERACY</p> <p>There is still a 'digital divide' in society where some children and adults lack the skills needed to live, learn, and work in a society where individual communication and access to information is increasingly accessed through digital technologies like internet platforms, social media, and mobile devices. The overarching objective of this initiative is to create equitable digitally literate citizenry, with the ability to stay socially connected, access information, and perform everyday tasks using digital resources.</p>	Citizens	<p>For the period October 2023 to June 2024:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 107 children (aged 14 and under), 126 youths (aged 15 – 24) and 212 adults (aged 25-59) engaged in in-person Literacy Related Initiatives. Literacy related programming is designed to help participants acquire literacy skills such as reading fluency, vocabulary, comprehension, and phonemic awareness. 	A digitally literate citizenry
OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER (COMMUNICATIONS)	<p>❖ CARIBBEAN RESEARCH WORKSHOP (PASSPORT TO HISTORY)</p> <p>The workshop aimed to sensitise participants to the importance of Caribbean Research, highlighting primary sources of information from the Heritage Library's collection. The programme was intended to increase literacy skills, promote the reading habit, open the minds of students and develop all-round citizens. During the period of review, there were 249 participants and 10 sessions conducted.</p> <p>The following schools represented the makeup of participants:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. San Juan North Secondary 2. Aranguez North Secondary 3. St. Mary's College 4. Trinidad Home-Schooling Association 5. Caribbean Union College 6. Chaguanas South Secondary School 7. Port of Spain South East Secondary School 	Children/ Adults	<p>For the period October 2023 to June 2024:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 229 young people and 20 adults benefitted from this workshop. 	Inclusion, Learning and Education

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<p>OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER (COMMUNICATIONS)</p> <p>❖ LEARNING THROUGH GAMING “Learning Through Gaming” is using games to provide stories and information, in a new format that encourages critical thinking and problem solving. The benefits of gaming as a whole include improved powers of concentration, creativity, memory, and teamwork.</p> <p>❖ STORYTELLING Storytelling, a primary activity in Public Libraries and loved by both the young and the young at heart, was conducted throughout the public libraries network, both virtually and in-house, promoting literacy as well as developing the reading habit and a love for literature. This activity was designed to supplement education initiatives and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all. Physical library visits and tours done by schools led to increased story telling sessions. Also, improved partnerships with schools resulted in scheduled virtual story telling sessions.</p> <p>The activity was designed for participants to develop a love for stories which translated into a love for reading. Participants were exposed to new genres of material both local, regional and international, leading to a promotion of NALIS’ collection and resources whilst exposing them to new possibilities for reading. Storytelling, a staple activity of NALIS, served to stimulate and promote literacy to a critical sector of the population, our children, and a valuable asset of society. This activity also simultaneously aided to engage and attract new library users.</p>	<p>Citizens</p>	<p>For the period October 2023 to June 2024:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2,724 persons participated in “Learning Through Gaming”. • These methods are inclusive of kinaesthetic learners and incorporate the need for tactile contact and body movement to make it easier for these learners to absorb and retain literary and educational contents and develop cognitive skills. 	<p>A well developed, well-educated cadre of citizens</p>
<p>OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER (COMMUNICATIONS)</p>	<p>Citizens</p>	<p>For the period October 2023 to June 2024:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3,173 children, 33 young persons, 331 adults and 32 senior citizens benefitted from this programme. 	<p>A well developed, well-educated cadre of citizens</p>

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OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER (COMMUNICATIONS)	<p>OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER (COMMUNICATIONS)</p> <p>❖ GIRLS IN ICT</p> <p>Empowering youth in the field of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) is crucial for the development of the Caribbean region. RSC (Restore A Sense I Can), a non-profit organization focused on social development through education and technology, held its 6th inauguration of the Girls in ICT program, which has been rebranded to include boys. This initiative was originated by the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) and has been successful in creating a dynamic environment where girls can engage in hands-on activities to deepen their knowledge and enhance their skills in ICT.</p> <p>RSC has partnered with a number of organisations, including, the Caribbean Association of Principals of Secondary Schools and NALIS was approached to manage and facilitate the sessions in schools. The School Library Media Centres (SLMC) were used as satellite centres to host online videos and interactive interviews and discussions. The event was conducted in over seventy virtual rooms and sixty satellite centres, and sought to encourage more girls and young women to pursue STEM education.</p> <p>The event featured presentations from multiple Ministers of Education from across the region and over forty providers, including various Embassies, ICT organizations, and companies locally and internationally. The target was to engage participants from across the Caribbean, including primary, secondary, and tertiary students, teachers, parents, administrators, and the general public.</p>	Girls	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This event benefitted 2,118 children, 933 youths and 193 adults. 	Gender equality and empowerment

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<p>OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER (COMMUNICATIONS)</p> <p>❖ NALIS CAMPS</p> <p>The National Library and Information System Authority (NALIS), governed by Act 18 of 1998, is responsible for providing equitable and inclusive library and information services to all citizens of Trinidad and Tobago. The creation of safe spaces to foster innovation and creativity, supporting lifelong learning, bridging the digital divide, and supporting various forms of literacy. Library camps were conducted throughout the NALIS public libraries network, offering educational activities to engage young nationals during school breaks.</p> <p>An important aspect of this initiative was that libraries provided a safe community space for individuals who might have had no other opportunities available to them. Within this environment participants of various age groups engaged in a series of activities tailored to complement their educational pursuits in a fun, non-traditional way. Additional activities included craft, drama, dance, movie time and field trips.</p>	<p>Children</p>	<p>For the period October 2023 to June 2024:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 577 children and 122 youths benefitted from this programme. • Improved reading and understanding skills on completion of the camp. Evaluation were completed at the end of camp. 	<p>A well developed, well-educated cadre of citizens</p>
<p>OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER (COMMUNICATIONS)</p> <p>❖ FIRST TIME AUTHORS PROGRAMME</p> <p>NALIS' First Time Authors Appreciation Programme is designed to motivate nationals to write and publish their works. It introduces new materials into the literacy landscape, thereby creating a "sense of self and national pride. It promotes the reading habit and increases the literacy levels among the people of Trinidad and Tobago. The programme promotes public awareness of the issues involved in the protection of intellectual property as well as the enforcement of copyright.</p>	<p>First Time Authors</p>	<p>For the period October 2023 to June 2024:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A total of 40 persons benefitted from this programme. 	<p>Inclusion, Learning and Education</p>

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<p style="text-align: center;">MINISTRY OF HEALTH</p>	<p>MINISTRY OF HEALTH ❖ ADULT CARDIAC PROGRAMME In addition to cardiac care provided at public sector hospitals, the Ministry of Health, through its Adult Cardiac Programme, also procures cardiac services from private health care providers on behalf of citizens of Trinidad and Tobago. These services include Angiograms, Angioplasties, Transoesophageal Echocardiograms and Open-Heart Surgeries.</p>	<p>Citizens of Trinidad and Tobago</p>	<p>For the period October 2023 to June 2024: A total of 1,126 patients (male and female) in the public health care system accessed medical procedures from private institutions through the Ministry of Health. Additionally, 859 patients were approved for cardiac procedures as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Angiograms: 438 • Angioplasty/PCI procedures: 161 • Coronary Artery Bypass Grafts: 243 • Electrophysiology procedures: 41 • Other cardiac procedures: 46 	<p>Efficient and Quality Healthcare System.</p>
	<p>❖ CHILDREN'S LIFE FUND AUTHORITY The Children's Life Fund Authority (CLFA) is the body bestowed with the responsibility to operate, manage and administer the Children's Life Fund. The vision of the CLFA is to provide the most vulnerable in our society with access to life-saving medical treatments not available locally. The CLFA facilitates this provision by ensuring that all eligible applicants to the Fund are carefully assessed by a team of highly Specialised Doctors and Medical Social Workers to ensure that the best care plan is determined and carefully executed. The CLFA's priority is the well-being of the children and their families.</p>	<p>Children 15 years and under</p>	<p>For the period October 2023 to June 2024:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A total of 8 children (1 month - 15 years) and 1 youth aged 15 – 24 years benefitted from the Fund with a 93% survival rate recorded for the period. 	<p>Efficient and Quality Healthcare System</p>
	<p>❖ CHRONIC DISEASE ASSISTANCE PROGRAMME (CDAP) This programme is aimed at improving access to pharmaceutical and non-pharmaceutical items to the citizens of Trinidad and Tobago for the treatment of eleven (11) Chronic Disease conditions.</p>	<p>Citizens of Trinidad and Tobago</p>	<p>For the period October 2023 to June 2024:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Over 84,000 patients accessed the programme each quarter. • Approximately 230 Private Pharmacies were registered on the programme. • Approximately 8 new Pharmacies are being evaluated for entry into the CDAP. • 1,864 Pharmacy visits were conducted in this fiscal. 	<p>Efficient and Quality Healthcare System</p>

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MINISTRY OF HEALTH	<p>MINISTRY OF HEALTH</p> <p>❖ EXTERNAL PATIENT PROGRAMME (EPP) This programme is aimed at ensuring that quality and timely healthcare is delivered to all citizens of Trinidad and Tobago. It aims to meet the demands of the public health care system by providing an efficient service to patients whilst reducing the patient waiting list at public health institutions. Surgical services are provided in the areas of Cataract removal, Joint Replacements, CT/MRI Scans and Histology services with the Regional Health Authorities.</p> <p>Applicants must be registered patients of a public health facility for a minimum of three (3) months awaiting the service requested.</p>	All citizens	<p>For the period October 2023 to June 2024:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A total of 38 requests for assistance were received and 59 patient applications were approved during this period. 	Efficient and Quality Healthcare System
	<p>❖ MEDICAL AID PROGRAMME This programme aims to provide medical financial assistance to patients through the public-patient initiative.</p> <p>Its objectives are to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meet the demands of the public health care system; and Provide an efficient system to patients of the public health care system. 	All citizens	<p>For the period October 2023 to June 2024:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 86 patients applied for Eye Surgeries and other services deemed urgent and necessary. 116 patients were sent to service providers to undergo eye surgery. 	Efficient and Quality Healthcare System
	<p>❖ NATIONAL DRUG ABUSE AND PREVENTION PROGRAMME (NADAPP) The National Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention Programme (NADAPP) is the central coordinating agency with responsibility for Drug Demand Reduction in Trinidad and Tobago. NADAPP liaises with State agencies as well as the NGO and private sectors, to develop programmes geared towards reducing the use and abuse of licit and illicit drugs, through treatment and rehabilitation.</p>	General population of Trinidad and Tobago	<p>For the period October 2023 to June 2024:</p>	Reduction in the abuse of drugs

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<p>MINISTRY OF HEALTH</p>	<p>MINISTRY OF HEALTH ❖ National Primary and Secondary School Drug Prevention Initiatives</p> <p>This Initiative facilitates outreach activities that are designed to share information on the use and abuse of drugs, with a view to preventing and reducing risk among primary and secondary school students.</p> <p>Objectives:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Prevent and/or reduce the negative impact of alcohol, drug abuse and HIV on the lives of students and youth by utilizing a wide range of media; 2. Educate and equip all primary and secondary school students with the necessary knowledge and skills to resist the temptation to use/abuse drugs; and 3. Encourage participants to take responsibility for their health. 	<p>Students of Primary and Secondary Schools and Tertiary Level Institutions</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6,603 students benefited from sessions conducted at Schools to address substance use issues. 	<p>Reduction in the abuse of drugs</p>

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MINISTRY OF HEALTH	<p>❖ Public Education and Information Campaign</p> <p>The overall objective of this initiative is to disseminate relevant information via the Media, through advertising and support for programmes via radio, television and social networks. Distribute posters, brochures and drug fact sheets, deliver mini-lectures/ discussions and provide information centres/ special Library services.</p> <p>❖ Workplace Education and Institutional Strengthening</p> <p>This initiative seeks to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Promote the development of a drug-free culture in the workplace through education and technical assistance Facilitate, through training, the effective and efficient operations of the therapeutic and caregiving community to ensure acceptable standards of care for persons in treatment and rehabilitation programmes. 	National Population	<p>1,542 persons at the community level, benefitted from face-to-face and virtual sessions on drug education.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Webinar Series 2020: Youth and Substance Use continued to attract viewership. A total of 1,661 persons viewed the Series. The Webinar Series 2022: Substance Use-Health and Psychosocial Issues had a total of 988 YouTube views and 6,200 Facebook views. Distribution of information brochures also continued upon request online. <p>During the period October 2023 and June 2024:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NADAPP conducted several workplace sensitization sessions. 167 employees benefitted from workplace drug prevention initiatives. 	Efficient and Quality Healthcare System
	<p>MINISTRY OF HEALTH</p> <p>❖ HIV COUNSELLING AND TESTING PROGRAMME</p> <p>Offering the HIV Counselling and Testing service via public health facilities and non-governmental organisations (NGOs) that have an MOU with the Ministry of Health to provide the service.</p>	All Citizens	<p>For the period October 2023 to June 2024:</p> <p>❖ 18,953 persons benefitted from this programme.</p>	Reduction and Prevention in the spread of HIV

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MINISTRY OF HEALTH	<p>❖ HIV AND AIDS TREATMENT AND CARE PROGRAMME</p> <p>Offering free HIV Treatment and Care to all persons who receive an HIV-positive test result following access to the HIV Counselling and Testing service via public health facilities and non-governmental (NGOs) that have an MOU with the Ministry of Health to provide the service. The Treatment and Care programme also offers diagnostic screening to determine CD4 count and viral load suppression.</p>	All Citizens	For the period October 2023 to June 2024: ❖ 7,125 persons benefitted from this programme.	Efficient and Quality Healthcare System
	<p>❖ RENAL DIALYSIS PROGRAMME</p> <p>This programme is a component of the External Patient Programme which is aimed at ensuring that quality and timely healthcare is delivered to all citizens of Trinidad and Tobago. It provides medical financial assistance through the Public Patient Initiative and aims to meet the demands of the public health care system by providing an efficient service to patients whilst reducing the patient waiting list at public health institutions.</p>	All citizens	For the period October 2023 to June 2024: ❖ The total number of clients receiving monthly dialysis services ranged over 720 persons monthly. ❖ 203 patients received approval for treatment and were sent to institutions. ❖ 301 new applications were received to access dialysis services. NB: This is a continuous programme with the same patients appearing on the listing for consecutive months. Patients will fall off the list due to death or upon receiving organ transplants.	Efficient and Quality Healthcare System
MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT	<p>MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT</p> <p>❖ HOME IMPROVEMENT GRANT PROGRAMME</p> <p>This programme is delivered by the Housing Policy Facilitation and Implementation Unit. The main objective is to improve the existing housing stock through the provision of grants to low-income families and persons with disabilities (up to a maximum of \$15,000) to undertake improvement works on their homes. Clients must show proof of legal land tenure or permission to occupy with their gross monthly household income not exceeding \$5,000.</p>	Families and physically challenged persons	During the period October 2023 to June 2024: ❖ 500 grants were disbursed to families/households to facilitate housing repairs.	Access to Adequate and Affordable Housing

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<p>❖ HOUSING AND VILLAGE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME The Housing and Village Improvement Programme (HVIP) was established in the fiscal year 2017/2018 to improve housing and living conditions. This programme is an affordable and high-quality housing initiative, whereby targeted villages with neglected infrastructure and poor-quality housing are provided with housing subsidies and upgraded infrastructure.</p> <p>MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT</p> <p>❖ LAND SETTLEMENT AIDED-SELF-HELP HOUSING PROGRAMME The Government Aided Self-Help Housing Programme (GASHHP) is administered under the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development and its Agencies, as part of an affordable, and high-quality housing initiative. Citizens will benefit from fully developed lots at subsidized prices (30% of the market value) supported by subsidized mortgage loans from the Trinidad and Tobago Mortgage Finance Company Limited as well as pre-approved house plans, technical assistance and oversight for the construction of affordable, high-quality homes. The actual construction of the houses will be achieved through a combination of self-help and the engagement of small contractors.</p>	<p>Low-income citizens</p>	<p>For the period October 2023 to June 2024:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ 210 households and 11 communities benefitted from the completed construction of housing units. ❖ 67 projects were completed during the fiscal with over 2400 persons receiving employment during the three phases of this initiative. ❖ Additionally, social surveys were conducted in a number of villages across the island to assist in identifying areas in which village and individual intervention were required. 	<p>Access to Adequate and Affordable Housing</p>
<p>MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT</p>	<p>Low-income citizens</p>	<p>As at June 2024:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 47 Sale Agreements were signed by lessees. • 21 Sales Agreements were executed by the Commissioner of State Land (COSL). • 27 Deeds of Lease were issued. • Nine (9) interviews were conducted for the selection of House Plans. • 37 Financial Assessments were processed by the Trinidad and Tobago Mortgage Finance Company Ltd (TTMF). • 29 beneficiaries' names were forwarded to the COSL for preparation of their Deeds of Lease. 	<p>Access to Adequate and Affordable Housing</p>

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MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT	<p>❖ LAND SETTLEMENT REGULARISATION OF COMMUNITIES</p> <p>AGENCY: SQUATTER</p> <p>The State Land (Regularisation of Tenure) Act, No. 25 of 1998, Chapter 57:05, defines regularisation as “the incremental physical upgrading of and provisions of services to, designated areas and land settlement areas and provision of leasehold title thereto.” Squatter Regularisation has two (2) main components:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Tenure Regularisation – The Act outlines a threefold process beginning with the granting of Certificates of Comfort (COC), then to a Statutory Lease (30 years) and then to a Deed of Lease (199 years); and 2. Infrastructure Development - Infrastructure Development refers to improvement in the physical infrastructure of squatting settlements. 	<p>Squatter communities</p>	<p>For the period October 2023 to June 2024:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 28 Certificates of Comfort were granted to families. 	<p>Access to Adequate and Affordable Housing</p> <p>Provision of security of tenure</p>
	<p>MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT</p> <p>❖ LAND SETTLEMENT REGULARISATION & REGENERATION OF COMMUNITIES – GREATER PORT OF SPAIN REGION</p> <p>The project focuses on the neglected squatter communities in the city of Port of Spain and the highly urbanised areas surrounding the main capital of Trinidad. The scope is intended to support the regularisation of squatters and tenants on State Lands, provide relief by the development of much needed infrastructure and provide access to potable water, sewage disposal, electricity and upgraded toilet facilities as well as micro-enterprise and community development to address employment, education, crime, low self-esteem, and other deep seated social issues.</p>	<p>Port of Spain (POS) communities</p>	<p>For the period October 2023 to June 2024:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Infrastructure development projects were undertaken in two (2) communities. • Projects undertaken included road upgrades, staircase and footpath construction, and drainage infrastructure/upgrades. • 40 persons received employment as a result of the projects. 	<p>Safe and Sustainable Communities.</p>

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<p>❖ LAND SETTLEMENT AGENCY – TENANCY PROGRAMME</p> <p>In accordance with this Policy, Short-term Tenancy Agreements for a term of three (3) years will be issued by the Commissioner of State Lands (COSL) to eligible squatters/occupants. A recipient of this Tenancy Agreement will then be regularised by the LSA under Section 14 of the State Lands (Regularisation of Tenure) Act. New tenants will benefit from subsidised payment terms under the Statutory Leases, with lots priced at 40% of the market value as determined by the Commissioner of Valuations. Upon completion of payments within the Statutory Lease period, eligible tenants will be granted a Deed of Lease for 199 years.</p>	<p>Squatters/occupants</p>	<p>For the period October 2023 to June 2024:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A total of 15 applicants from several communities including: Jacob Hill - Wallerfield, Ackbarali Trace - Arima, Bon Air-Arouca, KP Lands - Valencia, Milton Village Pine Settlement, Sangre Grande were recommended for Tenancy Agreements. 	<p>Provision of security of tenure</p>
<p>MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT</p> <p>❖ SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC PROGRAMME FOR EAST PORT OF SPAIN</p> <p>This programme helps design and implement social and economic programmes throughout East Port of Spain in partnership with key stakeholders, including the community, to improve the quality of life of its residents and create sustainable opportunities by introducing and upgrading existing skills.</p>	<p>Low-income citizens</p>	<p>For the period October 2023 to June 2024:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 123 children (under 14 years old), 83 youth (ages 15 – 24 years), 186 adults (ages 25-59) and 6 senior citizens (aged over 60 years old) benefitted from the programme. This included contractors engaged by the EPOSDC to undertake the infrastructural programme in the communities participating in its contractor training programme. 2 NGOs and 47 residents from 19 communities of East Port of Spain benefitted from the programme. 163 persons also benefitted from a tour of numerous steel pan yards in East Port of Spain. 4 organisations participated in workshops focused on showcasing the rich cultural legacy of East Port of Spain. 	<p>Safe and Sustainable Communities.</p>

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<p style="text-align: center;">MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT</p>	<p>❖ URBAN UPGRADING AND REVITALISATION PROGRAMME – HOME CONSTRUCTION SUBSIDY</p> <p>This initiative is a home construction subsidy that enhances the housing conditions for low-income households. It also improves the habitability of urban settlements on State-owned lands.</p>	<p>Low-income citizens</p>	<p>For the period October 2023 to June 2024:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 173 persons across 15 communities received the Home Construction Subsidy. 	<p>Access to adequate affordability Housing.</p>
	<p>❖ URBAN UPGRADING AND REVITALISATION PROGRAMME – HOME IMPROVEMENT SUBSIDY</p> <p>The main objectives for this initiative are to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Enhance housing conditions for low-income households 2. Improve the habitability in urban settlements on State-owned lands 	<p>Low-income households</p>	<p>For the period October 2023 to June 2024:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 403 persons and 15 families received subsidies towards enhancing their homes. 	<p>Access to adequate affordability Housing.</p>

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<p style="text-align: center;">MINISTRY OF LABOUR</p>	<p>HIV WORKPLACE ADVOCACY UNIT</p> <p>The HIV Workplace Advocacy Unit (HWAU) seeks to advocate and provide technical support for the adoption and implementation of the National Workplace Policy on HIV and AIDS in all workplaces in Trinidad and Tobago, including the public, private and informal sectors, as well as civil society organisations.</p> <p>It carries out its mandate by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Sensitising workplaces in the public, private and informal sectors and the general public about the National Workplace Policy, and ❖ Advocating for and assisting with the development, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of workplace policies and programmes on HIV/AIDS. 	<p>General public</p>	<p>For October 2023 to June 2024:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 48 Sensitisation Sessions were held and 2,044 persons representing 24 organisations (13 Public Sector, 3 Civil Society and 8 Private sector) benefited. 	<p>The Elimination of Stigma and Discrimination against Persons Living with or Affected by HIV/AIDS.</p>

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MINISTRY OF LABOUR	<p>ON-THE-JOB-TRAINING PROGRAMME</p> <p>The On-the-Job Training Programme (OJTP) is a pre-employment programme which offers participants between the ages of 16-35 an induction into the world of work and focuses on the acquisition of occupational skills.</p> <p>With effect from December 1, 2019, the OJTP received an increase in stipends with an intent to invest in the youth and allow youth to gain work experience. The increase is also part of the Ministry's mandate to promote decent work practices and provide sustainable employment.</p>	<p>Persons aged 16-35 who are graduates of secondary and technical/vocational or tertiary institutions without work-based experience</p>	<p>During the period October 2023 to June 2024:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2,642 trainees (1,872 females and 770 males) received placements in the Programme including 25 persons living with disabilities. • 1,583 trainees (428 males and 1,155 females) successfully completed the Programme. • Seven (7) train-the-trainer sessions were conducted and 545 persons benefited including 471 from the public sector, 16 from the private sector and 21 from NGOs. The sessions oriented supervisors to their role and responsibilities as they mentor trainees during their training tenure. • A webinar was hosted in commemoration of International Women's Day and 120 trainees participated (11 males and 109 females). • A Pay-As-You-Earn (PAYE) seminar designed to enhance trainees understanding on the required tax deductions and how to submit individual tax return claims. 408 trainees (88 males and 320 females) benefited from this session. 	<p>Economic growth, Job Creation, Competitiveness and Innovation.</p>
	<p>SHORT-TERM EMPLOYMENT PROGRAMME</p> <p>The Short-Term Employment Programme is an initiative, which supplies staff to Ministries in Professional, Administrative/Managerial, Clerical, Secretarial and Manipulative classes for periods of three (3) to six (6) months in a financial year. Staff is provided from the National Employment Service (NES) database of registrants.</p>	<p>Persons 17 years and over</p>	<p>During the period October 2023 to June 2024:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 285 persons (64 males and 221 females) were employed via this programme. 	<p>Economic growth, Job Creation, Competitiveness and Innovation.</p>

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MINISTRY OF LABOUR	<p>O'LEVEL / NON GRADUATE PROGRAMME</p> <p>To address staffing needs for employment of persons in a Clerical capacity at various Ministries. This programme is geared toward assisting persons with a passing grade in at least one (1) CXC subject. Employment under this programme is for a period not exceeding three (3) months. Staff is provided from the National Employment Service (NES) database of registrants.</p>	Persons 17 years and over and in possession of at least 1 CXC subject pass	<p>During the period October 2023 to June 2024:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 36 persons (8 males and 28 females) were employed under this programme. 	Economic growth, Job Creation, Competitiveness and Innovation
	<p>SUPPORT SERVICES RELIEF PROGRAMME</p> <p>To address staffing needs for employment of persons under the Support Services Relief Programme for a maximum of (12) months inclusive of vacation leave. The initiative is intended to provide relief to unemployed persons.</p>	Persons 17 years and over Graduates and Non-Graduates	<p>For the period October 2023 to June 2024:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 308 persons (68 males and 240 females) received employment under this programme. 	Job Creation, Decent Work Opportunities Created.
	<p>COMMONWEALTH/CARIBBEAN SEASONAL AGRICULTURAL WORKERS PROGRAMME (CCSAWP)</p> <p>To address the temporary seasonal needs of the Canadian agricultural producers during the peak harvesting and planting periods when there are shortages of qualified workers. In addition to the financial benefit, workers develop agricultural skills and techniques.</p>	Individuals and families	<p>For the period October 2023 to June 2024:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 472 persons (453 males and 19 females) received employment under this programme. 	Job Creation, Decent Work Opportunities Created.
MINISTRY OF NATIONAL SECURITY	<p>CRIMINAL INJURIES COMPENSATION BOARD</p> <p>The Criminal Injuries Compensation Board provides financial assistance for victims of crime and their dependents.</p>	Victims of crime and their dependents	<p>During the period October 2023 to June 2024:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 230 persons benefited from financial assistance. 	An Efficient and Effective Social System for the Poor and Vulnerable

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MINISTRY OF NATIONAL SECURITY	<p>PROBATION SERVICES</p> <p>❖ Thinking for A Change Intervention</p> <p>This is an integrated cognitive behavioural change programme which incorporates cognitive restructuring theory, social skills development, and the learning and use of problem solving skills.</p> <p>Other probation services include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Case Care Management (CCM) Pilot Project. • The Insight Project (T.I.P). • The Life Skills for Probationers. • Remedial Therapy. 	Youth	<p>During the period October 2023 to June 2024:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thinking for A Change Intervention at a Children's Camp - 62 children (between the age of three to 12 years) benefited. • Thinking for A Change - 10 persons (15 and 24 years) benefited from this intervention. This programme consisted of three modules; bridging the gap of reconciliation between parents/guardian and client, life skills and anger management. • Thinking for A Change Intervention at the Learning Enrichment Centre (LEC) – Centre for suspended secondary children - 387 youths in Form 1 – 5 benefited from this intervention. • 114 persons benefited from the projects under the probation services such as the Case Care Management (CCM) Pilot Project, The Insight Project (T.I.P), the Life Skills for Probationers intervention, and the Remedial Therapy. 	Safe and Sustainable Communities
	<p>TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO POLICE SERVICE - POLICE YOUTH CLUBS (PYCs)</p> <p>The PYC programme includes initiatives such as the Peer Mentorship Program, the Men as Mentors Environmental 360 Agriculture Program, Children in Need of Supervision (CHINS) Mentorship program, the Peer Resolution Train the Trainer, Basic Carpentry Programme and the PYC Band.</p>	Children/Youth	<p>During the period October 2023 to June 2024:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Over 336 persons benefitted from the programs and initiatives. 	Safe and Sustainable Communities

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MINISTRY OF NATIONAL SECURITY	<p>TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO POLICE SERVICE - VICTIM AND WITNESS SUPPORT UNIT</p> <p>The Victim and Witness Support Unit initiative, a civilian unit, was developed in 2008 as part of the transformation of the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service (TTPS). It aims to bridge the gap between the Police Service and the victims and witnesses of crime. Its efforts also focus on improving the relationship between the Police Service and communities, thereby raising the levels of trust and public confidence.</p> <p>❖ VICTIM AND WITNESS SUPPORT UNIT - WHO IS WRITING YOUR STORY</p> <p>The programme comprises of 4 components.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phase 1: A youth development programme aimed at building, developing and empowering all participants. • Phase 2: Focuses on the relationship between mentoring and positive life outcomes as defined by the Five Cs (competence, character, confidence, connection and compassion). • Phase 3: Focuses on integration of the participants at VWSU events and TTPS outreaches. • Phase 4: Aims at providing support to the parents of participants through developmental and empowerment workshops. 	<p>Victims and witnesses of crime</p>	<p>During the period October 2023 to June 2024:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 127 persons (40 males and 87 females) benefitted from this programme. 	<p>Efficient Social Service Delivery to better serve the needs of vulnerable groups</p>
		<p>General Public</p>	<p>During the period October 2023 to June 2024:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 60 persons (40 children, 20 adults) participated in the programme. 	<p>Empowerment of individuals and families.</p>

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MINISTRY OF NATIONAL SECURITY	<p>❖ VICTIM AND WITNESS SUPPORT UNIT - PROJECT PHOENIX</p> <p>This programme, launched in April 2023, seeks to promote the importance of mental health and literacy, while simultaneously providing free counselling services, and life skills training for participants.</p>	Females 15 to 24 years	<p>During the period October 2023 to June 2024:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Project Phoenix - Self-Defence Workshop; 50 females (15 to 24 years) benefited from this workshop where they were equipped with self-defence skills to heighten their safety practises as they navigate their surroundings. They also learnt life-skills. 	Empowerment of individuals.
	<p>TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO PRISONS SERVICE - PRISON YOUTH CLUBS</p> <p>The Prison Youth Club engaged in various social, sport and cultural activities such as Father's Day celebrations, Mother's day celebrations, Divali celebrations, Eid celebrations, Shouter Baptist Liberation Celebration, Carnival showcase, and Christmas visits.</p>	Individuals	<p>During the period October 2023 to June 2024:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Over 2,672 persons benefitted from various social, sport and cultural activities. 	Safe and Sustainable Communities
MINISTRY OF PUBLIC UTILITIES	<p>RESIDENTIAL ELECTRIFICATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAMME (REAP)</p> <p>The Programme is targeted at low-income households and is aimed at improving their social and economic welfare. It also seeks to accelerate residential access to an adequate supply of electricity in a safe and reliable manner, by providing house wiring assistance to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Homeowners whose homes have never been wired; Homeowners whose homes are at risk of electrical fires and are in urgent need of rewiring as a pre-requisite to accessing electricity. 	Low-Income Homeowners	<p>During the period October 2023 to June 2024:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 122 applications were pending implementation and 25 applications were pending review by the Technical Advisory Committee. 103 projects were distributed to electrical contractors creating employment. 	Efficient and Accessible Social System

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MINISTRY OF PUBLIC UTILITIES	<p>UTILITIES ASSISTANCE PROGRAMME (UAP)</p> <p>The UAP is a social intervention, introduced by the Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago in 2010, which provides financial assistance to eligible citizens to ensure their continued access to basic utilities such as water and electricity.</p> <p>The major components of the Programme are as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Bill Assistance Programme provides financial assistance through the provision of a subsidy to low-income customers of the Water and Sewerage Authority (WASA) and the Trinidad and Tobago Electricity Commission (T&TEC) to ensure that they have continued access to these basic utilities; Solar Panel Assistance: this is aimed at providing solar panels to low-income households in remote communities that are unable to access the electricity grid; and Water Tank Assistance (WTA): This provides a water tank and fittings to low-income households and community-based facilities to ensure access to safely stored water. 	<p>Low-income Customers of WASA and T&TEC who are also recipients of Senior Citizens Pension, Disability and other specific Grants</p>	<p>For the period October 2023 to June 2024:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11,650 persons benefitted from the Bill Assistance Programme including 44 new clients. 37 persons benefitted under the Water Tank Assistance Programme. 18 applications were pending implementation and 105 applications were pending review by the Technical Advisory Committee. 7 Solar Panel Projects were approved during the period. 	<p>An Efficient and Accessible Social Protection System</p>
<p>COMMUNITY WATER IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME (CWIP)</p> <p>The objective of the CWIP is to bring relief to underprivileged communities throughout Trinidad and Tobago that are without a water supply and also to improve the water supply to at least Class III (72 hours per week) in areas that receive inadequate water supply. The Programme was initiated in Fiscal 2019/2020.</p>	<p>Underprivileged communities without water supply; areas with inadequate water supply</p>	<p>During the period October 2023 to June 2024:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4337 persons benefitted from the Community Water Improvement Programme (CWIP) initiative and 15 projects were completed. 12 families benefitted from the National Rainwater Harvesting Programme. 	<p>Efficient and Accessible Social System</p>	

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<p>MINISTRY OF PUBLIC UTILITIES</p>	<p>❖ ELECTRIFICATION PROGRAMME (EP)</p> <p>The EP is aimed at improving the social and economic welfare of the less fortunate sectors of the population; through the programme, T&TEC will offer assistance by way of the installation of poles and other electrical infrastructure to households or communities requesting electrification. The benefits of the programme will include the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Combatting poverty 2. Stimulating employment and equality of opportunity 3. Fostering rural-urban equity 4. Significantly improving the quality of life of citizens, especially the vulnerable, by its positive impact on health and living standards <p>Providing greater access to telecommunication services, including high-speed internet service.</p>	<p>Households without an electricity supply; communities without an electricity supply</p>	<p>During the period October 2023 to June 2024 a total of 19 jobs were completed.</p>	<p>Efficient and Accessible Social System</p>

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<p>MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT</p>	<p>COMMUNITY-BASED PROTECTION AND ENHANCEMENT PROGRAMME (CEPEP) COMPANY LIMITED</p> <p>The CEPEP Company Limited, an Agency of the Ministry of Rural Development and Local Government, is one of the main pillars of the National Strategy for Development of the Green Economy of Trinidad and Tobago. It is responsible for managing the Community-Based Environmental Protection and Enhancement Programme (CEPEP) and provides specifically:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Environmental Clean-up, Beautification and Maintenance, 2. Waste Removal, Dead Animal Removal (DART) 3. CEPEP Marine (Wetlands, Inland Waterways and Marine Space Maintenance) 4. Coastal Maintenance 5. Eco-Sites Management 6. Disaster and Emergency Response (DERT) 	<p>Communities Unemployed citizens</p>	<p>For Fiscal 2024:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A total of 9,606 (semi-skilled and unskilled) persons were employed on the programme as follows: 4,789 men, 4,817 women. This included 717 persons aged (15 - 24 years) and 930 older persons. • An average of 329 small and microenterprises (contractors) have been engaged under the Programme in the cleaning and maintenance of roads; open spaces; and watercourses and waterways. 	<p>Safe, clean sustainable communities.</p>

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<p style="text-align: center;">MINISTRY OF SPORT AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT</p>	<p>COMMUNITY EDUCATION PROGRAMME: The Community Education Programme seeks to build the capacity of community leadership, and marketable skills geared towards home based production of goods and services and employment generation through lectures, outreaches and related activities.</p>	<p>Communities</p>	<p>During the period October 2023 to June 2024:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good Governance and Leadership Programme - 135 communities and 3,428 persons, (1,235 males and 2193 females) benefited from the programme that seeks to build the capacity of community leadership by implementing organized and structured learning activities accessible virtually to the public. • Community Awareness and Sensitisation Programme (CASP) - 111 communities and 6,329 persons, (1,152 males and 5,177 females) benefited from lectures, outreaches and related activities, that provided an adequate supply of information to members of the public, focussing on the social issues that confront citizens. • Short Skills Training - 118 communities and 6,329 persons, (1,152 males and 5,177 females) benefited from training in a variety of marketable skills geared towards home-based production of goods and services and employment generation. Training in craft and technical vocational skills was conducted at both the Basic and Advanced levels. • ECCL Craft Training - 412 persons, (13 males and 399 females) benefited from training. 	<p>A well-developed and informed cadre of citizens</p>

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<p style="text-align: center;">MINISTRY OF SPORT AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT</p>	<p>PINK REIGN CAMPAIGN</p> <p>The Pink Reign Campaign was developed to encourage and support the development of women and girls in communities by providing opportunities to engage in key aspects of sport and physical activity.</p>	<p>Women and girls in communities</p>	<p>During the period October 2023 to June 2024:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Girls Run TT – 300 females benefitted, including 19 under 14 years, 30 between 15 and 24 years, 236 adults and 15 over 60 years. This initiative encourages women and girls to be physically active and increase involvement and participation in sports. Pink Reign-Becoming Life skills Workshop - 228 females benefitted, including 113 under 14 years, 151 between 15 and 24 years. This initiative provides guidance for females to help them in their personal and professional development. 82 females graduated from the workshop. 	<p>Empowerment through sport to lead healthy lifestyles</p>
	<p>NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR SELF HELP</p> <p>The National Commission for Self Help Limited (NCSHL) is a state-owned enterprise that addresses poverty alleviation and community empowerment through the distribution of Minor Repairs and Reconstruction Grants (MRRG), Emergency Repair and Reconstruction Assistance Grants (ERRAG) and Infrastructure Development Projects.</p> <p>The programme has enhanced the quality of life for many individuals living in extreme poverty through various improvements such as roof repair, the installation of windows and doors, the conversion of wooden structures to concrete, and the paving of roadways.</p>	<p>Vulnerable families and communities</p>	<p>During the period October 2023 to June 2024:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Financial and technical assistance were provided for the implementation of projects. 716 families in 26 communities benefitted. This included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 442 Emergency Repair and Reconstruction Assistance Grant (ERRAG) projects implemented. 274 Minor Repair and Reconstruction Grant (MRRG) projects implemented. 	<p>Adequate and Affordable Housing.</p>

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<p>MINISTRY OF SPORT AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT</p>	<p>COMMUNITY MEDIATION SERVICES AND SOCIAL WORK INTERVENTION CASES PROGRAMME</p> <p>This programme offers mediation and social work services to clients presented at Mediation Centres, through self-referrals or Court-referrals, in matters classified as civil or family.</p>	<p>Families, Communities, Individuals</p>	<p>For the period October 2023 to June 2024: Mediation and Social Work Intervention Cases Programme - 2,336 clients (794 males and 1542 females) were served at the various Community Mediation Centres;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A total of 6 cases were referred to other agencies. • 74 total cases yielded Mediation outcomes as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 32 Full agreements - 4 Partial agreements - 18 Non-Agreements and - 20 Ongoing matters • A total of 1,136 persons received counselling during the period. Of this total 370 were new clients and 766 were repeat clients. 	<p>Empowerment of individuals and families.</p>

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<p>COMMUNITY MEDIATION SERVICES - PARENTAL SUPPORT GROUPS</p> <p>Membership in the Parental Support and Men Support Group is voluntary. Members comprise clients from mediation and social work interventions, referrals from other ministries and agencies, and members of the public. These groups provide therapy as members are allowed a secure space to enhance their parenting skills; seek out support, information and supportive relationships to cope and better manage domestic situations.</p> <p>Under this initiative parents and grandparents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • are equipped with information and skills to improve their confidence and competence in parenting; • access support and develop coping skills and mechanisms in a non-threatening and supportive environment; and experience enhanced quality of family life in their communities. 	<p>Families, Communities, Individuals</p>	<p>For the period October 2023 to June 2024:</p> <p>Parental Support Groups - 776 persons participated in 44 workshops on topics including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Positive Parenting: Discipline & Strategies o Maintaining a healthy lifestyle-combating Diabetes o "Let's Plan Together" o Understanding Challenging Behaviour in Children o Promoting Mental Health in Children o Rooted in Love: Simple Steps to Strengthen Your Family Bond! 	<p>Empowerment of individuals and families.</p>
<p>PUBLIC EDUCATION AND SENSITIZATION: GRIEF AND LOSS SUPPORT GROUP</p> <p>These groups are therapeutic and members experience a secure space to express hurt, seek out support, information and supportive relationships to cope and better manage situations. Participants comprise clients, for mediation and social work interventions, persons referred from other agencies and other members of the public who experience difficulties in coping with grief and loss.</p>	<p>Families/ Communities</p>	<p>For the period October 2022 to June 2023:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 223 persons participated in 4 sessions held on Grief and Loss. Topics discussed were as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Impact of Grief and Loss - A New Dawn: Embracing New Beginnings - When Men Grieve: Understanding Male Grief - Children Grieve too 	<p>Empowerment of individuals and families</p>

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<p style="text-align: center;">MINISTRY OF SPORT AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT</p>	<p>GRANT FUNDING – COMMUNITY ACTION FOR REVIVAL AND EMPOWERMENT (C.A.R.E)</p> <p>This funding is intended to support the active and innovative involvement of civil society in pursuit of national development goals. It is provided as a stimulus to local and individual initiative and creativity as distinct from public sector efforts.</p>	<p>Communities</p>	<p>For the period October 2023 to June 2024: 71 applications were approved for the period.</p>	<p>Promote civic mindedness</p>
	<p>GRANT FUNDING – SPORT NON-PROFIT INSTITUTIONS</p> <p>The Sports Grants are offered to National Governing Bodies for sport, community groups and individuals in support of their plans, programmes and activities that foster sports development, facilitate athletic performance and engender a spirit of community living. There is also a specific grant for elite athletes in keeping with the National Sport Policy, which provides financial assistance to outstanding athletes in support of their preparation for, and participation in international competition.</p>	<p>Communities</p>	<p>For the period October 2023 to June 2024: 163 applications were approved for the period.</p>	<p>Promote civic mindedness</p>

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MINISTRY OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND FAMILY SERVICES	<p>DISABILITY AFFAIRS</p> <p>The Disability Affairs Unit (DAU) was established in 1999 and serves as a resource and referral centre for information pertaining to disability matters. In addition to coordinating and monitoring the implementation of the National Policy on Persons with Disabilities, the Unit also coordinates, develops and implements comprehensive programmes to assist citizens of Trinidad and Tobago with disabilities.</p>	<p>Persons with disabilities</p>	<p>For the period October 2023 to September 2024: The following was achieved by the Division:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hosted its inaugural Seminar on Sexual and Reproductive Health for Women with Disabilities on May 22, 2024. This seminar provided information and services to women with disabilities with the requisite knowledge to make informed decisions as it pertains to their sexual and reproductive health, and family planning. 50 women with disabilities, their caregivers, advocates and NGOs serving the community of persons with disabilities attended this seminar. Topics included Sexually Transmitted Diseases, Common Menstrual Problems and Contraceptive Choices. The MSDFD also partnered with the MOH to provide services such as breast examinations, HPV vaccinations, nutritional, and mental health advice to the attendees. The Unit continued the ongoing verification process of applicants to the Telecommunication Authority of Trinidad and Tobago (TATT) to facilitate the provision of subsidised mobile devices to persons with disabilities. 529 applications have been verified. The Unit collaborated with the Ministry's Social Investigations Division of the MSDFS to conduct a study to assess the grants and services available to persons with disabilities (PWDs) to ensure that their needs are satisfied. The study's findings will be utilized as a standard to guide future initiatives as the MSDFS works to fulfil its mandate regarding PWDs. This study would also be useful in identifying gaps in the MSDFS' service quality/delivery to PWDs and recommending areas for improvement. 	<p>An Efficient and Effective Social System for the Poor and Vulnerable</p>

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<p style="text-align: center;">MINISTRY OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND FAMILY SERVICES</p>	<p>❖ Community Therapeutic Services (CTS)</p> <p>This initiative is a collaborative effort between the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Social Development and Family Services. The decision to pursue Community Therapeutic Services is in keeping with Articles 25 and 26 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (2015.) which states that: “PWDs should be mainstreamed in institutions that already offer therapy and rehabilitation services, rather than the construction of institutions which promote segregated rehabilitation.”</p> <p>National Therapeutic and Resource Centre (NTRC)</p> <p>The establishment of the National Therapeutic and Resource Centre (NTRC) is a collaborative endeavour between the MOH and MSDFS. During last fiscal 2023, a Memorandum of Agreement was signed between the Digicel Foundation and MSDFS, which outlined the type of equipment to be purchased for the first phase of the project. In fiscal 2024, a second listing of items for outfitting the center was submitted to the Digicel Foundation.</p>	<p>Persons with disabilities</p>	<p>A Community Therapeutic Services Survey for Persons with Disabilities was completed in August 2023 with 379 individuals being engaged. This survey was conducted to assist the MSDFS with designing a suitable therapeutic programme for persons with disabilities.</p> <p>Delivery of equipment for phase one of the project commenced on November 3, 2023 and work continues in pursuit of the operationalization of the NTRC.</p>	<p>Improved social services</p>

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<p style="text-align: center;">MINISTRY OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND FAMILY SERVICES</p>	<p>❖ Community Care Programme (CCP) This programme was first established in 2007 to de-institutionalize Levels 1-3 patients aged 60 years and over (from the Port of Spain General Hospital, San Fernando General Hospital, St. James Infirmary and the St. Ann's Mental Hospital), who required social care. The Programme, which was formerly administered by the Ministry of Health was placed under the ambit of the MSDFS in 2010. It is jointly administered by the Division of Ageing and the Social Displacement Unit of the MSDFS.</p>	<p>Senior Citizens</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Community Care Programme (CCP) caters to patients who do not need hospital care but are essentially in need of accommodation and social support. Currently, there are 14 CCP Homes across Trinidad and 87 clients in this programme. There were twelve (12) new placements in the programme for the reporting period. 	<p>An Efficient and Effective Social System for the Poor and Vulnerable</p> <p>An Enhanced Quality of Life for Older Persons.</p>
	<p>❖ National Centenarian Program Launched in 2021, the National Centenarian Programme is designed to recognise and honour citizens of Trinidad and Tobago who achieved the milestone of reaching the age of 100 years and above. This programme is two-fold as it is to be used as a recognition tool to allow the centenarians to feel valued for their contributions to the overall success of our nation.</p>	<p>Senior Citizens</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Since the relaunch of the programme, 213 registered centenarians have been recognized and celebrated, with 59 recognized and celebrated for the reporting period. 	<p>An Enhanced Quality of Life for Older Persons.</p>
	<p>❖ Homes for Older Persons The Ministry currently supports the operations of nine (9) Homes for Senior Citizens, which are managed by management committees. The Homes are located in Chaguana, Couva, La Brea, Mayaro, Point Fortin, Sangre Grande, Siparia, Toco and San Fernando, and are sustained through the provision of annual subventions. The Homes aim to provide safe accommodation to older persons as well as care and support.</p>	<p>Older persons aged 60 years and over who may be socially-isolated and/or indigent</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approximately 106 socially-isolated and/or indigent older persons, aged 60 years and over, were provided residential accommodation care at six (6) Homes supported by the Ministry. 	<p>An Efficient and Effective Social System</p>

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<p>HIV/AIDS COORDINATION</p> <p>The HIV Coordinating Unit executes its programmes/initiatives in accordance with the Ministry of Social Development and Family Services' mission of helping, empowering and transforming lives (particularly the vulnerable) in our society. The Unit's initiatives/programmes are also premised on the national expanded response to the HIV and AIDS epidemic as articulated in the National HIV and AIDS Strategic Plan (NSP) 2013-2018 which highlights the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reducing new infections and mitigating the impact of the epidemic among persons infected and affected by HIV; • Engaging a coordinated and multi-sectoral approach for addressing HIV and AIDS; • Acknowledging the role of Public Service Agencies in the response. 	<p>Members of staff of the MSDFS and members of the Public</p>	<p>For the period October 2023 to September 2024, the Unit facilitated several educational initiatives as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carnival Campaign 2024 – During the Carnival Season, the HIV/AIDS Coordinating Unit implemented its "Take Charge of Your Health" prevention strategy programme at the MSDFS' Main Offices and Local Boards. This programme was aimed at helping employees and clients to become empowered to maintain healthy lifestyles as it relates to HIV, and improved social services to serve the needs of vulnerable groups such as persons living with HIV. 10 sensitisation sessions were conducted at various Social Welfare Divisions. • External and Internal Mainstreaming – The programmes under this initiative help in educating the wider public, clients and staff about the pressing social issue of HIV/AIDS and the other STIs. As such 25 Education Sessions were held over the fiscal. • Design & Dissemination of Information Education and Communication Materials - The dissemination of relevant materials to staff and the wider public to increase the knowledge on HIV-related topics. This initiative is aimed at fostering a positive outlook on the way individuals see persons living with HIV by encouraging behaviour and attitude change. 	<p>Reduction of Incidence of HIV/AIDS.</p> <p>Reduction in levels of discrimination towards persons living with HIV</p>
<p>NATIONAL FAMILY SERVICES DIVISION (NFSD)</p> <p>The National Family Services Division (NFSD) is the primary institution in Trinidad and Tobago providing a range of programmes and services to promote healthy family functioning. The NFSD provides rehabilitation through group, family and individual counselling and other support with its ultimate goal being the empowerment of vulnerable individual/s and families in order to sustain healthy social functioning.</p>	<p>Individuals, Couples, Children and Families</p>	<p>During the period October 2023 to September 2024:</p> <p>5650 clients (individuals and families) received psychosocial support in the form of counselling services.</p>	<p>Empowerment of individuals and families</p>

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<p>❖ Community Parenting Workshops</p> <p>The National Parenting Programme (NPP) seeks to strengthen and support families in Trinidad and Tobago through the provision of information, education and support. The NPP is a strategic response to various issues and concerns that involve parenting practices and behaviour in Trinidad and Tobago.</p> <p>The benefits include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased knowledge of parenting issues and enhanced skills in managing the parenting role. • Reduction in family dysfunction, family violence and youth delinquency. • Equip community residents with the knowledge and understanding of identifying conflict. • Men are equipped with the knowledge and skills needed to effectively parent their children. • Increased awareness and knowledge on effective grand-parenting skills. • Promote the inclusion of gender equity and social inclusion in parenting practices. • Increased knowledge on the importance of self-care and building a stronger support system among grandparents 	<p>Individuals, Couples, Children and Families in Vulnerable situations</p>	<p>In October 2023 to September 2024 the NFS hosted a variety of Virtual and Community Workshops in collaboration with the Parenting Unit:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In-House General Parenting Virtual Workshop <p>The topics included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Parenting and Relationships - Psychosocial Stages of Development - Punishment vs Discipline - Emotional Intelligence & Self-Awareness/Self Understanding & Self-Care - Conflict & Anger Management <p>Sex Education and Children (sexuality, pregnancy, STI's)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A total of 41 persons benefited from the In-House General Parenting Virtual Workshop <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In-House Co-Parenting Virtual Workshop <p>The topics included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What is Co-Parenting - Effective Parenting Skills and Parenting Styles - Break-Up/Separation/Divorce and Emotions - Balancing Work and Family - New Relationship/New Partner - Domestic Violence - A total of 45 persons benefited from the In-House Co-Parenting Virtual Workshop <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project GRACE Parenting Workshops <p>The topics at the Maloney Indoor Sporting Complex and the Valencia Secondary School included;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Emotional Intelligence - Guidelines to Effective Parenting - Discipline vs Punishment <p>The topic at the St. Paul Street/Besson Street was;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Conflict and Anger Management <p>The topics at Maloney Indoor Sporting Complex were;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Goal Planning and Self-Motivation - Conflict Resolution and Conflict Management 	<p>Reduction in family dysfunction</p>	

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<p>MINISTRY OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND FAMILY SERVICES</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parenting for Men Virtual Workshop. This workshop was designed to provide men with a safe platform to discuss the challenges that they face as parents, caregivers and guardians. The parenting for men topics included; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Transitioning to Fatherhood – Development – From Boyhood to Manhood/ Masculinity and Society – Men and Mental Health/ Self Care - Relationship Issues vs Healthy Relationships - Discipline and Punishment - Male Mentoring - 11 participants between the ages of 18-45 years completed the Parenting for Men workshop. • Parenting for Grandparents Workshop. The parenting for Grandparents workshop was developed to provide grandparents with a general understanding of various issues surrounding their grandchildren and how they can navigate with parenting their grandchildren in the 21st century. The topics for parenting for grandparents included; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Grandparents – Roles and Boundaries – Stages of Child Development – Discipline vs Punishment – Gender Socialization, Stereotypes and Parenting - Healthy Relationships - Financial Planning and Budgeting - 30 grandparents between the ages of 40-75; twenty (22) females and eight (8) males completed the workshop sessions. 	

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MINISTRY OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND FAMILY SERVICES	<p>❖ National Suicide Prevention Hotline 800-COPE</p> <p>The Ministry's NFSD National Suicide Prevention Hotline 800-COPE (2673) is under the remit of the NFSD. This 24-hour Crisis Hotline is operated by specially trained personnel to efficiently address crisis issues related to suicidal ideations and other critical issues faced by citizens.</p>	<p>Individuals</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From October 2023 to September 2024, the Hotline has received 3,459 calls. <p>Awareness Campaign</p> <p>In October 2023, the staff operating the Hotline celebrated World Mental Health Month. Throughout the month, the staff engaged in an awareness campaign, which included outreaches, television, and radio appearances, to bring awareness of the service to the public.</p> <p>Outreaches were conducted at a:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Care Fair; ○ Walk with Grace; and ○ Land Settlement Agency <p>Radio and Television Sensitization focused on creating awareness of the Suicide Prevention Hotline and the services offered.</p> <p>Hotline Service</p> <p>The hotline addressed crisis issues related to suicidal ideations and other critical issues faced by citizens.</p> <p>Hotline Referral System</p> <p>The hotline referral system allows clients to access services not provided by the ministry. The organizations the hotline staff referred clients to for additional services included:</p> <p>Internal:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - National Family Services - Division of Aging - Social Welfare - Citizens' Outreach and Engagement Service Unit <p>External:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tobago Mental Health Department - Children Authority of Trinidad and Tobago - Trinidad and Tobago Police Services - Wellness Centre in Trinidad Ministry of Health - The Trinidad and Tobago Ambulances Services 	<p>Reduction in individual dysfunction</p>

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<p>MINISTRY OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND FAMILY SERVICES</p>	<p>SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT</p> <p>The National Social Development Programme ensures that needy citizens throughout the country have access in their homes to reliable and sustainable supplies of pipe-borne water and electricity and improved sanitary plumbing facilities. It also assists in providing simple, useful recreational facilities in underdeveloped communities. This is all in an effort to raise the standard of living and quality of life of vulnerable citizens. The NSDP officially began its operations in the Ministry in October 2012.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Minor House Repair Assistance This initiative provides persons with materials and/or labour for roof repairs and other minor structural repairs to their homes. ❖ Sanitary Plumbing Assistance This initiative provides assistance towards the purchase of materials based on an assessment of individual circumstances. The total material cost is to a limit of \$15,000.00. ❖ House Wiring Assistance This initiative provides electrification for households throughout Trinidad and Tobago. 	<p>Vulnerable persons and communities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For the period October 2023 to September 2024, 204 grants were approved at a cost of \$2,055,102.00 	<p>Enhancement in quality of life of citizens</p>

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<p>❖ Sowing Empowering through Entrepreneurial Development (SEED) The SEED grant aims to provide a mechanism to empower those citizens who are considered poor and who have an interest in starting or improving their own businesses but are unable to gain access to funding on their own. It also seeks to provide an opportunity for existing clients of the Ministry of Social Development and Family Services who are receiving welfare grants to start mini/micro enterprises and become more independent and self-sufficient.</p> <p>ASSISTANCE TO NON GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS (NGOs) The NGO Unit was established in May 2013 to manage the Ministry's relationship with partner NGOs in the delivery of social services in communities. The objectives of the Unit are to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote value for money in the delivery of social services; • Partner with the NGO sector towards a decentralised approach for the delivery of social services to vulnerable groups in society; • Foster a collaborative approach to capacity building for the effective delivery of social services in communities; • Promote good governance in the achievement of government policy on Social Sector programmes. 	<p>Vulnerable persons</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For the period October 2023 to September 2024, under the SEED programme, 52 grants were approved at a value of \$475,525.00 	<p>Enhancement in quality of life of citizens</p>
<p>MINISTRY OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND FAMILY SERVICES</p>	<p>General population of Trinidad and Tobago</p>	<p>For the period October 2023 to September 2024, the following were achieved:</p>	<p>An Efficient and Effective Social Protection System</p>

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<p style="text-align: center;">MINISTRY OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND FAMILY SERVICES</p>	<p>❖ Financial Assistance to NGOs (One-off Grants under \$10,000)</p> <p>This initiative provides one-off financial assistance (Contributions and Donations) from the Ministry to qualifying Community-Based, Faith-Based or Non-Governmental organisations for a specific project or activity valued under \$10,000.</p> <p>❖ Subventions to NGOs</p> <p>Under this initiative, financial assistance is given to NGOs for recurrent expenditures payable over a specified period.</p>	<p>Non-Governmental, Faith-Based, or Community-Based Organisations</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As at September 2024, NGOs received \$24,740 in one-off grant funding to support key programmatic areas. <p>The areas of support for persons with disabilities; assistance for transitional housing programmes for victims of domestic violence and empowerment and education initiatives designed for women.</p> <p>For the period October 2023 to September 2024;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Subventions were dispensed to NGOs and Statutory Boards as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Three (3) Statutory Boards - \$41,100,000. Five (5) Youth Organizations - \$456,000. Ten (10) NGOs - \$4,200,000. 	<p>An Efficient and Effective Social Protection System</p>
	<p>INITIATIVES ON STREET DWELLING: - SOCIAL DISPLACEMENT UNIT</p> <p>The Social Displacement Unit of the MSDFS plans and coordinates activities pertinent to the empowerment and rehabilitation of socially displaced persons. The Unit currently provides direct social work services to the client population and ensures that the services and programmes provided by treatment and care centres are appropriate to the needs of the socially displaced.</p>	<p>Socially displaced persons</p>	<p>For the period October 2023 to September 2024, the following was achieved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 17 persons were referred for rehabilitation 50 persons were referred for shelter and care; 102 persons were referred for additional social programme assistance; and 1318 engagements/investigations of persons living on the streets were undertaken. 	<p>Self-Reliant and Sustainable Communities</p> <p>An Efficient and Effective Social Protection System</p>

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<p style="text-align: center;">MINISTRY OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND FAMILY SERVICES</p>	<p>❖ Street Outreach Programme This programme seeks to provide street dwellers with access to the various services offered by the Ministry of Social Development and Family Services, as well as any emergency support necessary. Field Officers of the SDU carry out regular street outreach visits to advise the displaced on services available.</p>	<p>Socially Displaced persons</p>	<p>For the period October 2023, to September 2024:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A National Street Count was conducted in November 2023 throughout the fourteen (14) Municipal Corporations in Trinidad. A total of 624 street dwellers were counted during the exercises. 	<p>An Efficient and Effective Social Protection System</p>
	<p>❖ Deportee Reception and Integration This programme provides assistance to deported persons with relocation and family reintegration into society. The SDU also assists deportees in finding employment.</p>	<p>Deported persons</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 13 deportees were provided with psychosocial support. 	<p>An Efficient and Effective Social Protection System</p>
	<p>SOCIAL WELFARE DIVISION The Social Welfare Division (SWD) is concerned with reducing the incidence of poverty among vulnerable groups and offers a range of financial assistance/grants to persons in need. The core services provided are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Disability Assistance Grant General Assistance Grant Public Assistance Grant Senior Citizens Pension Disaster Relief Grant 	<p>Vulnerable citizens of Trinidad and Tobago</p>	<p>The following Grants were distributed:</p>	<p>An efficient and Effective Social Protection System for the Poor and Vulnerable</p> <p>Reduction in the incidence of Poverty</p>

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<p>SOCIAL WELFARE DIVISION - Continued</p> <p>❖ Disability Assistance Grant</p> <p>This grant of TTD 2,000.00 is intended for persons who have a disability and are unable to earn an income as a result. A person is entitled to receive Disability Assistance if, in the opinion of the Local Board, he/she is so disabled that he/she is unable to earn a livelihood and has been certified by a Government Medical Officer as being so disabled. The disability must be permanent in nature.</p>	<p>Persons 18-64 years of age who have been certified by a Government medical officer as having a disability and as a consequence unable to earn a livelihood.</p>	<p>21,639 persons were in receipt of the Disability Assistance Grant, with an expenditure of \$552,118,256.00. Of this total, 1,031 were new beneficiaries of the DAG.</p>	<p>An Efficient and Effective Social Protection System for the Poor and Vulnerable</p>
<p>❖ Disability Assistance Grant for Minors (DAGM)</p> <p>For a minor to access this grant, a permanent medical diagnosis must be presented. This Grant received approval for its introduction effective January 2019.</p>	<p>Persons under 18 years of age who have been certified by a Government medical officer as having severe or complete levels of disability</p>	<p>The Social Welfare Division (SWD) distributed a total of 3,897 Disability Assistance Grant Minors (DAGM), which amounted to a total of \$73,426,295.00</p> <p>561 persons were recorded as new clients of the programme.</p>	<p>Enhancing qualities of life and living.</p>
<p>❖ General Assistance Grant</p> <p>This grant was established to assist persons/households traumatised and rendered needy as a result of natural/other disasters. The grants are currently used to provide assistance to individuals/households living in poverty and to clients of the SWD and other delivery units of the MSDFS who cannot otherwise help themselves. Cases are assessed by social workers of the Ministry.</p>	<p>Victims of natural disasters and clients of the Ministry</p>	<p>For the period October 2023 to September 2024: A total of 602 clients received assistance under the General Assistance Grants programme with expenditure totalling \$7,024,474.00</p>	<p>An Efficient and Effective Social Protection System</p>

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MINISTRY OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND FAMILY SERVICES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Disaster Relief Disaster relief is provided to victims adversely affected by natural or man-made disasters. The Grant is provided to individuals whose furniture and appliances were destroyed beyond use. ❖ Food Support Programme This is short-term food assistance and developmental programme, aimed at providing social protection by promoting nutritional and food security for vulnerable households. The Programme comprises the following components: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Long Term Food Support Card This is the cash transfer component of the TCCTP, which is currently implemented via a debit card (TT Card™). It aims to enable families in need to purchase nutritious basic food items; ❖ Temporary Food Card This system provides immediate food relief to the extremely vulnerable by bridging the gap between eligibility determination and actual receipt of the TT Card. The Temporary card is valid for up to three months and is also given to victims of disasters and emergencies. 	<p>Victims of natural or man-made disasters</p> <p>Indigent and vulnerable households</p>	<p>For the period October 2023 to September 2024, 273 General Assistance Grants for disaster victims were processed at a cost of \$1,750,726.00</p> <p>For the period October 2023 to September 2024, the total expenditure on Food Support Grants amounted to \$116,311,430.00</p> <p>14,979 households were in receipt of Food Support Grants. Of this, 9,170 clients possess a card. The remaining 5,809 persons receive cheque payments.</p>	<p>An Efficient and Effective Social Protection System for the Poor and Vulnerable</p> <p>An Efficient and Effective Social Protection System</p>

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<p>SOCIAL WELFARE DIVISION - Continued</p> <p>❖ Public Assistance Grant (PAG)</p> <p>This grant provides financial aid to persons who are unable to support themselves or earn a living because of ill health. It is also granted on behalf of necessitous children where the father or both parents is/are dead, incarcerated, disabled from earning or has/have deserted the family and cannot be found.</p> <p>The Public Assistance Grant is an essential social net programme providing financial aid to the nation's vulnerable citizens. With effect from January 1, 2019, the monthly value of these grants are as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Individuals - \$1,300.00 TTD 2. Two (2) persons - \$1,550.00 TTD 3. Three (3) persons - \$1,750 TTD 4. For four (4) persons and more - \$1,900 TTD 	<p>Unemployed, persons unable to work, or who have little means of financially supporting themselves and guardians of necessitous children.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A total of 15,654 clients were in receipt of the PAG totalling \$293,681,064.00. • Of the total clients in receipt of the PAG, 1,587 were new beneficiaries enrolled in this programme. 	<p>An Efficient and Effective Social Protection System for the Poor and Vulnerable</p>										
<p>SOCIAL WELFARE DIVISION - Continued</p> <p>❖ Senior Citizens' Pension (SCP)</p> <p>The Senior Citizens Pension (SCP) provides financial assistance to persons aged 65 years and over who meet the qualifying criteria for the grant. With effect from January 01, 2019 the ceiling for SCP was increased to \$5,500.00 thus allowing a person in receipt of both an NIS pension and a Senior Citizens' Pension to receive \$3,000.00 a month from the NIS and up to a further \$2,500.00 per month in the Senior Citizens' Pension.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="1218 1354 1380 1722"> <thead> <tr> <th>Income Band</th> <th>Pension</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>\$0-\$2,500</td> <td>\$3,500</td> </tr> <tr> <td>>\$1,500.01 - \$3,500</td> <td>\$2,500</td> </tr> <tr> <td>>\$3,500.01 - \$4,500</td> <td>\$1,500</td> </tr> <tr> <td>>\$4,500.01 - \$5,500</td> <td>\$500</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Income Band	Pension	\$0-\$2,500	\$3,500	>\$1,500.01 - \$3,500	\$2,500	>\$3,500.01 - \$4,500	\$1,500	>\$4,500.01 - \$5,500	\$500	<p>Eligible Senior Citizens</p>	<p>For the period October 2023 to September 2024:</p> <p>A total of 114,242 senior citizens were in receipt of the Senior Citizens' Pension grant at a total cost of \$4,436,911,804.00</p> <p>Of this total, 9,647 persons were added to the database as new beneficiaries.</p>	<p>An Efficient and Effective Social Protection System for the Poor and Vulnerable</p>
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<p>MINISTRY OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT AND NATIONAL SERVICE</p>	<p>CIVILIAN CONSERVATION CORPS (CCC)</p> <p>The CCC, which operates through the Ministry of National Security, offers introductory training, life skills development and on-the-job training to at-risk youth.</p> <p>The programme aims to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Raise the self-esteem of young persons deemed to be at-risk; 2. Initiate interventions that would assist in fostering socially desirable behaviours among youth; 3. Train and develop unemployed/unemployable persons in the target group to prepare them for employment; 4. Foster a sense of national pride in participants; 5. Provide temporary employment for unemployed young persons. 	<p>Young persons between the ages of 16-35 years</p>	<p>For the period October 2023 to June 2024:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A total of 921 trainees were enrolled in the programme. <p>Additionally,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 82 persons (59 females 23 males) from past cycles of the programme were employed by the Corps as Team Supervisors, Assistant Team Commanders and Junior Team Commanders. • The Corps assisted 3 senior citizens with daily meals, 11 families received food, furniture and other assistance, provided 22 communities with maintenance, painting and repairs and provided meals for 921 children in collaboration with NGOs. 	<p>Accessible education and training.</p>

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MINISTRY OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT AND NATIONAL SERVICE	<p>GERIATRIC ADOLESCENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMME (GAPP)</p> <p>The Geriatric Adolescent Partnership Programme (GAPP) is an intensive short-term intergenerational Training Programme that imparts knowledge and skills in elder care to young persons. It also aims at empowering young persons to respond to the growing and complex needs of an ageing population. Its objectives include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sensitizing young people to the needs of the elderly and understanding of the ageing process. 2. Equipping young persons with basic skills in caregiving. 3. Providing young persons with the tools to make appropriate life choices. 4. Instilling discipline in young persons through training and service to the elderly. 5. Improving intergenerational relationships and the quality of life of the elderly. <p>Students receive training at two levels. Level I (for young persons between the ages of 17-30) and Level II (for young persons between the ages of 18-35). Graduates provide elder care to older persons.</p>	<p>Young persons and adults between the ages of 17-35 and older persons 60 years and over</p>	<p>For the period October 2023 to June 2024:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 720 clients received monthly caregiving services from this Programme. • Approximately 540 caregivers were employed during the period. 	<p>Citizens will lead healthy lifestyles and care.</p>
	<p>NATIONAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP DEVELOPMENT COMPANY LIMITED (NEDCO)</p> <p>The National Entrepreneurship Development Company Limited (NEDCO) has the mandate to develop Micro and Small Enterprises (MSEs) in Trinidad and Tobago whose needs cannot be met by traditional lending agencies. NEDCO offers a wide suite of entrepreneurial development services to help MSEs transition from business concept to successful commercialization: small business financing; entrepreneurial training; business assessment; mentorship; business advisory; and client-focused services.</p>	<p>Persons 17 years and over Small and Micro Enterprises (SMEs)</p>	<p>For the period October 2023 to June 2024:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 212 persons benefited from business advisory services and advise on various business sectors such as the food and beverage sector. 	<p>Innovation, Entrepreneurship and Partnership</p>

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MINISTRY OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT AND FAMILY SERVICE	<p>❖ Business Accelerator Programme The Business Accelerator Programme (BAP) 2020-2024 is an entrepreneurial development programme that aims to create a grouping of exceptional businesspersons and risk-takers that will lead to the next generation of entrepreneurs in the 2021 decade. The BAP was launched in December 2019 and NEDCO has partnered with Tertiary Institutions to assist with the development of entrepreneurs by providing a comprehensive practical approach to doing business, injection of capital and funding, training in effective marketing initiatives, and promoting locally produced marketable products and services. The creation of new markets/ niches both locally and internationally are the desired outcomes of the programme.</p> <p>❖ Entrepreneurial Skills Training Entrepreneurial Training is designed to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Equip entrepreneurs within the Micro and Small Enterprise (MSE) sector to be successful within each business segment; and 2. Provide training that will equip existing and upcoming entrepreneurs in key areas such as introduction to entrepreneurship, steps to starting your business, recordkeeping and cash management, savings and investments and costing and pricing. 	<p>Persons 17 years and over Small and Micro Enterprises (SMEs)</p>	<p>For the period October 2023 to May 2024:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Business Accelerator Programme continued with 69 participants (29 males and 43 females). 	<p>Accessible Education and training. Innovation, Entrepreneurship and Partnership</p>
		<p>Persons 15 years and over Small and Micro Enterprises (SMEs)</p>	<p>For the period October 2023 to May 2024:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approximately 774 persons benefitted from courses in entrepreneurship, steps to starting your business, record keeping and cash management, savings and investments, and costing and pricing. 	<p>Accessible Education and training. Innovation, Entrepreneurship and Partnership</p>

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<p>MINISTRY OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT AND NATIONAL SERVICE</p>	<p>MILITARY-LED ACADEMIC TRAINING (MILAT) PROGRAMME</p> <p>This two-year residential programme seeks to ensure the holistic development of young at-risk males and allow them the opportunity to qualify themselves academically and become productive citizens by providing a safe structured and regulated setting.</p> <p>The objectives of the programme are to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Reduce the loss of potentially productive human capital from the national skills base; 2. Create a rehabilitative intervention that strengthens the success capacity of the education system; 3. Transform the attitudes and behaviours of at-risk youth between the ages of 15-24, in a routine, military-led programme. <p>Trainees may be socially excluded and have an absence of effective parental/guardian influence but display an interest in receiving training and obtaining marketable skills and relevant job experience.</p>	<p>Young persons at-risk between the ages of 15 - 24 years</p>	<p>For the period October 2023 to June 2024:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A total of 173 young males were enrolled in the programme. Of that number, 90% were prepared in eleven subject areas for CSEC certification. • Additionally, 90% of cadets enrolled showed positive social development and attitude to learning as well as high levels of discipline, deportment and conduct. 	<p>Enhance youth education and training.</p>

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<p>MINISTRY OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT AND NATIONAL SERVICE</p>	<p>RETIRES ADOLESCENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMME (RAPP)</p> <p>This programme is a community-oriented programme which seeks to provide assistance and supervision at the community level to “young, at-risk” persons in order to minimize the delinquency and drop-out rate in the nation’s school population. It seeks to provide a common platform geared towards improving learning skills, developing and enhancing social skills, building self-esteem and finding mutual ground for purposeful and productive living.</p> <p>It also seeks to give retired experts an opportunity to work in partnership with young adults and as a result, bridge the generation gap.</p>	<p>Children (14 years and under) and Youth (15-21 years) identified as ‘at risk’ and retired older persons (60-75 years). NGOs as well as ‘at-risk’ Communities also benefit from the programme</p>	<p>For the period October 2023 to June 2024:</p> <p>A total of 305 persons benefited from the programme including;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 117 persons under 14 years and 104 persons between the ages of 15-24 years enrolled in supplemental and remedial classes and received guidance in character information. • Approximately 84 retired professionals and skilled adults in the various communities were employed as mentors and supervisors on the programme. • 133 families in 27 communities were impacted. • Five (5) NGOs: Shekinah Homework Academy, Guanapo Police Youth Club, Lisas Gardens Welfare Council & the First Church of the Open Bible and the Valencia Police Youth Group partnered with the programme. 	<p>Increase youth, Community education.</p>

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MINISTRY OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT AND NATIONAL SERVICE	<p>YOUTH EDUCATION AND TRAINING PROGRAMMES</p> <p>These programmes target young persons to foster innovation, creativity, economic and social growth. The programmes include training in leadership, social media management and technical/vocational skills</p>	<p>Young persons between the ages of 16 - 35 years</p>	<p>For the period October 2023 to June 2024, the following programmes were provided:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Skills for a Technological Economy and Youth Productivity in T&T (STEP TT) - 540 persons benefited from training in Web Design, Coding and Mobile Application Development. • Project Trending - 400 persons benefited; 200 persons enrolled in social media management skills training and 200 persons enrolled in the sales and marketing skills training. • CRISP - Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Programme. The programme aims inter alia, to provide young persons (18-35) with introductory training in technical /vocational skills. 60 persons benefited. • Alternative Learning and Life Skills Enhancement Training (ALLSET). The Programme provides training in heavy machinery operations. 100 persons benefited. • National Leadership Training Programme - 101 young persons from various youth led/serving organisations benefited • Project DRIVE - 60 persons benefited from training in automotive servicing. • Skills for A Technological and Diversified Economy in collaboration with MIC-IT, MYDNS is creating a Skills Bank Training Programme targeting persons aged 16 – 35 years. This programme aims to develop an E-ready workforce offering training in mobile app development, web design and coding. • AMPLIFY – Music Production and Life Skills: AMPLIFY offers music production and life skills training to four hundred (400) participants at COSTATT. The courses are inclusive of digital photography, videography, graphic design, voice training, stage presentation, and life skills. • HOIST – Tower Crane Operations: The HOIST programme teaches people how to operate tower cranes safely and effectively. It combines classroom learning with hands-on training and 	<p>Enhance youth education and training.</p>

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<p>MINISTRY OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT AND FAMILY SERVICE</p>			<p>includes regular assessments. The programme aims to train confident and skilled tower crane operators aged 18 to 35 in Trinidad and Tobago. It helps young people find jobs, transition into adulthood, and contribute to sustainable development. Currently, 50 participants are enrolled in the program, which is expected to finish by the first quarter of 2025.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DROP – The Drill Rig Operator: The DROP programme trains individuals to operate drilling rigs safely and effectively. Participants learn about various aspects of drilling operations, including safety, equipment, and industry standards. The programme aims to produce skilled operators who can contribute to the oil and gas industry. Currently, 80 participants are enrolled in the program. • PIPE - The Plumbing skills Programme: This programme trains people in plumbing skills, covering topics such as pipeline design, fabrication, construction, integrity, inspection, and maintenance. It aims to produce entry-level workers who can meet industry standards. • FUSE: Introductory Linesman/Line Clearer Training Program: This programme teaches participants essential skills for overhead line construction and maintenance. Over a 12-week period, 80 participants learn about electricity basics, safety, line and pole construction, meter and transformer installations, and vegetation clearing. The programme aims to prepare participants for jobs in the overhead line industry. Successful graduates will receive a certificate from T&TEC. • I-MAP: Industrial-Mechanical Apprenticeship Programme: The I-MAP programme offers technical training and hands-on experience to young people interested in industrial maintenance, electrical, and mechanical fields within the oil and gas industry. Participants gain essential employability skills and increase their chances of 	

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	INITIATIVE	BENEFICIARY CATEGORY	ACHIEVEMENTS	NATIONAL OUTCOME
MINISTRY OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT AND NATIONAL SERVICE			finding jobs. Currently, 50 participants are enrolled in the program, which covers industrial maintenance technology, electrical technology, mechanical engineering technology, and welding technology. Successful graduates receive a CVQ Level 1, 2, or 3 certificate.	
	THE UNEMPLOYMENT RELIEF PROGRAMME This programme provides temporary relief to families in employment distress by providing short-term employment relief while developing, maintaining and improving their communities' physical and social infrastructure.	Communities	For the period October 2023 to July 2024: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 19,788 persons benefited from this programme (6,760 males and 13,028 females). 	Employment Opportunities
MINISTRY OF WORKS AND TRANSPORT	ELDERLY AND DIFFERENTLY ABLED MOBILE (ELDAMO) SERVICE The objective of this service is the provision of an efficient public transportation service to facilitate the needs of persons with more specific transportation requirements. This transportation service caters for the elderly and persons with disabilities.	Elderly and differently abled	For the period October 2023 to June 2024: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 32 persons benefited from this service (19 males and 13 females). 	Public transportation service for the elderly and differently abled

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This chapter outlines social sector initiatives planned for implementation by Government Ministries and the social service Divisions of the Tobago House of Assembly for fiscal 2025. The strategic plans and performance frameworks of the various social sector Ministries and agencies continue to be aligned to the themes and goals of the National Development Framework (Vision 2030) and are monitored and evaluated to measure progress, towards the achievement of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). **Table VII** below provides a comparison of Budgeted Allocations for Social Infrastructure & Programming –for fiscal years 2024 and 2025.

Table VII: Comparison of Budgeted Allocations for Social Infrastructure & Programming – 2024 -2025

Sector Component	Estimates of Expenditure 2024	Estimates of Expenditure 2025
Social Infrastructure	2,512,208,000	2,150,083,000
• Development Programme	1,378,798,000	1,085,452,000
• Infrastructure Development Fund	1,133,410,000	1,064,631,000
Social Programming	9,827,318,419	9,572,133,300
TOTAL ALLOCATION	12,339,526,419	11,722,216,300

Source: Ministry of Finance

The following sections outline major initiatives to be implemented in fiscal 2025 by the core and ancillary social sector Ministries:

1. Education;
2. Health;
3. Housing and Urban Development;
4. Labour;
5. Office of the Prime Minister- Gender and Child Affairs;
6. Social Development and Family Services;
7. Sport and Community Development;
8. Youth Development and National Service.
9. Public Utilities;
10. Rural Development and Local Government;
11. National Security;
12. Tobago House of Assembly

3.1 MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

The Ministry of Education (MOE) will continue implementation of the Education Policy 2023-2027, which serves as the strategic roadmap for the education sector of Trinidad and Tobago. This Policy reflects not only the national development agenda, but also the commitment to regional and international prerogatives in the achievement of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The MOE will continue to develop programmes and projects for the advancement of the local education system. In fiscal 2025, the Ministry will continue to pursue its mandate of providing a quality education system that is modern, inclusive, accessible, and relevant. Accordingly, some of the following key initiatives will be pursued:

i. **National Numeracy Plan 2020-2025**

The National Numeracy Plan (2020-2025) targets improvement in students' numeracy levels at both primary and secondary schools. The Plan is designed to address the issue of low performance in Mathematics but more significantly, to create a numerate citizenry through student development of critical numeracy skills. The Plan hinges upon the School-Based Management model to develop autonomy among school administrators in numeracy leadership and planning.

Heading into **fiscal year 2024/2025**, the MOE will continue to monitor and support targeted primary and secondary schools (inclusive of schools of focus and interest). Furthermore, Mathematics and Numeracy work plans for 2024/2025 will be implemented and professional learning communities (online and face-to-face) will be established. The MoE will also engage stakeholders in numeracy development and monitor and support the implementation of the Numeracy Online Solutions, the CAF/MOE eBook project and the Numeracy Coaching Programme.

Training will be conducted for teachers of Standards 3, 4, 5 and Form 1 in the use of the UTT Remedial Training materials as well as teachers of selected levels in instructional and remedial strategies. Finally, the National Numeracy Plan (2020-2025) will be reviewed and evaluated and preparation for the National Numeracy Plan 2026-2030 will commence.

ii. **Admission of Migrant Children**

The Ministry of Education approved the admission of migrant children for the academic year commencing September 2024 in compliance with the Immigration (Amendment) (No.2) Regulations 2024. Guidelines for the admission of migrant children of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela into schools in Trinidad and Tobago were developed in collaboration with the Ministry of National Security (MNS) and shall apply to Venezuelan nationals under the age of eighteen (18), whose parents/legal guardians registered under the MNS in 2019 and continue to register yearly under the Migrant Registration Framework (MRF).

During the **July – September 2024** period, the Ministry of Education collaborated with the Ministry of National Security for verification of documentation to facilitate the placement of students. Students will be integrated in fiscal 2025.

Migrant students will have access to the regular support systems available in schools, such as National School Dietary Services Ltd (NSDSL) as required.

iii. **Technical Vocational Education and Training / Technology Education Revitalisation Programme at Secondary Schools (TVET/TE Revitalisation Programme at secondary schools)**

This Programme which stems directly from the national initiative on Technical Vocational Education and Training (TVET) Revitalisation, is a comprehensive programme involving needs assessment, creation of additional teaching posts, teacher training and upskilling, and curricula reform. It focuses primarily on the key challenges affecting TVET and Technology Education (TE) implementation in secondary schools intending to promote TVET as a premiere career choice for all learners thereby enabling the Ministry to achieve its goal of contributing towards sustainable development. The Key Areas of focus include Reengineering TVET Education, TVET Teacher Recruitment, Teacher Professional Development, Certification and Upgrade, Marketing and Rebranding of TVET, and Strengthening TVET offerings including the establishment of Specialist TVET Schools.

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In the **fiscal year 2024/2025**, for the key area 'Reengineering TVET Education', the Technical Needs Assessment projects will be implemented. Under the area 'Teacher Professional Development, Certification, and Upgrade', Phase 1 of the Professional Development for TVET/Technology Education Teachers will be implemented. Additionally, in the key area regarding 'Marketing and Rebranding of TVET', the Ministry will market the TVET Pathways in selected careers to students, parents, and teachers. Finally, for the key area 'Strengthening TVET offerings: Teaching and Learning Resource Development', Phase I Demonstration/Interactive Videos for TVET/TE Syllabus and Curriculum areas will be developed, and Phase 1 plans for Curriculum Reform and Development of Technology Education and STEM education primary schools will be implemented.

Box 5: Policy and Research Initiatives of the Ministry of Education for Fiscal 2025

Policy:

National Qualification Framework-TT Policy Handbook - will address the challenges in the education and training sector due to the misalignment between the programmes offered by institutions and providers and ensure a world-recognised standard for all levels of education qualifications in Trinidad and Tobago. Completion and launch.

Research:

National Employability Study – This project was undertaken in two (2) phases as follows: Phase 1: Research and development of an Occupational Outlook Handbook 2024 was completed and awaiting publishing. Phase 2 which entails Research and development of a Future Jobs Report 2024 – 2029 will be undertaken in Fiscal 2025.

3.2. MINISTRY OF HEALTH

As the Ministry responsible for the provision and delivery of quality healthcare to citizens of Trinidad and Tobago, the Ministry of Health continues to play a key role in the campaign to prevent the spread of disease in the country. Under the Government's Recovery Plan 2021-2025, overall improvement in the health sector will be pursued by diversification through medical tourism; digitization using telemedicine, health information systems and patient portals; and initiatives for the prevention of Non-Communicable and Communicable Diseases. The Ministry continues to address the presence of COVID-19 and the rise of the dengue virus through active public education on preventative measures.

Additionally, the Ministry continued its regular healthcare services and will focus on the following in fiscal 2025 in keeping with its strategic priorities.

- **Treatment of Adult Cardiac**
There has been a noted increase in persons requiring cardiac interventions, which is concurrent with the continuous rise in NCDs. To address this increase the Ministry funds the provision of urgent cardiac services for nationals at private institutions. These life-saving interventions for persons with heart disease will improve the quality of life and life-span of these patients. The projected number of patients for FY 2025 is 1,177.
- **Renal Dialysis**
The MOH funds the provision of life-saving interventions to nationals with kidney-failure requiring dialysis treatment at private institutions. The projected number of patients for FY 2025 is 1,095.
- **Health Information System for the Arima and Point Fortin Hospitals:**
To allow for a more holistic approach and deeper end-to-end service delivery in keeping with the Government's digitalization strategy, the Ministry of Health, in collaboration with the Ministry of Digital Transformation, commenced the development and implementation of the

Health Information System (HIS) solution for two (2) hospitals, namely, the Arima Hospital and the Point Fortin Hospital in the first instance. Digitisation of the health sector will allow for:

- hospitals to serve as virtual network providers, connecting all levels of the health ecosystem,
- allow the healthcare system to be agile, especially in health emergencies, disasters and outbreaks,
- assists in access to medical records by providing patient information at any hospital attended via ONE patient ONE Record.

Implementation will continue in fiscal 2025.

- **Refurbishment, Equipping and Institutional Strengthening of the Insect Vector Control Division**

The prevention of cross-border transmission of vectors and vector-borne diseases and the eradication of vectors to reduce the burden of disease in the population is a growing concern. In fiscal 2025, the IVCD will focus on strengthening the field and laboratory operations capability to protect the nation's health from vector-borne diseases including the dengue virus.

Box 6: Policy and Research Initiatives of the Ministry of Health for Fiscal 2025

Policy:

- i. The Health Digitalization Policy (80% completed);**
- ii. The updated National Blood Transfusion Services Policy (80% completed);**
- iii. The National Policy for the Prevention, Management & Control of NCDs (75% completed)**



3.3. MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

The Ministry of Housing and Urban Development (MHUD) is charged with the provision of adequate housing to the population and the development of urban environments. The Ministry's mandate is aligned with the National Development Strategy of Trinidad and Tobago 2016-2030 (Vision 2030), the Ministry focuses on "Putting People First: Nurturing our Greatest Asset," striving to provide citizens with access to adequate and affordable housing (Goal 3). It also embraces the United Nations Development Programme Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 11—"Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient, and sustainable"—integrating urban development, housing, and human development to foster sustainable cities. This entails ensuring safe and affordable housing, upgrading slum settlements, creating green public spaces, and enhancing urban planning and management. The MHUD ensures that housing and urban development policies not only address immediate needs but also promote long-term sustainability and resilience.

The Ministry will pursue the following Projects in fiscal 2025:

i. Housing Development Corporation:

• Social Housing/Rental Sites:

Social Housing/Rental Sites are sites earmarked by the Housing Development Corporation (HDC) for the allocation to low-income earners. These locations will offer rental housing to families and people in the Affordable/Low Income Housing Band of (TT\$ 250K - TT\$ 749 K). For fiscal 2025, four (4) sites have been identified with a potential yield of 120 units in Plaisance Road, Port of Spain, Almond Court, Morvant and Ocean View Apartments.

ii. Home Improvement Grant:

The MHUD will disseminate home improvement grants to equip households with the ability to carry out basic structural repairs, that would modestly enhance their living conditions and, by extension, lead to their improved social condition. Employment is generated in the local construction sector for Small Contractors, Builders and Tradesmen within communities. It is proposed that approximately 1,200 grants will be distributed to successful applicants.

iii. Land Settlement Agency (LSA):

- **Regularisation of Squatter Communities:** Tenure Regularisation is the provision of security of tenure to persons identified in Section 3 of the State Land (Regularisation of Tenure) Act. This is a three-step process commencing with the Certificate of Comfort (COC). For the FY 2025, the LSA is anticipating to process approximately 500 COC applications.
- **Housing and Village Improvement Programme: Regularisation and Regeneration of Communities - Greater Port of Spain Region:**

This Programme focuses on the neglected squatter communities in the city of Port of Spain and the highly urbanised areas surrounding the main capital of Trinidad. The scope is intended to support the regularisation of squatters and tenants on State Lands, provide relief by the development of much-needed infrastructure and provide access to potable water, sewage disposal, electricity and upgraded toilet facilities as well as micro-enterprise and community development to address employment, education, crime, low self-esteem, and other deep-seated social issues.

In fiscal 2025, the LSA has identified sites and proposes to commence development works in the following communities: Carenage, Belmont, Maracas Bay, Grand Fond Road, Maracas Village and Diego Martin.

iv. East Port of Spain Development Company Limited (EPOS):

The East Port of Spain Development Company Limited (EPOS) acknowledges that community development requires both adequate physical infrastructure and social development. The Company was developed to improve the economic, social, and physical environment within the Port of Spain area and seeks to empower individuals and families with the skills they need to bring about progressive change to the communities of East Port of Spain. In fiscal 2025, EPOS will continue its scope of development programmes which include the following:

- **Community Enhancement and Emergency Relief Projects:** The Company will continue to implement several small projects to provide emergency response and relief to residents in the event of unanticipated natural hazard events and other disasters that may arise, build resilience, and create sustainability. These projects are aligned with SDG 6, which seeks to “ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all.” Specifically, SDG 6.2 seeks to ensure access to adequate and equitable sanitation and hygiene for all and end open defecation, paying special attention to the needs of women and girls. This can be achieved through the ongoing Latrine Eradication. It is anticipated that Phase 14 of the programme will be launched in FY 2025.

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3.4. MINISTRY OF LABOUR

The Ministry of Labour (MOL) continues to hold a strategic position for creating growth, promoting diversity and restoring confidence through its critical work in fulfilling Government's labour and employment commitments to maintain industrial peace, facilitate decent work and promote equal opportunities for all. To facilitate the execution of the Ministry's mandate, it operates under the Government's Roadmap for Trinidad and Tobago: Transforming to a New Economy and New Society (R2R) Reports and its Community Recovery Report. Additionally, the work of the MOL is shaped by the international labour commitments that Trinidad and Tobago is required to uphold as a consequence of its membership in the International Labour Organization (ILO), the Organization of American States (OAS), the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) and other international and regional organizations.

During fiscal 2025, the Ministry of Labour will pursue the following:

i. Hosting of an Inaugural Trinidad and Tobago Labour Conference:

The MOL proposes to initiate a signature Trinidad and Tobago Labour Conference to be held bi-annually commencing in April 2025. The discussions will mostly be centered on emerging issues in employment trends, especially labour market trends post-COVID-19. The proposed theme of the first Conference is, "Making Social Dialogue Work – Building a Resilient, Inclusive and Innovative Workforce". The MOL is dedicated to improving collaboration with all its stakeholders and the presentation of perspectives on topics related to the theme of the Conference will allow for a new approach to sharing experiences, and best practices and possibly derive solutions to changes/challenges in the labour market. Drawing on the expertise of academia, employers and workers representatives, and international representatives, it is the intention that this Conference will be constantly expanded and updated to report on ongoing and future research/initiatives.

ii. Development of a Modernised Labour Market Information System:

This system is to be developed to determine employers' unfulfilled demand for labour; to estimate a range of other indicators closely related to the Job Vacancy Rate and to contribute towards the development of the Labour Market Information System and by extension the National Statistical System. In fiscal 2025, the MOL proposes to undertake Job Vacancy Surveys within the Public Sector, focusing on the following:

- Protective Services;
- Municipal Corporations; and
- Regional Health Authorities.

It is envisaged that the job vacancy survey exercise can become a recurrent activity, to be conducted by the Labour Market Information Unit of the Ministry quarterly, for both the private and public sectors.

iii. Determination and Impact of the Minimum Wage Level on the Economy:

This project aims to establish a system to review, determine, and monitor the minimum wage in Trinidad and Tobago. The project is expected to yield both direct and indirect economic and social benefits to a range of stakeholders. Firstly, Government will benefit from the availability of information and a mechanism that will facilitate a more scientific determination of the minimum wage level as well as provide information on potential impacts on the labour market and the economy. A more effective determination of the minimum wage will benefit workers, especially those belonging to the category of minimum wage earners, and their families. A consultant was engaged in September 2024 and the study will be undertaken over nine (9) months, continuing into fiscal 2025.

iv. Implementation of a Computerized Management Information System (MIS) for the OSH Agency:

The focus of this project is to implement a Management Information System with a central repository that can easily be accessed via web technologies for storing or retrieving data and information based on authentication and authorization.

Box 7: Policy and Research Initiatives of the Ministry of Labour for Fiscal 2025**Research:****Implementation of the National Workplace Policy on Sexual Harassment**

The Ministry proposes to implement Phase II of the National Workplace Policy on Sexual Harassment (NWPSH) which will involve the undertaking of a national survey and study on sexual harassment within the public and private sectors of the economy. It will seek to establish a baseline and raise awareness of its prevalence across workplaces within the country.

Stakeholder Analysis: Stakeholder readiness for the impact of a Just Transition on the labour market of Trinidad and Tobago

The purpose of this study is to gauge the level of preparedness by stakeholders for a Just Transition. The study will be a series of papers focusing on three (3) key stakeholders in the Energy and Engineering Services Sector. These include: Employers; Workers; and Job seekers (students and schools). The primary objective of the study is to assess stakeholders' understanding of a Just Transition and determine the perception of potential consequences of the Transition on employers, workers and institutions.

Policy:

National Employee Wellness Policy for Trinidad and Tobago - The National Employee Wellness Policy for Trinidad and Tobago will seek to address the issue of having healthy employees at the workplace. The priority of the Policy is the promotion of a healthy to ensure productivity workforce.

National Policy for the Prevention and Elimination of Child Labour**Box 8: Legislative Agenda of the Ministry of Labour for Fiscal 2025****Review of the following pieces of legislation:**

- Industrial Relations Act (Amendment) Bill, 2019;
- Employment Standards Bill;
- Retrenchment and Severance Benefits Act (Amendment) Bill, 2019;
- Legislation to Govern HIV and AIDS in the Workplace;
- Truck Act; and
- Trade Disputes and Protection of Property Act.

Bills in the developmental stage:

- Sexual Harassment Bill
- HIV and AIDS in the Workplace

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3.5. OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER

In fiscal 2025, the following initiatives will be undertaken by the Office of the Prime Minister (OPM) through the Gender and Child Affairs Divisions, and the National AIDS Coordinating Committee.

i. Child Affairs Division:

• Strategic Positive Behaviour Approach for Adolescent Girls:

- Aimed at reducing school violence among at-risk adolescent girls, this initiative will offer interventions in the areas of personal development such as healthy relationships, conflict resolution, and gender norms. Targeting 200 students across five (5) schools, the project will be implemented from September to December 2024.

• Establishment of St Mary's Children's Village:

- This pilot project aims to provide a new model of care for wards of the State, transitioning them into adulthood and adding value to the wider community. In collaboration with the St Mary's Children's Home, the project will run from September 2024 to September 2027.

• Establishment of a Hostel for Boys:

- This initiative will provide temporary accommodation and training for boys over sixteen who lack alternative lodging. The project will ensure educational and employment opportunities for these boys.

ii. Implementation of Priority Projects under the oversight of the Standing Committee on Child Protection:

The Standing Committee on Child Protection, appointed to monitor, coordinate, oversee, direct and supervise the local child protection system, has identified the following priority activities for fiscal implementation in fiscal 2024/2025:

• Rehabilitation Services for Children in State Care

The importance of providing comprehensive rehabilitation services for children struggling with substance abuse as a medium for temporary relief from underlying traumas, developing healthy coping mechanisms and breaking the cycle of addiction, has been recognised over the years. This can lead to a brighter future with improved physical and mental health, allowing them to reintegrate into society and build a healthier more fulfilling future.

• Creation of a Directory of Children's Services

A Directory of Children Services will provide a comprehensive, accessible resource for children, parents, guardians and professionals, helping them to quickly identify and connect with essential services such as healthcare, education, counseling and legal assistance. The centralised repository will ensure that individuals seeking support for children can find relevant and reliable information promptly, thereby reducing delays in accessing crucial services.

iii. Children's Authority of Trinidad and Tobago (CATT):

- **Network Infrastructure Upgrade:** Aiming to enhance the ICT capabilities of the CATT to improve service delivery and security, this project focuses on strengthening network security, improving performance, enabling scalability, streamlining operations, and supporting emerging technologies.

iv. Gender Affairs Division:

• Development of a National Framework to Respond to Perpetrators of Domestic Violence

– In Fiscal 2025 the Gender Affairs Division, to systematically address domestic violence, will establish a cohesive national framework. The initiative will allow various stakeholders to collaboratively identify and address gaps in the current response mechanisms. The development framework will focus on integrating best practices, training professionals, and creating a unified approach to handling domestic violence cases. This initiative represents a crucial step in shifting the focus towards not only supporting victims but also addressing and mitigating the behaviour of perpetrators.

- **Renovation of Two Government Buildings in South Trinidad for use as Shelters:**

This project aims to address the current shortage of accommodation options for persons fleeing domestic violence and ensure there are safe and supportive spaces. Recognizing the critical need for safe havens for domestic violence survivors, two buildings in South Trinidad. The shelters will provide essential services such as emergency housing, counseling, legal aid, and support programmes aimed at empowering survivors to rebuild their lives.

v. **National AIDS Coordinating Committee Secretariat:**

- **Sustainability Planning and Implementation of Plan:**

This project aims to develop a sustainability roadmap for the National HIV response in Trinidad and Tobago. The initiative involves technical assistance and a comprehensive needs assessment to ensure the long-term viability of HIV response programs.

- **Adolescent Treatment Guidelines:** This project will establish guidelines for adolescents living with HIV and ensure a smooth transition to adult care. Funded by UNAIDS for programme support and guideline development, it will reduce the loss of follow-up between pediatric and adult care services.

- **NACC Communication Awareness Campaign:** To improve the national response through effective communication, this initiative includes developing content for the NACC website, and hosting television, radio, print, and social media campaigns. The campaign will address issues such as HIV testing, stigma reduction, and risk awareness.

- **HIV and Ageing:** Recognising the challenges faced by the aging HIV-positive population, this project will develop and distribute informational material to support their medication adherence and transition.

- **Food Sustainability:** To address food insecurity among persons living with HIV who fall outside existing programs, this project will develop a sustainable intervention to ensure food security and client empowerment.

- **Capacity Building for Persons Living with HIV:** This project will retrain individuals displaced by COVID-19, engaging transitioning and past residents supported by UWI, NEDCO, MIC, and YTEPP.

Box 8: Research Initiatives of the Office of the Prime Minister for fiscal 2025

Research:

- **Assessment of the Children’s Authority of Trinidad and Tobago (CATT) and the Child Protection Model**
- **Review of the Youth Preventative Programmes**
- **Tracer Study to Assess the Level of Care to Past Wards of the State**
- **Baseline assessment for Sustainable Development Goals related to Persons Living with HIV**



3.6. MINISTRY OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND FAMILY SERVICES

The Ministry of Social Development and Family Services (MSDFS) is the core social sector Ministry responsible for coordinating the implementation of the Government's initiatives for achieving social and human development objectives. Consequently, the MSDFS has embraced the strategic direction outlined in the two (2) Roadmap to Recovery Reports and will continue in the new fiscal to align its activities to the attainment of the Vision 2030 objectives and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) until a new strategic plan for the Ministry is developed. The Ministry continues to play an essential role in mitigating the negative socio-economic impacts on the poor and vulnerable, which were exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Moreover, the Ministry has a key role to play in the Government's plan to return Trinidad and Tobago to a position of social and economic viability. To ensure that no one is left behind, the Ministry has shifted its focus towards empowering the vulnerable to take charge of their own lives by promoting independent living and resilience. As a consequence, in fiscal 2025 the following measures will be executed to bolster the social protection framework and improve service delivery to clients:

i. **Facilitating Innovative Measures through ICT Solutions:**

As the Ministry seeks to expand its technology platform and ecosystem for improved service delivery, current ICT initiatives will continue in fiscal 2025. These initiatives are congruent with the Government's digital strategy and the Ministry's ongoing collaboration with the Ministry of Digital Transformation (MDT) and international bodies.

- **Development of a Social Benefits Wallet**

One key collaboration that will continue into fiscal 2025 is the ongoing digitization exercise between the MSDFS, MDT, and UNDP-SIGOB. It is anticipated that the Ministry will complete the development of a Social Benefits Wallet (SBW), which is envisioned to facilitate direct transactions between clients and vendors, empowering beneficiaries with the freedom to choose vendors while streamlining the payment process through digital means. Other activities for fiscal 2025 include the completion of a Digitization Policy through collaboration with UNDP and MDT and the scanning and digitization of Clients records

- **Upgrade of Ministry's Production Environment**

The implementation of a new hyper-converged infrastructure system for the Ministry of Social Development & Family Services (MSDFS) in a production environment represents a substantial advancement in the optimization of the IT infrastructure that underpins crucial social services. This sophisticated infrastructure solution consolidates computing, storage, and networking elements into a cohesive platform, strategically crafted to improve the efficiency, security, and scalability of the Ministry's operational framework.

- **Upgrade of ICT End User Equipment**

The upgrade of ICT (Information and Communication Technology) End User Equipment, encompassing desktop computers and tablets, denotes a comprehensive enhancement of digital tools and devices within an organizational framework. This initiative involves the replacement or improvement of existing desktop systems and tablets to integrate cutting-edge technology, fostering increased efficiency, performance, and user experience. The upgraded ICT End User Equipment aims to align with contemporary technological standards.

ii. **Caring for the Socially Displaced, Persons with Disabilities, and other Vulnerable Individuals and Groups:**

In fiscal 2025, the MSDFS will continue its commitment to the provision of shelters for socially displaced citizens. In fiscal 2025, MSDFS intends to continue work for the operationalization of transitional facilities in Port of Spain, Pointe-e-Pierre, Couva, and Penal. Additionally, construction of the 5-storey building for use as an Assessment and Socially Displaced Centre, is expected to continue in the upcoming fiscal.

iii. **Establishment of the National, Migrants and Refugee Minimum Expenditure Baskets (MEBs)**

The MSDFS, in collaboration with the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), is presently engaged in establishing National and Migrants Minimum Expenditure Baskets (MEBs) as part of both organisations' efforts to strengthen the social protection system in Trinidad and Tobago. The established MEBs aim to support recommendations for new, evidence-informed average cash transfer values that can be used for the new food support programmes, and other interventions within the national social protection, and parallel support systems. In addition, the MEBs will contribute to vulnerability analysis and the establishment of a common multi-sectoral reference for monitoring impacts.

iv. **National Poverty Reduction Strategy (NPRS)**

The MSDFS continues its work towards the development of the National Poverty Reduction Strategy (NPRS) since it has strategic implications for policy and programme development within the Ministry and across the social sector. In Fiscal 2025, the MSDFS will complete the procurement process for the selection of a Consultant to complete the work required for developing the NPRS, which includes planning and hosting multi-level national public consultations along with the development of a Monitoring and Evaluation Plan and Implementation Strategy.

v. **Launch of National Register of Vulnerable Persons (NRVP)/ Integrated Social Indicator Registry of Trinidad and Tobago (ISIRTT)**

In fiscal 2025, the MSDFS will officially launch the National Register of Vulnerable Persons (NRVP). The NRVP, which was a specific deliverable conceptualised in the Roadmap to Recovery (2020) report under the remit of the MSDFS, is a computerised database that will be used to collect, store, and process vital information on vulnerable persons on a single platform. The NRVP will ensure:

- that the Government can easily identify citizens in need,
- the programmes and services available, the types and levels of interventions required,
- the eligibility criteria and
- to track clients' progress out of vulnerability.

The Ministry will also seek approval to establish an Division within the MSDFS, which would be responsible for overseeing the operations, maintenance, and management of the Register. The primary function of the Division will be to identify and register individuals and households that are considered vulnerable, using the established business rules that govern the NRVP. The Division would also ensure the capture of pertinent data on registrants' trends, including those related to subscription levels, graduation rates, and demands for particular services.

Box-9: Legislative Agenda Initiatives of the Ministry of Social Development and Family Services for Fiscal 2025

Legislative Agenda:

The Ministry in fiscal 2025 will continue its holistic review of the following main pieces of legislation, most of which govern the work of the Ministry:

- **Senior Citizens' Pension Act, Chap. 32:02**
- **Public Assistance Act, Chap. 32:03**
- **Socially Displaced Persons Act; Act No. 59 of 2000**
- **Homes for Older Persons Act, No. 20 of 2007**
- **Draft Persons with Disabilities Bill**



Box 10: Policy and Research Initiatives of the Ministry of Social Development and Family Services for Fiscal 2025

Policy:

- Policy and legislative frameworks to support the operationalisation of the National Register of Vulnerable Persons (NRVP) for Trinidad and Tobago
- Grant Administration / Operational Policy for the Provision of Disaster Relief
- Grant Administration / Operational Policy for the National Social Development Programme
- Grant Administration / Operational Policy for the Sowing Empowerment through Entrepreneurial Development Programme
- Roll out of the National Parenting policy (White Paper)
- Commence public consultations for the National Family Policy

Research:

- Stakeholders' Statistical Digest – Key data highlights for social sector decision-making and policy development;
- Finalise Position paper: Transitioning to multidimensional poverty and vulnerability assessments for enhanced social safety net initiative targeting: a case for the Integrated Social Indicator Registry of Trinidad and Tobago (ISIRTT);
- Desk research on poverty and vulnerability assessment to enhance the eligibility criteria for social safety net programmes/services;
- Comparative analysis of social registries across several core thematic areas;
- An assessment of the key social sector Ministries/Agencies COVID-19 Relief Measures in Trinidad and Tobago: Insights and Learnings
- Statistical and narrative reporting of poverty and vulnerability trends
- Quantitative and qualitative research on elderly abuse
- HIV/AIDS “Play it Safe” Campaign Rapid Assessment

3.7. MINISTRY OF SPORT AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

The Ministry of Sport and Community Development seeks to build our nation's human capital through the development of athletic talent and community life in Trinidad and Tobago. This Ministry represents an ever-important intersectionality of community life and physical activity. The vision for this ministry is to maximize the interconnection of the three divisions - Physical Education and Sport, Community Development, and Mediation, to reap the fullest benefit for all citizens. The Ministry's Programmes are aligned with the National Development Strategy (NDS), as well as the National Policy on Sport, the National Policy on Sustainable Community Development (NPSCD), and the Community Recovery Report.

Accordingly, the Ministry will undertake the following major initiatives in fiscal 2025:

i. Community Development:

- Advancing Implementation of the Fiscal 2025 NPSCD:
 - Hosting of workshops with the committees for sustainable community development (CSCDs) for their complete understanding and ownership of the community-based assessments (CBAs), and preparation for their involvement in formulating a Community Sustainability Framework
 - Development and execution of an incentive programme for volunteers involved in the CSCD
 - Conduct capacity building and strengthening activities for stakeholders and staff on Sustainable Community Development
 - Host economic development fairs in pilot communities
 - Establish the Economic Development Support Initiative – a grant mechanism for CSCD activities in the absence or failure of corporate support
 - Support to the commencement of Community Sustainability Frameworks (CSF) in the five pilot areas
 - Ensure additional staff and CSCD members benefit from the Professional Certificate on Sustainable Community Development
 - Conduct an external evaluation of the NPSCD pilot phase 1
 - Implement public relations activities in support of the NPSCD
 - Support to NPSCD activities in Tobago through meetings and site visits
 - Conduct an Economic Impact Assessment of the NPSCD

ii. National Community Empowerment Programme: The MSCD will continue to administer the programme using a hybrid approach of virtual and face-to-face.

- Face to Face: Target rural communities for face-to-face training each quarter of the year.
- Train employees in large groups at their workplaces and schools.
- Virtual: Roll out the annual programme virtually. Give key stakeholder the option of virtual or face-to-face to cater to their needs and resources.
- Increase branding and awareness of the programme through traditional and social media platforms.

iii. Peer Mediation Programme: Creation of two (2) modules for implementation of the Peer Mediation programme comprising a beginner stage and an advanced stage. The target for this fiscal year is the conduct of training with twelve (12) schools, with six (6) schools participating at the beginner stage and advanced stage respectively.



iv. The Co-Parenting Programme

- Train and certify at least 120 to 150 participants and educate more persons about the benefits of healthy co-parenting.

i. Sport Programmes

Upgrading of Swimming Pools

For fiscal 2025 the upgrade of the community swimming pools in the following areas will be undertaken:

- Siparia ,Sangre Grande, Diego Martin, Laventille, Morvant, Maloney, Cocoyea ,La Horquetta, Couva, D'Abadie / Malabar

Box 11: Policy and Research Initiatives of the Ministry of Sport and Community Development for Fiscal 2025

Policy:

- **National Policy for the Handicraft Sector of Trinidad and Tobago - This policy will outline strategies and necessary tools required to improve the varied issues affecting the sector and explore alternatives for revenue expansion. During fiscal 2024, a consultant will undertake a comprehensive survey of the sector.**
- **The Policy Guidelines for the Administration of Sport Grants - The revised Sport Grants Policy will provide a comprehensive approach to providing financial assistance to appropriate entities and individuals in support of sport development and sport for development. In this regard, the grants will be accessible by elite athletes and other individuals and supported by National Government Bodies and Sport Serving Bodies.**

3.8. MINISTRY OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT AND NATIONAL SERVICE

The Ministry of Youth Development and National Service (MYDNS) has the mandate to ensure that the youth of Trinidad and Tobago achieve their full potential and become productive members of society. Guided by the National Youth Policy 2020-2025, the MYDNS will continue to provide opportunities through the delivery of youth skills development programmes and training at facilities throughout Trinidad and Tobago. Initiatives which will be pursued by the Ministry for fiscal 2025 include:

Transition Homes:

The MYDNS recognises the lack of state transitional facilities for Female Children in Need of Supervision (CHINS). As such, the Ministry proposes to upgrade, refurbish, and outfit a building to house and rehabilitate females as part of a Restorative Programme and Facility for Female Children in Need of Supervision (CHINS).

Youth Development Centres (YDCs):

In fiscal 2025, the MYDNS will continue with the initiative of upgrading and refurbishing the Youth Development Centres in Malick, Point Fortin, Palo Seco, and Babilon Street. In addition, the MYDNS proposes to construct new YDCs throughout Trinidad in the vicinities of La Horquetta, Enterprise, Malabar, Belmont, Sangre Grande and Morvant. The MYDNS will continue the construction of the Chaguaramas YDAC and will begin the construction of the new YDAC in Wallerfield.

The Ministry will complete the refurbishment of the Chatham YDAC in fiscal 2025 and commence the operationalisation of the Persto Praesto and El Dorado YDACs.

National Youth Council Headquarters:

To advance the youth Agenda through the promotion of work of youth-serving organisations and youth councils, the Ministry has sought funds for the upgrade, refurbishment and outfitting of a Headquarters for the Council.

Youth Health, and Career Education Caravan:

The MYDNS proposes to implement new youth development projects such as the Youth Health, and Career Education Caravan. This project is formulated to highlight the different resources available within Ministries, State Agencies, and the Private Sector that provide the youth population with opportunities for their personal and professional development.

Skills for Work Programme:

To promote and foster employability through technical/vocational training as a means of filling the employment gap, the MYDNS intends to implement the Skills for Work Programme in fiscal 2025. The MYDNS will continue to implement skills development programmes such as Drill Rig Operations (DROP), Tower Crane Operations (HOIST), Plumbing, Wastewater Management, Industrial Mechanical Apprenticeship/Machine Shop (IMAP), Linesman/Line Clearer (FUSE), etc.

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i. National Service:

The MYDNS has established the National Service Centres (NSCs) to foster civic-minded, self-reliant graduates, who are fully productive members of society ready to make meaningful contributions to national development. Subsequently, for fiscal 2025, the Ministry intends to complete the construction of the Mausica NSC and begin Phase 1 for the Beach Camp, Palo Seco.

In 2025, The MYDNS will continue to engage youth in civics, personal development and various technical skills. The ministry will execute national service projects in communities across the country such as the National Service Ambassadors Project and the National Service Environmental Sustainability Project. The MYDNS will continue to implement National Service Programmes as follows:

- CCC proposes to recruit 1100 trainees
- MILAT proposes to intake 200 trainees; and
- MyPART intends to induct 50 trainees

Giving Assistance Partnership Programme (GAPP)

In fiscal 2025, the Geriatric Adolescent Partnership Programme (GAPP) will be rebranded and expanded to the Giving Assistance Partnership Programme. The programme will not only focus on youth assisting the elderly but also young persons who currently live with disabilities. An initial cohort of 100 participants will be trained.

Retiree Adolescent Partnership Programme (RAPP)

In fiscal 2025, the MYDNS will continue the RAPP by utilizing the skills and expertise of four hundred and fifty (450) retired persons in addition to other suitable members of the community, to provide support, mentorship and supervision for youth.

ii. Entrepreneurship

- **NEDCO Business Accelerator Programme:** The Ministry is seeking funding for Eight Million Dollars for the continuation of Cohorts 2 and 3 and NEDCO is proposing to launch Cohort 4 of the BAP during fiscal 2025.
- **Youth Entrepreneurship Hub:** The MYDNS intends to establish a Youth Entrepreneurship Hub for the nation's youth to engage in entrepreneurial retail activities in fiscal 2025. Funding was requested to customize and equip two (2) facilities.
- **Youth Business Incubator Programme:** The MYDNS will develop the Youth Business Incubator programme which will provide a physical space for youth entrepreneurs with intellectual property guidance, product development planning, marketing, and legal services.
- **Youth Business Parks:** The Ministry in fiscal 2025 proposes to establish Youth Business Parks where the nation's youth can conduct light manufacturing and other trade-related activities. In light of this, it is expected that for fiscal 2025 two (2) customized YBP facilities will be completed.

3.9. MINISTRY OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

The Ministry of Public Utilities (MPU) is charged with the responsibility for ensuring the delivery of quality electricity, water, wastewater, waste management, telecommunications, meteorological, and postal services in an efficient, affordable, and reliable manner to the citizens of Trinidad and Tobago. The services offered by the various agencies under the MPU's remit directly affect the quality of life enjoyed by the citizens of Trinidad and Tobago and provide a foundation for the development of the country's industrial, commercial, and residential landscape.

For fiscal 2025 the MPU will pursue the following:

- i. **Utilities Assistance Programme (UAP):** This Programme will facilitate the provision of utilities assistance to approximately 13,018 customer households.
- ii. **Residential Electrification Assistance Programme (REAP):** The Programme will facilitate the provision of house wiring services to approximately One Hundred and fifty (150) households.
- iii. **Electrification Programme (EP):** the Ministry of Public Utilities intends to provide electrical infrastructure to Fifty (45) Households.
- iv. **Community Water Improvement Plan (CWIP):** The Ministry will complete 20 jobs commenced in fiscal 2024.
- v. **Implementation of an Electronic Complaints Management System-** One of the ministry's main priorities is to improve communication channels with customers in the utility sector by developing a feedback loop that collects customer feedback on complaints and uses this data to drive continuous improvement to inform policy and programme decisions. By establishing a robust feedback loop, the Ministry gains valuable insights into the "customer experience" to make recommendations that enhance service delivery, increase customer satisfaction, and ensure that the utility sector operates efficiently and effectively.

Hosting of the 33rd Caribbean Water and Waste Water Conference and Exhibition

In the fiscal year 2025, the Ministry of Public Utilities (MPU) will host the Caribbean Water and Wastewater Association (CWWA) in Port-of-Spain, Trinidad from October 21-25, 2024. The conference will showcase the latest technology, products, and services for the water and waste sectors, and provide an opportunity for practitioners to share new theories, proven approaches, and advances in water, wastewater, and solid waste operations and management. The main events will include the two High-Level Ministerial Forums convened for Caribbean Ministers with responsibility for Water and Wastewater and Waste Management to facilitate dialogue, networking, financing options, and information exchange to assist in addressing challenges facing sector management in the Caribbean.

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3.10. MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

The Ministry of Rural Development and Local Government functions as the coordinating agency that guides municipal corporations and special purpose enterprises in assisting communities via the pooling of resources in targeted areas such as infrastructure development, disaster management, public health, and sanitation. The Ministry is also responsible for organising, promoting, and implementing rural development policies and strategies and plays a critical role in bringing much-needed goods and services to the citizens of Trinidad and Tobago. In fiscal year 2024/2025, the MRDLG will continue its commitment to Local Government Reform through a multifaceted program, which will encompass six critical components designed to address existing inefficiencies and enhance the capacity, governance, financial management, service delivery, legal framework, ICT infrastructure, and facilities management of Municipal Corporations (MCs).

As a service-oriented Ministry, it continues to ensure that the essential services offered by the Corporations remain operational and efficient.

- i. **Disaster Management:** For the upcoming fiscal period 2024/2025, the DMU proposes the continuation and expansion of existing initiatives, along with new projects aimed at further strengthening disaster management capacity and resilience nationwide. As such, in fiscal 2025, the Ministry proposes the procurement and enhancement of eight (8) rescue boats to facilitate swift evacuation and rescue operations in flooded areas, ensuring the safety of stranded individuals and reducing casualties during emergencies. This would enhance disaster response capabilities, safeguard livelihoods, and protect critical infrastructure in various river basins nationwide. Also, the Ministry plans to purchase a Trailer (lowboy) to facilitate the transportation of heavy equipment and machinery which will enhance rapid response, recovery, and relief efforts during emergencies.

Additionally, the Ministry plans to implement the printing and installation of 140 additional disaster signage boards to enhance public awareness and facilitate safe evacuation during emergencies. This initiative will result in heightened public awareness, reduced panic and ultimately save lives by providing clear guidance during emergencies. Furthermore, the Ministry will continue the printing of disaster preparedness brochures to increase public awareness and promote resilience. The Ministry plans the distribution of an additional five hundred (500) mattresses to provide essential comfort and rest for displaced individuals in emergency shelters. This undertaking will result in the improved well-being of displaced individuals and faster recovery during challenging times.

ii. **Latrine Eradication Programme:**

The National Latrine Eradication Programme is an ambitious yet vital initiative aimed at significantly transforming and improving sanitation infrastructure and public health across the country. It is anticipated that by replacing unsanitary latrines with modern, hygienic facilities, the programme will address a critical health need, reduce the prevalence of waterborne diseases, and enhance the overall quality of life. This programme promises to pave the way for a healthier, more hygienic future for all citizens through meticulous planning, community engagement, and a focus on sustainability. Therefore, the Ministry is committed in Fiscal 2024/2025 to continue the implementation of the National Latrine Eradication Programme with the construction of one hundred (100) toilet facilities for households that have existing pit latrines. The National Latrine Eradication Programme will yield substantial socio-economic benefits and significantly impact rural communities and underserved urban areas.

iii. **Empowering Communities through Public Engagement and Service Delivery for Local Transformation:**

For the fiscal period 2024/2025, Local TT plans to expand its deployment across all 14 corporations. This will involve a comprehensive Business Process Reengineering (BPR) effort to optimize workflows and ensure seamless integration with existing systems.

Socio-Economic Benefits and Impacts:

- **Expanded Reach:** Extending the platform to all corporations will ensure that a larger segment of the population benefits from improved issue reporting and resolution.
- **Operational Efficiency:** BPR will streamline processes, reducing redundancies and enhancing overall operational efficiency.
- **Enhanced Collaboration:** The project will facilitate greater collaboration between government agencies and community stakeholders, leading to more coordinated and effective responses to public issues.



3.11. MINISTRY OF NATIONAL SECURITY

The Ministry of National Security (MNS) has the mandate for ensuring public safety and security through the maintenance of law and order and the commitment of all available resources to the protection of life and property and defence against aggression. Additionally, the Ministry oversees the coordination of disaster preparedness and emergency relief and monitors the flow of persons into and out of the country. In its ongoing commitment to treat both traditional and emergent national security issues and challenges, the MNS continues to work with Government, civil society, and international partners to develop focused and innovative solutions.

The MNS remains committed to ensuring that its Divisions are equipped with the required resources to execute the Ministry's mandate effectively. In fiscal 2025, works will continue on security initiatives, including the following:

Establishment of an Offender Management Programme:

This programme will be used to manage the inmate population and generate, maintain and share information with other agencies. It will facilitate the effective collation of data for management decision-making purposes, resulting in improvements in the accountability of the Trinidad and Tobago Prison Service and its ability to efficiently and effectively conduct its normal operations. To achieve these objectives the TTPrS will purchase an inmate management system, servers to install the system, implement backup and restore strategies, purchase auxiliary hardware, and install network cabling. It is envisaged that this will create greater efficiency in treating offenders.

3.12 TOBAGO HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

The fiscal 2025 Budget Statement of the Tobago House of Assembly themed “Unlocking Tobago's Development Potential” identifies key programmes and policy initiatives that steer Tobago forward to become “the greatest little island on the planet”. Set against the backdrop of geo-political issues, public safety and security, climate change, and an economy that is yet to recover from post-COVID-19, addressing crime and human capital development take precedence. The following areas related to the social sector were among those included in the THA's 2025 Budget presentation.

- i. **Education and Human Capital Development:** In fiscal 2025, the Division of Education, Research and Technology will pursue the following:
 - Establishment of a **Tobago Technical Vocational Education and Training (TVET) Academy**. The Academy will provide for CVQ and TTNVQ certification at all levels.
 - Launch the Teacher **Leaders, Accountable Principals, and Effective Schools Programme**. This programme is intended to hold principals and teachers directly accountable for the student's learning outcomes in their schools. A foundational activity of this programme will be a comprehensive analysis of student performance over the last decade and the systems used in schools to account for student performance.
 - Design and implementation of school-specific safety plans to address indiscipline and the incidence of school violence. This will be done in collaboration with the Division of Community Development, Youth Development and Sport under the Tobago Community Safety Programme.
 - Commence construction of an **Education Campus for Special Needs Children** at Signal Hill.

ii. **Health and the Social Protection Programme:** In fiscal 2025, the Division of Health, Wellness and Social Protection will seek the:

- Acquisition of new equipment for medical imaging for the laboratory, the operating theatre, and urology for both the Scarborough General and Roxborough Hospitals. The equipment includes a sixty-four (64) slice CT scanner, a laparoscopic tower (to allow for laparoscopic surgeries at the Roxborough Health Facility), portable x-ray machines, a colonoscope, an endoscope, and cystoscopy set (to allow for the diagnosis and management of gastrointestinal diseases), and tabletop and horizontal sterilizers.
- Recruitment of specialists to work on both a full-time and part-time basis to reduce waiting times for diagnostic services and reports on all medical imaging and pathology services. The project is designed to address a backlog of approximately 1,500 samples and images.
- Full operationalisation of the Roxborough Hospital will give effect to the following services:

Opening of in-patient services and 24/7 Accident and Emergency (A&E) operations from November 1st, 2024.

- A colon cancer screening programme using Faecal Occult Blood Testing (FOBT). This programme will be used for early detection of colon cancer. Due to the high cost of a colonoscopy, the FOBT screening program, which is a recognised tool for population screening for colon cancer, will be introduced.
- Vascular Access Surgery. This is necessary for patients who need dialysis treatment and, therefore, a part-time vascular access surgeon will be engaged.
- The “Meds to Bed Program”. This programme will seek to educate patients on their medications by allowing the pharmacist to play an active role in patient education.

In Fiscal 2025, social protection will be improved by:

- Making the grant application process less tedious to enable faster dissemination of grants to successful applicants.
- Assessing the feasibility of increasing the thresholds of the REACH grant by 100 percent – from \$7,500.00 to \$15,000.00. The Programme also includes the Home Modification Initiative to assist persons with disabilities to improve mobility and accessibility to and within their homes.
- Creating new social assistance grant offerings, such as the Kinship Support Programme, which will provide financial support to relatives taking care of children in instances where their parents are either unable to or are absent.
- Establishment of a Diversity and Inclusion Unit (DIU) within the Department of Social Protection. The core mandate of the DIU is to develop practical solutions to reduce the inequities faced by historically marginalised segments of the population, such as the elderly and persons with disabilities. This priority is aimed at improving the socio-economic well-being of this segment of the population.

iii. **Housing:** The Division of Settlements, Public Utilities and Rural Development will continue to advance work on the following projects to provide opportunities and financial support for Tobagonians to enhance the condition of their homes. In this regard. In Fiscal 2025, there will be the streamlining of the application process to access home improvement grants and subsidies and the Division will aim to process 90 percent of the applications received under the Home Improvement Programme (HIP) within twenty-one (21) days.

iv. **Community Development and Empowerment:** In its efforts to mobilise, organise and empower communities to participate actively in the socioeconomic transformation and governance processes of Tobago, the Division of Community Development, Youth Development and Sport (DCDYD&S) will pursue the following, inter alia, in fiscal 2025:

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Implement **Spark, Step-up, Take Charge, Innovate, Restore – Monitor and Evaluate (SSTIR-ME) Operational Plan** of the Division. The SSTIR-ME is designed to create safer communities and environments for persons residing in Tobago to live, play, work and grow in and will be rolled out in thirty-seven (37) communities across the island on a phased basis:

- Conduct **Parenting and Family Management Training** with expanded support services in communities. A targeted 20 percent of families across the island stand to benefit in Phase 1 of the programme.
 - Expand the **Community-Based Vocational Skill Training Programme** as an institutional strategy for developing the handicraft industry to satisfy local market demand and boost exports.
 - Launch the **Youth Agriculture Training Programme and Tobago Youth Shade House Project** to introduce and up-skill young people in modern agriculture practices to boost food production, processing, and export, and engender sustainable development practices.
 - Implement the **Active Involved Citizen Programme** to provide ongoing programs and support services at all community, youth, and sporting facilities to actively engage residents and cater to their personal growth and development.
- v. **Development of Young People:** Over fiscal 2025, the THA's mission is to co-create opportunities and an enabling youth-friendly environment for the youth on the island. It is anticipated that these will contribute towards the youth's self-actualisation and the Administration's vision of making Tobago, "the greatest little island on the planet." The following activities will be undertaken during the fiscal, inter alia:
- Implement the **Promoting Real Opportunities for Youth (PRO YOUTH) Programme** – an extensive Tobago Youth Internship and Apprenticeship Programme designed to centralise the management of all internships currently being executed across the Divisions, towards ensuring the exposure of our youth to local, national, regional and international opportunities for real industry exposure, experience, and employment. In Fiscal 2025, an estimated two hundred and seventy (270) young persons will benefit directly from this programme.
 - Execute an extensive **Capacity Building Programme** to assist community, youth, and sporting organisations to take charge of their organisations and communities in a managed and coordinated response to crime and violence, and to promote the sustainable development of our people.
 - Introduce a **Community-Based Management System** that will be resourced through collaboration with civil society organisations, the private sector, and the THA.
 - Implement the **Electoral District Development Fund** to activate the THA's commitment to inclusive and participatory governance and ensure that community-based development initiatives are funded. This programme will deliver community-based solutions to some deep-seated community challenges.
 - Enact the **Tobago Youth Empowerment Strategy** aimed at mainstreaming youth development priorities and co-creating sustainable futures for our youth.
- vi. **Sport** – In Fiscal 2025 the THA will undertake the following activities in the area of sport:
- **Establishment of a Plymouth Pump Track** as a means for professional sports development in the area of cycling and related sports
 - **Establishment of the Tobago Sports Company** – the THA will initiate plans to set up the Tobago Sports Company by the end of Fiscal 2025. The company will be charged with the mandate to professionalize sports to allow for realized economic benefits on investments.

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METHODOLOGY FOR COMPARING NATIONAL EXPENDITURE TO SDG GOALS

To effectively compare national expenditure to SDG goals, a structured approach was considered. This method involves several steps to ensure that the analysis is comprehensive and aligned with the specific targets of each SDG. The methodology is detailed hereunder:

1. Mapping National Budget to SDG Targets:

- Categorize Budget Items: Break down the national budget into detailed categories and sub-categories, matching them to relevant SDG targets. For example, education expenditures would align with SDG 4 (Quality Education), while health expenditures align with SDG 3 (Good Health and Well-being).
- Cross-Referencing: Use SDG indicators and targets to cross-reference each budget category. This ensures that all expenditures are correctly attributed to the appropriate SDG.

2. Data Collection and Analysis:

- Gather Budget Data: Collect detailed budget data from national and sub-national sources. Ensure the data covers the necessary fiscal years for a meaningful analysis.
- Identify SDG-Related Programs: Identify specific programs and projects within the budget that directly contribute to achieving SDG targets. This involved a detailed examination of programme objectives, outcomes, and beneficiaries.

3. Quantitative & Qualitative Analysis:

- Allocate Expenditure: Assign each identified expenditure to its corresponding SDG and target. This may require allocating portions of expenditures that contribute to multiple SDGs.
- Calculate Proportions: Calculate the proportion of the total budget dedicated to each SDG. This helps in understanding the financial commitment of the government towards each goal.
- Assess Alignment: Evaluate the alignment of budget allocations with national SDG priorities and strategies. Consider whether the expenditures are sufficient to achieve the targets set out in the national SDG action plan.
- Identify Gaps and Overlaps: Identify any gaps where SDG targets are underfunded and any overlaps where multiple programs are addressing the same target, potentially leading to inefficiencies.

4. Reporting and Visualization:

- Create Visualizations: Use charts, graphs, and tables to visually represent the allocation of national expenditure across SDGs. Visual tools help in communicating findings effectively to stakeholders.
- Prepare Reports: Compile the analysis into comprehensive reports that include both quantitative and qualitative findings. Provide recommendations for improving alignment and addressing funding gaps.

By following this structured approach, a robust system was developed whereby national expenditure was compared to SDG goals.

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SOCIAL SECTOR INVESTMENT PROGRAMME EXPENDITURE FOR FISCAL 2024 MAPPED AGAINST THE UNITED NATIONS SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS 2030

GOALS	SDG #	TARGETS	INDICATORS	ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR FISCAL 2023	REMARKS	
End poverty in all its forms everywhere	1	1.1	By 2030, eradicate extreme poverty for all people everywhere, currently measured as people living on less than \$1.25 a day	1.1.1 Proportion of the population living below the international poverty line by sex, age, employment status and geographic location (urban/rural)	\$ -	Given the cross-cutting nature of the target the nil figure indicates that there was no direct spending on this area of the SDGs
		1.2	By 2030, reduce at least by half the proportion of men, women and children of all ages living in poverty in all its dimensions according to national definitions	1.2.1 Proportion of population living below the national poverty line, by sex and age	\$ 329,000,000.00	
		1.3	Implement nationally appropriate social protection systems and measures for all, including floors, and by 2030 achieve substantial coverage of the poor and the vulnerable	1.3.1 Proportion of population covered by social protection floors/ systems, by sex, distinguishing children, unemployed persons, older persons, persons with disabilities, pregnant women, new-borns, work-injury victims and the poor and the vulnerable	\$ 5,159,582,000.00	

GOALS	SDG #	TARGETS	INDICATORS	ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR FISCAL 2023	REMARKS
	1.4	By 2030 ensure that all men and women, in particular the poor and the vulnerable, have equal rights to economic resources, as well as access to basic services, ownership and control over land and other forms of property, inheritance, natural resources, appropriate new technology and financial services, including microfinance	1.4.1 Proportion of population living in households with access to basic services	\$ 865,604,000.00	
	1.5	By 2030, build the resilience of the poor and those in vulnerable situations and reduce their exposure and vulnerability to climate-related extreme events and other economic, social and environmental shocks and disasters	1.5.1 Number of deaths, missing persons and directly affected persons attributed to disasters per 100,000 population	\$ -	"
	1.a	Ensure significant mobilization of resources from a variety of sources, including through enhanced development cooperation, in order to provide adequate and predictable means for developing countries, in particular least developed countries, to implement programmes and policies to end poverty in all its dimensions	1.a.1 Total official development assistance grants from all donors that focus on poverty reduction as a share of the recipient country's gross national income	\$ -	"
	1.b	Create sound policy frameworks at the national, regional and international levels, based on pro-poor and gender-sensitive development strategies, to support accelerated investment in poverty eradication actions	1.b.1 Pro-poor public social spending	\$ -	"
TOTAL				\$ 6,354,186,000.00	

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GOALS	SDG #	TARGETS	INDICATORS	ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR FISCAL 2023	REMARKS	
End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture	2	2.1	2.1 By 2030, end hunger and ensure access by all people, in particular the poor and people in vulnerable situations, including infants, to safe, nutritious and sufficient food all year round	2.1.2 Prevalence of moderate or severe food insecurity in the population, based on the Food Insecurity Experience Scale (FIES)	\$ 457,746,800.00	
		2.2	By 2030, end all forms of malnutrition, including achieving, by 2025, the internationally agreed targets on stunting and wasting in children under 5 years of age, and address the nutritional needs of adolescent girls, pregnant and lactating women and older persons	2.1.1 Prevalence of undernourishment	\$ -	"
		2.3	2.3 By 2030, double the agricultural productivity and incomes of small-scale food producers, in particular women, indigenous peoples, family farmers, pastoralists and fishers, including through secure and equal access to land, other productive resources and inputs, knowledge, financial services, markets and opportunities for value addition and non-farm employment	2.3.1 Volume of production per labour unit by classes of farming/pastoral/forestry enterprise size	\$ 1,150,000.00	"

GOALS	SDG #	TARGETS	INDICATORS	ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR FISCAL 2023	REMARKS
	2.4	By 2030, ensure sustainable food production systems and implement resilient agricultural practices that increase productivity and production, that help maintain ecosystems, that strengthen capacity for adaptation to climate change, extreme weather, drought, flooding and other disasters and that progressively improve land and soil quality	2.4.1 Proportion of agricultural area under productive and sustainable agriculture	\$ 14,000,000.00	
	2.5	By 2020, maintain the genetic diversity of seeds, cultivated plants and farmed and domesticated animals and their related wild species, including through soundly managed and diversified seed and plant banks at the national, regional and international levels, and promote access to and fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising from the utilization of genetic resources and associated traditional knowledge, as internationally agreed	2.5.1 Number of plant and animal genetic resources for food and agriculture secured in either medium- or long-term conservation facilities	\$ -	
	2.a	2.a Increase investment, including through enhanced international cooperation, in rural infrastructure, agricultural research and extension services, technology development and plant and livestock gene banks in order to enhance agricultural productive capacity in developing countries, in particular least developed countries.	2.a.2 Total official flows (official development assistance plus other official flows) to the agriculture sector	\$ 20,000.00	"

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GOALS	SDG #	TARGETS	INDICATORS	ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR FISCAL 2023	REMARKS
		2.b Correct and prevent trade restrictions and distortions in world agricultural markets, including through the parallel elimination of all forms of agricultural export subsidies and all export measures with equivalent effect, in accordance with the mandate of the Doha Development Round	2.b.1 Agricultural export subsidies	\$ -	
		2.c Adopt measures to ensure the proper functioning of food commodity markets and their derivatives and facilitate timely access to market information, including on food reserves, in order to help limit extreme food price volatility	2.c.1 Indicator of food price anomalies	\$ -	"
TOTAL				\$ 472,916,800.00	
Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all ages	3	3.1 By 2030, reduce the global maternal mortality ratio to less than 70 per 100,000 live births	3.1.1 Maternal mortality ratio	\$ -	Given the cross-cutting nature of the target the nil figure indicates that there was no direct spending on this area of the SDGs
		3.2 By 2030, end preventable deaths of new-borns and children under 5 years of age, with all countries aiming to reduce neonatal mortality to at least as low as 12 per 1,000 live births and under-5 mortality to at least as low as 25 per 1,000 live births	3.2.1 Under-5 mortality rate 3.2.2 Neonatal mortality rate	\$ 3,955,000.00	

GOALS	SDG #	TARGETS	INDICATORS	ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR FISCAL 2023	REMARKS
		3.3 By 2030, end the epidemics of AIDS, tuberculosis, malaria and neglected tropical diseases and combat hepatitis, water-borne diseases and other communicable diseases	3.3.5 Number of people requiring interventions against neglected tropical diseases	\$ -	
		3.4 By 2030, reduce by one third premature mortality from non-communicable diseases through prevention and treatment and promote mental health and well-being	3.4.1 Mortality rate attributed to cardiovascular disease, cancer, diabetes or chronic respiratory disease	\$ -	"
		3.5 Strengthen the prevention and treatment of substance abuse, including narcotic drug abuse and harmful use of alcohol	3.5.1 Coverage of treatment interventions (pharmacological, psychosocial and rehabilitation and aftercare services) for substance use disorders	\$ 18,800,000.00	
		3.6 By 2020, halve the number of global deaths and injuries from road traffic accidents	3.6.1 Death rate due to road traffic injuries	\$ -	"
		3.7 By 2030, ensure universal access to sexual and reproductive health-care services, including for family planning, information and education, and the integration of reproductive health into national strategies and programmes	3.7.1 Proportion of women of reproductive age (aged 15–49 years) who have their need for family planning satisfied with modern methods	\$ -	"
		3.8 Achieve universal health coverage, including financial risk protection, access to quality essential health-care services and access to safe, effective, quality and affordable essential medicines and vaccines for all	3.8.1 Coverage of essential health services	\$ 67,401,100.00	

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	3.9	By 2030, substantially reduce the number of deaths and illnesses from hazardous chemicals and air, water and soil pollution and contamination	3.9.2 Mortality rate attributed to unsafe water, unsafe sanitation and lack of hygiene (exposure to unsafe Water, Sanitation and Hygiene for All (WASH) services)	\$ 574,006,100.00	
	3.a	Strengthen the implementation of the World Health Organization Framework Convention on Tobacco Control in all countries, as appropriate	3.a.1 Age-standardized prevalence of current tobacco use among persons aged 15 years and older	\$ -	"
	3.b	Support the research and development of vaccines and medicines for the communicable and non-communicable diseases that primarily affect developing countries, provide access to affordable essential medicines and vaccines, in accordance with the Doha Declaration on the TRIPS Agreement and Public Health, which affirms the right of developing countries to use to the full the provisions in the Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights regarding flexibilities to protect public health, and, in particular, provide access to medicines for all	3.b.3 Proportion of health facilities that have a core set of relevant essential medicines available and affordable on a sustainable basis	\$ -	"
	3.c	Substantially increase health financing and the recruitment, development, training and retention of the health workforce in developing countries, especially in least developed countries and small island developing States	3.c.1 Health worker density and distribution	\$ 2,510,000.00	

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		3.d Strengthen the capacity of all countries, in particular developing countries, for early warning, risk reduction and management of national and global health risks	3.d.1 International Health Regulations (IHR) capacity and health emergency preparedness	\$ -	"
TOTAL				\$ 666,672,200.00	Figure represents the sum invested on some social programmes that were not assigned any targets but which are aligned to Goal 4.
Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all	4	4.1 By 2030 ensure that all girls and boys complete free, equitable and quality primary and secondary education leading to relevant and effective learning outcomes	4.1.1 Proportion of children and young people (a) in grades 2/3; (b) at the end of primary; and (c) at the end of lower secondary achieving at least a minimum proficiency level in (i) reading and (ii) mathematics, by sex	\$ 700,000.00	
		4.2 By 2030, ensure that all girls and boys have access to quality early childhood development, care and pre-primary education so that they are ready for primary education	4.2.1 Proportion of children aged 24-59 months who are developmentally on track in health, learning and psychosocial well-being, by sex.i	\$ 16,500,000.00	
		4.3 By 2030, ensure equal access for all women and men to affordable and quality technical, vocational and tertiary education, including university	4.3.1 Participation rate of youth and adults in formal and non-formal education and training in the previous 12 months, by sex	\$ 458,540,600.00	
		4.4 By 2030 Substantially increase the number of youth and adults who have relevant skills, including technical and vocational skills, for employment, decent jobs and entrepreneurship.	4.4.1 Proportion of youth and adults with information and communications technology (ICT) skills, by type of skill	\$ 133,572,600.00	

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GOALS	SDG #	TARGETS	INDICATORS	ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR FISCAL 2023	REMARKS
	4.5	By 2030, eliminate gender disparities in education and ensure equal access to all levels of education and vocational training for the vulnerable, including persons with disabilities, indigenous peoples and children in vulnerable situations	4.5.1 Parity indices (female/male, rural/urban, bottom/top wealth quintile and others such as disability status, indigenous peoples and conflict-affected, as data become available) for all education indicators on this list that can be disaggregated	\$ 681,300.00	
	4.6	By 2030, ensure that all youth and a substantial proportion of adults, both men and women, achieve literacy and numeracy	4.6.1 Proportion of population in a given age group achieving at least a fixed level of proficiency in functional (a) literacy and (b) numeracy skills, by sex	\$ 250,000.00	
	4.7	4.7 By 2030, ensure that all learners acquire the knowledge and skills needed to promote sustainable development, including, among others, through education for sustainable development and sustainable lifestyles, human rights, gender equality, promotion of a culture of peace and non-violence, global citizenship and appreciation of cultural diversity and of culture's contribution to sustainable development	4.7.1 Extent to which (i) global citizenship education and (ii) education for sustainable development are mainstreamed in (a) national education policies; (b) curricula; (c) teacher education; and (d) student assessment	\$ 179,245,000.00	
	4.a	Build and upgrade education facilities that are child, disability and gender sensitive and provide safe, non-violent, inclusive and effective learning environments for all	4.a.1 Proportion of schools offering basic services, by type of service	\$ 178,313,919.00	

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		4.b	4.b.1 Volume of official development assistance flows for scholarships by sector and type of study	\$ 5,332,800.00	
		4.c	4.c.1 Proportion of teachers with the minimum required qualifications, by education level	\$ -	"
TOTAL				\$ 973,136,219.00	
Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls	5	5.1	5.1.1 Whether or not legal frameworks are in place to promote, enforce and monitor equality and non-discrimination on the basis of sex	\$ -	"
		5.2	5.2.1 Proportion of ever-partnered women and girls aged 15 years and older subjected to physical, sexual or psychological violence by a current or former intimate partner in the previous 12 months, by form of violence and by age	\$ -	"

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GOALS	SDG #	TARGETS	INDICATORS	ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR FISCAL 2023	REMARKS
			5.2 Proportion of women and girls aged 15 years and older subjected to sexual violence by persons other than an intimate partner in the previous 12 months, by age and place of occurrence	\$ -	"
	5.3	Eliminate all harmful practices, such as child, early and forced marriage and female genital mutilation	5.3.1 Proportion of women aged 20–24 years who were married or in a union before age 15 and before age 18		
			5.3.2 Proportion of girls and women aged 15–49 years who have undergone female genital mutilation/cutting, by age	\$ -	"
	5.4	Recognize and value unpaid care and domestic work through the provision of public services, infrastructure and social protection policies and the promotion of shared responsibility within the household and the family as nationally appropriate	5.4.1 Proportion of time spent on unpaid domestic and care work, by sex, age and location	\$ 25,000.00	
	5.5	Ensure women's full and effective participation and equal opportunities for leadership at all levels of decision-making in political, economic and public life	5.5.1 Proportion of seats held by women in (a) national parliaments and (b) local governments	\$ -	"
			5.5.2 Proportion of women in managerial positions	\$ -	"
	5.6	Ensure universal access to sexual and reproductive health and reproductive rights as agreed in accordance with the Programme of Action of the International	5.6.1 Proportion of women aged 15–49 years who make their own informed decisions regarding sexual relations, contraceptive use and reproductive health care	\$ -	"

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		Conference on Population and Development and the Beijing Platform for Action and the outcome documents of their review conferences	5.6.2 Number of laws and regulations that guarantee full and equal access to women and men aged 15 years and older to sexual and reproductive health care, information and education	\$ -	"
		5.a Undertake reforms to give women equal rights to economic resources, as well as access to ownership and control over land and other forms of property, financial services, inheritance and natural resources, in accordance with national laws	5.a.1 (a) Proportion of total agricultural population with ownership or secure rights over agricultural land, by sex; and (b) share of women among owners or rights-bearers of agricultural land, by type of tenure	\$ -	"
		5.b Enhance the use of enabling technology, in particular information and communications technology, to promote the empowerment of women	5.b.1 Proportion of individuals who own a mobile telephone, by sex	\$ -	"
		5.c Adopt and strengthen sound policies and enforceable legislation for the promotion of gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls at all levels	5.c.1 Proportion of country with systems to track and make public allocations for gender equality and women's empowerment	\$ -	"
TOTAL				\$ 25,000.00	
Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all	6	By 2030, achieve universal and equitable access to safe and affordable drinking water for all	6.1.1 Proportion of population using safely managed drinking water services	\$ -	Given the cross-cutting nature of the target the nil figure indicates that there was no direct spending on this area of the SDGs

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GOALS	SDG #	TARGETS	INDICATORS	ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR FISCAL 2023	REMARKS
		6.2 By 2030, achieve access to adequate and equitable sanitation and hygiene for all and end open defecation, paying special attention to those in vulnerable situations	6.2.1 Proportion of population using (a) safely managed sanitation services and (b) a hand-washing facility with soap and water	4,000,000.00	
		6.3 By 2030, improve water quality by reducing pollution, eliminating dumping and minimizing release of hazardous chemicals and materials, halving the proportion of untreated wastewater and substantially increasing recycling and safe reuse globally	6.3.1 Proportion of domestic and industrial wastewater flows safely treated	\$ -	"
		6.b Support and strengthen the participation of local communities in improving water and sanitation management	6.b.1 Proportion of local administrative units with established and operational policies and procedures for participation of local communities in water and sanitation management	\$ -	"
TOTAL				\$ 4,000,000.00	
Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all	7	7.1 By 2030, ensure universal access to affordable, reliable and modern energy services	7.1.1 Proportion of population with access to electricity	\$ -	"
			7.1.2 Proportion of population with primary reliance on clean fuels and technology	\$ -	"

GOALS	SDG #	TARGETS	INDICATORS	ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR FISCAL 2023	REMARKS
TOTAL				\$ -	
Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment	8	8.1	Sustain per capita economic growth in accordance with national circumstances and, in particular, at least 7 per cent gross domestic product growth per annum in the least developed countries	8.1.1 Annual growth rate of real GDP per capita \$ -	"
		8.2	Achieve higher levels of economic productivity through diversification, technological upgrading and innovation, including through a focus on high-value added and labour-intensive sectors	8.2.1 Annual growth rate of real GDP per employed person \$ 2,600,000.00	
		8.3	Promote development-oriented policies that support productive activities, decent job creation, entrepreneurship, creativity and innovation, and encourage the formalization and growth of micro-, small- and medium-sized enterprises, including through access to financial services	8.3.1 Proportion of informal employment in total employment, by sector and sex \$ 754,965,000.00	
		8.4	Improve progressively, through 2030, global resource efficiency in consumption and production and endeavour to decouple economic growth from environmental degradation, in accordance with the 10-Year Framework of Programmes on Sustainable Consumption and Production, with developed countries taking the lead	8.4.1 Material footprint, material footprint per capita, and material footprint per GDP \$ 100,000.00	
		8.5		8.4.2 Domestic material consumption, domestic material consumption per capita, and domestic material consumption per GDP \$ -	

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	8.5	By 2030, achieve full and productive employment and decent work for all women and men, including for young people and persons with disabilities, and equal pay for work of equal value	8.5.1 Average hourly earnings of employees, by sex, age, occupation and persons with disabilities	\$ -	Given the cross-cutting nature of the target the nil figure indicates that there was no direct spending on this area of the SDGs
	8.7		8.5.2 Unemployment rate, by sex, age and persons with disabilities	\$ -	
	8.6	By 2020, substantially reduce the proportion of youth not in employment, education or training	8.6.1 Proportion of youth (aged 15–24 years) not in education, employment or training	\$ -	"
	8.7	Take immediate and effective measures to eradicate forced labour, end modern slavery and human trafficking and secure the prohibition and elimination of the worst forms of child labour, including recruitment and use of child soldiers, and by 2025 end child labour in all its forms	8.7.1 Proportion and number of children aged 5–17 years engaged in child labour, by sex and age	\$ -	"
	8.8	Protect labour rights and promote safe and secure working environments for all workers, including migrant workers, in particular women migrants, and those in precarious employment	8.8.1 Fatal and non-fatal occupational injuries per 100,000 workers, by sex and migrant status 8.8.2 Level of national compliance with labour rights (freedom of association and collective bargaining) based on International Labour Organization (ILO) textual sources and national legislation, by sex and migrant status	\$ -	"
TOTAL				\$ 757,665,000.00	

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Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation	9	9.1	Develop quality, sustainable and resilient infrastructure, including regional and trans-border infrastructure, to support economic development and human well-being, with a focus on affordable and equitable access for all	9.1.1 Proportion of the rural population who live within 2 km of an all-season road	\$ - Given the cross-cutting nature of the target the nil figure indicates that there was no direct spending on this area of the SDGs
		TOTAL			\$ -
Reduced inequality within and among countries	10	10.1	By 2030, progressively achieve and sustain income growth of the bottom 40 per cent of the population at a rate higher than the national average	10.1.1 Growth rates of household expenditure or income per capita among the bottom 40 per cent of the population and the total population	\$ -
		10.2	By 2030, empower and promote the social, economic and political inclusion of all, irrespective of age, sex, disability, race, ethnicity, origin, religion or economic or other status	10.2.1 Proportion of people living below 50 per cent of median income, by sex, age and persons with disabilities	\$ 45,400,000.00
		10.3	Ensure equal opportunity and reduce inequalities of outcome, including by eliminating discriminatory laws, policies and practices and promoting appropriate legislation, policies and action in this regard	10.3.1 Proportion of population reporting having personally felt discriminated against or harassed in the previous 12 months on the basis of a ground of discrimination prohibited under international human rights law	\$ -
		10.4	Adopt policies, especially fiscal, wage and social protection policies, and progressively achieve greater equality	10.4.1 Labour share of GDP	\$ -
				10.4.2 Redistributive impact of fiscal policy ²	\$ -
TOTAL				\$ 45,400,000.00	

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GOALS	SDG #	TARGETS	INDICATORS	ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR FISCAL 2023	REMARKS
Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable	11	11.1	By 2030, ensure access for all to adequate, safe and affordable housing and basic services and upgrade slums	11.1.1 Proportion of urban population living in slums, informal settlements or inadequate housing	-
		11.2	By 2030, provide access to safe, affordable, accessible and sustainable transport systems for all, improving road safety, notably by expanding public transport, with special attention to the needs of those in vulnerable situations, women, children, persons with disabilities and older persons	11.2.1 Proportion of population that has convenient access to public transport, by sex, age and persons with disabilities	15,000,000.00
		11.3	By 2030, enhance inclusive and sustainable urbanization and capacity for participatory, integrated and sustainable human settlement planning and management in all countries	11.3.1 Ratio of land consumption rate to population growth rate 11.3.2 Proportion of cities with a direct participation structure of civil society in urban planning and management that operate regularly and democratically	100,000.00 3,500,000.00
		11.4	Strengthen efforts to protect and safeguard the world's cultural and natural heritage	11.4.1 Total per capita expenditure on the preservation, protection and conservation of all cultural and natural heritage, by source of funding (public, private), type of heritage (cultural, natural) and level of government (national, regional, and local/municipal)	-
		11.5	By 2030, significantly reduce the number of deaths and the number of people affected and substantially decrease the direct economic	11.5.1 Number of deaths, missing persons and directly affected persons attributed to disasters per 100,000 population	-

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		losses relative to global gross domestic product caused by disasters, including water-related disasters, with a focus on protecting the poor and people in vulnerable situations	11.5.2 Direct economic loss attributed to disasters in relation to global gross domestic product (GDP)	-	spending on this area of the SDGs
			11.5.3 (a) Damage to critical infrastructure and (b) number of disruptions to basic services, attributed to disasters	4,400,000.00	"
	11.7	By 2030, provide universal access to safe, inclusive and accessible, green and public spaces, in particular for women and children, older persons and persons with disabilities	11.7.1 Average share of the built-up area of cities that is open space for public use for all, by sex, age and persons with disabilities	-	
	11.a	Support positive economic, social and environmental links between urban, peri-urban and rural areas by strengthening national and regional development planning	11.a.1 National urban policies or regional development plans that (a) respond to population dynamics; (b) ensure balanced territorial development; and (c) increase local fiscal space	-	
	11.b	By 2020, substantially increase the number of cities and human settlements adopting and implementing integrated policies and plans towards inclusion, resource efficiency, mitigation and adaptation to climate change, resilience to disasters, and develop and implement, in line with the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015–2030, holistic	11.b.1 The implementation of a national disaster risk reduction strategies in line with the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015–2030 11.b.2 Proportion of local governments that adopt and implement local disaster risk reduction strategies in line with national disaster risk reduction strategies	\$ -	

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GOALS	SDG #	TARGETS	INDICATORS	ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR FISCAL 2023	REMARKS	
		disaster risk management at all levels				
TOTAL				\$ 23,000,000.00		
Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts	13	13.1	13.1 Strengthen resilience and adaptive capacity to climate-related hazards and natural disasters in all countries	13.1.1 Number of deaths, missing persons and directly affected persons attributed to disasters per 100,000 population 13.1.2 Number of countries that adopt and implement national disaster risk reduction strategies in line with the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015–2030	\$ 17,000,000.00 \$ -	Given the cross-cutting nature of the target the nil figure indicates that there was no direct spending on this area of the SDGs
				13.1.3 Proportion of local governments that adopt and implement local disaster risk reduction strategies in line with national disaster risk reduction strategies	\$ 1,790,000.00	"
		13.3	13.3 Improve education, awareness-raising and human and institutional capacity on climate change mitigation, adaptation, impact reduction and early warning	13.3.1 Extent to which (i) global citizenship education and (ii) education for sustainable development are mainstreamed in (a) national education policies; (b) curricula; (c) teacher education; and (d) student assessment		"

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		13.a	Implement the commitment undertaken by developed-country parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change to a goal of mobilizing jointly \$100 billion annually by 2020 from all sources to address the needs of developing countries in the context of meaningful mitigation actions and transparency on implementation and fully operationalize the Green Climate Fund through its capitalization as soon as possible	\$ 266,479,400.00	
		13.b	Promote mechanisms for raising capacity for effective climate change-related planning and management in least developed countries and small island developing States, including focusing on women, youth and local and marginalized communities	\$ 100,000.00	
TOTAL				\$ 285,369,400.00	
Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable	16	16.1	Significantly reduce all forms of violence and related death rates everywhere	\$ -	"
			16.1.1 Number of victims of intentional homicide per 100,000 population, by sex and age 16.1.2 Conflict-related deaths per 100,000 population, by sex, age and cause	\$ -	Given the cross-cutting nature of the target the nil figure indicates that there was no direct spending on this area of the SDGs

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GOALS	SDG #	TARGETS	INDICATORS	ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR FISCAL 2023	REMARKS
			16.1.3 Proportion of population subjected to (a) physical violence, (b) psychological violence and (c) sexual violence in the previous 12 months	\$ -	"
			16.1.4 Proportion of population that feel safe walking alone around the area they live after dark	\$ -	"
	16.2	End abuse, exploitation, trafficking and all forms of violence against and torture of children	16.2.1 Proportion of children aged 1–17 years who experienced any physical punishment and/or psychological aggression by caregivers in the past month 16.2.2 Number of victims of human trafficking per 100,000 population, by sex, age and form of exploitation 16.2.3 Proportion of young women and men aged 18–29 years who experienced sexual violence by age 18	\$ -	"
	16.3	Promote the rule of law at the national and international levels and ensure equal access to justice for all	16.3.1 Proportion of victims of violence in the previous 12 months who reported their victimization to competent authorities or other officially recognized conflict resolution mechanisms 16.3.2 Un-sentenced detainees as a proportion of overall prison population 16.3.3 Proportion of the population who have experienced a dispute in the past two years and who accessed a formal or informal	\$ -	"

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			dispute resolution mechanism, by type of mechanism		
	16.4	By 2030, significantly reduce illicit financial and arms flows, strengthen the recovery and return of stolen assets and combat all forms of organized crime	16.4.1 Total value of inward and outward illicit financial flows (in current United States dollars)	\$ -	"
			16.4.2 Proportion of seized, found or surrendered arms whose illicit origin or context has been traced or established by a competent authority in line with international instruments	\$ -	"
	16.5	Substantially reduce corruption and bribery in all their forms	16.5.1 Proportion of persons who had at least one contact with a public official and who paid a bribe to a public official, or were asked for a bribe by those public officials, during the previous 12 months	\$ -	"
			16.5.2 Proportion of businesses that had at least one contact with a public official and that paid a bribe to a public official, or were asked for a bribe by those public officials during the previous 12 months	\$ -	"
	16.6	Develop effective, accountable and transparent institutions at all levels	16.6.1 Primary government expenditures as a proportion of original approved budget, by sector (or by budget codes or similar)	\$ -	"
			16.6.2 Proportion of population satisfied with their last experience of public services	\$ -	"

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	16.7	Ensure responsive, inclusive, participatory and representative decision-making at all levels	16.7.1 Proportions of positions in national and local institutions, including (a) the legislatures; (b) the public service; and (c) the judiciary, compared to national distributions, by sex, age, persons with disabilities and population groups 16.7.2 Proportion of population who believe decision-making is inclusive and responsive, by sex, age, disability and population group	\$ - \$ -	Given the cross-cutting nature of the target the nil figure indicates that there was no direct spending on this area of the SDGs "
	16.9	By 2030, provide legal identity for all, including birth registration	16.9.1 Proportion of children under 5 years of age whose births have been registered with a civil authority, by age	\$ -	"
	16.10	Ensure public access to information and protect fundamental freedoms, in accordance with national legislation and international agreements	16.10.1 Number of verified cases of killing, kidnapping, enforced disappearance, arbitrary detention and torture of journalists, associated media personnel, trade unionists and human rights advocates in the previous 12 months 16.10.2 Number of countries that adopt and implement constitutional, statutory and/or policy guarantees for public access to information	\$ - \$ -	" "

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	16.a	Strengthen relevant national institutions, including through international cooperation, for building capacity at all levels, in particular in developing countries, to prevent violence and combat terrorism and crime	16.a.1 Existence of independent national human rights institutions in compliance with the Paris Principles	\$ -	"
	16.b	Promote and enforce non-discriminatory laws and policies for sustainable development	16.b.1 Proportion of population reporting having personally felt discriminated against or harassed in the previous 12 months on the basis of a ground of discrimination prohibited under international human rights law	\$ -	"
TOTAL				\$ -	
GRAND TOTAL				\$ 9,582,370,619.00	

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KEY SOCIAL PROGRAMMES AND STRUCTURAL/INSTITUTIONAL INITIATIVES FUNDED BY THE PUBLIC SECTOR INVESTMENT PROGRAMME (PSIP) 2024-2025

PROGRAMMES & INITIATIVES	ACTUAL EXPENDITURE	ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR	REVISED ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR	DRAFT ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR
	2023 (TTD)	2024 (TTD)	2024 (TTD)	2025 (TTD)
MINISTRY OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND FAMILY SERVICES				
Development Centre for Persons with Challenges	157,966	5,500,000	2,000,000	7,000,000
Establishment of an Integrated Social Enterprise Management System	1,237,277	3,500,000	3,500,000	3,000,000
Establishment of Social Displacement Centres	1,426,317	8,000,000	5,000,000	5,000,000
Implementation of a Social Mitigation Plan	482,034	500,000	628,622	500,000
Total	3,303,594	17,500,000	11,128,622	15,500,000
MINISTRY OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT AND NATIONAL SERVICE				
Implementation of the National Youth Policy	3,969,013	5,000,000	800,000	3,000,000
Youth Employment Policy	0	1,000,000	0	500,000
Total	3,969,013	6,000,000	800,000	3,500,000
MINISTRY OF SPORT AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT				
Refurbishment of the Community Education, Training, Information and Resource Centre	0	1,000,000	500,000	4,000,000
Support to Mediation Services	0	1,000,000	500,000	300,000
Sport Social Programmes	2,926,344	0	0	0
*Construction of Community Centres	55,999,817	60,000,000	85,000,000	55,000,000
*Refurbishment of Community Centres	357,903	10,000,000	5,000,000	6,000,000
*Implementation of Self-Help	9,956,985	30,000,000	24,000,000	15,000,000

PROGRAMMES & INITIATIVES	ACTUAL EXPENDITURE	ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR	REVISED ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR	DRAFT ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR
Programme (NCSHL)				
*Development and Upgrading of Recreational Grounds, Parks and Spaces	543,849	10,000,000	167,000	8,000,000
*Upgrading of Corporation Grounds	4,678,554	10,000,000	2,000,000	5,000,000
Total	74,463,452	122,000,000	117,167,000	93,300,000
MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT				
*Development of Rural Communities	10,797,955	40,000,000	12,000,000	31,500,000
Total	10,797,955	40,000,000	12,000,000	31,500,000
MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT				
Conduct of the 2019 Multiple Indicator Cluster Survey (MICS)	1,427,929	0	0	0
Conduct of the 2018 - 2019 Household Budgetary Survey / Survey of Living Conditions	4,330,094	4,338,000	3,521,000	629,000
Total	5,758,023	4,338,000	3,521,000	629,000
OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER				
Refurbishment of two (2) Safe Houses	30,937	2,157,000	0	1,900,000
Establishment of a National Children's Registry	91,891	0	200,000	0
Finalization, Launch and Dissemination of the National HIV and AIDS Policy	26,920	100,000	200,000	300,000
*Refurbishment of St. Dominic's Home for Children- Old Bethlehem	626,282	900,000	272,300	0
Total	776,030	3,157,000	672,300	2,200,000
MINISTRY OF HEALTH				
Princess Elizabeth Home for Handicapped	999,814	1,000,000	1,000,000	800,000

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PROGRAMMES & INITIATIVES	ACTUAL EXPENDITURE	ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR	REVISED ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR	DRAFT ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR
Children-Refurbishment Works				
Special Programme - Renal Dialysis	88,401,889	160,382,000	120,000,000	150,000,000
Special Programme - Treatment of Adult Cardiac Disease	18,540,693	20,000,000	15,000,000	20,000,000
Waiting List for Surgery	268,000	7,000,000	6,800,000	6,000,000
President's Emergency Programme for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR)	9,685,994	3,000,000	3,000,000	4,000,000
Totals	117,896,390	191,382,000	145,800,000	180,800,000
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION				
MIC Training Subsidy (Legacy Project)	794,610	2,000,000	2,000,000	1,000,000
National Skills Development Programme	945,202	2,000,000	2,500,000	3,000,000
*Early Childhood Care and Education	459,211	5,000,000	500,000	3,000,000
*Development of a School for Special Education at Point-a-Pierre	1,055,367	1,000,000	212,000	1,000,000
*Repairs and Maintenance for Special Schools	145,878	2,000,000	200,000	1,000,000
Total	3,400,268	12,000,000	5,412,000	9,000,000
TOBAGO HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY				
Community Awareness Programme	500,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	100,000
Construction of School for the Deaf	1,000,000	300,000	300,000	100,000
Construction of a Wellness/Fitness Centre	200,000	300,000	300,000	0
Domestic Violence Project	1,000,000	600,000	600,000	0
Emergency Medical Alert System	100,000	100,000	100,000	0
Enterprise Assistance Grant Programme	5,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000

PROGRAMMES & INITIATIVES	ACTUAL EXPENDITURE	ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR	REVISED ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR	DRAFT ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR
Establishment of Community Unit and Development of Programme for Social Behaviour Change	200,000	100,000	100,000	0
Establishment of Parenting in Student Support services Unit	0	100,000	100,000	0
Establishment of Probation Hostels	1,000,000	500,000	500,000	500,000
Expansion of Mordon House Youth Development Centre	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	300,000
Gender Management System & Gender Mainstreaming Programme	200,000	100,000	100,000	100,000
Golden Apple Adolescents Partnership Programme (GAAPP)	2,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000	1,000,000
Home Completion Programme, Tobago	0	0	120,000	1,000,000
Home Improvement Grant, Tobago	5,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000	1,000,000
Home Improvement Subsidy, Tobago	3,000,000	1,800,000	1,145,000	1,000,000
Implementing Family Remedial Therapy/Thinking	300,000	200,000	200,000	200,000
Life Management and Parenting Education Programme	200,000	200,000	200,000	100,000
Programme for Adolescent Mothers	200,000	200,000	200,000	300,000
Programme for Rural Electrification	1,000,000	500,000	500,000	500,000
Project for the Realisation of Economic Achievement (REACH)	1,500,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	500,000
Roving Care Givers Programme	200,000	200,000	200,000	0
Seamless Education Programme	1,000,000	0	0	0
Social Services and Prison Integrated Network (SPINE)	200,000	200,000	200,000	0

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Tobago Elderly Housing and Rehabilitative Centre	500,000	400,000	400,000	0
Tobago HIV/AIDS Strategic Response	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000
Tobago Rehabilitation Programme	200,000	400,000	400,000	200,000
Upgrade of Happy Haven School	0	200,000	200,000	200,000
Vocation Centre for Persons with Mental Retardation	200,000	200,000	200,000	100,000
Positive Behaviour Modification Student Support Services Unit	0	100,000	100,000	100,000
Total	26,200,000	15,200,000	14,665,000	8,800,000
MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT				
Housing Grants	11,400,000	12,000,000	7,500,000	12,000,000
Surveys of Squatter Sites	1,122,179	3,000,000	200,000	3,000,000
Housing and Village Improvement Programme	30,559,984	100,000,000	34,200,000	50,000,000
Regularisation and Regeneration of Communities- Greater POS Region	1,238,080	2,000,000	0	3,000,000
Regularisation of Squatter Communities	14,475,245	30,000,000	15,000,000	11,000,000
Social and Economic Programme for East Port of Spain	7,318,031	10,000,000	10,000,000	4,000,000
*Accelerated Housing Programme	0	150,000,000	156,500,000	200,000,000
Total	66,113,519	307,000,000	223,400,000	283,000,000
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, LAND AND FISHERIES				
Water Management and Flood Control Programme	449,050	2,500,000	500,000	1,500,000
Total	449,050	2,500,000	500,000	1,500,000
GRAND TOTAL	313,127,294	721,077,000	535,065,922	629,729,000

* Infrastructure Development Fund

APPENDIX IV

ALLOCATIONS AND EXPENDITURE FOR SOCIAL PROGRAMMES AND INITIATIVES FOR FISCAL 2024 AND 2025 AND ACTUAL EXPENDITURE FOR FISCAL 2023 UNDER RECURRENT EXPENDITURE BY MINISTRY

HEAD/SUB ITEMS	ACTUAL EXPENDITURE 2023 (TTD)	ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR 2024 (TTD)	REVISED ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR 2024 (TTD)	DRAFT ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR 2025 (TTD)
MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT				
Community-Based Environment Protection & Enhancement Programme (CEPEP)	476,987,000	430,000,000	505,500,000	466,000,000
Total	476,987,000	430,000,000	505,500,000	466,000,000
MINISTRY OF FINANCE				
Food Price Support Programme	147,045,946	169,000,000	150,000,000	130,000,000
Government's Contribution to the Children's Life Fund	20,000,000	15,000,000	20,000,000	22,000,000
Government Assistance for Tertiary Expenses (GATE)	400,000,000	400,000,000	400,000,000	450,000,000
Unemployment Relief Programme	307,856,514	300,000,000	302,400,000	310,000,000
Total	874,902,460	884,000,000	872,400,000	912,000,000
OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER				
Non-Profit Institutions – Ecclesiastical Bodies	0	100,000	0	50,000
Contribution to Non-Profit Institutions (Children's Homes)	9,749,826	9,550,000	6,800,000	7,000,000
St Mary's Children's Homes	15,200,000	13,500,000	12,300,000	12,000,000
St Dominic's Children Home	15,000,000	14,500,000	13,500,000	13,300,000
Contribution to Non-Profit Institutions (Gender Affairs)	5,462,392	5,000,000	5,000,000	5,000,000
Contribution to Non-Profit Institutions PRP- Child Development	670,506	1,200,000	1,200,000	900,000
Heroes Foundation	420,000	420,000	315,000	320,000
St Michael's School for Boys	2,596,200	3,389,000	2,400,000	2,400,000

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	2023 (TTD)	2024 (TTD)	2024 (TTD)	2025 (TTD)
St Jude's Home for Girls	15,780,882	14,500,000	13,300,000	13,000,000
Foster Care Expenses	3,100,000	3,060,000	3,000,000	3,000,000
Children's Authority	129,500,000	100,000,000	90,000,000	85,000,000
Total	197,479,806	165,219,000	147,815,000	141,970,000
MINISTRY OF WORKS AND TRANSPORT				
Debit Card System for URP Employees	1,949,318	2,000,000	1,450,000	1,600,000
Total	1,949,318	2,000,000	1,450,000	1,600,000
TOBAGO HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY				
Education, Research and Technology:				
Adult Education Extension Services (Adult Classes)	0	100,000	100,000	100,000
Basic Grants	12,927,294	9,500,000	9,500,000	13,000,000
Building Grants to Assisted Schools	0	100,000	100,000	100,000
Contributions to Non-Profit Organizations	84,955	100,000	100,000	100,000
Early Childhood Care	86,232	300,000	300,000	300,000
Grants to Necessitous Students Attending Public Schools	873,879	600,000	600,000	800,000
Grant-Trinidad & Tobago National Council of Parent Teacher Association Inc	0	50,000	50,000	50,000
Grants for Students attending conferences, seminars and competitions	230,488	60,000	60,000	100,000
School Feeding Programme	34,072,108	20,000,000	20,000,000	26,543,700
Special Education Resources Programme	57,457	100,000	100,000	100,000
Student Support Services Unit	16,887	150,000	150,000	150,000
Happy Haven School-Tobago Council for Handicapped Children	1,073,955	1,809,100	1,759,100	1,684,100

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	2023 (TTD)	2024 (TTD)	2024 (TTD)	2025 (TTD)
Tobago School for the Deaf, Speech and Language	1,575,181	2,577,600	2,477,600	2,547,600
Food Security, Natural Resources, the Environment and Sustainable Development:				
Agricultural Incentive Programme	671,498	700,000	700,000	800,000
Subsidy for Fishermen	0	450,000	450,000	450,000
Contributions to Non-Profit Organizations	83,330	20,000	20,000	100,000
Tourism, Culture, Antiquities and Transportation:				
Assistance to Cultural Groups	275,470	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000
National Days and Festivals	618,810	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000
Community Development, Youth Development and Sport:				
Assistance to Community Organisations	257,140	200,000	200,000	200,000
Community Action for Renewal and Empowerment (CARE)	0	200,000	200,000	200,000
Contributions to Non-Profit Organizations	60,000	100,000	100,000	100,000
Export Centres	1,844,385	2,300,000	2,300,000	2,300,000
National Service	0	100,000	100,000	100,000
Regional Complexes	4,288,783	4,000,000	4,000,000	4,500,000
Small Grants	109,485	100,000	100,000	100,000
Special Community Programme	1,533,750	1,500,000	1,700,000	2,000,000
Assistance to Sporting Organisations	871,752	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000
Youth Development Programme	249,504	250,000	250,000	250,000
Assistance to Youth Organisations	106,645	200,000	200,000	200,000

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HEAD/SUB ITEMS	ACTUAL EXPENDITURE 2023 (TTD)	ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR 2024 (TTD)	REVISED ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR 2024 (TTD)	DRAFT ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR 2025 (TTD)
Health, Wellness and Social Protection:				
Assistance to Home for the Aged	929,586	510,000	510,000	1,000,000
The Children's Authority of Trinidad and Tobago	0	100,000	100,000	100,000
Emergency Cases Fund	1,237,609	1,600,000	1,600,000	1,600,000
Foster Care Services	251,108	600,000	600,000	600,000
Non- Profit Institutions - Special Social Programmes	79,133	2,170,400	1,670,400	1,700,000
Contributions to Non-Profit Organizations	71,459	200,000	200,000	200,000
Grants towards Necessitous Patients	1,645,050	2,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000
Total	66,182,933	55,747,100	55,297,100	67,075,400
MINISTRY OF NATIONAL SECURITY				
Vision on Mission	6,500,000	5,000,000	5,000,000	5,000,000
Criminal Injuries Compensation	2,173,341	2,000,000	1,295,800	2,200,000
Emergency Cases Fund (Probation Services)	0	50,000	0	0
Crime Stoppers Trinidad & Tobago Limited	2,000,000	2,000,000	1,500,000	2,000,000
Office of Disaster Preparedness and Management	15,124,255	17,000,000	12,710,600	13,500,000
National Drug Council	128,876	300,000	224,600	500,000
The Morvant/Laventille Initiative	381,861	600,000	350,000	400,000
National Crime Prevention Programme	207,167	600,000	156,700	300,000
Total	26,515,500	27,550,000	21,237,700	23,900,000
MINISTRY OF LABOUR				
Non Profit Institutions	1,457,986	1,790,000	1,790,000	1,790,000
On the Job Training Programme	261,392,712	266,479,400	322,473,650	287,229,100
HIV/AIDS Advocacy and Sustainability Centre	36,451	100,000	75,000	75,000

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	2023 (TTD)	2024 (TTD)	2024 (TTD)	2025 (TTD)
Total	262,887,149	268,369,400	324,338,650	289,094,100
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, LAND AND FISHERIES				
Agricultural Incentive Programme	19,224,825	14,000,000	12,000,000	12,000,000
Incentive Programme	198,867	300,000	300,000	300,000
Forestry Incentive Programme	96,208	100,000	100,000	100,000
Relief of Flood Damage	8,032,849	4,000,000	1,000,000	4,000,000
4H Young Farmers Club	29,341	50,000	20,000	50,000
Rural Women Producers Network	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
Total	27,607,090	18,475,000	13,445,000	16,475,000
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION				
Early Childhood Care and Education	15,000,000	15,000,000	15,000,000	15,000,000
National Schools Dietary Services Limited	270,746,800	268,746,800	268,746,800	260,000,000
School Transportation Services	16,847,263	15,000,000	17,000,000	17,000,000
SERVOL Junior Life Centres	10,212,000	10,600,000	3,680,000	3,680,000
Student Support Services Programme	377,510	265,000	0	265,000
Grant – Trinidad & Tobago National Council of Parent/Teachers Associations	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000
Retraining Programme for Displaced Workers	6,956,800	6,956,800	6,956,800	6,956,800
Higher Education Loan Programme	3,091,520	5,332,800	5,332,800	5,332,800
MIC Craft Programmes	7,000,000	7,000,000	9,500,000	8,000,000
Helping Youth Prepare for Employment Programme (HYPE)	13,787,000	13,787,000	15,350,300	15,000,000
Multi-Sector Skill Training Programme (MUST)	12,286,800	12,286,800	16,259,800	16,000,000
SERVOL Hi-Tech & Advanced Skills Training Programme	5,000,000	5,000,000	5,000,000	5,000,000

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	2023 (TTD)	2024 (TTD)	2024 (TTD)	2025 (TTD)
SERVOL's Human Development and Skills Training	14,000,000	14,000,000	14,000,000	14,000,000
Youth Training and Employment Partnership Programme Ltd (YTEPP)	41,410,600	41,410,600	41,410,600	41,410,600
Metal Industries Co Ltd (National Skills Development Programme)	40,820,100	33,923,000	45,923,000	33,923,000
Total	457,786,393	449,558,800	464,410,100	441,818,200
MINISTRY OF HEALTH				
Contribution to Non-Profit Institutions	16,231,420	18,300,000	18,300,000	18,300,000
National Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention	4,511	200,000	150,000	150,000
Medical Treatment of Nationals in Institutions	30,046,610	35,000,000	35,000,000	35,000,000
Children's Life Fund Authority	2,913,000	3,955,000	3,955,000	3,140,000
School Health Programme (Audio test, hearing aid, service and eyeglasses)	0	100,000	0	0
Drugs and Other Related Materials and Supplies	372,158,082	574,006,100	350,000,000	625,000,000
Princess Elizabeth Home for Handicapped Children	12,705,152	13,330,700	13,213,970	13,190,400
Total	434,058,775	644,891,800	420,618,970	694,780,400
MINISTRY OF PUBLIC UTILITIES				
Utilities Assistance Programme	3,807,755	7,929,000	1,400,000	2,000,000
Total	3,807,755	7,929,000	1,400,000	2,000,000
MINISTRY OF TOURISM, CULTURE AND THE ARTS				
Non-Profit Institutions	15,250,945	13,449,600	9,081,700	7,394,000
Hosting of Cultural Camps	100,000	100,000	0	100,000
Music Schools in the Community	0	100,000	50,000	50,000
National Days and Festivals	5,531,912	4,000,000	4,000,000	4,000,000

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	2023 (TTD)	2024 (TTD)	2024 (TTD)	2025 (TTD)
Queens Hall	12,828,950	12,553,000	12,210,600	12,210,600
Naparima Bowl	6,186,598	6,030,800	6,030,800	6,002,700
National Carnival Commission of T & T	146,371,000	140,803,000	146,103,000	140,542,400
Total	186,269,405	177,036,400	177,476,100	170,299,700
MINISTRY OF SPORT AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT				
Contributions to Non-Profit Institutions (Sporting Organisations)	18,548,320	16,000,000	20,000,000	16,000,000
Community Action for Revival and Empowerment (CARE)	3,728,197	2,000,000	2,600,000	5,000,000
Export Centres	12,110,000	9,100,000	11,500,000	9,100,000
National Commission for Self-Help Limited	11,736,529	10,737,000	13,600,000	10,737,000
Indoor Sporting Arenas/ Hockey Facility	1,216,939	1,300,000	1,000,000	1,300,000
The Sport Company of Trinidad & Tobago	140,406,091	177,013,919	170,000,000	170,000,000
Total	187,746,076	216,150,919	218,700,000	212,137,000
MINISTRY OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT AND NATIONAL SERVICE				
Contributions to Non-Profit Institutions (Youth Organisations)	43,371	80,000	150,000	110,000
National Service - Geriatric Adolescent Partnership Programme	22,707,787	22,965,000	21,665,000	22,965,000
Civilian Conservation Corps	41,404,764	39,200,000	38,420,000	39,200,000
Military Led Academic Training (MILAT)	17,613,565	16,900,000	16,300,000	16,900,000
Military-Led Programme of Apprenticeship and Re-orientation (MYPART)	1,095,311	2,000,000	80,000	1,000,000
Retirees Adolescent Partnership Programme	1,491,102	1,600,000	1,450,000	1,450,000
National Entrepreneurship Development Company (NEDCO)	30,155,600	22,100,000	21,102,000	22,100,000
Total	114,511,500	104,845,000	99,167,000	103,725,000
MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT				
Other transfers:				
Trinidad and Tobago Housing Development Corporation	688,838,626	843,878,000	791,589,000	515,437,000

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	2023 (TTD)	2024 (TTD)	2024 (TTD)	2025 (TTD)
Total	688,838,626	843,878,000	791,589,000	515,437,000
CENTRAL ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES TOBAGO				
Non-Profit Institutions				
Contribution to Non-Profit Organizations	30,000	30,000	22,500	25,000
Total	30,000	30,000	22,500	25,000
TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO POLICE SERVICE				
Transfers:				
Non-Profit Institutions-Police Youth Clubs	1,408,469	1,500,000	850,000	1,300,000
Total	1,408,469	1,500,000	850,000	1,300,000
MINISTRY OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND FAMILY SERVICES				
Other Social Programmes	270,591	270,000	200,000	270,000
Senior Citizens' Homes	543,529	1,000,000	500,000	500,000
Senior Citizens' Centres	0	1,300,000	75,000	200,000
Social Programmes (Ageing)	15,600	950,000	60,000	60,000
Contributions to Non-Profit Institutions	4,059,728	4,200,000	4,200,000	4,134,000
President's Award of Trinidad and Tobago	0	60,000	60,000	60,000
Young Women's Christian Association	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000
Young Men's Christian Association	156,000	156,000	156,000	156,000
Scouts Association of Trinidad and Tobago	126,000	126,000	126,000	126,000
Girl Guides Association	84,000	84,000	84,000	84,000
Non-Profit Institutions (Other Social - Parenting)	54,667	800,000	600,000	600,000
Non-Profit Institutions (Other Social - Family)	177,301	500,000	400,000	500,000
Adult Education Programme	0	1,700,000	0	200,000
Senior Citizens' Grant	4,451,489,098	4,463,090,000	4,463,090,000	4,463,090,000
Social Assistance	324,004,806	329,000,000	295,000,000	325,000,000
Urgent Temporary Assistance	30,128,760	30,000,000	15,000,000	25,000,000
Rehabilitative Programme	194,973	2,000,000	1,500,000	1,500,000
Disability Grant	640,529,882	643,972,000	630,000,000	640,000,000
Assistance to National Heroes	1,192,648	1,500,000	1,500,000	1,500,000

HEAD/SUB ITEMS	ACTUAL EXPENDITURE	ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR	REVISED ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR	DRAFT ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR
	2023 (TTD)	2024 (TTD)	2024 (TTD)	2025 (TTD)
National Social Development Programme	1,014,251	4,000,000	4,000,000	4,000,000
Community Care Programme	3,602,181	4,000,000	4,000,000	4,000,000
Adoption Board Expenses	259,862	300,000	300,000	300,000
Lady Hochoy Centres of Trinidad and Tobago	11,568,670	15,200,000	15,200,000	16,363,900
Trinidad and Tobago Association for the Hearing Impaired	10,000,000	12,500,000	12,500,000	12,371,200
Trinidad and Tobago Blind Welfare Association	13,000,000	13,400,000	13,400,000	12,451,400
Total	5,492,502,547	5,530,138,000	5,461,981,000	5,512,496,500
GRAND TOTAL	9,501,470,802	9,827,318,419	9,577,698,120	9,572,133,300

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APPENDIX V LIST OF NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANISATIONS RECEIVING GOVERNMENT SUBVENTIONS AND GRANTS FOR FISCAL 2023 AND 2024

ORGANISATION	SUBVENTIONS PAYABLE	SUBVENTIONS PAYABLE	DIFFERENCE IN SUBVENTIONS PAYABLE
	2023	2024	IN 2024 FROM 2024
	TTS	TTS	TTS
MINISTRY OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND FAMILY SERVICES			
Services for Persons with Disabilities			
Goodwill Industries of the West Indies	564,413	564,413	0
National Centre for Persons with Disabilities	799,360	799,360	0
Lady Hochoy Centres of T&T	12,000,000	15,200,000	3,200,000
T&T Association for the Hearing Impaired	10,000,000	12,500,000	2,500,000
T&T Blind Welfare Association	13,000,000	13,400,000	400,000
T & T Chapter of Disabled People International	133,200	133,200	0
Sub-Total	36,496,973	42,596,973	6,100,000
Socially Displaced			
Court Shamrock Centre for the Socially Displaced	452,000	452,000	0
Sub-Total	452,000	452,000	0
Family Life and Counselling Service			
Family Planning Association	1,000,000	1,000,000	0
Rape Crisis Society of Trinidad and Tobago	300,000	300,000	0
T & T Red Cross Society	730,000	730,000	0
Sub-Total	2,030,000	2,030,000	0
Homes for Senior Citizens			
Couva Home for the Aged	148,000	148,000	0
JC McDonald Home for the Aged	239,382	239,382	0
Siparia Home for the Aged	110,707	110,707	0
Toco Home for Senior Citizens	44,640	44,640	0
Sub-Total	542,729	542,729	0
Hostels/Halfway Houses			
Salvation Army Hostel for Young Women	73,200	73,200	0

ORGANISATION	SUBVENTIONS PAYABLE		DIFFERENCE IN SUBVENTIONS PAYABLE IN 2024 FROM 2024 TTS
	2023	2024	
	TTS	TTS	
Shelter for Women and Children	90,000	90,000	0
The Halfway House	65,000	65,000	0
Sub-Total	228,200	228,200	0
Youth NGOs			
Girl Guides Association of T&T	84,000	84,000	0
President Awards of T&T	60,000	60,000	0
Scout Association of T&T	126,000	126,000	0
Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA)	156,000	156,000	0
Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA)	30,000	30,000	0
Sub-Total	456,000	456,000	0
Ministry of Social Development and Family Services' Total Subventions	40,205,902	46,305,902	6,100,000
OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER (GENDER AND CHILD AFFAIRS)			
Family Life and Counselling Service			
ChildLine	1,743,196	1,743,196	0
Network of Non-Governmental Organisations of Trinidad and Tobago for the Advancement of Women	200,000	0	-200,000
New Life Ministries for the Establishment and Administration of a Treatment and Rehabilitation Centre	900,000	900,000	0
The Heroes Foundation	420,000	420,000	0
Sub-Total	3,263,196	3,063,196	-200,000
Children's Homes*			
A Bridge of Hope	832,800	742,948	-89,852
Adonna Institution for Orphans	180,850	180,755	-95
Amica House	555,100	490,944	-64,156
Casa de Corazon	261,200	396,434	135,234
Chickland Children's Home	290,800	342,048	51,248

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	2023	2024	IN 2024 FROM 2024
	TTS	TTS	TTS
Couva Children's Home & Crisis Nursery	399,350	354,578	-44,772
Credo Foundation for Justice - Credo Development Centre	363,000	340,448	-22,552
Credo Foundation for Justice - Sophia House	241,150	202,376	-38,774
Society of St. Vincent De Paul - Cyril Ross Nursery	154,650	73,582	-81,068
Dar-Ul-Aman Freeport Children's Home	260,850	185,620	-75,230
El Shaddai Restoration Home for Children	256,650	288,595	31,945
Ezekiel Home for Abandoned Children	549,400	602,916	53,516
Ferndean's Place Children's Home	287,175	241,006	-46,169
Haven of Hope	302,400	271,799	-30,601
Jairah House	211,600	66,117	-145,483
Joshua House	249,800	241,273	-8,527
Mary Care Centre- North	312,900	106,340	-206,560
Mary Care Centre- South	359,950	417,162	57,212
Mothers' Union Children's Home	205,900	231,009	25,109
Living Water Community - Our Lady of the Wayside	387,350	361,466	-25,884
Operation Smile Home for Children	75,525	0	-75,525
Raffa House	153,565	407,361	253,796
Rainbow Rescue	349,113	341,948	-7,165
Sri Jayalakshmi Children's Home Ltd	367,400	412,763	45,363
The Hope Centre	431,275	370,107	-61,168
The Islamic Home for Children Inc.	506,000	498,409	-7,591
Vishok Bhavan	162,100	236,408	74,308
Sub-Total	8,707,852	8,404,411	-303,441
Industrial Schools			
St. Dominic's Children's Home	15,000,000	14,500,000	-500,000
St. Jude's School for Girls	14,500,000	14,500,000	0
St. Mary's Children's Home	13,500,000	13,500,000	0
Sub-Total	43,000,000	42,500,000	-500,000

ORGANISATION	SUBVENTIONS PAYABLE	SUBVENTIONS PAYABLE	DIFFERENCE IN SUBVENTIONS PAYABLE
	2023	2024	IN 2024 FROM 2023
	TTS	TTS	TTS
Office of the Prime Minister's (Gender and Child Development) Total Subventions	54,971,048	53,967,607	-1,003,441
MINISTRY OF TOURISM, CULTURE AND THE ARTS			
The Art Society of Trinidad & Tobago	100,000	100,000	0
National Dance Association of Trinidad & Tobago	100,000	100,000	0
National Drama Association of Trinidad & Tobago	100,000	100,000	0
National Parang Association of Trinidad & Tobago	100,000	100,000	0
Secondary Schools Drama Association	100,000	100,000	0
Secondary Schools Sanskritik Sangam	100,000	100,000	0
Trinidad Theatre Workshop	100,000	100,000	0
Trinidad and Tobago Music Festival Association	100,000	100,000	0
The Little Carib Theatre and Folk House	100,000	100,000	0
The Bocas Lit Fest	100,000	100,000	0
Ministry of Tourism, Culture and the Arts' Total Subventions	1,100,000	1,100,000	0
MINISTRY OF HEALTH			
Chronic Diseases			
Diabetes Association of Trinidad and Tobago	400,000	600,000	200,000
Heartbeat International	865,000	865,000	0
Living Water Community	2,601,350	2,601,350	0
The Just Because Foundation	240,000	300,000	60,000
Trinidad and Tobago Cancer Society	1,500,000	1,750,000	250,000
Trinidad and Tobago Heart Foundation	150,000	150,000	0
Subtotal	5,756,350	6,266,350	510,000
Drug and Rehabilitation Services			
HEAL (Helping Every Addict Live)	220,000	220,000	0

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	2023	2024	IN 2024 FROM 2024
	TTS	TTS	TTS
Rebirth House and Oasis Drop-In-Centre	935,000	935,000	0
Serenity Place	179,160	200,000	20,840
Trinidad and Tobago National Council on Alcoholism	300,000	300,000	0
Subtotal	1,634,160	1,655,000	20,840
Services to Persons with Disabilities			
Autistic Society	500,000	600,000	100,000
Horses Helping Humans	500,000	500,000	0
Subtotal	1,000,000	1,100,000	100,000
Services to Children			
Christ Child Convalescent Home	613,000	700,000	87,000
Cotton Tree Foundation	385,300	385,300	0
Subtotal	998,300	1,085,300	87,000
HIV & AIDS			
Medical Research Foundation	5,985,157	6,200,000	214,843
Subtotal	5,985,157	6,200,000	214,843
Maternal & Neonatal Care			
Breast Feeding Association of Trinidad & Tobago	275,000	275,000	0
Mamatoto Centre	275,000	275,000	0
Subtotal	550,000	550,000	0
Other Health Related Services			
Society for Inherited Severe Blood Disorder	100,000	100,000	0
Subtotal	100,000	100,000	0
Ministry of Health's Total Subventions	16,023,967	16,956,650	932,683
MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND SMALL ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT			
International Labour Organisation (Grant for rent assistance)	376,168	518,820	142,652
Grant to International Labour	1,265,024	1,200,000	-65,024
Voluntary Contribution Fund for the IAN for Labour Administration (RIAL)	40,000	40,000	0

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	2023	2024	IN 2024 FROM 2023
	TTS	TTS	TTS
Ministry of Labour and Small Enterprise Development's Total Subventions	1,681,192	1,758,820	77,628
MINISTRY OF SPORT AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT			
Santa Rosa First Peoples Community	1,400,000	1,400,000	0
Transformation and Development Centres (TDCs)	2,790,570	1,596,766	-1,193,804
Ministry of Sport and Community Development's Total Subvention	4,190,570	2,996,766	-1,193,804
MINISTRY OF NATIONAL SECURITY			
Crime Stoppers Trinidad and Tobago	2,000,000	2,000,000	0
Vision on Mission	650,000	5,000,000	4,350,000
Ministry of National Security's Total Subventions	2,650,000	7,000,000	4,350,000
GRAND SUBVENTIONS TOTAL	120,822,679	130,085,745	9,263,066

* In November 2016, Cabinet agreed to the Financial Assistance to Community Residences on the Payment per Child System (PPC).

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ORGANISATION	GRANTS PAID	GRANTS PAID	DIFFERENCE IN GRANTS
	2023	2024	IN 2024 FROM 2023
	TT\$	TT\$	TT\$
MINISTRY OF SPORT AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT			
Sport and Physical Education Department			
Trinidad & Tobago Chess Association	176,400	280,800	104,400
Special Olympics Trinidad & Tobago	500,000	0	-500,000
T&T Draughts and Checkers	44,723	0	-44,723
Trinidad and Tobago Canoeing and Rowing Federation	0	0	0
Trinidad & Tobago Cheer Federation	0	0	0
Sub-Total	721,123	280,800	-440,323
Elite Athlete Assistance Programme			
Funding for Athletes - EAAP	3,350,000	2,099,000	-1,251,000.00
Individual	2,372,792	1,550,237	-822,555
Sub-Total	5,722,792	3,649,237	-2,073,555
Community Development			
Community Development - CARE	3,733,297.00	2,371,810.00	-1,361,487
Ryu Dan Empowerment Foundation	10,000	15,000	5,000
Sub-Total	3,743,297	2,386,810	-1,356,487
Ministry of Sport and Community Development's Total Grants	10,187,212	6,316,847	-3,870,365
Sports Company of Trinidad & Tobago (SPORTT)			
NATIONAL GOVERNING BODIES (NGB's)			
Amateur Swimming Association of Trinidad and Tobago	679,919.79	1,885,149	1,205,229
National Association of Athletics Administrations of Trinidad and Tobago (NAAATT)	2,427,927	1,150,766	-1,277,161
National Basketball Association of Trinidad and Tobago	0	0	0
National Amateur Boxing Association	\$2,224,972.84	0	-2,224,973
Trinidad and Tobago Cricket Board	9,226,878	839,557	-8,387,322
Trinidad and Tobago Cycling Federation	1,452,496	1,352,940	-99,556
Trinidad and Tobago Football Association	5,620,480	2,294,685	-3,325,795
Trinidad and Tobago Golf Association	1,291,346	391,076	-900,270
Trinidad and Tobago Amateur Gymnastics Association	\$107,916.27	0	-107,916
Trinidad and Tobago Hockey Board	0	1,098,747	1,098,747
Trinidad and Tobago Rugby Union	1,375,305	677,104	-698,201

ORGANISATION	GRANTS PAID	GRANTS PAID	DIFFERENCE IN GRANTS
	2023	2024	IN 2024 FROM 2023
	TT\$	TT\$	TT\$
Trinidad and Tobago Yachting Association	0	0	0
Trinidad and Tobago Netball Association	228,555.00	0	-228,555
Sports Company of Trinidad & Tobago's Total Grants	24,635,796	9,690,025	-14,945,771
MINISTRY OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT AND NATIONAL SERVICE			
Youth Division			
Children Rights and Restorative Justice Organization	0	3,000	3,000
Christian Parks	0	5,000	5,000
Clarke Rochard Sports Club	0	3,000	3,000
Colour Splash Trinidad and Tobago Foundation	4,223	5,000	777
Dasia Edwards	0	5,000	5,000
Diatonic Pan Institute	0	15,000	15,000
Dr. Clive P Dottin	0	10,000	10,000
En To To	0	10,000	10,000
Firenation International Rhythm Empire	0	5,000	5,000
Global Shapers of Port of Spain	0	20,000	20,000
Heroes Foundation	0	8,000	8,000
Jamel Bartholemew	0	3,000	3,000
Joshua Regrello	0	12,000	12,000
Josiah Robinson and Tashana Figara	0	5,500	5,500
Network of Rural Women Producers of Trinidad and Tobago	5,000	0	-5,000
Planting Seeds	0	20,000	20,000
Premier Sports Club	0	20,000	20,000
Rent My Tutor	0	2,000	2,000
San Fernando Mayor's Cup	0	20,000	20,000
Selah House	0	23,675	23,675
Simone Ms Shine Academy of Dance for Children, Teens and Adults	0	15,000	15,000
St. Margaret's Youth Steel Orchestra	0	15,000	15,000
Steel Pan Authority	0	5,000	5,000
Stephon Issac	0	5,000	5,000
The Caribbean Royal Youth Council (CRYC)	18,371	0	-18,371
Trinidad and Tobago Community for Positive Women	0	25,000	25,000
Voice of Tunapuna Foundation (VOT)	10,000	0	-10,000
Why Farm	0	15,000	15,000
Women's Magnate Development Ltd.	0	12,600	12,600

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	2023	2024	IN 2024 FROM 2023
	TT\$	TT\$	TT\$
Ministry of Youth Development and National Services' Total Grants	37,594	287,775	250,181
MINISTRY OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND FAMILY SERVICES			
Bridges to the Heart	4,000	0	-4,000
Caribbean Kids and Family Therapy Organisation (CKFTO)	10,000	0	-10,000
Down Syndrome Family Network	5,000	5,000	0
Gospel Light Church	0	3,000	3,000
Is There Not A Cause (ITNAC)	10,000	0	-10,000
Kids in Need of Direction	26,000	0	-26,000
Network of NGOs in Trinidad and Tobago for the Advancement of Women	3,000	4,800	1,800
Revival Mission	5,000	0	-5,000
Shelter for Women and Children	5,000	7,500	2,500
Widows Association of Trinidad and Tobago	7,500	0	-7,500
Ministry of Social Development and Family Services' Total Grants	75,500	20,300	-55,200
MINISTRY OF TOURISM, CULTURE AND THE ARTS			
Culture and Creative Arts Fund			
Individual Grants	679,417	444,592	-234,825
14 1/4 mm Penal Rock Road, Community Council	16,500	0	-16,500
Astor Johnson Repertory Dance	39,250	0	-39,250
BACK-AH-YARD	28,800	0	-28,800
Banjela Muzik Productions and Media Services Limited	25,334	0	-25,334
Benoit Academy of Steelpan	0	85,000	85,000
Birdsong	0	30,000	30,000
Breath of Dance Theatre	0	17,000	17,000
Burrokeet's Cultural Foundation	0	10,000	10,000
CALDATT	66,675	0	-66,675
Contemporary Choreographers' Collective	20,900	0	-20,900
Crowns & Sashes	0	80,000	80,000
Denyse Plummer Foundation	0	90,000	90,000
Diatonic Pan Institute	0	14,000	14,000
E. Gilbert Lung Cancer Foundation	37,000	0	-37,000
En To To	9,400	40,000	30,600
Engine '77 Limited	11,600	0	-11,600
Film and Folklore Limited	158,750	0	-158,750
Filmmakers Collaborative of Trinidad and Tobago (FILMCO)	100,000	0	-100,000

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	2023	2024	IN 2024 FROM 2023
	TT\$	TT\$	TT\$
Fonclaire Steel Orchestra	32,500	0	-32,500
Fusion Steel	26,600	0	-26,600
Gem Radio Five Ltd.	22,500	0	-22,500
Giovanni Toussaint	32,000	0	-32,000
Grimrock Family Productions	0	150,000	150,000
I AM Productions	12,250	75,000	62,750
IBIS T&T Performers	0	45,000	45,000
Icons Calypso Tent	0	300,000	300,000
Ile Egbe Yemoja	4,600	0	-4,600
Ile Ljosin Otura Meji-Awon Osun	0	30,000	30,000
Jaiso the Band	16,875	0	-16,875
Kalypso Revue	0	300,000	300,000
KMC Music Limited	10,000	0	-10,000
La Brea Nightingales Steel Orchestra	0	15,000	15,000
Los Angeles de San Miguel Parang Band	0	15,000	15,000
Maccometre	0	50,000	50,000
Mersu Caribbean Consulting Limited	6,000	0	-6,000
Metamorphosis Dance Company	63,000	36,064	-26,936
Million Laffs Productions	48,000	0	-48,000
MOED School of Dance	0	10,000	10,000
National Action Cultural Committee	0	700,000	700,000
New Butler Associate College	0	20,000	20,000
Olokun Business Solutions Limited	26,922	0	-26,922
Parsan Production	0	35,000	35,000
Patrons of the Arts Foundation	0	10,000	10,000
Point Fortin Development Group	100,000	0	-100,000
Point Fortin Improvement Committee	0	20,000	20,000
RG's Musical Production and Services	23,000	0	-23,000
Riddums Productions Co. Ltd	0	24,000	24,000
Rotary Club of Central Port of Spain	0	10,000	10,000
Simone Mc Shine Academy of Dance	10,000	0	-10,000
Spektakula Promotions	0	165,000	165,000
Stagexenterprise Ltd.	12,500	0	-12,500
The Alpha Theatrical Dance Company	0	7,500	7,500
The Ethnic Jazz Club Ltd.	5,050	0	-5,050
The Mahatma Gandhi Charitable Organization	18,000	0	-18,000
The Quays Foundation	20,000	0	-20,000
The Rose Foundation	0	37,500	37,500
The Woodbrook Residents Committee	0	20,000	20,000

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	2023	2024	IN 2024 FROM 2023
	TT\$	TT\$	TT\$
Traditional Afrikan Women's Organization	9,500	0	-9,500
Trinbago Woodwind & Brass Orchestra	0	20,000	20,000
Trinidad & Tobago Red Cross Society	0	50,000	50,000
Trinidad All Stars Steel Orchestra	57,000	0	-57,000
Trinidad and Tobago Best Village	13,450	0	-13,450
United We Stand Promotions 868	15,000	0	-15,000
ZigBoi Trinidad and Tobago	55,000	0	-55,000
Total for Culture and Creative Arts Fund	1,912,623	2,955,656	1,043,033
National Days and Festivals Fund			
14 1/4mm Penal Rock Road Community Council	0	7,000	7,000
Academy of Grace Institute of the Holy Spirit	50,000	0	-50,000
Anjuman Sunnat ul Jamaat Association	208,000	0	-208,000
Barrackpore Islamic Centre	50,000	0	-50,000
Birdsong	25,500	8,000	-17,500
BWEE Invaders Steel Orchestra	0	40,000	40,000
Cecilia Salazar		15,000	15,000
Cedar Hill Youth Social & Cultural Organization	30,000	30,000	0
Chaguanas Women and Youth Group	19,500	0	-19,500
Council of Elders of the Spiritual Shouter Baptist Faith	35,000	0	-35,000
Cunjial Community Council	0	8,000	8,000
Curepe Pentecostal Empowerment Ministries International	0	6,000	6,000
Diatonic Pan Institute	15,600	0	-15,600
Eastern Performing Arts Fraternity	0	62,500	62,500
El Dorado Youth Group	5,000	0	-5,000
Emancipation Support Committee	1,400,000	0	-1,400,000
Engine 77' Limited	15,000	0	-15,000
Eniyan Wa	35,000	0	-35,000
Ethiopian Orthodox Church St. Peter's Parish	100,000	0	-100,000
Fanny Village Community Council	10,530	0	-10,530
First Felicity Ramleela & Cultural Group	26,500	0	-26,500
Garden Jewelz Foundation	0	20,000	20,000
Glen Roshan Birsingh	6,000	6,000	0
Holy Nazarene Spiritual Church	16,000	0	-16,000
H.O.P.E Foundation	0	8,000	8,000

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	2023	2024	IN 2024 FROM 2023
	TT\$	TT\$	TT\$
Indo-Caribbean Cultural Centre Co. Ltd	0	3,850	3,850
Industrial Park Improvement Committee	0	8,000	8,000
Islamic Resource Society	63,700	0	-63,700
Kabir Updesh Universal Ashram Inc. 2007	11,500	7,000	-4,500
La Baja Village	5,000	3,000	-2,000
La Brea Development Association	40,000	0	-40,000
La Brea Nightingales Steel Orchestra	53,475	0	-53,475
Lady Fatima Zahra (as) Education and Research Foundation	13,500	0	-13,500
La Ciudad De Brazil Christmas Society	0	5,000	5,000
Metronomes Sports and Cultural Club	0	7,000	7,000
Matelot Police Youth Club	7,500	0	-7,500
NAAG Foundation	6,500	0	-6,500
National Action Cultural Committee	156,932	0	-156,932
National Congress of Incorporated Spiritual Baptist Organizations in Trinidad and Tobago (NCOIBOTT)	325,000	0	-325,000
Nakita Gadsby	0	8,000	8,000
Necessary Art School	0	7,825	7,825
Penal Rock Road 2Km Village Council	0	6,500	6,500
National Council of Indian Culture NCIC Nagar	200,000	0	-200,000
Perception Management	25,000	15,000	-10,000
Pierre Road Ramleela Committee	25,000	0	-25,000
Sal Tarrae Sustainable Development Foundation	64,500	0	-64,500
San Fernando JAMA Masjid Abdul	185,000	0	-185,000
Sanatan Dharma Maha Sabha	880,000	300,000	-580,000
Sangre Grande Ramleela Committee	20,500	0	-20,500
Satya Drishti Spiritual and Sporting Group	39,925	0	-39,925
Shiva Gana Organization	32,500	40,000	7,500
Shri Parameshawari Durga Devi Ashram	9,750	7,000	-2,750
St. Augustine South Community Council	10,500	6,500	-4,000
St. Helena Development Corporation	119,200	25,000	-94,200
SWAHA Incorporated	86,500	70,000	-16,500
Tackveeyatul Islamic Association	150,000	0	-150,000
Takaaful T&T Friendly Society	26,250	0	-26,250
Tarouba Ramleela and Phagwa Committee	0	15,000	15,000

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	2023	2024	IN 2024 FROM 2023
	TT\$	TT\$	TT\$
Tassa Association of Trinidad and Tobago	33,000	0	-33,000
The Barakah Foundation	61,750	0	-61,750
The Eastern Performing Arts Fraternity	67,500	0	-67,500
The Maynard Foundation of Ordinary People Doing Extraordinary Things	8,500	0	-8,500
The NAAG Foundation	8,000	10,000	2,000
The National Council of Indian Culture	500,000	500,000	0
The National Parang Association of Trinidad and Tobago	106,000	0	-106,000
Trinidad Muslim League	125,000	0	-125,000
University of the Southern Caribbean	15,000	0	-15,000
WABC (103FM) Ltd.	35,000	0	-35,000
Winfield Aleong Broadcasting Company (103FM) Ltd	0	65,000	65,000
Zachary and Friends	0	8,000	8,000
Total National Days and Festivals Fund	5,565,112	1,328,175	-4,236,937
Sponsorship			
Individual Sponsorships	102,500	26,000	-76,500
SAO Soca Awards Ltd.	15,000	0	-15,000
103 FM	50,000	0	-50,000
A Class Group of Companies Ltd.	85,000	0	-85,000
Africa Film Trinidad and Tobago	55,000	0	-55,000
Andrew Sport and Entertainment Consultancy	46,000	0	-46,000
Andrew Sport and Entertainment Consultancy (A.S.E.C.)	50,000	0	-50,000
Bacchacs Collective	0	25,000	25,000
Candice Clarke Academy of Dance	22,500	0	-22,500
Caribbean Books Foundation	25,000	0	-25,000
Caribbean Ultimate Fist Fighting Limited	20,000	0	-20,000
Caribbean Vizion	0	100,000	100,000
Celian Group	150,000	0	-150,000
CLD Charu Lochan Dass	0	80,000	80,000
Chutney Foundation of Trinidad and Tobago	50,000	0	-50,000
College Mania TV Limited	35,000	0	-35,000
Diatonic Pan Institute	0	15,000	15,000
Dingole E-Commerce Services Ltd	0	200,000	200,000
Emancipation Support Committee	100,000	0	-100,000
Entertainment Management Quarters	300,000	0	-300,000
Filmmakers Collaborative of Trinidad and Tobago	0	100,000	100,000

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APPENDICES

ORGANISATION	GRANTS PAID	GRANTS PAID	DIFFERENCE IN GRANTS
	2023	2024	IN 2024 FROM 2023
	TT\$	TT\$	TT\$
Idakeda Group Ltd.	120,000	100,000	-20,000
Iere Theatre Productions Limited	150,000	0	-150,000
Itz Rome	500,000	0	-500,000
Kes The Band Limited	110,000	0	-110,000
Leading Edge Beauty Lounge and Spa Limited	40,000	0	-40,000
LJMJ Promotions	100,000	0	-100,000
Lyke We Entertainment	15,000	0	-15,000
Magical Experience Ltd	975,000	800,000	-175,000
Miss Global Trinidad and Tobago	11,500	0	-11,500
Multicinemas Trinidad Limited	15,000	0	-15,000
Nathanael Hamilton Music	20,000	0	-20,000
Nobility Enterprise Prime Consultancy	100,000	0	-100,000
Pan Trinbago	740,000	0	-740,000
Pepper Advertising Ltd	50,000	0	-50,000
Purple Robe Entertainment	125,000	0	-125,000
Ro'dey Entertainment Ltd.	200,000	0	-200,000
Scene Production Ltd.	100,000	0	-100,000
Scorch Limited	283,125	0	-283,125
Sound Forge Limited	90,000	0	-90,000
Tenn Productions Ltd	300,000	0	-300,000
Trinidad and Tobago Carnival Museum	185,000	0	-185,000
Trinidad and Tobago Volleyball Federation	30,000	0	-30,000
TT Youths Will Rise	3,000	0	-3,000
TUCO North Zone	15,000	0	-15,000
Winston Young and Associates	0	80,000	80,000
Woodbrook/St. James Community Association	0	150,000	150,000
WOW Entertainment	150,000	0	-150,000
Zetick Caribbean Limited	105,000	0	-105,000
ZigBoi Trinidad and Tobago Limited	0	20,000	20,000
Total Sponsorship	5,638,625	1,696,000	-3,942,625
Ministry of Tourism, Culture and the Arts' Total Grants	13,116,360	5,979,831	-7,136,529
GRAND GRANTS TOTAL	48,052,463	22,294,778	-25,757,684



LIST OF INITIALISMS

BFHI	Baby Friendly Hospital Initiative
CCC	Civilian Conservation Corporation
CMSD	Community Mediation Services Division
CR-GBV	Central Registry on Gender Based Violence
CRR	Community Recovery Report
CSO	Central Statistical Office
CSW	Commission on the Status of Women
DCDYDS	Division of Community Development, Youth Development and Sport
DETR	Division of Education, Research and Technology
DHWSP	Division of Health, Wellness and Social Protection
DV	Domestic Violence
ECCE	Early Childhood Care and Education
EU	European Union
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization
GBV	Gender Based Violence
GCAD	Genders and Child Affairs Division
GDP	Gross Domestic Product
GoRTT	Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago
HDI	Human Development and Index
HER CTIP	Help Empower Rise Counter Trafficking in Persons
HVIP	Housing and Village Improvement Programme
ICT	Information and Communications Technology
IDB	Inter-American Development Bank
ILO	International Labour Organisation
MALF	Ministry of Agriculture, Land and Fisheries
MAP	Manufacturing Apprenticeship Programme
MDT	Ministry of Digital Transformation
MHPSS	Mental Health and Psychosocial Support
MOE	Ministry of Education
MOF	Ministry of Finance
MOH	Ministry of Health
MoHUD	Ministry of Housing and Urban Development
MOL	Ministry of Labour

MNS	Ministry of National Security
MoWT	Ministry of Works and Transport
MPD	Ministry of Planning and Development
MPA	Ministry of Public Administration
MPU	Ministry of Public Utilities
MPI	Multi-Dimensional Poverty Index
MSCD	Ministry of Sport and Community Development
MSDFS	Ministry of Social Development and Family Services
MSMEs	Micro, Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises
MRDLG	Ministry of Rural Development and Local Government
MICS	Multiple Indicator Cluster Survey
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
MYDNS	Ministry of Youth Development and National Service
NACC	National AIDS Coordinating Committee
NDSTT	National Development Strategy of Trinidad and Tobago (VISION 2030)
NCD	Non-Communicable Diseases
NFSD	National Family Services Division
NGO	Non-Governmental Organisation
NIBTT	National Insurance Board of Trinidad and Tobago
NCP	National Child Policy
NPF	National Performance Framework
NPP	National Parenting Policy
NPRS	National Poverty Reduction Strategy
NPSCD	National Policy for Sustainable Community Development
NSMP	National Social Mitigation Plan
NRVP	National Register of Vulnerable Persons
OAS	Organization of American States
OECD	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
OJTP	On-the-Job Training Programme
OPM-C	Office of the Prime Minister (Communications)
OPM (GCA)	Office of the Prime Minister (Gender and Child Affairs)
POSGH	Port-of-Spain General Hospital
PPA	Participatory Poverty Assessment
PSG	Parenting Support Group
PSPMS	Public Sector Performance Management System
PwDs	Persons with Disabilities
RRR	Roadmap to Recovery Reports

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LIST OF INITIALISMS

SCP	Senior Citizens Pension
SDGs	Sustainable Development Goals
SME	Small and Micro Enterprise
SPS	Social Protection Systems
SSEU	Support and Empowerment Unit
SSIP	Social Sector Investment Programme
SSM	Social Sector Ministries
SV	Sexual Violence
SWD	Social Welfare Division
SWRHA	South-West Regional Health Authority
THA	Tobago House of Assembly
TRHA	Tobago Regional Health Authority
TTDF	Trinidad and Tobago Defense Force
TTPS	Trinidad and Tobago Police Service
TVET	Technical and Vocational Education and Training
UN	United Nations
UNCDF	United Nations Capital Development Fund
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UNSDG	United Nations Sustainable Development Goals
YDCs	Youth Development Centres

LIST OF ACRONYMS

ADAPP	Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention Programme
BeTnT	Building Trinidad and Tobago
CEPEP	Community-Based Environmental Protection and Enhancement Programme
COVID-19	Coronavirus Disease 2019
GAPP	Golden Apple Adolescent Partnership Programmes
ECLAC	Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean
EU-LAC	European Union, Latin America and the Caribbean
ISEMS	Integrated Social Enterprise and Management System
ISIRTT	Integrated Social Indicator Registry of Trinidad and Tobago
NADAPP	National Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention Programme
NALIS	National Library and Information System Authority
NEET	Not in Employment, Education or Training
SEACOP	Seaport Cooperation Project
SEED	Sowing Entrepreneurial Empowerment Development
SIDS	Small Island Developing States
STEP	Survivors Transformation and Empowerment Programme
STEP-UP	Social Transformation and Empowerment Program-Uplifting People
SWMCOL	Solid Waste Management Company Limited
UNICEF	United Nations Children's Fund
WHO	World Health Organisation



GLOSSARY OF TERMS

Term	Definition
Budget Allocation	A budget allocation is the amount of funding designated to each expenditure line. It designates the maximum amount of funding an organization is willing to spend on a given item or program. ²⁴
Food Security	Food security exists when all people, at all times, have physical, [social] and economic access to sufficient, safe and nutritious food which meets their dietary needs and food preferences for an active and healthy life". (FAO, 1996) The term "Social" was added to the 1996 definition in 2002. (World Food Summit, 1996). ²⁵
Health and Wellness	Health and Wellness - Health is a state of complete physical, mental and social well-being and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity. Wellness is the process of becoming aware of and making choices which optimizes one's well-being. ²⁶
HIV/AIDS	The human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) targets the immune system and weakens people's defense against many infections and some types of cancer that people with healthy immune systems can more easily fight off. As the virus destroys and impairs the function of immune cells, infected individuals gradually become immune-deficient. Immune function is typically measured by CD4 cell count. The most advanced stage of HIV infection is acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS), which can take many years to develop if not treated, depending on the individual. AIDS is defined by the development of certain cancers, infections or other severe long-term clinical manifestations. ²⁷
Human Development	This involves expanding the richness of human life, rather than simply the richness of the economy in which human beings live. It is an approach that is focused on creating fair opportunities and choices for all people. ²⁸
Integrated Social Enterprise Management System	Integrated Social Enterprise Management System (ISEMS) is a comprehensive, automated information system that will be used to administer the various programmes, grants and services of the Ministry of Social Development and Family Services. ²⁹
Labour market	The labour market, also known as the job market, refers to the supply and demand for labour in which employees provide the supply and employers the demand. It is a major component of any economy and is intricately tied in with markets for capital, goods and services. ³⁰

²⁴ <https://smallbusiness.chron.com/budgetary-allocation-31340.html>

²⁵ World Food Summit, 1996 from: <https://www.fao.org/>

²⁶ National Social Mitigation Plan 2017 – 2022. Building Resilience to Restore Our Nation. Ministry of Social Development June 27, 2017. Pp 3

²⁷ World Health Organisation (WHO) - <https://www.who.int/news-room/fact-sheets/detail/hiv-aids>

²⁸ National Social Mitigation Plan 2017 – 2022. Building Resilience to Restore Our Nation. Ministry of Social Development June 27, 2017. Pp 3

²⁹ Ministry of Social Development and Family Services from: http://social.gov.tt/aiovg_videos/integrated-social-enterprise-management-system/#

³⁰ Investopedia - Labour Market Explained: Theories and Who Is Included from: <https://www.investopedia.com/terms/l/labor-market.asp>

Term	Definition
Monitoring and Evaluation	Monitoring can be defined as continuous process of systematic data collection on pre-specified indicators. Evaluation process is an ongoing dynamic function which seeks to objectively and systematically assess the design, implementation, relevance and sustainability of a plan, project or programme. ³¹
National budget	The National budget is the Government's financial plan for a given period. The budget states how much money the Government intends to spend during a year (expenditure), what it intends to spend it on (appropriation), and where it expects to get the money to pay for that spending (revenue). The budget usually covers one year which is known as the fiscal year. In Trinidad and Tobago, the fiscal year begins on October 1 and ends September 30. ³²
Non-Communicable disease	Non-communicable diseases (NCDs), also known as chronic diseases, tend to be of long duration and are the result of a combination of genetic, physiological, environmental and behaviours factors. ³³
Pandemic	A pandemic is defined as “an epidemic occurring worldwide, or over a very wide area, crossing international boundaries and usually affecting a large number of people.” ³⁴
Polycrisis	The term ‘polycrisis’ as originally coined by French theorist Edgar Morin, refers to the various crises in economics, politics, geopolitics and the environment, which are feeding into each other, exacerbating already difficult circumstances ³⁵
Sustainable Development Goals	Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) 2030 – Otherwise known as the Global Goals, these are a universal call to action to end poverty, protect the planet and ensure that all people enjoy peace and prosperity. These 17 Goals build on the successes of the Millennium Development Goals, while including new areas such as climate change, economic inequality, innovation, sustainable consumption, peace and justice, among other priorities. ³⁶
Social Protection	Social Protection is defined as a set of policies and programs designed to reduce poverty and vulnerability by promoting efficient labour markets, diminishing people’s exposure to risks, and enhancing their capacity to protect themselves against hazards and interruption/loss of income. ³⁷
Social Services	Benefits and facilities such as education, food subsidies, health care, and subsidized housing provided by a government to improve the life and living conditions of the children, disabled, the elderly, and the poor in the national community. ³⁸

³¹ National Social Mitigation Plan 2017 – 2022. Building Resilience to Restore Our Nation. Ministry of Social Development June 27, 2017. Pp 3

³² Guide to the Budget for 2021-/2020 Parliament of Trinidad and Tobago – Financial Scrutiny Unit Office of the Parliament October 2019 <http://www.ttparliament.org/documents/news/mr5C4D1F.pdf>

³³ <https://www.who.int/news-room/fact-sheets/detail/noncommunicable-diseases>

³⁴ World Health Organisation (WHO) 2020 - <https://www.publichealth.com.ng/world-health-organization-who-pandemic-definition/>

³⁵ Kate Whiting, “This is why ‘polycrisis’ is a useful way of looking at the world right now,” *World Economic Forum*, March 7, 2023, <https://www.weforum.org/agenda/2023/03/polycrisis-adam-tooze-historian-explains/>

³⁶ National Social Mitigation Plan 2017 – 2022. Building Resilience to Restore Our Nation. Ministry of Social Development June 27, 2017. Pp 4

³⁷ <https://socialprotection.org/learn/glossary/what-is-social>

³⁸ <http://www.businessdictionary.com/definition/social-justice.html>

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Term	Definition
Unemployment	Unemployment occurs when a person who is actively searching for employment is unable to find work. Unemployment is often used as a measure of the health of the economy. ³⁹
Vision 2030 – The Vision 2030 National Development Strategy (2016-2030)	Vision 2030 – The Vision 2030 National Development Strategy (2016-2030) for Trinidad and Tobago, aims to provide a broad socio-economic development framework to the year 2030. It is intended to provide for an orderly long-term development process, inclusive of the United Nations (UN) Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). ⁴⁰
Vulnerable Group	Vulnerable groups are defined as those groups or communities which experience social exclusion, discrimination, inequality and marginalization. ⁴¹

³⁹ <https://www.investopedia.com/terms/u/unemployment.asp>

⁴⁰ National Social Mitigation Plan 2017 – 2022. Building Resilience to Restore Our Nation. Ministry of Social Development June 27, 2017. Pp 4

⁴¹ Official Statistics and Vulnerable Groups in Trinidad and Tobago, 2021 - <https://cso.gov.tt/official-statistics-and-vulnerable-groups-in-trinidad-and-tobago>

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