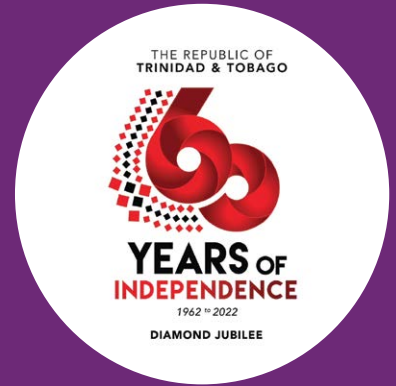




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SOCIAL SECTOR INVESTMENT PROGRAMME 2023

Tenacity and Stability
in the Face of Global Challenges



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Executive Summary

The Social Sector Investment Programme (SSIP) 2023 examines the socio-economic environment of Trinidad and Tobago, and the strategic developments made toward attaining social transformation. It also provides an overview of the national social context by scrutinizing existing and new social sector initiatives, as well as investments made by the key social sector Ministries, and the Tobago House of Assembly toward social development, during the 2022 fiscal year. The major Social Sector Plans for the fiscal year 2023 are also outlined in the document. This year's SSIP 2023 comprises *inter alia*, three (3) Chapters, and four (4) Appendices. Consequently, the document notes the ongoing challenges presented by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic; the war between Ukraine and Russia; climate change; and the urgent need for food security, which have all significantly impacted economies locally, regionally and internationally. The Chapters are summarised as follows:

Chapter One-The National Social Situation provides an overview of the major advancements made within the Social Sector for fiscal 2022. The Chapter consists of three (3) main sections, which focus on two (2) critical thematic areas of the National Development Strategy (NDS) 2016–2030 (Vision 2030). These are *Theme 1: Putting People First: Nurturing Our Greatest Asset* and *Theme II: Delivering Good Governance and Service Excellence* where the data is reflective of Government's various efforts aimed at enhancing Trinidad and Tobago's social capital and human development profile from a multi-sectoral perspective. The Chapter also provides a brief synopsis of the Post COVID-19 pandemic challenges impacting various sectors including: the Service Sector, Manufacturing Sector, Energy Sector, Construction Section and the Social Sector. Government's initiatives to ensure sustainable recovery and resilience toward achieving the SDGs, as well as immediate actions required to reduce the overall socio-economic impacts on the population and the economy in keeping with the Roadmap to Recovery Reports (RRR) Interventions over the Medium Term 2022 –2024; the Community Recovery Report; and the Key Achievements consistent with the United Nations Social Development Goals (Medium Term) are also highlighted.

Major initiatives/achievements across the various Ministries/Institutions/Agencies are also discussed in the Chapter, a summary of which is presented in the **Table I** hereunder:

Table I: Summary of Initiatives/Achievements across various Ministries/Agencies/Institutions			
THEME I: PUTTING PEOPLE FIRST, NURTURING OUR GREATEST ASSETS			
Goal #	Goals	Some Major Initiatives and Achievements across Ministries/Institutions for Fiscal 2022	Ministry/ Institution/ Agency Responsible
1	Persons living in absolute poverty will be reduced	1. Establishment of an Inter-Ministerial Steering Committee for the National Register of Vulnerable Persons	1. Ministry of Social Development and Family Services
		2. Shock-Responsive Social Protection Training	2. United Nations World Food Programme (UNWFP) Caribbean/ Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency (CDEMA)
		3. Nationwide Multiple Indicator Cluster Survey (MICS).	3. Ministry of Planning and Development
		4. Expansion of Social Housing Programme	4. Housing Development Corporation
2	The Health care System	1. Move to a Voluntary Blood Donation System	

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	will be efficient and provide quality services	<p>2. Promotion of preventive care to reduce adult obesity, strokes and heart disease...</p> <p>3. The lowest total hospital occupancy level in this current wave of COVID-19 was recorded at 19% in April 2022 compared to 62% in May 2021</p>	Ministry of Health
3	Citizens will lead healthy lifestyles	1. Integration of mental health in the ‘Whole of Government and Whole of Society’ e.g. schools, communities and Faith-Based Organizations through the training of gatekeepers in mental health literacy	1. Ministry of Health
		2. Conducted the Athlete Welfare Workshop	2. Ministry of Sport and Community Development
		3. The S.H.A.P.E. in Communities Programme	3. Ministry of Sport and Community Development
4	The foundation of Trinidad and Tobago will be strong families and sustainable communities	1. Continued the formulation of the National Parenting Policy, and the National Family Policy	1. Ministry of Social Development and Family Services
		2. An Assessment of Case Management Services for Domestic Violence Survivors in the National Family Services Division (NFSD) within the Ministry of Social Development and Family Services (MSDFS) in Trinidad, and the Division of Health Wellness and Family Development (DHWFD) in the Tobago House of Assembly (THA) was completed in November 2021	2. UN Spotlight Initiative
5	Trinidad and Tobago will have a seamless reformed, high-quality education and training system	1. Collaboration with MIC Institute of Technology on the Manufacturing Apprentice Programme	1. Ministry of Education
		2. Secondary Schools Graduate Information System	2. Ministry of Education (National Training Agency)
		3. Launch of the SEA Online Portal	3. Ministry of Education
		4. Launch of the early childhood intervention under the UNICEF Early Detection and Interventions Project	4. Ministry of Education

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Table I: Summary of Initiatives/Achievements across various Ministries/Agencies/Institutions

THEME II: GOOD GOVERNANCE AND SERVICE EXCELLENCE			
Goal #	Goals	Some Major Initiatives and Achievements across Ministries/Institutions for Fiscal 2022	Ministry/ Institution/ Agency Responsible
1	Public Institutions will be high performing entities meeting the needs of all	1. Establishment of a National Planning Authority	1. Ministry of Planning and Development
		2. The Public Sector Performance Management System (PSPMS) Capacity Self-Assessment	2. Ministry of Public Administration
		3. National Digital Transformation Strategy	3. Ministry of Digital Transformation
		4. National Digital Inclusion Survey	4. Ministry of Planning and Development
		5. Introduction citizen engagement services	5. Ministry of Social Development and Family Services
2	Citizens will have confidence in the justice system	1. E-services including E-vrfy System	Judiciary of Trinidad and Tobago
		2. Judiciary Contact Centre	
3	An efficient and effective law enforcement system	1. Launch of the National Operations Task Force	1. Trinidad and Tobago Police Service/Trinidad and Tobago Defence Force
		2. Implementation of Seaport Corporation Project	2. Ministry of National Security
		3. Gang Reduction and Community Empowerment Project (GRACE)	3. Trinidad and Tobago Police Service

The Chapter concludes with a *Special Feature* section that seeks to address the gap in reporting on the social sector in relation to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals 2030. Consequently, it highlights the performance and the linkages between investments in the social sector and the attainment of the relevant SDGs. Findings revealed that 91% of all expenditure in the social sector was heavily targeted among three (3) SDGs namely: *Goal 1- No Poverty (69%)*; *Goal 8-Decent Work and Economic Growth (12%)* and *Goal 4- Quality Education (10%)* of SSIP expenditure. Notwithstanding these preliminary findings, it is instructive to note that based on the proposed monitoring of the SDGs more in-depth trend analyses will be undertaken in future editions of the SSIP document. The Social Sector Investment Expenditure for Fiscal 2022 mapped against the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals is outlined in **Appendix I**.

Chapter Two – Overview of the Social Sector, and the Review of Social Programmes and Initiatives for Fiscal 2022, reviews the budgetary allocations made by the GoRTT towards Social Sector development. It also highlights the performance of selected economic indicators during the reporting period and identifies inter alia policies developed, and research undertaken. It further examines the initiatives undertaken by the key social sector Ministries for fiscal 2022 and puts the spotlight on social issues relating to community development; education and training; health; gender and child affairs; housing; and labour.

The Chapter also notes that the national expenditure for fiscal 2022 was **TT52.42 billion** with a fiscal deficit of **\$9.096 billion**. Social Sector allocations focused on three (3) main areas: Health, Education and Social Services. Albeit the decreases in allocations compared to fiscal 2021 the Ministries of Health, Education, and Social Development and Family Services continued to receive the largest budgetary rates of allocation of **30%, 27% and 26%** respectively.

Concurrently, a review of more than **116** social programmes implemented across **12** Ministries and the Tobago House of Assembly in fiscal 2022 indicated a slight decrease in the number of programmes being offered due to limited funding, transfer of programmes from one Ministry to the next, and the ongoing impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. Some of the new programmes and projects, which were developed and research undertaken by Ministries and Agencies were as follows:

Programmes/Projects, Policy development, Research initiatives:

- Upgrade of the Integrated Ballistics Identification System (IBIS) at the Trinidad and Tobago Forensic Science Centre
- Customer Service Improvement Plan (CSIP) 2021-2023
- National Recycling Policy, 2022
- Research Paper on the Truck Act, Chap. 88:07

Chapter Three – The Social Sector Plans for Fiscal 2023, identifies the planned initiatives of the Ministries in the Social Sector, and the Social Services Divisions of the Tobago House of Assembly, for implementation in fiscal 2023. Such initiatives are to be viewed within the context of the UNSDGs 2030. Some key initiatives to be implemented in fiscal 2022/2023 are outlined in **Table II** below:

No.	Ministry/ Tobago House of Assembly	Some Major Sector Plans
1	Ministry of Agriculture	National Seed Bank
2	Ministry of Digital Transformation	Continued expansion of the Community ICT Access Programme
3	Ministry of Education	Launch of Secondary Entrance Assessment (SEA) Portal- Phase II
4	Ministry of Health	President's Emergency Programme for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR)
5	Ministry of Housing and Urban Development	Technology Enhancement Programme & Creation of WIFI Hot Spots at all community facilities and provision of devices
6	Ministry of Labour	Development of a Modernised Labour Market Information System
7	Office of the Prime Minister- Gender and Child Affairs	Gender Based Violence Mini Course
		Community Residences' Development (Caregivers Training Programme)
8	Ministry of Public Utilities	Smart Home Automation and Home Security- SMARTT
9	Ministry of Rural Development and Local Government	Business Transformation for the Community-Based Environmental Protection and Enhancement Programme
10	Ministry of Social Development and Family Services	Development of a Nationwide Campaign on Strategies to ensure Personal Food Security
11	Ministry of Sport and Community Development	Physically Active Scholars- Sports Programme
12	Ministry of Youth Development and National Service	Establishment of a Youth Agricultural Shade House
13	Tobago House of Assembly	Implementation and integration of a Digital Data Management System

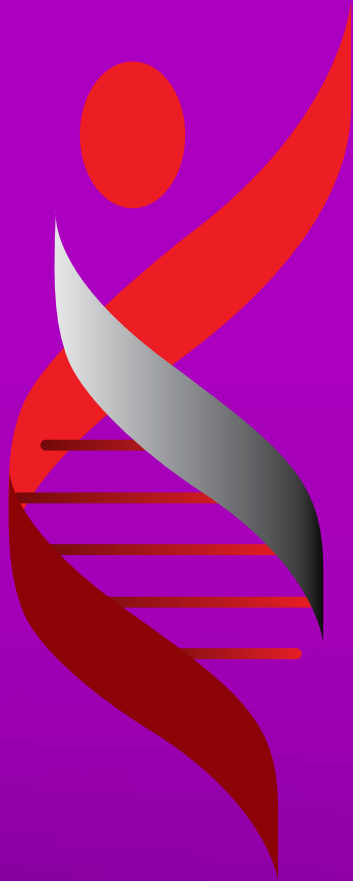
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The Report also contains the following documents:

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INTRODUCTION





Introduction

The Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago (GoRTT) Social Sector Investment Programme (SSIP) remains a fundamental strategy in meeting the social protection needs of the vulnerable population. The SSIP also works to reconstruct Government's vision for the sustainable development of the society into tangible programmes and projects. These projects and programmes are designed to realise the goals set out in Government's overarching national planning framework such as the National Development Strategy 2016-2030 (*Vision 2030*), *the Roadmap to Recovery Report* and *the Community Recovery Report*. During fiscals (2018-2022), the social sector was heavily resourced through budgeted allocations amounting to **\$96.7 billion**, thereby demonstrating Government's ongoing obligations to social protection.




At present, Trinidad and Tobago like all other countries continues to grapple with the COVID-19 pandemic which is already in its third year. Coupled with this, the Omicron BA.5 sub variant has become the dominant strain with the potential threat of the Monkeypox virus, which has emerged as the most important orthopoxvirus for public health. Globally, more than 31,000 cases were reported in nearly 90 countries (Daily Express, 2022).

Correspondingly, through the lenses of the "psychological/well-being" microscope, the pandemic has also negatively affected many people's mental health and created new barriers for those already suffering from mental illness and substance use disorders. Reports during the global health crisis showed that about 4 in 10 adults in the United States of America reported symptoms of anxiety or depressive disorder, a share that has been largely consistent, up from 1 in 10 adults who reported these symptoms from January to June 2019 (Panchal, et al., 2021). Local research based on a novel cross-sectional study conducted on depression, anxiety and stress among 395 healthcare workers (HCWs) in Trinidad and Tobago during the pandemic, depicted the prevalence and evidence of depression, anxiety and stress among HCWs. It was reported that 42.28%, 56.2% and 17.97% were found to have depression, anxiety and stress, respectively (Nayak, et al., 2021).

Significantly, the Russia invasion of the Ukraine on February 24, 2022 has been described as a war of aggression triggering Europe's largest refugee crisis since World War II. This incursion has not only exacerbated volatile economic conditions such as food security; but also supply chains that are being severely affected given that "wheat, corn, oils, barley, flour are extremely important to food security...especially in the poorer parts of the globe" (Nagurpey, 2022). Locally, attempts were made by the Ministry of Trade and Industry to analyse the country's economic trade implications with both Ukraine and Russia to determine the effects of the ongoing conflict on this country's international trade, especially as it relates to food security. The Ministry's preliminary findings for the period 2016-2019, indicated that trade was relatively small with average annual exports to the Ukraine and Russia approximating **TT\$3.9 million** and **TT\$6.3 million** respectively (ECLAC, 2022). Albeit, the impact of the war has led to serial increases in food prices locally particularly affecting the poor and vulnerable.

These factors continue to pose significant risks and are likely to persist for some time in the future for world economies' social protection systems, where economic fallout already remains uncertain for countries such as Trinidad and Tobago, given the country's dependency on oil- and gas-related industries for a large proportion of its GDP (Ministry of Planning and Development, 2020).

However, despite these challenges the GoRTT remains resolute in its stride towards achieving its medium term (2016-2025) objectives, as outlined in the National Development Strategy (*Vision 2030*). For this phase more than 16 goals were identified in keeping with five (5) Thematic Areas. The *Thematic Areas I and II* as shown in the Table below are significant to the social sector. These Areas are also aligned to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UNSDGs) referred to as *the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development*. The UNSDGs are built upon the three (3) pillars of sustainable development- economic, social and environmental spheres (Nayak, et al., 2021). As a consequence, this year's edition of the SSIP will feature the linkages between investments and performance of the social sector programmes, and the attainment of the relevant UNSDGs, as part of recalibration efforts to remain on track towards 2030.

NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY (VISION 2030) THEMATIC AREAS I AND II, AND GOALS		UNITED NATIONS SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS		
THEME I: PUTTING PEOPLE FIRST: NURTURING OUR GREATEST ASSET	Goal 1- Persons living in absolute poverty will be reduced Goal 2- The Healthcare System will be efficient and provide quality services Goal 3- Citizens will lead healthy lifestyles	  		
	Goal 4- The foundation of Trinidad and Tobago will be strong families and safe sustainable communities Goal 5- Trinidad and Tobago will have a seamless reformed high quality education and training system	  		
	Goal 10- Reduced Inequalities Goal 11- Sustainable Cities and Communities	 		
	Goal 1- Public institutions will be high performing professional entities, meeting the needs of all Goal 2- Citizens will have confidence in the justice system Goal 3- An efficient and effective law enforcement system	 		
		 		

The Role of the Social Protection System in the Social Sector

Social protection is defined as *the set of policies and programs designed to reduce poverty and vulnerability by promoting efficient labor markets, diminishing people's exposure to risks, and enhancing their capacity to protect themselves against hazards and interruption/loss of income* (Asian Development Bank, 2003). To this end, social protection systems (SPS) help the poor and vulnerable cope with crises and shocks, find jobs, invest in the health and education of their children (International Labour Organization, 2021). The SPS also plays a significant role in accelerating progress towards achieving the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals - *leaving no one behind*; and is also a key element of the national strategies to promote human development, political stability, and inclusive growth (International Labour Organization, 2020). However, according to the International Labour Organization's flagship report on "World Social Protection Report 2020-2022", findings revealed that more than 4 billion people still lack any social protection (International Labour Organization, 2021). In Trinidad and Tobago the SPS includes both contributory and non-contributory schemes, as well as universal healthcare through public health facilities, where approximately 67% of the labour force contributes to social security (Beazley & Ciardi, 2020).

Threats to the Social Protection System

Globally, societies today are advancing towards the 4th Industrial Revolution, which has been described as the 21st century convergence of digital, physical and bio technologies driving an unrelenting acceleration of human progress.⁹ However, the 4th Industrial Revolution is said to be posing a significant threat towards bringing this revolution full circle. This is attributed mainly to 1. severely underfunded state social systems, which are at their breaking points; 2. employers are backing away from traditional employment models and social protection contributions; and 3. individuals once again are shouldering a larger share of the risks. As longevity trends continue to increase and the threat of the automation of jobs becomes reality, the sharing of this risk needs careful readjusting in order to minimize potential human suffering (World Economic Forum, 2017).

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Additionally, climate change has undoubtedly become one of the most fundamental challenges for social development, human security, and ultimately social protection systems. This is mainly so as it leads to multiple negative impacts on education, health, nutrition, and food security affecting both poor and non-poor populations. Climate change also contributes to making certain groups more vulnerable, as well as susceptible to experiencing larger impacts from climate-related risks (United Nations, 2021). At the recently held 2021 Conference of the Parties (COP 26) Summit, parties reaffirmed the continuation of key principles from the Paris Agreement and previous COPs, including multilateralism, and the importance of nature and biodiversity to climate action, as well as human rights, the rights of indigenous peoples, local communities, migrants, children, persons with disabilities and people in vulnerable situations, gender equality, empowerment of women and intergenerational equity (United Nations, 2021).

Rebuilding the Social Sector and Economies from the Pandemic amidst the threat to Food Security

Rebuilding from a pandemic has major challenges for many countries across the globe. According to the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), QU Dongyu, “*social protection schemes have played a key role in helping the world’s poor recover from the COVID-19 pandemic and should be expanded.*” Speaking at the 60th Session of the United Nations Commission for Social Development (UNCoSD) in February, 2022, New York, he expressed, “*Rebuilding from the pandemic will require increased and targeted investments in rural development. For this, it is critical that our agri-food systems should be transformed to be more efficient, more inclusive, more resilient, and more sustainable*” (Donqyu, 2022) . Regionally, the Caribbean Community (CARICOM), in discussion with their Latin American counterparts, at the Quito Conference held in March 2022, called for a policy to deal with food prices globally concerning the agri-food sector, which is being regarded as a key component to move beyond the crisis that has engulfed the world over the past two (2) years.

Consequentially, recent collaborative efforts to reposition CARICOM towards food and energy sustainability were undertaken by the Governments of Trinidad and Tobago, and Guyana where both countries have signed the “*Republic of Trinidad and Tobago and Co-operative Republic of Guyana Food Development Plan*” (Daily Express, 2022). This Plan lists a number of areas of cooperation including but not limited to agriculture, and also aligns with the social sector’s proposed food security efforts to build resilience in the population through the implementation of a “***Nationwide campaign on strategies to ensure personal food security.***” The objectives of this *campaign* are to:

- Build resilience
- Empower citizens to grow their own food
- Reduce their food expenditure, and/or supplement their income (Ministry of Social Development and Family Services, 2020)

Additionally, the Organization of American States in addressing “*Policies and Innovations in Social Protection to mitigate the Effects of the COVID-19 Pandemic*”, articulated that the global pandemic and the emergency measures that have had to be implemented represent an opportunity for the governments of the region to explore, review, redesign and expand their social protection policies, and to have comprehensive systems that allow societies not only to face the serious consequences of COVID-19, but also to be better prepared to face future crises and, in turn, achieve the development goals set out in the global agenda (Organization of American States, 2022). Notwithstanding these factors, the social sector is now in its second year of Loan Financing in the sum of **US\$24.45Mn/TT\$159Mn** from the Inter-American Development Bank. This reformulation structured Loan entitled, “*Support for Vulnerable Populations Affected by Coronavirus (SUV PAC) TT-L1060*” is to contribute to ensuring minimum levels of quality of life for vulnerable persons amid the crisis caused by COVID-19. The specific objective of the Loan is to support minimum income for those affected by the Coronavirus in the immediate period and during the recovery.

Some Developments in the Social Sector in Fiscal 2022 for Improved Service Delivery

Reengineering the Social Sector

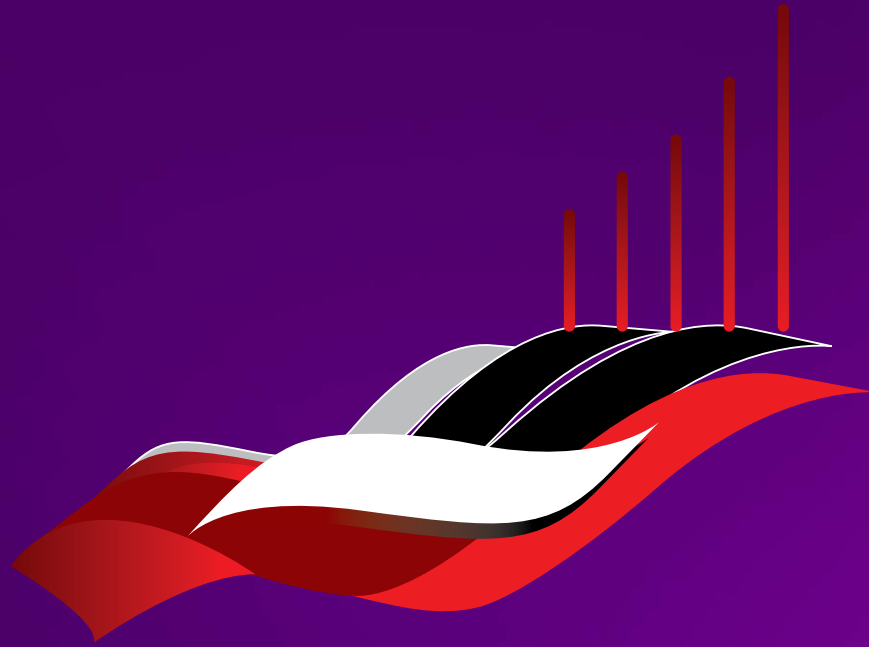
Reengineering of the social sector as a game changer in service delivery, involves the need to address *inter alia* entire processes and infrastructural gaps inclusive of digital infrastructure such as internet connectivity, digital identification, digital payments and integrated data ecosystems. These are necessary for the social sector to be better equipped and adapt quickly social protection programmers to meet urgent needs (The World Bank, 2021). Thus, strengthening of the national social protection floor through the seamless integration and implementation of sundry developmental programmes and schemes is necessary to facilitate common objectives. As a result, the system will be bolstered by a digital platform known as the *Integrated Social Enterprise Management System* which is being designed to provide a 'single door to social services' to reduce the fragmentation of the social protection system in Trinidad and Tobago. Commensurate with this initiative is the sector's increased drive to establish a national social registry system for vulnerable persons. Generally, social registries are information systems that support outreach, intake, registration and determination of potential eligibility for social programmes. The proposed national social registry when implemented is envisaged to play an instrumental role in the way the sector conducts its business as well as facilitate rapid responses to emergencies/shocks and adverse situations of vulnerable groups. Consequently, the sector is ever cognizant of the ongoing need to ensure that the right initiatives, programmes, critical research and evidenced-based policies are developed and executed to address the nation's social problems.

Commensurate with the reengineering process is the process of self-examination and assessment. This internal organizational scrutiny is important for growth and corrective measures to be taken readily in the social sector. As a result, the Ministry of Social Development and Family Services (MSDFS) has utilized a *Public Sector Performance Management System* methodology, which is results-based in scope. It is designed *inter alia* to assist the organization in identifying priority institutional capacity gaps, challenges and capacity needs in implementing its own strategic and Government's mandates, thereby strengthening the institution. This approach also complements the Ministry's transformation and change management thrust to improve efficiency, accountability and transparency; and enhance the nation's social protection efforts to reduce and prevent poverty.

Social Sector Landscape in Fiscal 2023 and Beyond

The social sector is ever mindful of the prevailing global socioeconomic issues, and therefore remains committed to the trajectory of digital inclusiveness to leave "no one behind." In 2023, the sector will continue its advancement of digital social protection by leveraging on the use of data solutions and agile technologies such as business and artificial intelligence tools customized to suit the sector's social protection delivery ecosystem. This is necessary to identify and close all gaps in social protection commensurate with emerging data solutions to draw on digital technology. In tandem, the sector will also impose other strategic measures including: the introduction of a National Seed Bank aimed at food and nutrition security; the development and rollout of national policies such as the National Recycling Policy; the Micro and Small Enterprise Policy; Child Labour Policy; National Parenting Policy; National Family Policy of Trinidad and Tobago; and other core initiatives to promote healthy family functioning, improve the dignity of the lives of vulnerable populations; participatory youth involvement and development, as well as gender mainstreaming and national poverty reduction strategies for social and economic empowerment of individuals.

These are just some of the critical drivers that are essential to the building blocks of tenacity and stability in the face of global challenges. It is envisaged that this foundation in the medium to long term will foster the social sector's smooth transformational path from silos to service centres thereby contributing to overall sustainable human development.



CHAPTER 1:
THE NATIONAL SOCIAL SITUATION



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1.1 Introduction

This Chapter summarizes the main initiatives of the social sector of Trinidad and Tobago for fiscal 2022. The Chapter also examines the context within which these initiatives and achievements operate. Of particular relevance are the strategic efforts by the Government to stabilize and stimulate the economy, and to protect and mitigate against the negative social impacts of the persistent COVID-19 pandemic, and exogenous world events such as the Ukraine/Russia war, and climatic conditions while trying to promote and secure national recovery. This document presents a socio-economic review of the social sector and is guided by the National Development Strategy of Trinidad and Tobago 2016-2030 (Vision 2030)-*Theme I – Putting People First: Nurturing our Greatest Asset, and Theme II-Delivering Good Governance and Service Excellence.*

These Themes will be used as a method of analysis to examine the national directives outlined under the Medium-Term Goals (2016-2025) as indicated in **Table 1.1** below. The Goals pertaining to each Theme identified are also aligned with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UNSDGs) and are in keeping with two of three pillars of sustainable development, which focus on (1) economic and (2) social development. Therefore, the initiatives highlighted in this Chapter are aimed at enhancing Trinidad and Tobago’s social capital and human development profile from a multi-sectoral perspective.

Table 1.1: Vision 2030: Themes and Medium-Term Goals (2016-2025)

Section 1.2	Theme 1	Putting People First: Nurturing Our Greatest Asset
Section 1.2.1	Goal 1:	Persons living in absolute poverty will be reduced.
Section 1.2.2	Goal 2:	The Healthcare System will be efficient and provide quality services.
Section 1.2.3	Goal 3:	Citizens will lead healthy lifestyles.
Section 1.2.4	Goal 4:	The foundation of Trinidad and Tobago will be strong families and safe, sustainable communities.
Section 1.2.5	Goal 5:	Trinidad and Tobago will have a seamless, reformed, high-quality education and training system.
Section 1.3	Theme 2	Delivering Good Governance and Service Excellence.
Section 2.2.1	Goal 1:	Public institutions will be high-performing professional entities, meeting the needs of all.
Section 2.2.2	Goal 2:	Citizens will have confidence in the justice system.
Section 2.2.3	Goal 3:	An efficient and effective law enforcement system.

In the last edition of the Social Sector Investment Programme (2022) where the National Social Situation was examined, emphasis was placed on reporting achievements of the short-term Goals of the National Development Strategy (NDS) which covered the period 2016-2020. However, given that the NDS is already in the medium-term (2016-2025) planning cycle stage focus is placed more on the initiatives of the social sector to achieve the strategic objectives. The Chapter concludes with a special feature on Trinidad and Tobago’s Social Sector’s developmental response and its alignment to the UNSDGs.



Post COVID-19

Coming out of the COVID-19 pandemic has been challenging for the Government in almost every sector. Consequently, the pandemic has affected the implementation of Vision 2030 in several ways as illustrated in **Figure 1.1** below.

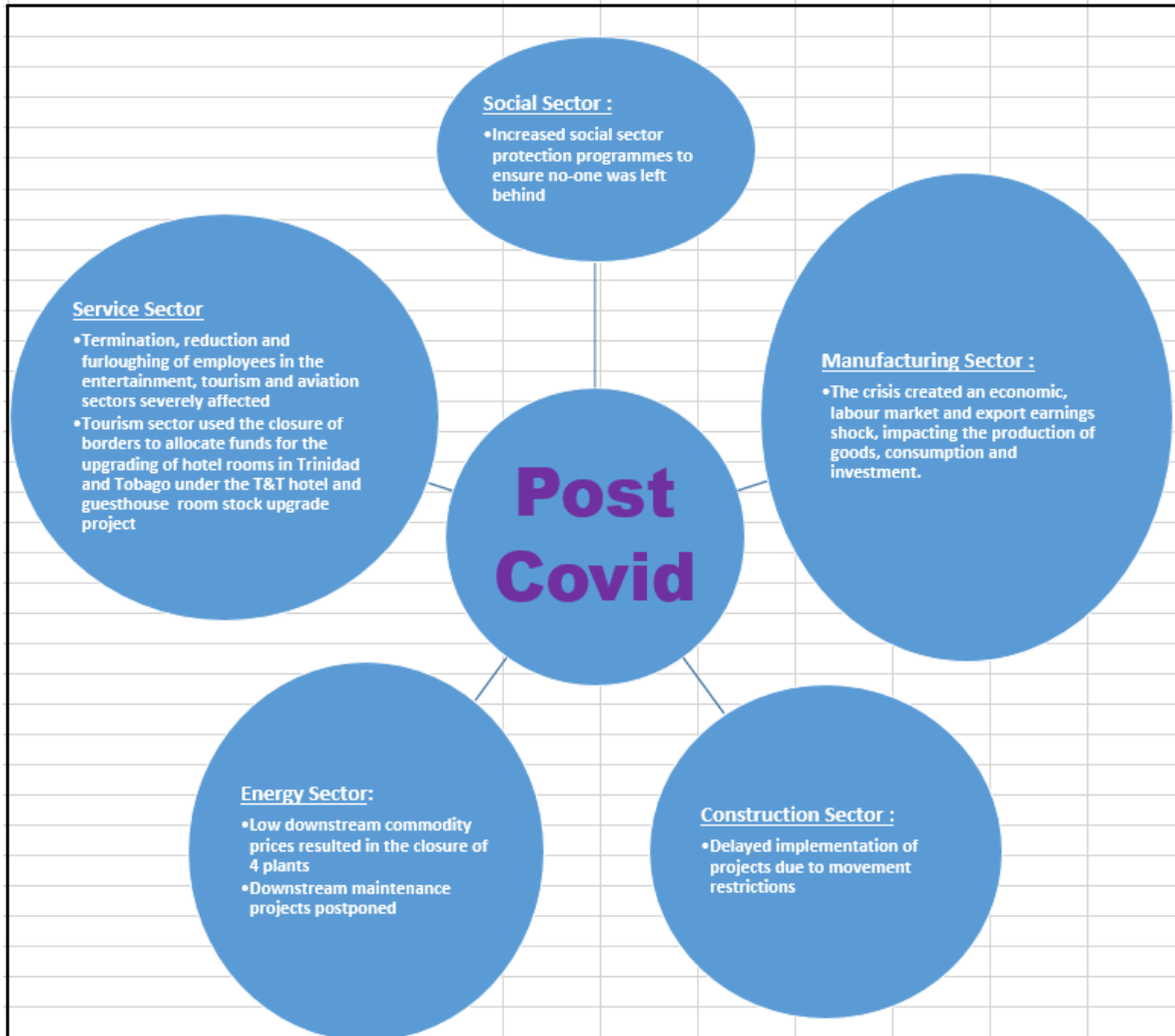


Figure 1.1 Service Sectors affected by the COVID-19 Pandemic

Moreover, the Government took several initiatives to ensure sustainable recovery and resilience toward achieving the SDGs. In this regard, the immediate actions to reduce the overall socio-economic impacts on the population and the economy include:

- **Roadmap to Recovery Reports (RRR) Interventions over the Medium Term 2022 – 2024**

These reports contain recommendations intended to guide the Government's actions in the immediate-short term and set a solid foundation for the transformation of the economy and the society, over the medium to long term. Over the period of 2022-2024 for the implementation of medium-term goals of the NDS, there are several key initiatives. These include:

1. Retraining of Women in SME Development
2. Digital Government Programme
3. Development of Smart City Infrastructure
4. Youth Business Park
5. Development of the Eco-Friendly Business Sector

- **Community Recovery Report (CRR)**

These reports made recommendations to support communities with “at-risk” youth and vulnerable groups in several communities in Trinidad and Tobago. The Public Sector Investment Programme, 2022 produced by the Ministry of Planning and Development (MPD, 2021) indicated that some of the critical areas of focus include the management and delivery of social programmes by several Ministries to promote family life, financial literacy, small business development and skills training in order to improve employability. The promotion of cultural and sporting programmes is also suggested for enhancing and developing the talents within communities.

Further, the MPD highlighted that in fiscal 2022, the Ministry of Sport and Community Development (MSCD) will continue the implementation of several projects mentioned below:

1. **Construction of Community Centres;**
2. **Refurbishment of Community Centres** - an investment of \$6.0 million will be provided for the refurbishment of eight (8) Community Centres;
3. **Refurbishment of Export Centres, Civic Centres and Complexes-** an allocation of \$2.6 million will be provided for upgrade works to approximately fifteen (15) facilities;
4. **Community Strengthening Strategies-** This is a new project that identifies the physical and emotional comfort derived from parents, mentors, friends, co-workers and other community members;
5. Additionally, the Government will provide \$10 million through the **Community Strengthening Strategies Project** to facilitate the following:
 - Developing Mentors and Leaders – School Setting;
 - Developing Mentors and Leaders – Community Setting;
 - Facilitating the Establishment and Development of Community Groups;
 - Promoting Parenting Skills;
 - Supporting Development of the Excellence Incubator;
6. **The Implementation of a National Policy on Sustainable Community Development (NPSCD),**
 - a. The NPSCD is inherently a transformation process that seeks to strengthen and revolutionise the way community development is facilitated by Government. An allocation of \$0.3 million will be provided in fiscal 2022 for the implementation of the NPSCD;
7. **Implementation of Self-Help Programmes**
 - a. This is a new project in which the Government will invest a total of \$15.0 million for the provision of financial assistance to vulnerable groups through the Minor Repairs and Reconstruction Grant (up to a total of \$15,000), the Emergency Repairs/Reconstruction Grant (up to a total of \$25,000) and the Low-Cost Housing Grant.

Concomitantly, the Ministry of Planning and Development also identified some key initiatives to reduce the overall socio-economic impacts on the population and the economy. These are listed in **Table 1.2** below.

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Table 1.2: Snapshot of Key Achievements consistent with the National Development Strategy and the UNSDGs - Medium Term Goals

Grants	Small & Medium Enterprises	VAT & Income Tax Refunds	Liquidity Support
Food Support	SME Loans	VAT Refunds to SMEs	Moratorium on mortgages and loan instalment payments
Public Assistance and Disability	Small Business Liquidity Support Facility	VAT bonds	Penalties are being waived on overdraft facilities
Salary Relief	Government-guaranteed SME loan facility	Accelerated Income Tax Refunds	Reduction of prime lending rates
Rental Assistance	SME Loans	VAT Refunds to SMEs	Moratorium on mortgages and loan instalment payments
Fuel Relief	Small Business Liquidity Support Facility	VAT bonds	Penalties are being waived on overdraft facilities
Emergency Relief	Government-guaranteed SME loan facility	Accelerated Income Tax Refunds	
Humanitarian Assistance to Stranded Nationals Abroad			

According to an ECLAC (2022) report, the current situation, discernible first by the COVID-19 pandemic, and now by the Russia/Ukraine war, has produced other simultaneous crises and urgencies. These include: food inflation; weak economic recovery; and global instability, which have generated other areas of interrelated concerns and challenges including (i) new social needs and demands requiring urgent responses (e.g. pandemic, disasters, inflation and food crisis); (ii) the need to create or strengthen linkages amongst the policies and programmes of the various Ministries, and the social protection systems in general, as well as the risk management disaster focus systems; and the pressures and risks that the resources available for social programmes and investment may suffer cuts. All of these are essential aspects that challenge public policy and thus have an impact on social institutions, programmes and policies. Notwithstanding, the actions taken by the Government to mitigate the fallout from the COVID-19 pandemic and the ongoing Ukraine /Russia war the social sector remains buoyant in meeting its objectives. In this regard, and for a more comprehensive understanding of the social situation in Trinidad and Tobago, the strategic initiatives undertaken in fiscal 2022 are presented under Thematic Areas I and II of this Report.

1.2 THEME 1: PUTTING PEOPLE FIRST: NURTURING OUR GREATEST ASSET

This Theme identifies five (5) Goals and recognizes people as the most valuable asset and central to the development of Trinidad and Tobago. A function of any social program is to realize the value of humanness in every form, be it new programmes or improved services. To this end, investments into social services must strive to value each individual and provide equal opportunity to access these services with special emphasis on the vulnerable, those impacted by disasters, the impoverished, children and youth, women, and disabled persons. Central to the Goals under this Theme is the need to ensure a nurturing environment, treat people with dignity and respect, and empower them to become creative and productive citizens reaching as far as possible to self-actualization. To achieve such ideals, efforts must be taken to eradicate/reduce poverty and inequality, economic and social discrimination, disease and poor health, and inferior living conditions.

1.2.1 Goal 1: Persons Living in Absolute Poverty will be Reduced

As the GoRTT continues to execute its responsibility of economic recovery during this post-COVID period, it remains committed to the reduction and the ultimate eradication of absolute poverty, thereby ensuring that 'No One is Left Behind'. Learning from the experiences gained during the pandemic, the GoRTT in fiscal 2022 continued to take decisive steps in addressing the gaps in the social protection systems and has moved towards enhancing the social sector service mechanisms to better target vulnerable groups in society. It is anticipated that the current ongoing interjection of modern technology coupled with greater cooperation amongst the social sector ministries, will result in increased efficiency in the delivery of social assistance to the most vulnerable groups in society whilst promoting concepts such as resiliency and sustainability. To this end, the following poverty-reduction activities were undertaken during fiscal 2022:

A. Continued Implementation of the National Social Mitigation Plan (NSMP)

During fiscal 2022, the implementation of the National Social Mitigation Plan (2017–2022) (NSMP) remained of paramount importance to the Government as it is one of the primary tools being utilised to buffer the impact of the economic downturn on vulnerable groups within the society. It is projected that the outcome of this programme will enhance the resilience of the citizenry in the long term. In fiscal 2022, the MSDFS continued to build on the foundational activities undertaken in the last fiscal whilst simultaneously introducing new approaches that can promote greater efficiency in the ongoing implementation process.

One such approach included the introduction of the Transformation & Change Management Project Office. This new unit is a collaboration among the MSDFS, the Ministry of Digital Transformation (MDT) and the Inter-American Development Bank (IADB). This team, which comprises a combination of staff members and consultants, has since reviewed the Ernest and Young concept reports, identified implementation gaps and charted a critical path forward for the execution of the NSMP. It is envisaged that the introduction of this team of specialists will foster increased efficiency and effectiveness during the project implementation process that will ultimately lead to the achievement of the desired results.

Furthermore, additional work was undertaken for the successful implementation of the two (2) main projects, namely: the establishment of the Social Services Empowerment Unit; and the implementation of the Social Transformation and Empowerment Programme – Uplifting People (STEP-UP) Development Model for Social Programmes. Both projects are integrative in nature, with a synergised objective, and as such, are being executed simultaneously for greater efficiency and effectiveness. These projects coupled with the Integrated Social Enterprise Management System software project (ISEMS) will enable the Ministry to be more responsive to the needs of the vulnerable. With most of the groundwork and preparation being completed in previous fiscals, the Ministry has focused on the development of a Model Office to test and prove the concept. The data gathered from this alongside the four (4) pilot projects will be used to fine-tune the concept before the national launch.



B. Conduct of the National Poverty Reduction Strategy (NPRS)

During fiscal 2022, the MSDFS continued to work diligently on the development of the National Poverty Reduction Strategy (NPRS). During the fiscal, the proposal for conducting the Participatory Poverty Assessment (PPA) was revised and the project was renamed the National Participatory Assessment. This revised proposal included several additional components inclusive of the ‘community transect walk’ which was geared toward ensuring the participation of persons residing in communities who were most affected by poverty. The subsequent proposal has been forwarded to the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) for review. During this review period, the Ministry has also taken the initiative to proceed with the development of a policy framework utilizing secondary data and the views of key stakeholders. This framework will set the foundation for the development of an interim NPRS which will be strengthened when the Survey of Living Conditions data becomes available.

C. Creation of a National Register for Vulnerable Persons (NRVP)

According to the World Bank, a social registry is an “information system that supports outreach, intake, registration, and determination of potential eligibility for one or more social programs.” As the GoRTT moves towards greater efficiency in its delivery of social assistance, the MSDFS, as the lead social sector Ministry has embarked on the development of a social registry, namely the National Register of Vulnerable Persons (NRVP). It is envisioned that the NRVP will serve as a mechanism for improving the targeting and response time of the social assistance programmes. Hence, the NRVP will ensure that the Government can easily identify citizens in need, the programmes and services available, the eligibility criteria and the type and level of interventions required, as well as track clients’ graduation/exit from the system. During the fiscal, the Ministry developed its preliminary Conceptualisation Brief that will guide the creation of the Register. In preparation for the establishment and operationalisation of the NRVP, an offer from UNDP for the provision of technical advice and funding for a consultant was accepted. The consultant will undertake the design, development, and implementation of the Register. Additionally, A Steering Committee was appointed to oversee the development of the NRVP.

D. Shock-Responsive Social Protection Training

Across the region, social protection has been advanced as a primary tool in responding to crises as highlighted in the aftermath of regionally occurring natural disasters and recently during the COVID-19 pandemic. Given that the Caribbean region as a whole is highly vulnerable to climate change and natural disasters, there is heightened need to strengthen the social safety net in supporting those at risk of and impacted by shocks. Consequently, in the second quarter of fiscal 2022, several technical officers across the public service engaged in a four-day training course entitled “*Shock Responsive Social Protection Training*”. This training was provided by The United Nations World Food Programme (UNWFP) Caribbean, in coordination with Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency (CDEMA).

As persons living in poverty are more vulnerable to the effects of natural disasters, there is a growing need for synergy between social protection and disaster risk management. The information garnered from this course is anticipated to assist social sector agencies and policymakers in designing and implementing shock-responsive social protection interventions in the event of an emergency, and in particular, influence the final geospatial design of the National Register of Vulnerable Persons.

E. Multiple Indicator Cluster Survey

The successful eradication of poverty requires the creation of targeted policies and programmes that address the underlying issues of the most vulnerable citizens. Consequently, the GoRTT in fiscal 2022, remained steadfast in its attempt at ensuring that greater data-driven policies and programmes are implemented. Instrumental for the success of the aforementioned initiative is the availability of pertinent, current and precise data. Consequently, the Ministry of Planning and Development in August, 2022 began its nationwide Multiple Indicator Cluster Survey (MICS). Implemented by countries under the United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF) programme, MICS is a nationally representative household survey that seeks to

provide internationally comparable, statistically rigorous data on the situation of children and women. Data would be gathered on topics such as Literacy and Education; Clean Water Access, Sanitation and Hygiene; Water Quality; Energy Use; Reproductive Health; Child Mortality; Nutrition; Child Health and Child Development amongst other topics. It is anticipated that the disaggregated data collected from this survey will facilitate the development of evidence-based policy-making aimed at the social inclusion of the most vulnerable in our society. This database will be linked with other data basis to support and target the vulnerable.

F. Interventions for the Socially Displaced

The street dwelling population comprises one of the most at-risk vulnerable groups within the nation and as such requires additional support measures. The GoRTT in its acknowledgment of the precarious situation that these citizens face, continues to strive for the overall rehabilitation and re-integration of the street dwelling population by the utilization of a Continuous Care approach to reduce the number of persons living on the streets. Consequently, the following decisive measures were taken in fiscal 2022:

Development of an Assessment Centre:

The Government recognises its responsibility to have an appropriate and effective strategy regarding the eradication of street dwelling nationally. It is against this backdrop that approval was granted for the construction of an Assessment and Socially Displaced Centre. Once established, this Centre will provide an alternative to street dwelling as suitable accommodation where persons during the period of assessment will be facilitated. Additionally, the targeted clients will receive referrals to treatment and rehabilitation centres/ programmes, as well as, the necessary life skills training in preparation for such treatment or rehabilitation. To date, the blueprint for the Design and Construction of the proposed facility has been completed and accepted by the MSDFS.

Creation of Additional Transitional Facilities:

Building on the foundational work of the Transitional Housing Working Committee in fiscal 2021, the GoRTT during fiscal 2022 continued its drive to establish suitable transitional facilities across the nation. In addition to finishing the refurbishment of the Carapo Facility, the MSDFS also acquired and began refurbishment works on six (6) apartments in South Trinidad for the establishment of additional facilities.

Concomitantly, in June 2022, the *Josephine Shaw House for Women* was officially opened thereby providing a safe haven for females aged 19-25 years who are transitioning from Community Residences. This facility is a collaborative effort between the Ministry of Youth Development and National Service, The Office of the Prime Minister, and the Salvation Army. In addition to suitable accommodation, these beneficiaries will receive skills training to further their overall development.

G. Social Housing Accommodation

Within the Housing Development Corporation's context, social housing refers to *the residential rental accommodations that are provided at sub-market prices for households that cannot otherwise afford market rates*. This social housing programme targets vulnerable groups of low-income households such as single parents, pensioners and the elderly, large families with dependent children, persons with disabilities and other displaced persons. As the GoRTT remains committed to ensuring that all citizens have safe and suitable accommodation, this initiative facilitates low-income citizens with the opportunity to have such accommodations. Subsequently, during fiscal 2022, the GoRTT has identified and taken decisive steps to expand this programme by an additional seven (7) potential sites for the construction of 784 units.



1.2.2 Goal 2: The Healthcare System Will Be Efficient and Provide Quality Services.

Having achieved and sustained its SDG status regarding Maternal Health for the last three years, the GoRTT through the Ministry of Health (MOH) continues its drive in ensuring all aspects of the healthcare service meet this standard. Accordingly, the MOH, during fiscal 2022 assiduously continued the execution of its Health Sector Strategy (2021-2025) to achieve the overall goal of providing quality healthcare and services to all citizens. During the period, focal areas such as maternal and child health; communicable and non-communicable diseases; management of the COVID-19 pandemic; decentralization of mental health; using digitalization and ICT in the access and provision of health care services, leadership and governance; and policy and regulation remained top priority.

The Ministry of Health, in fiscal 2022 also focused on several strategic initiatives aimed at re-positioning and reinvigorating key aspects of the health care delivery system.

A. Major Healthcare Achievements

Achievements of the MOH for fiscal 2022 included:

- The continued use of the parallel health care system specifically for the treatment and care of COVID-19 patients
- The development of an alternative pathway in hospitals' emergency departments for the screening, diagnosis and isolation of possible COVID-19-positive patients
- The deployment of the vaccination programme for COVID-19 across our public health facilities and mass vaccination sites with an uptake of 51% of the population is fully vaccinated.
- The establishment of an additional 'Long COVID 'clinic at the Port of Spain General Hospital to treat patients suffering from Long COVID
- The implementation of an electronic and hard-copy based clinical information system for the comprehensive perinatal record management
- The continuation of the Expanded Immunization Programme for the provision of vaccination to the population against communicable diseases including; diphtheria; pertussis; tetanus; measles; mumps; rubella; poliomyelitis; pneumococcal and yellow fever
- Improvement on the achievement of the Global 95 95 95 targets for HIV/AIDS for T&T
- The use of digitalization and ICT in the access and provision of health care services
- The improvement in Policy and Regulation function within the public health sector; the updated National Blood Bank Policy (70% completed), The E-Health Policy (80% completed), and The Health Ethics Policy (90% completed)
- Ongoing construction of the Sangre Grande Hospital and Head Office Building

B. Stakeholder Meeting on the Quality and Standards at Geriatric Homes

The quality and standards of geriatric homes across Trinidad and Tobago are a priority for the MOH to ensure that all geriatric homes across the nation operate at the highest standards. As such, in May 2022 the Ministry engaged key stakeholders to address issues surrounding the registration of these homes throughout Trinidad and Tobago. Discussions also focused on the following key topics:

- the health and safety of their caregivers and residents;
- the necessary legal framework required for implementation to allow for the transition of these geriatric homes from the current Private Hospitals Act to the Homes for Older Persons Act 2007;
- inspection,
- licensing and regulations of homes for the elderly inclusive of approved homes under the Mental Health Act Chapter 28:02; and
- The proclamation of the Homes for Older Persons Act 2007 along with the development of the supporting policy and regulations relating thereto.

C. The Transition of the National Blood Donation System from the Chit System to Voluntary Blood Donation System.

On March 21, 2022, the MOH hosted a symposium with its key stakeholders to discuss the Ministry's desire to transition the National Blood System to a Voluntary Non-Remunerated Blood Donation System. This new system will replace the current chit system in use and will address the challenges faced in the collection of blood and blood products for the health system.

1.2.3 Goal 3: Citizens will Lead Healthy Lifestyles

The advancement of the nation's sustainable socioeconomic goals hinges on the overall health of the current and future generations of citizens. Accordingly, the Ministry of Health (MOH) continues to diligently fulfill its mandate of promoting and protecting the health and well-being of all citizens by ensuring the availability of safe, equitable, and quality healthcare services at all health institutions. In fulfillment of this mandate, the Ministry regularly provides sufficient information in areas such as health, nutrition, and fitness for citizens to make decisions conducive to healthy lifestyle choices. This continuous implementation of programmes and initiatives solidifies the Government's commitment to building a resilient health care system whilst simultaneously promoting the creation of a healthier workforce. In fiscal 2022, some of the major initiatives include:

A. Non-Communicable Diseases

Internationally, Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs) such as heart disease, diabetes, cerebrovascular disease and cancer continue to be the leading causes of morbidity and mortality. As such, during the current fiscal, the MOH continued the execution of its National Strategic Plan for the Prevention and Control of Non-Communicable Diseases (NSP NCD); the goal of which is the reduction of preventable mortality due to NCDs by 25% by 2025. In fiscal 2022, through its NCD Programme, the MOH has successfully executed various key initiatives to reduce the national burden of NCDs, which included:

- *The Re-Launch of "TT Moves"*- in April 2022, there was an official re-launch of the Ministry's TT Moves campaign. Originally launched in fiscal 2019, this national NCD Risk Factor Reduction behavioural change communication campaign is designed to address the increasing prevalence of NCDs in Trinidad and Tobago and in particular the associated risk factor behaviours. For the re-launch, the MOH commenced the strategic installation of TT Moves signage at health facilities across Trinidad and Tobago. Key messages encouraging members of the public to engage in a healthier lifestyle are featured.
- *Ongoing implementation of the Gestational Diabetes Management Programme* – this programme will assist in managing diabetes during pregnancy. Currently, the guidelines, procedures, and training on the use of improved quality control procedures in laboratory management, as well as, the use of an interactive online platform for the medical staff within all Regional Health Authorities (RHAs) have been completed. This project is 60% completed.
- *Ongoing implementation of the Lung Cancer/Thoracic Enhancement Project*- This project is currently being established at the Eric Williams Medical Sciences Complex to deliver national lung cancer early detection and management. At present, Phase I of the project has been completed and Phase II is ongoing. This project is 85% completed.

B. Mental Health

According to the World Health Organisation (WHO), mental health disorders such as anxiety and depression increased by 25% since the onset of the pandemic creating the need for more mental health awareness and the provision of services. Locally, the GoRTT in recognition of the importance of mental health has prioritized the decentralization of mental health services in tandem with addressing and changing the negative stigmatization associated with mental healthcare. To this end, the ministry proposes to cease referring to such services as "Mental Health Services" but rather as "Behavioral Health Wellness Services". In fiscal 2022, the MOH continued the execution of its National Mental Health Policy (2019-2029), which



prioritize a decentralized service model that is in line with international best practices. Some of the key initiatives undertaken included:

- The establishment of a Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) Technical Working Group. This working group has since developed and implemented a mental healthcare action plan for the treatment and care of persons who tested positive for COVID-19.
- The establishment of a stress clinic at the North Central Regional Health Authority
- The development and rollout of the “FindcareTT” initiative. This initiative is a digital directory of crisis and emergency mental health and psychosocial services that facilitates easy access to behavioral health wellness services.

C. Healthy Lifestyle through Sports

One of the most effective tools in the promotion of a healthy lifestyle is regular engagement in physical activities such as sports. Emerging psychosocial research highlighted that sporting programmes provide immense benefits to their participants as it promotes physical and mental wellbeing, interpersonal and social skills, and emotional self-regulation, among others. Consistently categorized as a global unifier, sports can motivate and inspire individuals to improve their overall health. Accordingly, priority Area 1.4 of the Ministry of Health’s National Strategic Plan for the Prevention and Control of Non-Communicable Diseases is *increased levels of physical activity*, where the target is to reduce the proportion of adults and adolescents engaging in insufficient physical activity by 20%. To this extent, the Ministry of Health in conjunction with the Ministry of Sport and Community Development (MSCD) continued to promote the concept of ‘Sports for Development’ as means of increasing physical activity amongst the population. In fiscal 2022, the GoRTT implemented varying initiatives to encourage participation in sports, recreational and physical activity as follows:

The Pink Reign Campaign:

The *Pink Reign Campaign* seeks to facilitate the development of women and girls by providing opportunities to increase awareness and participation in the key aspects of sport and physical activity. Having reconfigured this campaign in the last fiscal, in its new format the campaign seeks to achieve the following objectives:

- To disseminate information to promote healthy lifestyle choices and behaviour, including health and nutrition; fitness; mental wellbeing; noncommunicable diseases namely obesity, hypertension, and diabetes;
- To enlighten women and girls on the critical roles they can play as athletes, coaches, managers, advisors, officials, administrators, and sports personnel at all levels;
- To encourage working women and girls to ‘get moving again’ in an attempt to reduce incidences of non-communicable diseases and reduce stress; and
- To address the stigmas that prevent women and girls from participating in sports and physical activity, through seminars, information sessions, and other impactful initiatives.

Healthy Youth Wellness TT initiative

As part of its ongoing Healthy Youth Wellness Initiative, the MOH is currently in the process of installing physical activity equipment for sixteen (16) Youth Centres. For this fiscal, six (6) centres have been fully equipped whilst seven are partially equipped and three (3) are in progress. The list hereunder details the centres and their current status:-

- a. St. James Youth Facility – Completed
- b. Bagatelle Community Centre - Completed
- c. Los Bajos Youth Facility - Completed
- d. Cantaro Community Centre - Completed
- e. Upper El Dorado Community Centre - Completed
- f. Mayaro Sports Facility, Plum Mitán Community Centre - Completed
- g. Carenage Community Centre – Partially Complete

- h. Diego Martin Central Community Centre – Partially Complete
- i. Mt Hope/ Mt Lambert Community Centre – Partially Complete
- j. Bon Air West Community Centre – Partially Complete
- k. Plum Mitan Community Centre – Partially Complete
- l. Maloney Indoor Sports Arena – Partially Complete
- m. Plaisance Park Regional Complex – Partially Complete
- n. Roxborough Sporting Complex – In progress
- o. Canaan Bon Accord Multi Propose Facility – In Progress
- p. Shaw Park Recreation Facility – In Progress

Furthermore, the MOH in conjunction with the MOE continued its promotion of healthy lifestyles amongst the youth of the nation through the installation of physical activity equipment throughout schools in Trinidad and Tobago.

D. Alcohol and Drug Abuse

Drug and alcohol abuse prevention is key to the overall well-being of the citizenry. The National Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention Programme (NADAPP), a Division of the MOH, has the mandate of executing the government's prevention initiatives. This is primarily achieved through the provision of services such as information dissemination to schools and communities; workplace prevention strategies, treatment, and rehabilitation, among others. In fiscal 2022, NADAPP focused on the following initiatives:

- Continuation of the Pre-School Prevention Initiative that has equipped the teaching staff of preschools across all educational districts with the basic knowledge to detect preschoolers who are exposed to licit and illicit substances.
- Ongoing broadcast of the Trinity Smart videos on the state-owned television station that sensitizes pupils in the nation's schools, about the deleterious effects of all drugs, including marijuana, as well as alcohol.
- Continuation of the National Primary and Secondary School Drug Prevention Initiative.

1.2.4 Goal 4: The Foundation of Trinidad and Tobago will be Strong Families and Safe, Sustainable Communities

The family is recognized as the bedrock of society as it facilitates the socialisation of its members; provides human capital for national development; and ensures the continuity of future generations. Furthermore, strong families provide the foundational blocks for the creation of strong communities and ultimately strong nations. Due to the important role it plays in society, the family unit requires protection in the form of laws and policies to support strengthen and protect the fabric of the family unit. Accordingly, the GoRTT has maintained its conviction of protecting and supporting the family unit and the overall communities in fiscal 2022. Across the social sector, various initiatives were undertaken geared towards the achievement of this goal. These included:

A. Policy Development towards Family Empowerment and Support

The MSDFS continued the formulation of the National Family Policy (NFP) which seeks to outline measures to promote a family-friendly society and the mainstreaming of family issues into sector policies. The framework of the NFP is built on the following 12 key Themes: Family Relations; Caregiving; Poverty/Vulnerability; Health and Wellness; Education; Housing; the Environment; Foster Care and Adoption; Safety; Religion; Research and Programme Planning; and the Media. The draft of the NFP is currently being reviewed and it's anticipated that it will be submitted to Cabinet for approval as a Green Paper by the end of fiscal 2022. The GoRTT hopes to increase sensitivity at all levels of Government on the importance of supporting and strengthening families in all its actions.

The National Parenting Policy (NPP) is inextricably linked to the NFP, which is currently being developed by the MSDFS. The objective of the NPP is to encourage, support and empower parents, guardians and



caregivers to effectively fulfil their parenting responsibilities. It is envisioned that the policy will implement responsive strategies that will promote resilient and empowered parents, guardians and caregivers across Trinidad and Tobago. During fiscal 2022, revisions to this policy were ongoing and it's envisaged that it will be submitted to Cabinet as a White Paper by the end of fiscal 2022.

The ongoing implementation of the National Youth Policy (2020-2025) continued in fiscal 2022. Being implemented under the Ministry of Youth and National Service, this policy will act as a guiding framework to support the mainstreaming of youths in development processes in Trinidad and Tobago. Through the institutional strengthening and strategic repositioning of youth development agencies, the youth development landscape can be positively transformed.

Similarly, continuous implementation of the **National Child Policy (NCP) (2020-2030)** was done during the fiscal with the NCP Cross Sectional Committee overseeing its implementation. In addition to conducting monthly meetings, the Committee also established an Online Monitoring Platform in the second quarter of fiscal 2022 to facilitate greater efficiency in the monitoring process. Additionally, the draft National Safeguarding Strategy, both the adult and child versions, have been completed and are being reviewed for finalization.

B. Family Empowerment and Support

In fiscal 2022, the National Family Services Division (NFSD) continued to fulfill its mandate of providing psychosocial assistance to individuals, groups, couples and families via counselling, advice, advocacy, referrals and placements. The NFSD routinely disseminates information on healthy family life through community workshops, its *Radio Programme: It's Family Time, Let's Talk*, outreaches and lectures upon request by various organizations (Governmental and Non-Governmental). In August 2022, the Unit held a relaunch of its Parenting Workshops, with the current cycle being conducted in-person as opposed to virtually.

Concomitantly, the Parenting Support Group through the Community Mediation Services Division (CMSD) builds the awareness and experience of parents to address the issues, which affect the resilience of families. The theme for fiscal 2021 was "*Developing healthy habits in a Co-parenting relationship*" and dealt with understanding the impact of separation and developing healthy co-parenting practices. For fiscal 2022, the theme focused on "*Parenting struggles: Developing effective skills in a Co-parental relationship*".

In tandem, the Student Support Services Division of the Ministry of Education (MOE) continued its delivery of psychosocial and behavioural services to both students and parents. This unit is tasked with providing a comprehensive and well-coordinated array of psycho-social support services to students to foster holistic social development. During the fiscal, the Division facilitated the conduct of psychosocial assessments, counselling sessions, parenting guidelines and networking services.

Additionally, in December 2021, the MSDFS launched its National Centenarian Programme, which recognizes and honour citizens of Trinidad and Tobago who achieved the milestone of 100 years and over. This initiative promotes a sense of social inclusion and esteem among centenarians given their contributions to the development of communities. The programme presents an opportunity to highlight their unique perspectives and wisdom about life and serve as an opportunity to salute their achievements and contributions to the overall success of our nation.

C. Protection, Care and Rights of Women and Children

Gender equality and the protection of human rights, especially of children and those most vulnerable, are the cornerstone of social protection. As a signatory to various UN Conventions that seek to promote the protection of vulnerable groups, the GoRTT recognizes the key role it plays in the achievement of such goals. In fiscal 2022, the protection and rights-based agenda towards women and children were achieved through the following:

Spotlight Initiative - Gender Based Violence Case Management System:

Trinidad and Tobago has been identified by the European Union (EU) and the United Nations (UN) as a Spotlight Initiative country. The Spotlight Initiative is a multi-year initiative funded by the EU across the UN system, which aims to address all forms of violence against women and girls, including harmful practices such as family violence. In Trinidad and Tobago, the Spotlight Initiative focuses on, *inter alia*, addressing barriers to accessing essential services and ensuring the implementation of integrated, quality, and accessible services and prevention approaches to eliminate family violence by 2030. In this regard, an assessment of case management services for domestic violence survivors in the National Family Services Division (NFSD) within the Ministry of Social Development and Family Services (MSDFS) in Trinidad, and the Division of Health Wellness and Social Protection (DHWSP) in the Tobago House of Assembly (THA) was completed in 2021. The assessment aimed to understand better the efficacy of current case management practices and to strengthen the national case management strategies for domestic violence survivors. The study sought to address the following questions:

- a. What are the case management procedures for women and girls who experience domestic violence in the National Family Services Division and the Division of Health, Wellness and Family Development?
- b. How do the current case management procedures align with the UN Essential Services Package for Women and Girls Subject to Violence?
- c. How can these procedures be improved to provide a coordinated and collaborative response to domestic violence that reflects the UN Essential Services Package for Women and Girls Subject to Violence?

Additionally, several recommendations have emerged to enhance case management for domestic violence survivors in Trinidad and Tobago. These included:

- The development or updating of standard operating procedures for the NFSD and the DHWFD that are grounded in interagency coordination and incorporate clear referral pathways and timelines where necessary to improve responsiveness of service.
- Formalisation of interagency coordination guidelines that clearly outline the roles and responsibilities of the agencies involved in delivering domestic violence services to women and girls.

Phase 2 of the Spotlight Initiative (sponsored by the European Union) will entail a pilot (in 3 communities) and further revision of the draft Standard Operating Procedures.

Heal Empower Rise Counter Trafficking In Persons (HER CTIP) Project:

In September 2022, the GoRTT in collaboration with the United States Agency for International Development, Mission for Eastern and South Caribbean (USAID/ESC), the International Organization for Migration (IOM), and The United Nations Development Programme embarked on the Help Empower Rise Counter Trafficking in Persons (HER CTIP) project. This project, which is expected to be implemented over a two-year period, is designed to strengthen the enabling environment that provides protection and support services to survivors of trafficking. The HER CTIP is aiming to achieve the following objectives:

- expand and promote trauma-informed, age-appropriate, and gender and culturally sensitive psychosocial services;
- support to TIP survivors;
- improve the availability of other support services to survivors who are in selected residential care and/or shelters; and
- provide technical support to the Government to develop a TIP Roadmap/ Strategy that supports survivors of trafficking.

This initiative reflects Government's commitment to developing partnerships in an effort to ensure that the most vulnerable are not left behind.



The National Policy for the Prevention and Elimination of Child Labour in Trinidad and Tobago:

The Ministry of Labour (MOL) remains committed to the prevention and elimination of child labour in Trinidad and Tobago. To this end, the *National Steering Committee for the Prevention and Elimination of Child Labour in Trinidad and Tobago* appointed in 2019 continued to fulfil its mandate of guiding the ongoing policy development. During the first quarter of fiscal 2022, the Committee undertook the tendering process for the engagement of a consultant to research child labour practices in Trinidad and Tobago. Additionally, during this quarter, a Strategic Compliance Training Workshop was conducted by the International Labour Organisation (ILO) for members of the Committee, Labour Inspectors and Key MOL officials. This workshop will play a critical role in the Labour Inspectorate's transition from traditional enforcement to the implementation of a Strategic Compliance Model for Labour Inspections. Moreover, the MOL continued the execution of its National Child Labour Sensitization and Public Awareness Campaign in both rural and urban communities across the nation. The Campaign was designed to build and increase awareness about Child Labour across T&T, and to improve compliance with the laws governing the protection of children under the age of 16. Activities undertaken included:

- publication of a Featured Story in the print media entitled : *Dashed Dreams*;
- design and administration of the Child Labour Survey to Primary and Secondary School Students; and
- launch of two (2) radio advertisements on Child Labour on all local radio stations

D. Training, Advocacy, Inclusion and Rights of Persons with Disabilities

The GoRTT continues to recognize the potential and valuable contributions of persons with disabilities. The MSDFS, together with its stakeholders remained focused on promoting inclusion, integration, and the rights of persons with disabilities. In fiscal 2022, some of the initiatives included:

Sign Language Training:

As the Government continues to promote values such as equal participation and inclusion, it is important that sign language training be accessible and supported so as to facilitate greater participation of citizens who are deaf or hard of hearing in the social fabric of society. Consequently, the MSDFS in collaboration with the UWI Open Campus continued its basic sign language training in fiscal 2022. In the first installment, **15** officers attached to the Social Welfare Division of the MSDFS were trained in using sign language in the execution of their duties should the need arise. During this fiscal, the second installment of this training was undertaken with a cohort of officers in various Divisions, such as, the Division of Aging, National Family Services, Disability Affairs Unit, National Social Development Programme, HIV/AIDS Coordinating Unit and Social Investigation Division. This initiative will promote enhanced communication with persons who are deaf or hard of hearing, to ensure they receive the highest standard of service.

National Policy for Persons with Disabilities (PWDs):

The National Policy on Persons with Disabilities was approved by Cabinet as a White Paper on May 16, 2019. The Policy is designed to promote and protect the human rights and equal participation of persons with disabilities in all aspects of society. This human rights Instrument consists of an action plan to ensure that the country is compliant with the Articles of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD). Persons with disabilities should be able to experience a barrier-free society. In fiscal 2022, the Inter-Agency Committee continued to meet and monitor the implementation of the Policy and the Articles governing the UNCRPD.

Community Therapeutic Services (CTS) Survey for Persons with Disabilities:

This survey was conducted to assist the MSDFS in designing a suitable therapeutic programme for persons with disabilities. The proposed programme, will be executed in collaboration with the Ministry of Health, to provide quality, coordinated, affordable, safe and sustainable therapeutic services in a community setting, to meet the needs of persons with temporary or permanent disabilities; the ageing population; and persons experiencing physical trauma. As at July 2022, the Report on the findings of the study was completed. Work on this project is expected to be completed before the end of fiscal 2022.

E. Youth Empowerment and Development

As postulated by the UN, young people can be a driving force for supporting development and contributing to peace and security when provided with the necessary skills and opportunities needed to reach their fullest potential. Consequently, the GoRTT maintains its commitment to creating an enabling environment that promotes youth participation in all aspects of sustainable development. In fiscal 2022, the Government continued its efforts towards this mandate through the following projects and initiatives:

Infrastructure and Facilities:

The implementation of its portfolio of capital projects that are focused on the construction, expansion, maintenance, and upgrade of existing youth facilities remains a strategic aspect of Ministry of Youth Development and National Service's plans for youth development. The Ministry of Youth Development and National Service (MYDNS) currently operates six (6) Youth Development Centers which are used to deliver social programmes that seek to train and certify youths in areas of trade, arts and life skills. During fiscal 2022, the MYDNS continued the assessment, refurbishment and upgrade of these facilities to better position these facilities to service the targeted communities. Concomitantly, the Ministry also continued the refurbishment and operationalization of both of its Youth Development and Apprenticeship Centers.

Launch of the Youth Agriculture Homestead Programme (YAHP):

The Youth Agriculture Homestead Programme (YAHP) is a programme to empower young farmers to utilize modern farming techniques on land leased to them by the MYDNS. For Phase I, a suitably qualified Non-Governmental Organisation (NGO), selected by the MYDNS, will be assigned five (5) acre plots to operate model farms on each of the land areas identified for the YAHP at Fyzabad Field Road, the Chatham Dairy Farm, and the Kendall Dairy Farm in Palo Seco. Phase II of the Programme will continue in Valencia, Gran Couva, Pointe-a-Pierre, Todd's Road, Lopinot and Santa Cruz.

Youth Social Programmes:

In 2022, the MYDNS continued its investment in the creation of youth social programmes/projects that are in alignment with market demands and equip the participants with the relevant tools to gain meaningful employment or to achieve entrepreneurial success. Some programmes implemented through the MYDNS in fiscal 2022 were as follows:

- **AMPLIFY:** A Music Production and Life Skills Training Programme
- **Alternative Learning and Life Skills Enhancement Training (ALLSET)** - This programme provides training in Heavy Machinery Operations
- **Skills for A Technological and Diversified Economy:** This is a Skills Bank Training Programme that is dedicated to the development of an e-ready workforce training framework
- **Social Media Management/Awareness**
- **National Leadership Training**
- **Re-establishment of the National Youth Council**

F. Promotion of Safe Communities

The GoRTT remains resolute in empowering communities by focusing on the social/human, economic, cultural, and environmental aspects of community development. As such, the GoRTT, through its Ministry of Sport and Community Development (MSCD) continued the execution of a number of initiatives that aim to encourage the adoption of behaviours that promote the development of sustainable communities.

Community Mediation Services:

Community Mediation is currently utilized as a mechanism for handling/negotiating the settlement of disputes in a wide variety of areas such as neighbourhood prob and family and relationship disputes amongst others. The Community Mediation Services Initiative encourages individuals to resolve disputes through the provision of civil and family mediation services, conducted by certified mediators.



Housing and Village Improvement Programme (HVIP):

The Housing and Village Improvement Programme (HVIP) uses self-help approaches to address housing and infrastructure improvement in communities. The components of the programme are two folds- the Individual Household level and the Village Improvement level. The Individual Household level focuses on home construction and or improvements, utilizing the Aided Self-Help Approach. On the other hand, the Village Improvement level concentrates on early and emergency works for the development and upgrade of basic infrastructure, utilities and services; provision of skills training and the identification of cultural, social services and facilities such as day-care, and homework centres.

1.2.5 Goal 5: Trinidad and Tobago will have a Seamless, Reformed, High-Quality Education and Training System

Education is the foundation to the establishment of a competent, skilled and efficient labour force that meets the needs of the national development strategy of Trinidad and Tobago. To this end, the Ministry of Education (MOE) continues to work assiduously towards the formation of a modern, relevant education and training system within Trinidad and Tobago. Consequently, the MOE remains committed to ensuring its programmes and projects are aligned to its three Strategic Goals, namely, Effective Governance and Administration of the Education System, Access to Educational Opportunities by All Learners, and Quality Education provided at all Levels. In fiscal 2022, initiatives in keeping with this agenda included:

A. Effective Management and Administration

During the fiscal 2022, the MOE continued the prioritization of the execution of strategic goal 1, that is, the effective management and administration of the education system. In this fiscal, the MOE has the continued the execution and development of programmes and projects pursuant to the advancement of an education system that is modern, relevant and accessible to all learners. As the Government continues its digital drive, it is important that the education system is transformed to match the overall e-government agenda, while at the same time ensuring that all are in a position to take advantage of these services. Initiatives undertaken in fiscal 2022 that were aligned to this strategic goal included:

Phase II of the National Consultation on Education:

Given the important role that consultation plays in the policymaking process, the MOE hosted the second installment of its National Virtual Consultation on Education, themed: “Education: The Passport to the Future” from January 31, 2022 to February 9, 2022. In this installment, the Ministry builds on the foundation of information garnered during the first phase of consultations towards the successful finalization of the Education Policy 2022-2027. Whilst phase I of this consultation process engaged the key stakeholders in the education ecosystem, phase II sought to gather the views and opinions of the national population. The eight (8) strategic areas of focus that was discussed over the eight (8) days of consultation included - Equity in Quality Education; Curriculum Reform; Technical & Vocational Education & Training (TVET) Revitalization; The Education Act; Digital Transformation; The Transition of Learners; Enabling Student Success; and Human Resource Development. Such consultations allows for the widest possible range of views, opinions and recommendations to be incorporated into the finalization of the policy whilst simultaneously promoting transparency.

Quality Assurance Framework (QAF)- Registration Drive:

In fiscal 2022, the MOE embarked on a registration drive seeks that will ensure that all private schools, including privately operated ECCE centres and special schools are registered with the Ministry of Education (MOE) and meet all the statutory approvals in their provision of quality services. This project is intended to achieve the following objectives:

- sensitise all providers on the registration requirements of the MOE;
- highlight the importance of registering the school with the MOE; and
- outlining the statutory requirements from the various State agencies.

It is envisioned that this project will improve the overall learning environment of the nation's children as they will now be exposed to a higher quality learning experience and will ultimately contribute to a more highly educated and innovative society.

Teacher Professional Development:

The Ministry remains steadfast in its commitment of honing and improving the capabilities of the nation's teachers in executing their duties. To this end, selected CSEC teachers from twenty-one different subject areas benefitted from the Curriculum Writers Training and Digital Content Development Course. This course sought to improve the participant's ability in using various tools and applications in digital content creation and lesson structures, designing interactive and engaging lessons for greater student engagement. Additionally, The MOE's Developmental Assessment and Intervention Unit (DAIU) conducted successive training sessions to develop teacher's skills to manage and support effectively students with suspected learning, emotional and behavioural challenges.

Concomitantly, MOE as part of its strategies to reduce incidences of violence in schools, collaborated with the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF) to conduct the first phase of a training programme titled, "Positive Behaviour Support" (PBS). This programme, which targets School Supervisors, Principals, Deans of Discipline and teachers from selected Primary and Secondary schools in Trinidad sought to sensitize and train educators to use proactive strategies to deter students from displaying inappropriate and/or violent behaviours. The Positive Behaviour Support Training Programme, which was held virtually, addressed key issues such as the impact of teacher bias on discipline; understanding factors that influence student behavior; contrasting Positive Behaviour Support with traditional forms of discipline; and recognizing the limitations of traditional discipline. Participants were also able to identify five (5) strategies they can use in their schools to manage student behaviour.

Digital Transformation:

The Ministry continues to pursue aggressively its mandate of transformation in the education system, with digitization and digitalization being key hallmarks of this project. The suite of projects and initiatives under the MOE's Digital Transformation programme seeks to provide improved systems, customer focused e-services, and more efficient operations through student and teacher-focused solutions. One such initiative is the creation of connected school areas via the deployment and configuration of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) managed platforms to facilitate online e-testing. Additionally, the MOE also launched The Secondary Entrance Assessment Online Portal in fiscal 2022, which allowed parents and guardians access to their children's SEA results via their laptops or mobile devices.

Concomitantly, the MOE continued the execution of its *Education Statistics Analysis and Reporting* project. This project aligns with the digital transformation agenda of the MOE by using technology in the collection and management of data to facilitate more effective databased decision-making. The project seeks to digitalise data collection and analysis; develop templates for collection of critical data; educate School Supervisors and Principals on the management and the use of data in decision-making; and contribute to the development of the Student Management System (SMS). In fiscal 2022, the SMS was piloted in **70** schools across Trinidad.

B. Access to Education and Equality of Opportunities

The GoRTT remains steadfast in its commitment of ensuring that all children have an equal opportunity in receiving an education without discrimination on any grounds. As a result and in the fulfilment of its mandate the MOE also ensured that the psychosocial, physical and special needs, *inter alia*, of all learners are met thereby ensuring the optimum performance of each student.

Early Childhood Intervention:

Early childhood intervention for learners with special needs/disabilities involves the improved provision of special education services and Individualised Education Plans (IEPs) for students enrolled at the Early Childhood Care and Education Centres and early primary levels who have been identified as having



developmental delays/special needs. During fiscal 2022, in the advancement of this initiative the MOE conducted the following activities:

- procurement screening tools and special education assessment resources;
- launched the early childhood intervention under the UNICEF Early Detection and Interventions Project;
- revised the data collection instrument regarding the prevalence of disability at ECCE level; and
- Implemented the Development Plan for training and systematic screening at ECCE centres.

It is expected that these activities will facilitate the inclusion of students with special needs; greater ease of access to education and related services; and the attainment of the full potential of students with special education needs.

Provision of ICT Learning Devices:

With the growing integration of e-learning and e-testing into the curriculum, the MOE continued its provision of ICT Learning devices to students in need. Following the successful completion of its Needs Survey in last fiscal, the MOE in fiscal 2022, distributed laptop and Wi-Fi devices for use within classrooms and advances the e-testing initiatives of the Ministry of Education.

C. Student Development and Quality Education

The holistic development of students is imperative for student learning outcomes to be achieved by learners at all levels. The MOE executed targeted interventions to increase the self-awareness and empowerment of students to engage in behaviours that will redound to the benefit of the citizenry. In this regard, the following programmes and initiatives were undertaken in fiscal 2022:

Parenting in Education Sessions:

The Parenting in Education initiative aims at increasing parental support, developing productive partnerships between home and school, and sensitising parents to their roles in parenting, and supporting their children. These sessions provide parents/caregivers with meaningful strategies and tools for successful parenting to aid in their children's education whilst simultaneously providing students with increased parental support so that they can benefit from educational opportunities. In fiscal 2022, these sessions covered topics such as:

- Role and Function of the School Social Workers and Parent Involvement in Education
- Parental Involvement in Online Learning
- Responsibilities of parents and students/the importance of Student Support Services
- Role of the parents in the success of the child at secondary school
- Absenteeism and Truancy
- Nurturing Children's Mental Health

Non-fiction eBook: Defiant No More:

In fiscal 2022, the MOE commenced the development of a narrative nonfiction eBook entitled, "*Defiant No More: A Guide for Parents, Caregivers and Teachers of Children Presenting with Troubling Behaviours*". This eBook encourages the application of knowledge on biopsychosocial factors contributing to defiant practices by children and strategies/tips by both parents and teachers to modify such behaviours. The MOE anticipates that once in circulation this eBook will facilitate the establishment of supportive and structured environments for children presenting with troubling behaviours. Additionally, it will empower parents and teachers with practical skills to assist children and adolescents in behaviour modification and to improve the learning and development of students displaying deviant behaviour in the classroom and at home.

Child and Adolescent Depression Screener:

Research studies indicate that screening in primary care may help identify those individuals with undiagnosed depression and could help shorten the typical lag between depression onset and treatment initiation, which could potentially prevent substantial suffering. As such, the MOE, in fiscal 2022, commenced the creation of a Depression Screener for children and adolescents. The development of the

Depression Screener presents an opportunity to identify students who are suicidal among those screening positive. Furthermore, depression screening may create opportunities to discuss other issues or underlying causes of depressive symptoms. This project will address issues regarding mental health in schools and therefore produce students capable of positively relating to others, handling stress and making healthy choices.

D. Technical Vocational Education and Training

As postulated by the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development, “Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) ensures skills development in a wide range of occupational fields, through school-based and work-based learning”. TVET plays a key role in ensuring lower school dropout rates and facilitates better school-to-work transition. Subsequently, the GoRTT’s commitment to the promotion of a well-designed TVET system, plays a crucial role in the development and alignment of skills to the labour market, for youth and adults in need of up-skilling or re-skilling. Initiatives undertaken in fiscal 2022 included:

Establishment of the Secondary Schools Graduate Information System:

The National Training Agency (NTA) as the regulatory body for TVET, has established the *Secondary Schools Graduate Information System*. This system has the capability of tracking and monitoring the thousands of young persons annually exiting the secondary school system. It is envisaged that this online database will allow key stakeholders to reach young adults who are neither in education nor employment (NEET), and offer relevant services which can allow this at-risk group to become productive citizens. The proposed system will allow graduates to create a comprehensive profile and indicate their future interests. Graduates will also be encouraged to update their profiles on a continuous basis, and Ministries/ Agencies will be able to search the database to identify prospective candidates using various criteria.

Provision of Demand Driven Labour Market Information and Occupational Standards to support TVET:

In its capacity as the regulatory body, the NTA collaborates with industries/employers and training providers to understand the national labour market current and future skills needs. This project will facilitate the increased provision of industry-relevant programmes and training whilst supporting evidence-based policy making in the TVET sector. During fiscal 2022, a National TVET Research Council (NTVETRC) was established under the purview of the NTA and has commenced the development of the National Tracer Study of TVET Participants. Additionally, an interactive report was published on TVET Providers’ Readiness for Online/ Blended Learning and a pilot test was completed for a revised survey instrument to collect Labour Market Demand Side Data.

Implementation of an Institutional Framework for Apprenticeship:

Charged with the responsibility for coordinating, regulating, and harmonising of TVET across the nation, the NTA commenced the implementation of an institutional framework to re-invigorate and strengthen apprenticeships. The intended impact is to improve the management and administration of apprenticeships in Trinidad and Tobago, the standard and quality of apprenticeships, and contribute to the development of a cadre of highly skilled and competent employees for the world of work. During fiscal 2022, the Quality Guidelines for Apprenticeship were completed and the Apprenticeship Consultation on the Policy and Quality Criteria with key stakeholders was also completed.

Pilot Programme for the Revised Level III (Diploma) General Draughtsmanship Technician Programme:

The MIC-IT is an industry leader in TVET and has continuously expanded its offerings to meet the needs of local manufacturers with a focus on technological advancements. In March 2022, the MIC-IT commenced the pilot programme for the revision of Level III (Diploma) General Draughtsmanship Technician Programme. The intended impact of this programme is to increase trainees’ exposure to 21st century skills as well as to increase the earning levels of General Draughting practitioners.



1.3 THEME II: GOOD GOVERNANCE AND SERVICE EXCELLENCE

The second Theme of the National Development Strategy for Trinidad and Tobago concentrates on the country's commitment to improving the public's trust in Government structures via the promotion of strong and independent public institutions. This Theme emphasizes the importance of good governance and service excellence, which are the foundations for a strong and effective public service. Consequently, the GoRTT remains committed to the continuous improvement of its service delivery to citizens, which is crucial for the achievement of high quality of life for all. During fiscal 2022, several of the initiatives undertaken were aligned to the medium-term goals of Vision 2030, which demonstrates a commitment toward the attainment of the goals outlined below.

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

The achievement of sustainable human and social development demands the existence of strong, high-performing public institutions. The advancement of these institutions provides the requisite foundational basis upon which the country's development needs can be attained while simultaneously promoting a culture in which citizens respect authority and the rule of law. The transformation of the public service from its current state to the idealised version as outlined in Vision 2030 requires an integrated mixture of modern technology, innovation, and contemporary rules and regulations. Within the social sector, service excellence, improved customer satisfaction, and greater efficiency remained key focal points in the provision of public services as evidenced by the following major efforts stated below:

A. Establishment of the National Planning Authority

On July 8, 2022, the National Planning Authority (NPA) was formally established with a mandate to guide Trinidad and Tobago's route map for its next stage of development. The installation of this Authority directly aligns with the government's continuous drive to fulfil the goals of Trinidad and Tobago's National Development Strategy: Vision 2030. The Authority has been tasked with fostering greater synergies between Central and Local Government thereby enhancing the policy and planning processes of these institutions. Concomitantly, they have also been charged with the creation of an overarching framework for achieving sustainable growth and development across the country into the future. It is envisioned that a holistic approach will be employed at all stages of the developmental planning process. As such, during the planning, implementation, and enforcement phases the Authority will consider and include critical factors, such as culture, the environment, and social and economic issues.

B. The Public Sector Performance Management System (PSPMS) Capacity Self-Assessment

During fiscal 2022, the Ministry of Public Administration continued its drive toward improving public institutions via the previously launched Public Sector Performance Management System (PSPMS). Commencing in the second quarter of fiscal 2022, the MSDFS in collaboration with the MPA embarked on the Capacity Self-Assessment, a tool within the PSPMS framework designed to identify priority institutional capacity gaps, challenges and capacity needs in implementing its strategic mandate, and by extension, the National Development Strategy 2030 Agenda. The Capacity Self-Assessment allows the State to thoroughly analyse its current capability and provide the necessary data to inform decision-making about where investments are needed. This will ultimately facilitate an increase in innovation and digital government capability thereby leading to improvements in citizen experience, service delivery, governance and accountability, and learning and growth in the public service. It is envisaged that the outcomes of the MSDFS' Capacity Self-Assessment will guide that ministry in identifying and undertaking both capacity development and transformation initiatives with the end goal of the overall strengthening of the institution.

C. National Digital Transformation Strategy

In July 2022, the Ministry of Digital Transformation (MDT) began preparatory work toward the development of the National Digital Transformation Strategy (NDTS) 2023-2026. This strategy is in alignment with Objective I of the Roadmap to Recovery (*Social Protection – No one is left Behind*), and seeks not only to transform the digital environment of the country but to ensure that no citizen is left behind in the process. Standing on the gains achieved by the previous digital strategies, the NDTS will also incorporate the principles of co-creation, collaboration and communication. Presently, the strategy focuses on three (3) principle areas namely: improving the business environment to enable digital transformation; expanding the use of digital tools to improve educational outcomes and digital skills; and enhancing the delivery of public services.

D. National Digital Inclusion Survey

The successful implementation of Government's digital agenda is predicated on the readiness and acceptance of all citizens toward the concept of digitization. To garner this data, the Telecommunications Authority of Trinidad and Tobago in collaboration with the Ministry of Planning and Development and the MDT, conducted a National Digital Inclusion Survey which was completed in fiscal 2022. This survey measured the digital divide, that is, the gap that exists between persons who have access to Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs) and those who do not. It also assesses the factors necessary for the efficient use of ICTs such as skill, motivation and trust. As the social sector continues to introduce and promote e-government services, there is a heightened need to ascertain clients' capabilities, specifically the most vulnerable (i.e. older persons, persons with disabilities, indigent/poor individuals). The subsequent report recommended greater collaboration with various social sector stakeholders in the conduct of a National Digital Literacy Initiative to reduce the digital divide and ensure no citizen is left behind.

E. Citizens and Engagement Services

The MSDFS in its drive to improve its public perception and overall service delivery established the Citizens Engagement and Outreach (CEO) service in fiscal 2022. Presently, this service consists of an operational team based at the Head Office with additional officers assigned to the various local boards. It is envisaged that the CEO's services would facilitate more direct interaction and engagement with Members of Parliament and the public thereby providing a greater understanding of the clients' needs and concerns, in an efficient manner. This new service will contribute significantly to the communication and engagement arm of the Ministry which, *inter alia*, will facilitate the transformation of the image and delivery system of the organization.

F. Partnership for Evidence and Equity in Responsive Social Systems (PEERSS)

In fiscal 2021, the Caribbean Centre for Health Systems Research and Development (CCHSRD) committed to collaborating with various social sector ministries in an attempt to build the capacity of these organisations in the development of evidence-informed policies and the inclusion of stakeholders in decision-making. Having completed Phase I of the project, the CCHSRD commenced Phase II in the 2nd quarter of fiscal 2022. This Phase included a four-day training workshop which laid the foundation for the ensuing Evidence-Informed Policymaking Coaching Programme. In addition to participants being trained in the formation of evidence-informed policies, the training workshop held in March, 2022, had the following objectives:

- Identification of commonalities and differences in the policymaking processes, policy priorities and the availability of research within the participating Ministries
- Identification of avenues for staff to share knowledge and expertise across the social sector on research evidence and the views of stakeholders, civil society, and citizens



The Coaching Programme commenced in May 2022 with the main objective being the development of a Rapid Response Brief. The Brief will address a specific high-priority policy issue/question for which evidence is needed. This programme will strengthen and reinforce concepts learned in the previously held training workshop by providing clarification and support to technical officers in applying the processes. It is anticipated that at the end of this project, social sector policymakers will be better equipped for the development and implementation of effective policies for the advancement of the social sector.

G. National e-Identity and Interoperability Solutions

During fiscal 2022, the GoRTT through the MDT collaborated with the Government of Estonia and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) for the development of a National e-Identity and interoperability framework and associate solutions. It is envisioned that these digital solutions will facilitate greater collaboration amongst Government Ministries, Departments and Agencies for improved service delivery and personalization of services to citizens. Additionally, such solutions will promote greater integrated access to government services across ministries and agencies.

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

A modern developed economy has its foundation in the concept of rule of law. As noted in the National Development Strategy, the GORTT firmly adheres to the belief that a strong judicial system is a cornerstone of building a developed nation. Furthermore, public trust and confidence in the justice system legitimises the system as it encourages the public's participation in the administration of justice (i.e. reporting crimes to police and cooperating with criminal prosecutions). Known for being overburdened and slow, the Judiciary of Trinidad and Tobago has continuously made strides to improve its efficiency and ultimately bolster the public's confidence. In fiscal 2022, the following initiatives were undertaken for the attainment of such:

A. Ongoing Technological Improvements

In alignment with the Government's overall thrust towards digitalisation and the implementation of e-services, the Judiciary in recent years has continuously implemented a range of e-services to facilitate greater ease in conducting transactions at the local courts. Since the roll-out of its Electronic Court Management Suite in 2018, the Judiciary has annually made improvements or added new features to its digitalised system. In fiscal 2022, the following services were augmented:

- CourtPay - Introduction of online payment of court fines was facilitated;
- E-vrfy System- This system was launched and expanded during fiscal 2022. E-vrfy is the Judiciary's Document Authentication and Verification system allowing any individual or organisation the ability to verify documents such as grants, probates and e-filed documents amongst others.

B. Improved Customer Service

In an effort to improve and enhance its service delivery, on October 4, 2021, the Judiciary Contact Centre was established. This Centre provides a platform for the Judiciary's clientele to have easier access to its services. Additionally, the Centre will provide customer support to individuals seeking information on court services, guidance in using the e-service platform and respond to general inquiries.

C. Legislative Agenda for the Social Sector 2021 – 2022

The section identifies some of the pressing national issues for legislative or regulatory action within fiscal 2022 as shown in Table 1.3 below.

Table 1.3 Legislative Action and Status by Ministry – Fiscal 2022

Ministry/Agency	Action Required	Status
Ministry of Social Development and Family Services	Amendments to Senior Citizens' Pension Act, Chapter 32:02	The draft bill is under review by the MSDFS and the Office of the Attorney General
	Amendments to Public Assistance Act, Chapter 32:03	Currently under review by an internal Ministerial Team.
	Amendments to Socially Displaced Persons Act, Act No. 59 of 2000	The Street Dwellers Draft Policy is being reviewed internally by the MSDFS.
	Proclamation of: The Homes for Older Persons Act (No. 20 of 2007) The Homes for Older Persons Regulations 2009	Currently under review by the internal Ministerial Team
Ministry of Labour	Submitted the Draft Policy Position Paper on the Industrial Relations Act to Cabinet in May 2021.	Under review by Cabinet's Financial and General Purposes Committee (F&GP).
	Finalisation of the Draft Cipriani College of Labour and Co-operative Studies Bill 2021.	Under review by the MOL and the Office of the Attorney General and Ministry of Legal Affairs.
	Amendments to Occupational Safety and Health Act, Chap. 88:08	Draft Policy under review by the MOL
	Repeal of the Foreign Labour Contracts Act, Chap. 88:11.	The Act was repealed in March 2022 given its archaic provision.
Office of the Attorney General	The Evidence (Amendment) Bill, 2020 - to amend the Evidence Act, Chap. 7:02.	Assent: 25 February 2021. Awaiting Proclamation.
	The Anti-Gang Bill, 2021.	Assent: 28 April 2021. Awaiting Proclamation.
	The Firearms (Amendment) Bill, 2021 - to amend the Firearms Act, Chap. 16:01	Assent: 6 July 2021.
	The Gambling (Gaming and Betting) Control Bill, 2021.	Assented to on 12 July 2021. Awaiting Proclamation.
	The Sexual Offences (Amendment) Bill, 2021 - to amend the Sexual Offences Act, Chap. 11:28.	Committee Report Laid in Parliament

1.3.3 Goal 3: An Efficient and Effective Law Enforcement System

As outlined in the National Development Strategy, sustainable national development requires constant improvements in both the criminal and judicial systems, as this engenders social stability and stimulates positive economic development. This will ultimately require both the modernisation and the strengthening of the local law enforcement systems to improve their efficiency and effectiveness. The Ministry of National

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Security (MNS), remained steadfast in improving its capacity to fulfil its mandate evidenced by recruitment and legislative initiatives, among others. The following additional initiatives were made during fiscal 2022 in continuation of the GoRTT's thrust towards improving the efficiency of the law enforcement systems:

A. Launch of the National Operations Task Force

The National Operations Task Force, which was launched on March 17, 2022, is a joint initiative between the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service (TTPS) and the Trinidad and Tobago Defense Force (TTDF) and was created as an operational unit to support intelligence-driven crime-fighting initiatives within the TTPS. Overall, this initiative aligns with the GoRTT's strategic goal of fostering closer coordination and collaboration among the law enforcement agencies and the TTDF. The establishment of this joint venture will promote greater efficiency in the law enforcement system as a range of different skillsets can now be utilised to build the system's crime response capabilities.

B. Strengthening of the Law Enforcement System Through Collaboration

Effective law enforcement requires collaboration with both internal and external agencies. Such initiatives facilitate the strengthening of the capacity of the law enforcement system through the sharing of knowledge, skills and experiences. In fiscal 2022, the Ministry of National Security (MNS) steadfastly maintained an inter-agency approach to its fight against crime. These initiatives included various stakeholder meetings and a forensic symposium held in February 2022; which was aimed at widening and deepening the collaboration among law enforcement agencies. On an external note, the MNS, in fiscal 2022, engaged in the following activities geared towards deepening its international collaborative relationships:

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed between the Minister of National Security and the Head of The European Union in Trinidad and Tobago:

On May 18 2022, an MOU was signed to formalise the arrangements between the GoRTT and Expertise France for the implementation of Seaport Cooperation Project (SEACOP) Phase V in Trinidad and Tobago. This project is a sub-project of the Cocaine Route Programme which is aimed at analysing the broad spectrum of challenges presented by organised crime and drug trafficking. This project seeks to enhance capacities and strengthen cooperation against maritime trafficking in countries on the transatlantic route. Whilst SEACOP Phases I to IV facilitated the training of local law enforcement officials, SEACOPS V will reinforce the effectiveness of SEACOP maritime intelligence and integrate this knowledge into national and regional curricula. The signing of this MOU demonstrates Government's continued commitment to strengthening collaboration in the fight against transnational crimes.

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed between the Trinidad and Tobago Prison Service and the Correctional Service of Canada:

On 26th January 2022, an MOU was signed between the Corrections Service of Canada and the Trinidad and Tobago Prison Service that reinforces the commitment by both institutions towards expediting the local process for Restorative Justice. This MOU further demonstrates the continued strengthening of the collaborative relationship between the two countries as it facilitates the sharing of information and expertise, inclusive of technical assistance and training which will contribute meaningfully to the enhancement of local security.

Launch of the Gang Reduction and Community Empowerment Project (GRACE):

Launched on May 11, 2022, the GRACE project is an 18-month training programme administered by the Pan American Development Foundation, through the United States of America Department of State, International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs Bureau (INL) that has been tailored specifically for the geographical areas across Trinidad and Tobago afflicted with gang activity. This project aims to assist the TTPS with reducing local incidences of gang activity through training and the provision of technical assistance. It is envisioned that this will be accomplished by strengthening the TTPS' community-based policing initiatives and its anti-gang investigative capabilities. This project reflects the Ministry of National

Security and by extension the Government's commitment to bolstering bilateral security cooperation between the GORTT and the United States of America.

Training Initiatives:

The bolstering of the local law enforcement system requires continuous learning of the newest procedures in the fight against crime. Given that global and local technological advancements are continuous facets of life, there is an amplified need to ensure local law enforcement officers are kept abreast. To this end, the various arms of local law enforcement underwent the following targeted training initiatives to increase their overall capabilities:

- Spanish for Police Officers – the participants were taught to converse in Spanish in the execution of their duties such as roadblocks, house searches, and interviews at the police station.
- Effective Screening for Human Trafficking Indicators – On January 19 2022, the Counter Trafficking Unit began a four-day training course geared toward equipping Coast Guard Officers with the necessary tools to conduct preliminary screening for indicators of Human Trafficking
- Visit Board Search and Seizure Training Programme – Members of the Trinidad and Tobago Coast Guard participated in a two-week joint training programme designed to enhance participants' skills in conducting maritime operations.

1.4 SPECIAL FEATURE: SOCIAL SECTOR INVESTMENTS AND THE ATTAINMENT OF THE UNITED NATIONS SUSTAINABLE GOALS, 2030

The United Nations adopted the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in 2015 as a universal call to action to end poverty, protect the planet, and ensure that by 2030 all people enjoy peace, prosperity, and quality of life. The 17 SDGs are inextricably linked, thus ensuring the initiatives focused on each SDG implicitly affect the outcomes of all others. In addition to the SDGs, the UN General Assembly on 6th July 2017 adopted the *Global Indicator Framework (GIF) for the Sustainable Development Goals and Targets of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development*, which is contained in the Resolution adopted by the General Assembly on Work of the Statistical Commission, concerning the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The GIF sets out a guide through which Member States can attain the SDGs whilst monitoring their progress.

As one of the United Nations Member States, Trinidad and Tobago has actively pursued the achievement of the SDGs. This is evident by the Government's action in integrating and prioritizing these 17 SDGs within the national economic, social and environmental development plan as part of Vision 2030. This is intended to further progress towards the achievement of the SDGs while simultaneously meeting the national developmental needs. The investments under the SSIP are part of Trinidad and Tobago's overall development agenda and must be supported with the relevant investments in other economic, social, and environmental areas. Going forward, closer alignment and reporting of these investments can help create a stronger "knowledge culture" where there is timely, accurate, and sufficiently detailed information on the investments, beneficiaries, and results of public sector expenditure towards national and international goals and targets.

In this regard, the fiscal 2023 SSIP production embarked on a new feature to ascertain the relationship between investments on social sector programmes in fiscal 2022 and the alignment of these programmes' goals/objectives with the relevant SDGs. The methodology used in this exercise also involved the reviewing of the mandate for the sector, budgetary allocations for each initiative and classifying the initiatives in accordance with the Goals. According to the data based on the Estimates of Expenditure for fiscal 2022, the sum of **\$7.91 billion** was effected for the SDGs as shown in **Appendix 1**.

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Table 1.4: Summary of Expenditure in effecting the Sustainable Development Goals based on Estimates of Expenditure for Fiscal 2022

No.	SDG	ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR 2022 (TTD)
1	No Poverty	5,410,251,684
2	Zero Hunger	290,629,200
3	Good Health and Wellbeing	346,296,069
4	Quality Education	793,318,370
5	Gender Equality	25,000
6	Clean Water and Sanitation	5,000,000
8	Decent Work and Economic Growth	962,466,510
10	Reduced Inequalities	49,878,427
11	Sustainable Cities and Communities	28,300,000
13	Climate Action	20,000,000
	Grand Total	7,906,165,260

Accordingly, the three (3) SDGs receiving the majority or **91%** of SSIP budgetary allocations in the combined sum of **\$7.2 billion** were:

- *Goal 1-No Poverty - 69%*
- *Goal 8-Decent Work and Economic Growth - 12%*
- *Goal 4- Quality Education - 10%*

The remaining **9%** of SSIP allocations was spread across seven (7) other SDGs namely:

- *Goal 2- Zero Hunger*
- *Goal 3 Good Health and Wellbeing*
- *Goal 5-Gender Equality*
- *Goal 6-Clean Water and Sanitation*
- *Goal 10-Reducing inequalities*
- *Goal 11-Sustainable cities and Communities*
- *Goal 13 Climate Action*

A graphical depiction of the Findings is presented in **Figure 1.2** below:

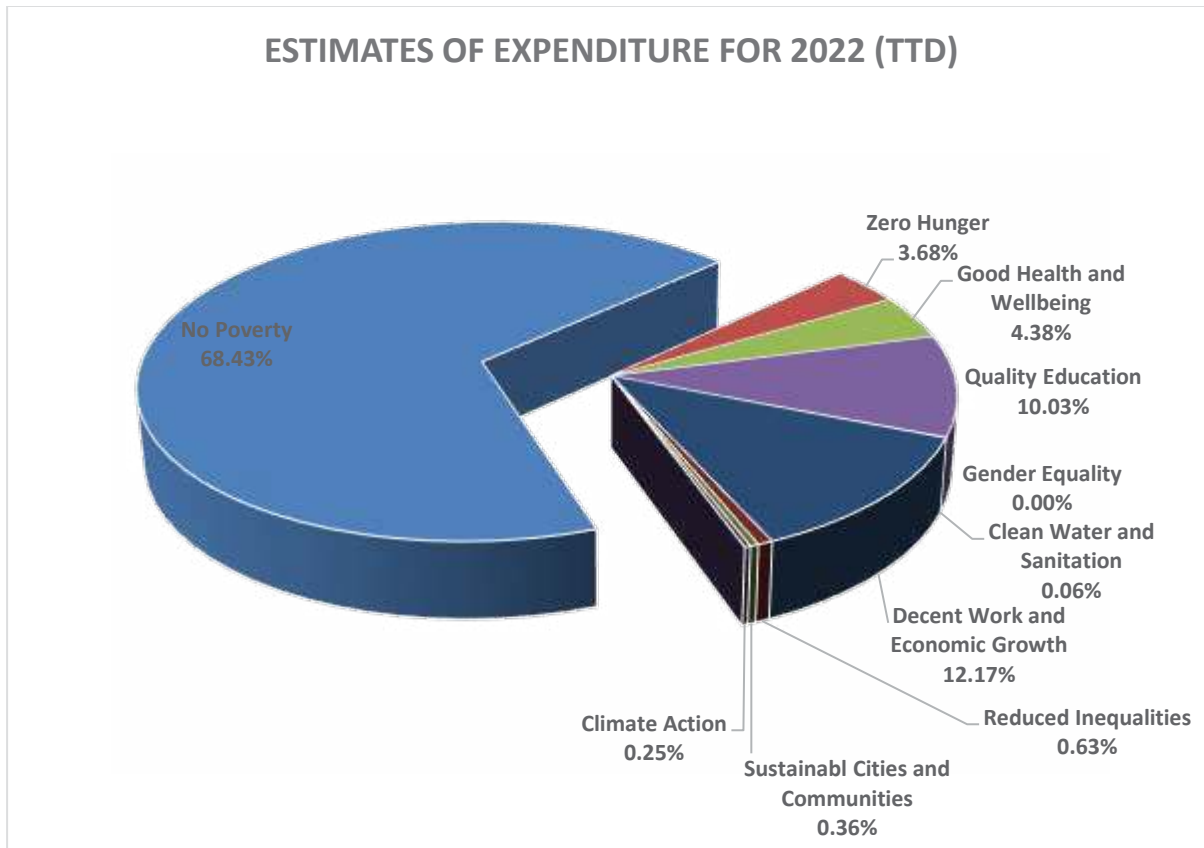


Figure 1.2: Social Sector Investment Programme Estimates of Expenditure for Fiscal 2022 in relation to the SDGs

A further breakdown of the SSIP Estimates of Expenditure for fiscal 2022 mapped against the SDGs, Targets and Indicators is outlined in **Appendix I**.

Whereas seven (7) SDGs did not receive explicit funding in fiscal 2022 it would appear that these SDGs including gender equality issues are crosscutting among the other initiatives, and as such expenditures might have been subsumed under other SDGs which tend to be interrelated. The following are those SDGs for which no specific funding was advanced in fiscal 2022:

- Goal 7- Affordable and Clean Energy
- Goal 9 - Industry, Innovation, and Infrastructure
- Goal 12 Responsible Consumption and Production
- Goal 14-Life Below Water
- Goal 15- Life on Land
- Goal 16- Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions
- Goal 17- Partnerships for the Goals

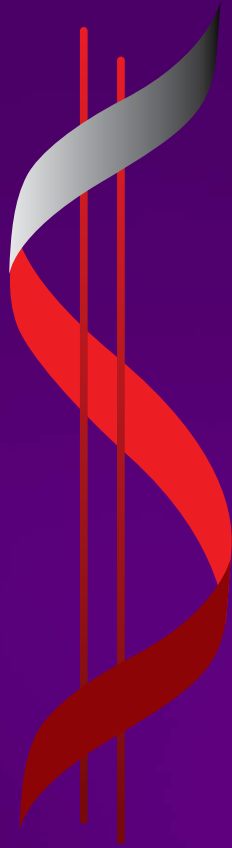
The SDGs have a cross-Ministerial mandate and require the inputs of various stakeholders into the process, together with firm commitment from all levels of Government, the private sector, and civil society. Given the level of funding for the SSIP, it can be observed that the GoRTT remains committed to the attainment of the SDGs despite the current significant challenges that may arise in the near future. Notwithstanding these preliminary findings, it is instructive to note that proposed monitoring of the SDGs should be undertaken on a regular basis to provide for more in-depth trend analyses in future editions of the SSIP document. Across the Social Sector, the intent should be for greater streamlining of programme objectives to align with SDGs indicators. This will facilitate greater consistency in monitoring and reporting. Moreover,

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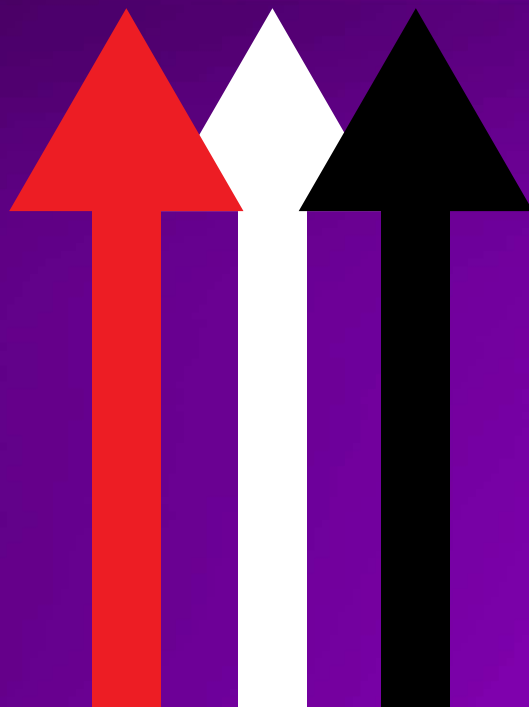
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the proposed ongoing focus on the SDGs will look beyond monetary measurements and will seek to facilitate better programme planning and development in accordance with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. For this reason, this exercise of reporting on the SDGs within the social sector needs to be supplemented by clear identification of the desired SDGs and beneficiaries at the budgeting stage. By more closely aligning budgeted expenditures to the Themes under the Vision 2030 and the Sustainable Development Goals Agenda 2030, it is anticipated that there will be more accurate and timely means to monitor, evaluate, and report on investments towards these objectives.



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OVERVIEW OF THE SOCIAL SECTOR AND REVIEW OF SOCIAL PROGRAMMES AND INITIATIVES FOR 2022





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Chapter 2 details the Government's fiscal 2022 budgetary allocations made towards social sector development and recaps the allocations made over the last five (5) fiscal years (2018-2022). It also identifies the new programmes implemented, policies developed and the research and evaluations undertaken during the fiscal year. The Chapter further examines the achievements of the social sector programmes implemented and aligns these to the national outcomes of Vision 2030. The areas of interventions for the social programmes are generally developmental, remedial or preventative and conjointly aimed at developing the nation's human capital.

2.1 Defining the Social Sector

A core Social Sector Ministries (SSM) is defined as an agency whose primary function is to prevent or redress social ills, or to foster social progress. The activities of these Ministries would generally be considered social services when more than 75% of their respective budgets would be allocated to addressing social issues. In addition to the core SSM, there are several other Ministries whose primary or secondary activities impact significantly, 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 focus on the fight against social ills. In addition, more than 50% of their respective budgets would be allocated in this area. 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 April 2022 World Economic Outlook Report, the International Monetary Fund estimated global growth expanded by 5.9 % in 2021 and forecasted moderate growth of 4.4% in 2022. Underpinned by widespread vaccination programmes, easing of restrictions on economic activity and accommodative fiscal and monetary policies, the global economic recovery was forecasted to improve. This, however was later revised in the July Report with a more downside tilt following increasingly gloomy developments (International Monetary Fund, 2022). The rate of recovery was likely to slow owing to high food and energy prices resulting from the Russian/ Ukraine crisis and supply shortages stemming from the COVID-19 pandemic, which have added to inflationary pressures across many economies (Central Bank of Trinidad and Tobago, 2022).

Conversely, Trinidad and Tobago experienced some improvements resulting from rising energy prices and to a lesser extent increased economic activity. Initially, total revenue for fiscal 2022 was estimated at TT \$43.333 billion. National expenditure was estimated at TT\$52.429 billion with a fiscal deficit of TT \$9.096 billion (Ministry of Finance, 2021) . However, in the mid-year budget review there was an upswing in the economy. This was evident in a comparison between the actual budget surplus of TT \$1.98 billion reported at the end of April 2022, against the expected TT \$5.7 billion deficit. As regards to expenditure, a supplemental allocation of TT \$3.081 billion was required with additional Recurrent Expenditure estimated at TT \$2.9 billion and additional Development Programme expenditure at TT \$104 million.

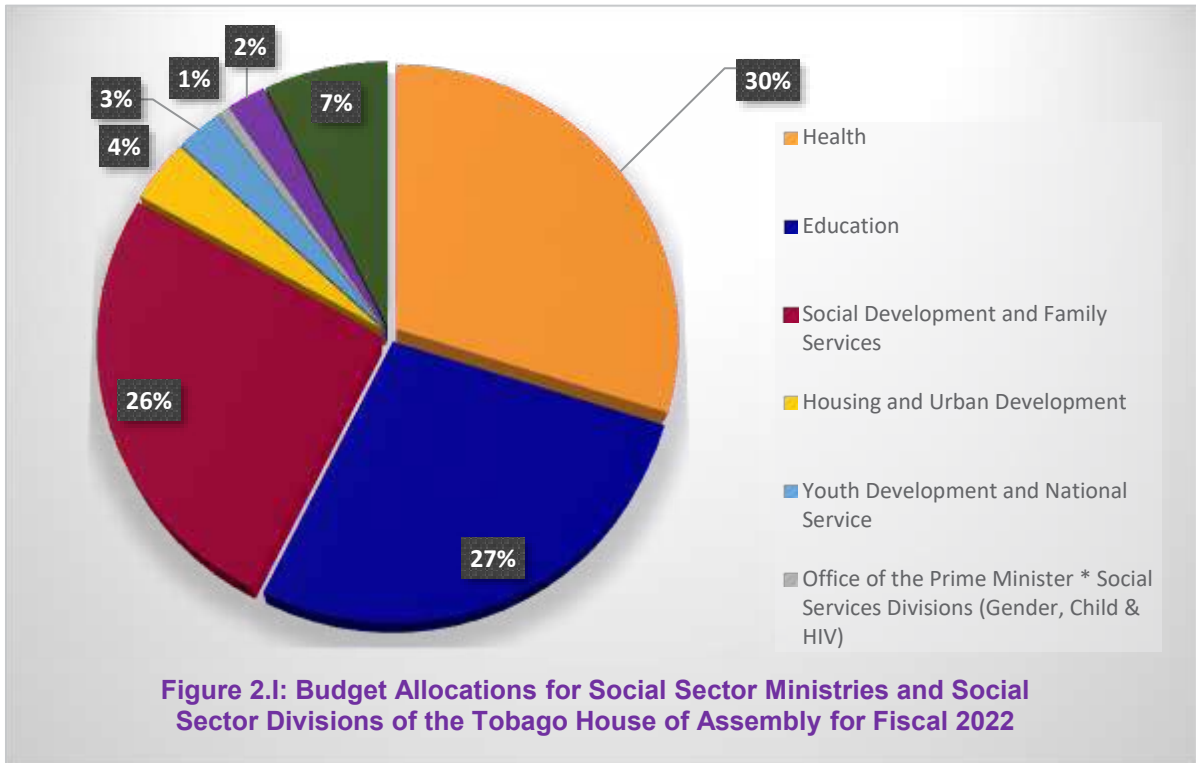
For fiscal 2022, an estimate of TT\$19.15 billion was allocated to the key SSM and the Social Sector Divisions of the THA. Table 2.I details these budgeted allocations.

Table 2.I: Budgeted Allocations for the Key Social Sector Ministries and the Social Services Divisions of the Tobago House of Assembly for Fiscal 2022

Key Social Sector Ministries & THA	Development Programmes TTD	Recurrent Expenditure TTD	Total TTD
Health	570,604,000.00	5,161,287,890.00	5,731,891,890.00
Education	436,377,000.00	4,810,705,000.00	5,247,082,000.00
Social Development and Family Services	17,800,000.00	5,253,015,000.00	4,963,845,000.00
Housing and Urban Development	202,064,000.00	513,160,100.00	715,224,100.00
Youth Development and National Service	282,347,000.00	255,357,620.00	537,704,620.00
Office of the Prime Minister Social Services Divisions (Gender, Child & HIV)	8,686,300.00	127,100,085.00	135,786,385.00
Sport and Community Development	154,747,000.00	272,461,000.00	427,208,000.00
Tobago House of Assembly (THA)	264,135,000.00	1,131,619,700.00	<u>1,395,754,700.00</u>
Total			<u>19,154,496,695.00</u>
Tobago House of Assembly (THA)* Social Services Divisions			
Health, Wellness and Family Development		639,546,300.00	
Community Development, Enterprise Development and Labour		53,708,300.00	
Education, Innovation and Energy		353,793,900.00	
Sport and Youth Affairs		57,652,600.00	
Settlement, Urban Renewal and Public Utilities		26,918,600.00	
_Social Infrastructure	264,135,000.00	1,131,619,700.00	1,395,754,700.00

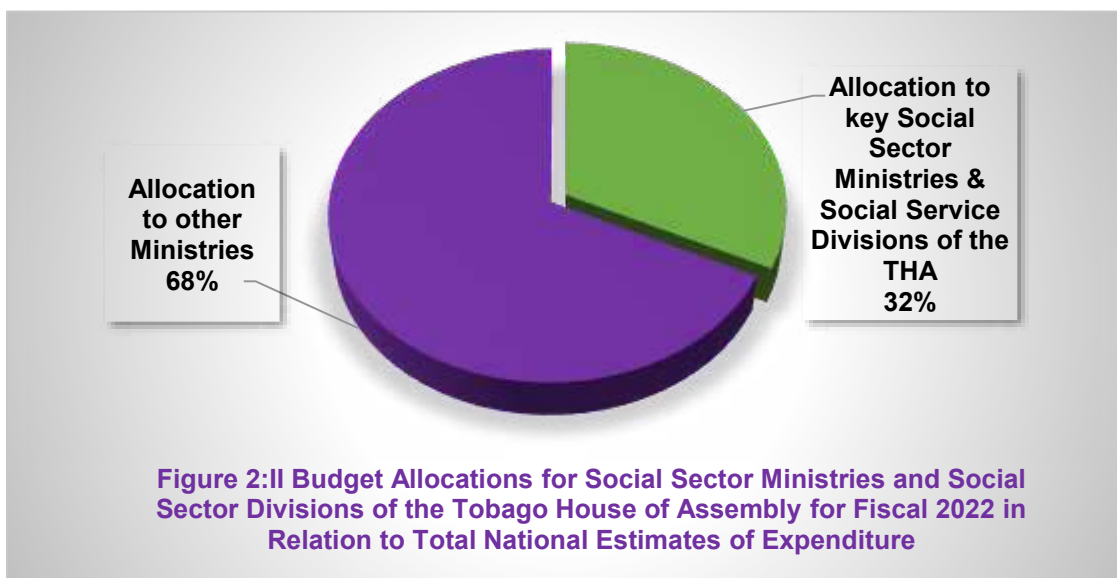
Source: Draft Estimates of Expenditure 2022

The Ministries of Health, Education and Social Development and Family Services received the largest allocations of 30%, 27% and 26% respectively. These SSM are responsible for addressing key dimensions of human development such as healthy life, knowledge and education access and reducing social ills such as poverty and inequalities. These SSM have consistently received the largest share of allocations over the last five (5) fiscals as they play a key role in building the country's human capital. Figure 2.1 details the percentage allocations to the key SSM and the Social Services Divisions of the THA.



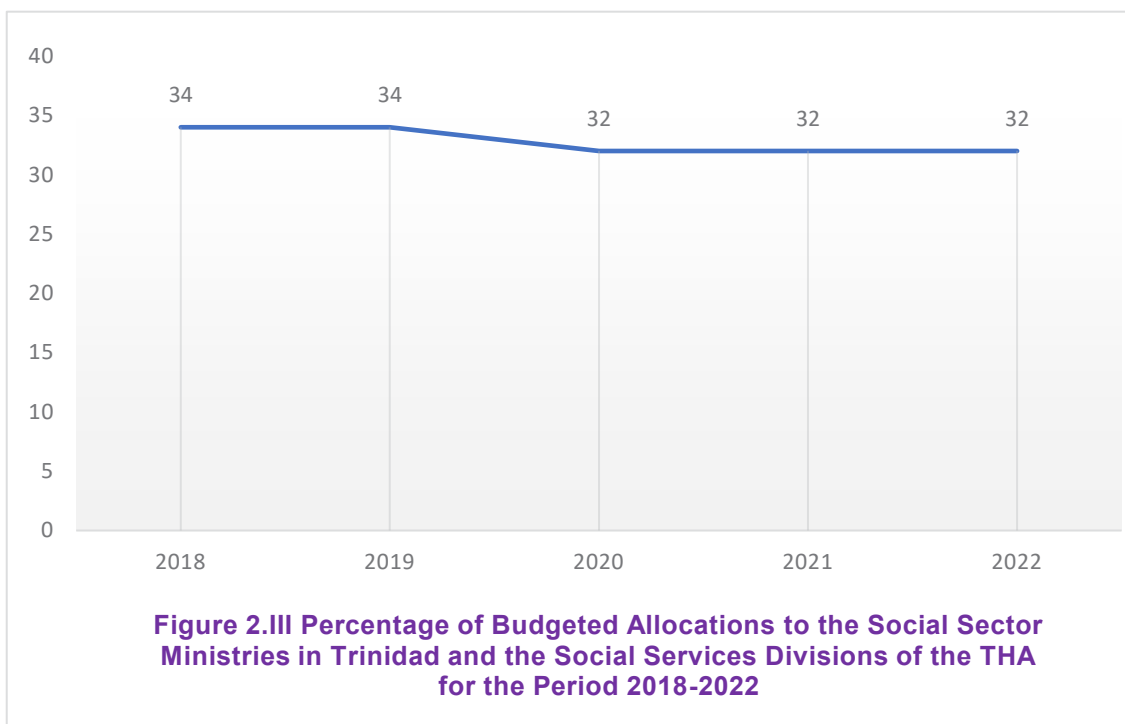
Source: Draft Estimates of Expenditure 2022

Figure 2.II below presents the allocations to the key SSM and Social Sector Divisions of the THA in comparison to that of other Ministries. For fiscal 2022, the aggregated sum of TT \$19.15 billion was allocated. This represents 32% of the total estimates of expenditure on recurrent and developmental programmes valued at TT \$59.62 billion.



Source: Draft Estimates of Expenditure 2022

An analysis over the last five fiscal years 2018-2022, reveals that the percentage of budgeted allocations to SSM and the Social Services Divisions of the THA has relatively remained constant at an average of 32.8%. In 2018 and 2019, the percentage of budget allocations was 34% and over the last three fiscals 2020, 2021 and 2022 the percentage allocations stood at 32%.



In a comparison of social sector allocation to GDP, there has been a consistent allocation of 13% of GDP toward SSM and the Social Services Divisions of the THA, for the last four (4) fiscals 2017-2020. In fiscal 2021, there was a slight decrease to 12%. On average over the last five fiscals the GoRTT has allocated 12.8% of GDP to SSM. Table 2.II and Figure 2.IV recap the social sector allocations to GDP from fiscal 2017-2021.

Table 2.II: Budgeted Allocations for the Key Social Sector Ministries and the Social Services Divisions of the Tobago House of Assembly and Gross Domestic Product for 2017-2021

Year	Social Sector Allocation (TT\$ Billion)	GDP ¹ (TT\$ Billion)	Social Sector Allocation as a % of GDP
2017	19.69	157.2 ^r	13%
2018	19.88	161.3 ^r	13%
2019	19.73	161.3 ^r	13%
2020	19.34	146.9 ^r	13%
2021	18.6	159.5 ^p	12%

r – revised
p – provisional

¹ Central Statistical Office's (CSO) revised GDP at Market (Current) Prices for the period 2017- 2020 and provisional estimates for 2021

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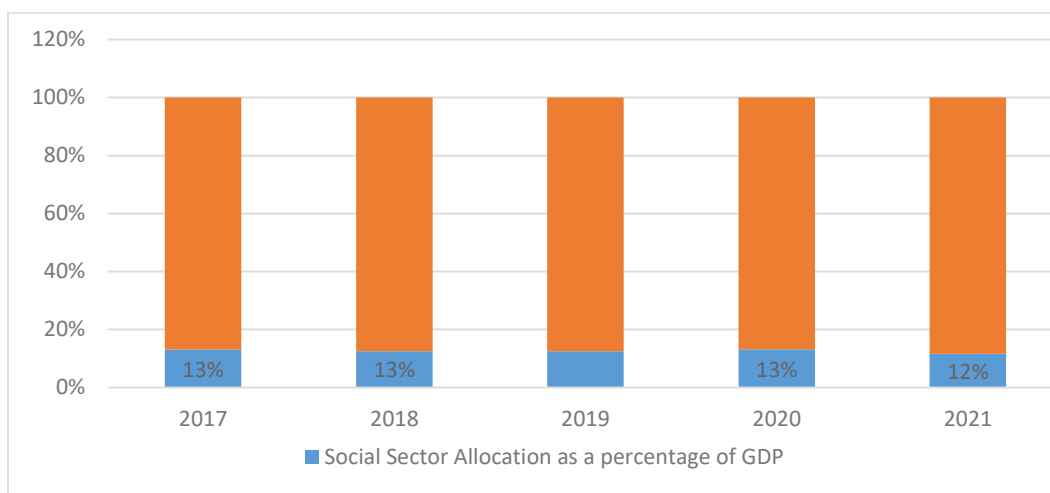


Figure 2.IV: Percentage Allocations to the Key Social Sector Ministries and the Social Services Divisions of the Tobago House of Assembly and Gross Domestic Product for fiscals 2017-2021.

In fiscal 2022, there was a 0.7% increase in the total budgeted allocations for social infrastructure and social programming. The sum total for this fiscal amounted to TTD 9.87 billion compared to TTD 9.71 billion in the previous fiscal. **Table 2.III** gives the details of the total allocations for social infrastructure and programming over the period 2018-2022.

Table 2.III: Budgeted Allocations for Social Infrastructure and Programming for the Fiscal Period 2018-2022

Year	Social Infrastructure TTD	Social Programming TTD	Total TTD
2018	2,008,378,000	8,117,055,000	10,125,433,000
2019	2,164,193,000	8,785,888,057	10,950,081,057
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

2.3 New Programmes And Projects Developed/Implemented In Fiscal 2022

Ministries develop and/significantly restructure their developmental, remedial and preventative programmes in order to improve the overall social conditions of the citizens. As societal needs change, the social programmes and services developed to meet these specific needs also require modifications. This is essential in order to effectively achieve the desired results.

Box 2.I highlights the new programmes and projects developed/implemented during fiscal 2022

- Connected Communities Programme (DT)
- National Register of Vulnerable Persons – (MSDFS)
- Upgrade of the Integrated Ballistics Identification System (IBIS) at the Trinidad and Tobago Forensic Science Centre (MNS)
- Gang Resistance and Community Engagement (GRACE) Project (MNS)
- Youth Agriculture Homestead Programme (MYDNS)

2.4 Social Policies Developed in Fiscal 2022

Public policies set the government's course of action for addressing a particular issue that leads to positive outcomes and ultimately improves the well-being of the citizenry. The policies that were developed, for fiscal 2022, are listed in Box 2.II.

Box 2.II: Policies Developed and/or Implemented in Fiscal 2022

- Customer Service Improvement Plan (CSIP) 2021-2023 – MPU
- National Integrated Solid Waste/ Resource Management Policy, 2022 (SWMCOL) (MPU)
- National Recycling Policy, 2022 (SWIMCOL) (MPU)
- Revised Beverage Containers Deposit Refund Policy for Trinidad and Tobago, 2022 (SWIMCOL) (MPU)



2.5. Research Conducted In Fiscal 2022

Research builds a solid foundation on understanding social issues and facilitates evidence-based social policy development and planning. Key research activities conducted by Social Sector Ministries during fiscal 2022 are highlighted in Box 2.III.

Box 2.III: Research scheduled to be conducted and/or finalised in Fiscal 2022

- Research Paper on the Truck Act, Chap. 88:07 - (MOL)
- Public Service Training Needs Assessment (TNA) 2022, (MPA)
- Research Paper on Child and Adolescent Depression Screener (MOE)

2.6 Review of Social Programmes and Initiatives

Despite setbacks brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic, Ministries continued to focus on achieving set targets. During fiscal 2022, several Social Sector Ministries expended approximately 97% to 100% or more of their budgeted allocations. Table 2.IV Compares the percentages of estimates of recurrent expenditure that social sector Ministries and the Social Services Divisions of the THA spent on social programmes and initiatives for fiscal 2022 and 2021 (Appendix II refers).

Table 2.IV: Comparison of the percentages of Estimates of Recurrent Expenditure that Social Sector Ministries and the Social Services Divisions of the THA spent on social programmes and initiatives for fiscals 2021 and 2022

MINISTRY	ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR 2022 (TTD)	REVISED ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR 2022 (TTD)	% OF ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE	
			2021	2022
Ministry of Education	203,975,000	271,244,700	97	132
Ministry of Health	329,173,069	336,863,440	105	102
Ministry of Housing & Urban Development	384,035,284	449,170,894	99	117
Ministry of Social Development and Family Services	5,059,575,577	5,358,032,759	100	105
Office of the Prime Minister * Social services Divisions ²	126,858,285	164,335,569	130	130
Tobago House of Assembly* social services Divisions ³	50,815,000	47,608,000	100	94
TOTAL	6,154,432,215	6,627,255,362		

Source: Figures supplied by the Budget Division, Ministry of Finance, September, 2022

Over the period 2017 to 2022, Government's expenditure on major social safety net programmes averaged a little over TT\$ 6.5 Billion annually. Table 2.V outlines expenditure on these programmes over the 6-year period. The Senior Citizens' Pension continued to record the highest expenditure during the period under review. In 2017, total expenditure amounted to TT\$ 3.5 Billion and in 2022, the expenditure was estimated at TT\$ 4.3 Billion. It is also the highest expenditure to the SCP during the period. The Disability Affairs Grant recorded the second highest expenditure overall. In 2017, total expenditure for the DAG was recorded at TT \$ 532 Million and in 2022, TT \$620 Million was estimated. The highest expenditure for the DAG during the 6-year period was TT \$622 Million in 2021. The Community-based Environment and Enhancement Programme (CEPEP) recorded the third highest overall programme expenditure during the 6-year period. In 2017, expenditure totalled TT \$450 Million (highest) and in 2022, TT \$ 425 Million was the estimated expenditure

² OPM Social services Divisions comprise the Gender & Child Affairs Divisions and, National AIDS Coordinating Committee (NACC)

³ THA social services Divisions comprise of Education, Research and Technology, Community Development, Youth Development and Sport, Health, Wellness and Social Protection, Food Security, Natural Resources, the Environment and Sustainable Development and Tourism, Culture, Antiquities and Transportation.

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PROGRAMME	Actual Expenditure 2017	Actual Expenditure 2018	Actual Expenditure 2019	Actual Expenditure 2020	Actual Expenditure 2021	Revised Estimates of Expenditure for 2022
Community-based Environment Protection & Enhancement Programme (CEPEP)	450,000,000	447,997,789	353,540,125	400,400,000	443,873,623	425,755,000
Disability Assistance Grant (DAG)	523,754,942	513,471,887	565,697,681	613,074,082	622,603,199	620,000,000
Government Assistance for Tertiary Expenses (GATE)	504,940,251	434,300,000	435,000,000	435,000,000	320,000,000	400,000,000
National Schools Dietary Services Limited	200,000,000	203,301,570	239,200,000	179,557,905	12,000,000	88,908,500
On the Job Training (OJT) Programme	228,083,000	175,895,662	237,721,728	313,595,184	271,803,675	260,656,872
Public Assistance Grant (PAG)	404,253,153	391,385,916	356,875,829	488,250,684	353,121,459	356,000,000
Senior Citizens' Pension (SCP)	3,506,374,482	3,553,245,345	3,846,556,192	4,062,735,944	4,236,563,433	4,300,000,000
Food Support Programme	158,103,630	139,930,450	153,125,151	314,033,570	217,949,603	177,150,000
Unemployment Relief Programme (URP)	299,901,474	272,154,782	281,472,096	281,472,096	258,719,287	280,000,000
TOTAL	6,275,410,932	6,131,683,401	6,469,188,802	7,088,119,465	6,736,634,279	6,908,470,372

Source: Figures supplied by the Budget Division, Ministry of Finance

REVIEW OF SOCIAL PROGRAMMES

This section highlights over 120 new and ongoing social sector programmes spanning 14 Ministries and the 3 Divisions of the Tobago House of Assembly. 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 the ways in which these programmes impact sustainable human, social and community development.

Box 2.IV: 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)
7. Office of the Prime Minister (Communications) (OPM-C)
8. Ministry of Health (MoH)
9. Ministry of Housing and Urban Development (MoHUD)
10. Ministry of Labour (MoL)
11. Ministry of National Security (MNS)
12. Ministry of Public Utilities (MPU)
13. Ministry of Public Administration and Digital Transformation (MPADT)
14. Ministry of Rural Development and Local Government (MRDLG)
15. Ministry of Sport and Community Development (MSCD)
16. Ministry of Social Development and Family Services (MSDFS)
17. Ministry of Youth Development and National Service (MYDNS)

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	INITIATIVE	BENEFICIARY CATEGORY	ACHIEVEMENTS	NATIONAL OUTCOME
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, LAND AND FISHERIES	<p>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>	Farmers	<p>During Fiscal 2022:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Considerable routine in-house training by extension personnel was provided to farmers. • Approximately 1756 farmers benefitted. • In addition, farmers and homeowners availed themselves of the free courses offered by the Farmers Training Centre, which covered a wide range of topics. <p>In addition, the Extension Training and Information Services (ETIS) Division offered training courses free of charge to guide farmers on the use of safe pesticides and other methods of pest control such as Integrated Pest Management (IPM).</p>	Improved livelihoods
DIVISION OF HEALTH, WELLNESS AND SOCIAL PROTECTION (TOBAGO HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY)	<p>FORESTRY INCENTIVE PROGRAMME</p> <p>This programme initiative is geared toward reversing the cycle of deforestation and land degradation and simultaneously providing economic, social and environmental benefits.</p>	Communities, environment, farmers, general public	<p>For the period October 2021 to March 2022:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Four (4) farmers were advised on good land use practices. • Six (6) persons were employed from various communities. 	Sustainable land use practices
	<p>DIVISION OF HEALTH, WELLNESS AND FAMILY DEVELOPMENT (TOBAGO HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY)</p> <p>The Division of Health, Wellness and Family Development, seeks to be an integrated entity spearheading the THA's thrust for improved health service delivery and social development.</p>		The following programmes were undertaken by the Division of Health, Wellness and Family Development during Fiscal 2021/2022:	An Efficient and Effective Social System for the Poor and Vulnerable
	<p>❖ <i>Case Care Management (CCM) Pilot Project</i></p>	Families	CCM clients were counselled and encouraged to use their existing skills to earn money. Six clients accessed the programme; (4 males and 2 females).	Self-reliant and sustainable communities.

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	INITIATIVE	BENEFICIARY CATEGORY	ACHIEVEMENTS	NATIONAL OUTCOME
DIVISION OF HEALTH, WELLNESS AND SOCIAL PROTECTION (TOBAGO HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY)	<p>❖ <i>Golden Apple Adolescent Partnership Programmes (GAPP)</i></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>	Senior Citizens	<p>The Golden Apple Adolescent Partnership Programme provided:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Services for the social wellbeing of seniors in Tobago and the provision of caregivers to those in need continued. • The Programme provided care to approximately 32 clients via Caregivers. 	An Enhanced Quality of Life for Older Persons.
	<p>❖ <i>Conflict Resolution and Anger Management</i></p> <p>Students on extended suspension are assigned to the Learning Enrichment Centre (LEC) to ensure that they do not engage in further disruptive behaviours or are exposed to potentially harmful influences because they are not at school.</p>	Youths	<p>For fiscal 2022 the following was achieved:</p> <p>The centre provides (2) weekly sessions to the students with a total of 58 students benefitting from the Anger and conflict management sessions. 11 children (7 males: 4 females) and 48 youths (29 males: 19 females).</p>	Self-reliant and sustainable communities.
	<p>❖ <i>Establishment of Probation Hostels</i></p> <p>The Probation Hostel is a place of safety for children 12-18 years of age.</p>	Families	<p>For the Period 2021/2022 the following were achieved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intake of 10 residents - (5) males and (5) females. • Discharged one (1) female from the programme. • The transition of the children from mainstream academic to a vocational institution. • Referrals of Four (4) children to Children and Family Services for counselling. • Additionally, a Therapeutic Counsellor was assigned to assist with interventions at the Probation Services Unit was conducted. 	Continued safety of children.

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DIVISION OF HEALTH, WELLNESS AND SOCIAL PROTECTION (TOBAGO HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY)	<p>❖ <i>Programme For Adolescent Mothers (PAM)</i></p> <p>The Programme for Adolescent Mothers is a developmental and Educational programme which provides the necessary support systems for adolescent mothers and their babies. The programme assists adolescent mothers who are school dropouts to acquire the skills of mothering while continuing their education. It also seeks to equip them with technical skills as a means of employment. 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.</p> <p>The programme components include training in Life Management, Moral/Spiritual Education, Parenting Education, Childcare, Mathematics, English Language and Social Studies. Technical skills include Cosmetology, Food and Nutrition, Computer Literacy and Sewing. The Programme also provides counselling, daycare services and training in pre-post-natal childcare.</p>	Adolescent Mothers	<p>For fiscal 2022:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developmental Training in Life Management, Family Planning, Moral/Spiritual Development, Parenting Education and Childcare, Health Education as well as Technical Skills Training in Cosmetology, Food and Nutrition, Computer Literacy and Sewing was conducted. • Therapeutic counselling and day care services were provided. • Online classes for 21 students in the following areas commenced and continued: Parenting Education, Life Skills, Cosmetology, Computer Literacy, Food and Nutrition, Mathematics, General Paper, and Social Studies. 	Continued safety and education of teenage mothers.
	<p>❖ <i>Prison Support Programme</i></p> <p>The programme is intended for inmates of the Tobago Convict Prison. It aims to give them the knowledge and tools they need to lead wholesome lives and reintegrate into society after their release.</p>	Families	<p>For fiscal 2022:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20 male inmates were enrolled in the programme. • 14 successfully graduated from the programme. <p>The graduates were trained in the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Anger management - Effective Parenting - Managing stress - Improve communication 	Self-reliant and sustainable communities.

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DIVISION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, YOUTH DEVELOPMENT AND SPORT (TOBAGO HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY)	<p>❖ <i>The Realisation of Economic Achievement Programme (REACH)</i></p> <p>The REACH program is a community-based initiative focusing on community empowerment and poverty eradication among Tobago's poor and vulnerable to help them achieve economic independence and self-sufficiency. The program provides individuals with grant funding to establish micro business enterprises and training and development projects to improve their respective ventures and remain resilient in the face of changing economic conditions.</p>	Communities (Adults 25-29)	<p>For fiscal 2022 the following were achieved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individuals were given the task of self-empowerment, entrepreneurship, and self-sufficiency. A total of 18 people (11 males: 7 females) were enrolled in the programme, with 13 graduating (8 males: 5 females). 	Self-reliant and sustainable communities.
	<p>DIVISION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, YOUTH DEVELOPMENT AND SPORT (TOBAGO HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY)</p> <p>The Division of Community Development, Enterprise Development and Labour is the vehicle and catalyst through which the social and economic development of the people of Tobago revolve. Further, the Division has a pivotal role to play in supporting the realisation of the Assembly's Vision.</p>		The following programmes were undertaken by The Division of Community Development, Enterprise Development and Labour during Fiscal 2021/2022:	
	<p>❖ <i>Centenarian Awareness Programme</i></p> <p>The Centenarian Awareness Programme (CAP) is one of the Division's Community Outreach Programmes. It seeks to recognise citizens of Tobago who have reached the Milestone age of One Hundred (100) years. The individuals are visited by the Secretary of the Division and her team and are presented with hampers with non-perishable items as well as a certificate of life.</p>	Older persons	<p>For fiscal 2022:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One (1) Centenarian and their family, were celebrated during this fiscal by receiving Life Certificates and care packages. 	Elder Appreciation

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DIVISION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, YOUTH DEVELOPMENT AND SPORT (TOBAGO HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY)	<p>❖ <i>YZone Online Programmes</i></p> <p>YZones (Youth Friendly Space) is a safe, nurturing and enabling environment, which facilitates and support the holistic development and transformation of young people.</p>	Young persons between the ages of 7 to 25 years old	<p>For fiscal 2022:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> YZone Online Programmes were offered during July/August 2021. The July/August 2021 cycle was chosen with the intent to foster entrepreneurial, social and educational opportunities for young persons between the ages of 7 to 25 years of age. A total of 378 young persons benefitted. 	Sustainable communities
	<p>❖ <i>Vocation Skills Training Programme</i></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 promotion of lifelong learning. These skills training 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 fiscal 2022:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1497 persons enrolled in the Programme. Despite the challenge of moving the programme from the physical setting to an online platform, the Division successfully hosted its first online Achievement Ceremony with 1,123 (75%) successfully completing the programme. 	Sustainable communities

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DIVISION OF EDUCATION, RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY (TOBAGO HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY)	<p>DIVISION OF EDUCATION, RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY (TOBAGO HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY)</p> <p>The Division of Education, Innovation and Energy (DEIE) is charged with the development and implementation of policies and initiatives related to education, innovation and energy in Tobago. The Division also operates in conjunction with the Ministry of Education and the National Library and Information System (NALIS).</p>		The following programmes were undertaken by the Division of Education, Innovation and Energy during Fiscal 2022:	
	<p>❖ <i>Financial Assistance to Necessitous Students</i></p> <p>This programme is administered by the Student Support Services Unit where Financial Assistance to Necessitous students is a service made available by the Division of Education, Innovation and Energy. The Division seeks to assist necessitous (<i>poor enough to need help from others; destitute; impoverished; indigent; needy; poverty-stricken</i>) students within Tobago by supplying school-related items which would equip the students and give them an opportunity to perform at their maximum potential. This Programme occurs during the July/August period. The process includes a financial assessment to determine the severity of the need and seeks to provide some of the items for students to return to school. The items would usually include books, uniforms and shoes but with the advent of the Pandemic in 2020, the unit focused on the provision of textbooks.</p>	Necessitous students	<p>For fiscal 2022 the following was achieved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A total of 638 families were assessed during the Programme, which represented 1,175 students. This included: 392 secondary level students; 764 primary level students; 14 early childhood students; and five (5) special school students • 902 of these students were assisted with textbooks while 1,342 received vouchers to assist in purchasing items for the 2021/2022 school year. 	A well-developed, well-educated, qualified cadre of citizens

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MINISTRY OF EDUCATION	<p>GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE FOR TUITION EXPENSES (GATE)</p> <p>The Government Assistance for Tuition Expenses Programme (GATE) is managed by the Funding and Grants Administration Division (FGAD) of the Ministry of Education.</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.</p> <p>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>Students of undergraduate and postgraduate level programmes at public, pre-approved private and regional Tertiary Level Institutions (TLIs)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For fiscal 2022, 19,141 students in post-secondary and tertiary education benefitted from the GATE Programme. • GATE funding was also expanded to two (2) more disciplines (entrepreneurship and innovation) that support national priority needs. 	<p>A well-developed, well-educated, qualified cadre of citizens</p>

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MINISTRY OF EDUCATION	<p>HELPING YOU PREPARE FOR EMPLOYMENT (HYPE)</p> <p>HYPE Training is a nine (9) month programme with 80% practical and 20% theory. It's based on a "learn to work" model and mainly conducted with the training institution. Trainees are also given the opportunity to visit job sites on field trips to gain hands-on experience.</p>	Unemployed Nationals between the ages of 16 and 25 years	<p>For the period October 2021 to June 2022 the following was achieved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 191 trainees were enrolled in the HYPE programme and placed at job sites; • 13 trainees were enrolled in the HYPE programme and aligned with mentors in job positions. • 366 trainees were enrolled in the HYPE programme but not yet aligned with mentors in job positions – (Guidance and Counselling, with an associated life skills component). • 175 of those enrolled graduated the programme. 	A well-developed, well-educated, qualified cadre of citizens
	<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>	Qualifying students of undergraduate and postgraduate level programmes at tertiary level institutions	For the period, October 2021 to June 2022, 433 loans were approved for students.	Students of undergraduate and postgraduate level programmes

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MINISTRY OF EDUCATION	<p>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. The provision of school meals contributes to 1/4 and 1/3 of the child's recommended dietary allowances for breakfast and lunch, respectively. 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. 	Primary and Secondary School Students	<p>For the period October 2021 to June 2022 the following was achieved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 871,119 breakfast meals and 72,465 lunches were provided. • Two, 10-day and two 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 2,074 participants from 14 schools. <p>Additionally:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quality Assurance Officers and Zonal Managers conducted routine visits to contract kitchens to assist them with the execution of menus or recipe standardisation continued. • Independent random microbial testing of food items, to ensure that the standards of food quality were consistent and in keeping with requirements was continued. About 60 samples were tested for the period January 2022 to March 2022. • Institutional strengthening occurred in the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Virtual Health promotion activity for staff - National Schools Dietary Services Limited- Grief Counselling Session - Recipe testing and development 	A well-developed, well-educated, qualified cadre of citizens
	<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 50 years. The programme seeks to develop self-awareness and self-confidence in socially displaced citizens.</p>	Unemployed Nationals between the ages of 17 and 50 years	<p>For fiscal 2022, the following was achieved under the MuST:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 301 trainees were enrolled in the Programme and placed on job sites. <p>Major Constraints:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Delivery gaps due to online delivery methods. - Reduced trainee intake and Programme offerings. 	

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MINISTRY OF EDUCATION	<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"> - Developmental Assessment and Intervention - School Social Work - Guidance and Counselling - Special Education 		<p>During fiscal 2022 the following was achieved:</p> <p>Development Assessment and Intervention:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A total of 116 teachers were trained on Deescalating Challenging Behaviours. • The Teacher Education, Performance and Professional Development Division (TEPPDD) conducted (3) training sessions. • A total of 28 students, 155 parents, 65 School Administrators, 4 Psychologists, 584 teachers and 8 curriculum officers benefitted from (19) training sessions through collaborated efforts of the TEPPDD. • A total of 136 psychoeducational evaluations were completed and 210 evaluations are ongoing. • A total of 25 Functional Behavioural Assessments (FBA) were completed with 70 Assessments still in-progress. • 25 Behavioural Intervention plans were completed with 70 Assessments in progress. • 15 Psychological Evaluations were completed with 28 still in progress. • Eight (8) Psychotherapeutic Support completed with 14 still in progress. • A total of 10 Grant applications were reviewed. • 14 students participated in the Promoting Mental Health in Education in the following schools: Orange Valley Government Primary School, St Mary's Government Primary School, Tunapuna Government Primary and Secondary Schools and Bishop Anstey High School. 	

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MINISTRY OF EDUCATION	STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES DIVISION (SSSD) Continued		<p>School Social Work</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A total of 24,172 parents and students benefitted from the Laventille/Morvant School Improvement Project's Parenting in Education sessions. Various topics covered included: Coping, Anxiety and Resiliency, Absenteeism and Truancy, and Building Healthy Parent-Child Relationships while adapting to the New Normal. • The Student Support Services Division (SSSD) hotline recorded 766 hotline calls and 295 referrals. • 9,198 students benefitted from individual counselling and 5,965 benefitted from group counselling. • A total 1,186 students received crisis intervention, 241 critical incidents received and 324 required crisis intervention on various topics such as: Bullying, Suicide ideation, injury, sexual misconduct, anxiety and inappropriate touching. • 1,253 external referrals and 1,417 stakeholder engagements. • 5,579 teachers benefitted from over 500 teacher education sessions. • A total of 4,391 home visits were conducted to address the psychosocial barriers to learning. • 2,075 teachers benefitted from 174 Teacher Information Sessions. 	

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MINISTRY OF EDUCATION	STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES DIVISION (SSSD) Continued		<p>Guidance and Counselling:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 25,012 parents at the primary school and secondary school levels benefitted from Parent Education Sessions: (Primary -10,895 and 14,117 – Secondary). • 7,093 teachers benefitted from the Teachers Education Sessions: (Primary - 3,120 and Secondary - 3,973). • A total of 14,943 consultations were held with parents, teachers and administrative staff at primary schools (7,221 participants) and secondary schools (7,722 participants). • 661,830 students benefitted from group guidance (Primary - 281,406: Secondary - 380,424) • 905 referrals were received at primary schools (319) and secondary schools (686). • 12,068 students benefitted from career development, career fairs and educational advising. 	
			<p>Special Education:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 444 applications for Special Concessions were approved. • 82 students were approved for alternative placement at the Servol Life Centres. • Two (2) external stakeholder engagement meetings on Inclusion were held which benefitted approximately 16 persons. • Staff sensitisation workshops were conducted in the ISP schools, with an average of 65 participants. Sensitisation workshops were also conducted with internal and external stakeholders on the interaction and communication with persons with disabilities. 	

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MINISTRY OF EDUCATION	<p>YOUTH TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMME (YTEPP)</p> <p>❖ <i>Youth Training Programme</i></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 courses, demand-driven and incorporates Life Skills and Entrepreneurial Training interventions.</p> <p>The benefits of this programme include:</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; • Sector support by the establishment of a competent workforce leads to the satisfaction of the demand for skilled labour; and <p>An increase in the number of young entrepreneurs. Participation in this programme would lead to 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 2021 to June 2022:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2400 persons were enrolled in programmes under Youth Training. • 108 persons were enrolled in online classes at the full-time Centres. • 27 trainees were enrolled in the Institute of Culinary Arts • National Gas Company Police Youth Club - 165 trainees. • T&T Workforce Recovery programme – 440 trainees • Commonwealth of Learning: Skills for Work Programme – 536 trainees. • BPTT’s Cosmetology Bus training (Maloney and Chaguanas) – 51 trainees. 	<p>A well-developed, well-educated, qualified cadre of citizens.</p>

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MINISTRY OF EDUCATION	<p>❖ <i>Rehabilitating Inmates through Training and Retraining (RITTR)</i></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>This project seeks to ensure that participants are trained and certified, can successfully reintegrate into society upon release from prison and are thus less likely to re-offend. The social benefit of this programme is a reduction in the rate of re-offence and recidivism amongst beneficiaries through an increase in the number of graduates in sustainable employment (wage or self) after release from prison.</p>	Prison inmates who have 6-18 months of sentencing remaining	<p>During fiscal 2022 the following was achieved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 48 inmates were enrolled and completed Cycle 14 at the Maximum Security Prison (MSP) and the Golden Grove Prison (GGP) institutions. 	Improved Reintegration into society
	<p>❖ <i>Community-Based and Special Project/Initiatives</i></p>		<p>During fiscal 2022:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The partnership with BPTT for training on the Mobile Cosmetology Unit resumed with Cohort 4 held in the environs of Palo Seco and Beetham – 51 persons enrolled in Barbering and Hair Braiding and Weaving courses. 108 persons enrolled in online training in Digital Literacy and AutoCAD Sage50. 	

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OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER (GENDER AND CHILD AFFAIRS)	<p>NATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HOTLINE The Domestic Violence Unit of the Gender Affairs Division works to reduce the incidence of gender-based violence through public education and the National Domestic Violence Hotline 800-SAVE. Its 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 2021 to June 2022:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 129 persons reported domestic violence incidents as follows: (10 young persons, 104 women, 6 men and 9 older persons.) 	Reduction in acts of Domestic Violence
	<p>Government-owned and operated Domestic Violence Shelters provides accommodation and wrap-around services for victims of domestic violence and their children.</p> <p>Support for Non-Governmental Organisations engaged in the care and protection of children and in promoting gender equality. These include private domestic violence shelters and a Drug Rehabilitation Facility for Women.</p>	Victims of Domestic Violence	A total of 114 women benefited from these services in 2022.	Reduction in acts of Domestic Violence and safety and security for victims and family leading to restorative living.

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OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER (GENDER AND CHILD AFFAIRS)	<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. 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. 	Children up to 18 years living in Community Residences	For the period October 2021 to March 2022, 608 children and 155 youth in Community Residences benefitted from this initiative.	<p>Enhanced quality of care provided to children in Community Residences.</p> <p>Progress towards the attainment of licensed CR status.</p>

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OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER (GENDER AND CHILD AFFAIRS)	<p>CHILD RIGHTS AMBASSADORS PROGRAMME</p> <p>The Child Rights Ambassadors (GRA) Programme seeks to provide a platform upon which children are ambassadors for their rights in keeping with the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC).</p> <p>Objectives include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To educate children on the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child and its relevance to their lives; 2. To equip children with creative art skills that can be used to educate their peers and adults about child rights; 3. To empower students with a platform to speak out on issues that affect them that may be used to inform policy; and 4. To increase public awareness of the role and function of the Child Affairs arm of the Office of the Prime Minister. 	Children 18 years and under	<p>For fiscal 2022:</p> <p>This fourth instalment of the programme featured a webinar where 314 children were educated on the Convention on the Rights of a Child and were taught fundamental graphic and video design. The ambassadors were then tasked with creating 2 graphic designs and 1 video suitable for Social Media.</p>	Awareness on Rights of Child
	<p>FOUNDATION PROGRAMME</p> <p>This programme was implemented to reduce the pervasiveness of violence that impacts the lives of girls and women that support gender inequality and gender-based violence.</p>	Women and girls	<p>For fiscal 2022:</p> <p>The programme allowed a total of 19 females to learn about the adoption of the social and cultural practices that emulate gender equality, justice and fairness in the creating of healthier relationships.</p>	Violence Reduction /Gender Equality

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OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER (COMMUNICATIONS)	<p>DIGITAL LITERACY FOR SENIORS</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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. 	Senior Citizens	<p>For fiscal 2022:</p> <p>This programme provided a total of 146 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.</p>	Inclusive Society. Rights of Elderly
	<p>BOOK CLUB</p> <p>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 fiscal 2022:</p> <p>1,664 adults participated in six (6) virtual sessions.</p>	Inclusion/Rights of Elderly

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OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER (COMMUNICATIONS)	<p>ICT SKILLS TRAINING</p> <p>Empowering members of the national community to use technology is critical at this time, given the current surge in online service delivery, both in the private and public sectors.</p> <p>Objectives include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To equip individuals with the skills to utilise ICT for appropriate and effective communication; 2. To develop ICT capability in finding, selecting and using information; 3. To form and maintain partnerships with organisations to develop ICT instruction for primary and secondary school children. 	Children between 11 to 18 years	<p>For fiscal 2022:</p> <p>A total of 11,807 persons participated in this ICT Skills training.</p>	Inclusion, Learning and Education
MINISTRY OF HEALTH	<p>CARDIAC PROGRAMME</p> <p>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>	Citizens of Trinidad and Tobago	<p>For the period October 2021 to June 2022:</p> <p>A total of 742 patients (male and female) in the public health care system accessed medical procedures from private institutions through the Ministry of Health. Additionally, 212 patients were approved for cardiac procedures as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Angiograms: 276 • Angioplasty procedures: 56 • Coronary Artery Bypass Grafts: 158 • Electrophysiology procedures: 22 • Other cardiac procedures: 23 <p>An additional 207 patients accessed the program, however, a breakdown of the specific procedures accessed was not available.</p>	Efficient and Quality Healthcare System.

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MINISTRY OF HEALTH	<p>CHILDREN'S LIFE FUND AUTHORITY</p> <p>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 fiscal 2022:</p> <p>A total of 8 children (1 month - 15 years) benefitted from the Fund with an 80% survival rate recorded for the period.</p> <p>NB: Three (3) cases were approved for funding and one (1) case was approved for re-direction to another hospital.</p>	<p>Efficient and Quality Healthcare System.</p>
	<p>CHRONIC DISEASE ASSISTANCE PROGRAMME (CDAP)</p> <p>The objectives of this programme are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To offer patients afflicted with a chronic disease, convenient, faster and improved access to medication. 2. To reduce the burden on public dispensaries and patient waiting time by providing additional private dispensing facilities across the country. 3. To reduce the cost of healthcare to patients. 	<p>Citizens of Trinidad and Tobago</p>	<p>As at June 30, 2022,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The total number of patients accessing the programme totalled 72,091. • Approximately 231 Private Pharmacies were registered on the programme, inclusive of (1) public institution. <p>Additionally, 45 pharmaceuticals, four (4) non-pharmaceuticals comprising (two (2) brands of diagnostic blood glucose test strips, insulin syringes, needles and spacer devices) were available to treat 11 chronic disease patients.</p> <p>NB:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The CDAP services at this institution has been temporarily stopped because of the function of this institution as a Covid-19 treatment facility. 2. About 30 new Pharmacies are being evaluated for entry into CDAP. 	<p>Efficient and Quality Healthcare System.</p>

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MINISTRY OF HEALTH	<p>EXTERNAL PATIENT PROGRAMME</p> <p>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>During the period October 2021 to March 2022:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A total of 314 requests for assistance were received. However, zero patient applications were approved during this period. Approvals for certain procedures were pending review. <p>Additionally, the following medical procedures for patients of the Public Health Care System were conducted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cataract removal surgeries: (3 females) CT/MRI scans: (2 males) Joint Replacements: (2 males; 4 females) Other procedures deemed urgent and necessary (inclusive but not limited to mammograms and ultrasounds): (14 males; 288 females) 	Efficient and Quality Healthcare System.
	<p>HIV COUNSELLING AND TESTING PROGRAMME</p> <p>The Programme offers HIV Counselling and Testing via Public Health Facilities and Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) that have a Memorandum of Understanding with the Ministry of Health to provide the service. The overall objective of this initiative is to increase the percentage of the population that has received an HIV test and know the results.</p>	Citizens of Trinidad and Tobago	<p>For the period October 2021 to March 2022: Approximately 13,289 persons (male and female) received HIV testing and counselling and became aware of their status. Of this total:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 355 were (14 years and under); 4,570 were between (15 and 24 years); 19,960 were between (25 to 60+ years); and 69 persons fell into the Other and (<i>age not stated</i>) category 	Efficient and Quality Healthcare System.

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MINISTRY OF HEALTH	<p>HIV AND AIDS TREATMENT AND CARE PROGRAMME</p> <p>The Programme offers 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 Organisations (NGOs) that have a Memorandum of Understanding 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>	Persons living with HIV and AIDS	<p>For fiscal 2022, approximately (7,217) were reported to be receiving Antiretroviral therapy. The breakdown is as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children (14 years and under) - 43 (20 males; 23 females) • Youth (15-24 years) - 261 (146 males; 115 females) • Women (25-49 years) - 2,351 • Men (25-49 years) - 2,089 • 50 years and older - 2,473 (1,442 males; 1031 females). 	Efficient and Quality Healthcare System.
	<p>MEDICAL AID PROGRAMME</p> <p>This programme aims to provide medical financial assistance to patients through the public-patient initiative. 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 2021 to March 2022:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A total of 367 requests for assistance were received for External Radiation Treatment through this programme. Of this number, 79 patients received assistance. • 44 patients applied for financial assistance through this programme for Eye Surgeries, Prostheses, and other services deemed urgent and necessary. 	Efficient and Quality Healthcare System.

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MINISTRY OF HEALTH	<p>PREVENTION OF MOTHER TO CHILD TRANSMISSION PROGRAMME (PMTCT).</p> <p>This initiative provides care and support to HIV-positive pregnant women and offspring infected with HIV to prevent Mother to Child Transmission of HIV.</p>	<p>Pregnant women, new attendees, and HIV-exposed infants treated after birth.</p>	<p>During the period October 2021 to June 2022:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Of the 135 live births tested for HIV infant exposure, results received at the time of reporting indicated that none of the infants tested positive. • 10,781 pregnant women were screened. Of this total, 8,786 (approximately 80%) knew their HIV status. • From a total of 130 HIV-infected mothers attending antenatal clinics, approximately 122 women (94%) received anti-retroviral drugs during the period. • 135 live births to HIV-infected women were recorded with 69 infants (51%) receiving a virological test for HIV within 2 months of birth. <p><i>(NB: Data represents the public sector only).</i></p>	<p>Reduction in Transmission of HIV.</p>
	<p>NATIONAL DRUG ABUSE AND PREVENTION PROGRAMME (NADAPP)</p> <p>The National Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention Programme (NADAPP) is the central coordinating agency with responsibility for Drug Demand Reduction in Trinidad and Tobago.</p> <p>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>	<p>General population of Trinidad and Tobago</p>	<p>For fiscal 2022 the following was achieved as follows:</p>	<p>Reduction in the abuse of drugs.</p>

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MINISTRY OF HEALTH	<p>❖ <i>National Primary and Secondary School Drug Prevention Initiatives</i></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. 	Students of Primary and Secondary Schools and Tertiary Level Institutions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning stages for the training/sensitization of School Social Workers in the field of Drug Education. • Planning for stages refresher training/sensitization of Guidance Officers in the field of Drug Education • Targeted intervention Ten (10 students and their parents) conducted at Siparia West Secondary School to address substance use issues at the school. • 543 students benefited from sessions conducted at Schools to address substance use issues. 51 of these beneficiaries were from Primary schools in Tobago at an ADAPP event. 	Reduction in the abuse of drugs.
	<p>❖ <i>Pre-School Prevention Initiative</i></p> <p>Through this initiative, NADAPP aims to provide public education materials (toys, puppets, DVDs, puzzles and workbooks (Levels 1-3) for use by children, teachers and parents.</p> <p>Objectives:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To sensitize the nation's preschool stakeholders (Parents, teachers and students) of the adverse effects of alcohol and other drugs; 2. To equip the teaching staff of preschools with the basic knowledge to detect pupils who are exposed to licit and illicit substances 3. To fulfil NADAPP's policy mandate of the implementation of a School Prevention Programme as a pivotal component of its Drug Reduction Strategy. 	Pre-schoolers ages 2 – 5 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitoring and Evaluation conducted with respect to Implementation of the 'Be Trinity Smart' Project in Pre-school. 98 responses received. • 98 packages of Educational resources were prepared for distribution to selected schools. • Broadcasting of video materials via TTT to increase infants' awareness about the use and effects of drugs. • Materials and tools were distributed to schools in each district. 	Reduction in the abuse of drugs.

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MINISTRY OF HEALTH	<p>❖ <i>Treatment and Rehabilitation</i></p> <p>The objective of this initiative is to assist treatment and rehabilitation programmes with opportunities for capacity building in various areas, as well as to provide technical support and assistance to policy makers concerning alcohol and substance abuse issues in substance abuse treatment and rehabilitation programmes.</p>	Adults 18 years and over	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 36 persons presented themselves for treatment at treatment centres. • One (1) meeting was held during the period. • Collaboration with New Life Ministries: Mount St Benedict and Palo Seco, Rebirth House, and Caura SAPTC to complete Standards of Care Criteria Document to assess the level of Implementation. 	Efficient and Quality Healthcare System.
	<p>❖ <i>Public Education and Information Campaign</i></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>	National Population	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A total of 1,436 persons benefitted from the webinar series conducted on Youth and Substance Use. • Public Sensitisation through different media channels on Alcohol and the correlation with HIV/AIDS. • Electronic copies of brochures on drug abuse and prevention were distributed online. • The general public requested information about treatments a total of (20) times. 	Efficient and Quality Healthcare System.
	<p>❖ <i>Workplace Education and Institutional Strengthening</i></p> <p>This initiative seeks to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Promote the development of a drug-free culture in the workplace through education and technical assistance <p>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.</p>	National Population	NADAPP conducted online workplace sensitization sessions for 2 organisations. A total of 369 employees benefitted from both virtual and face-to-face sessions.	Reduction and Prevention in the abuse of drugs.

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MINISTRY OF HEALTH	<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	<p>During the period October 2021 to June 2022:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1,095 patients were receiving dialysis services. 104 patients received approval for treatment and were sent to institutions. <p>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. There were a total of 66 new patients accessing Dialysis services).</p>	Efficient and Quality Healthcare System.
MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT	<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	<p>During the period October 2021 to June 2022,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 368 grants were disbursed to families/households. The Housing Policy Facilitation and Implementation Unit commenced an update of the Programme's database to prioritise applications for the Home Improvement Grant programme. 	Access to Adequate and Affordable Housing
	<p>HOUSING AND VILLAGE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME</p> <p>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>	Low-income citizens	<p>For fiscal 2022:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A total of 157 Housing units were completed during the fiscal. 1570 persons were employed during the Three phases of this initiative. 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>NB: Limited works were undertaken over the reporting period as a result of the increasing cost of construction material.</p>	Access to Adequate and Affordable Housing

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MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT	<p>LAND SETTLEMENT AGENCY - GOVERNMENT AIDED-SELF-HELP HOUSING PROGRAMME</p> <p>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>	Low-income citizens	<p>As at June 2022:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 17) Sale Agreements signed by the tenants. • Seven (7) Sales Agreements executed by Commissioner of State Land. • 11 Deed of Lease issued. • 29 interviews were conducted for the selection of House Plans. • 65 Financial Assessments processed by the Trinidad and Tobago Mortgage Finance Company Ltd (TTFM). 	Access to Adequate and Affordable Housing
	<p>LAND SETTLEMENT AGENCY – REGULARISATION OF SQUATTER COMMUNITIES</p> <p>The State Land (Regularisation of Tenure) Act, 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.”</p> <p>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. It involves the upgrading of roads, drainage system, water system, sewer systems and electricity. 	Squatter communities	<p>For the period October 2021 to June 2022:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 83 families were granted Certificates of Comfort. • 186 families/ households benefitted from Infrastructure Development Works at <i>Bois Bande, Sangre Grande - Site A.</i> • 134 families/ households benefitted from Infrastructure Development Works at <i>Bois Bande, Sangre Grande - Site B.</i> 	<p>Access to Adequate and Affordable Housing</p> <p>Provision of security of tenure</p>

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MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT	<p>LAND SETTLEMENT AGENCY – 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>	Port of Spain (POS) communities	<p>For the period October 2021 to June 2022:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 60 persons were employed under this initiative. • Six (6) projects with respect to infrastructure upgrade projects inclusive of road upgrades, staircase construction, drainage infrastructure/upgrades and footpath construction were completed in the communities. 	Safe and Sustainable Communities.

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MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT	<p>LAND SETTLEMENT AGENCY – TENANCY PROGRAMME</p> <p>By Cabinet Minute No. 289 of February 6, 2020, Cabinet approved a Tenancy Programme to provide security of tenure to certain categories of squatters/occupants who have been in occupation of State Lands in the LSA's Designated Areas and Land Settlement Areas prior to June 14, 2014, that were surveyed by the Director of Surveys, and were not regularised in accordance with the State Land (Regularisation of Tenure) Act, (Act No. 25 of 1998.)</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>	Squatters/occupants	<p>For fiscal 2022:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A total of 12 applicants were recommended for Tenancy Agreements. • Two (2) Tenancy Agreements were prepared and executed. 	Provision of security of tenure
	<p>SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC PROGRAMME FOR EAST PORT OF SPAIN</p> <p>This programme helps design and implement social and economic programmes throughout East Post 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>	Low-income citizens	<p>For the period October 2021 to June 2022:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 206 persons were enrolled on the programme with a total of 63 graduates. • 19 families benefitted from the programme. 	Safe and Sustainable Communities.

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MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT	<p>URBAN UPGRADING AND REVITALISATION PROGRAMME</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>	Low-income citizens	For fiscal 2022 a total of 153 families received the Home Construction Subsidy.	Access to adequate and affordability Housing.
MINISTRY OF LABOUR	<p>HIV WORKPLACE ADVOCACY UNIT</p> <p>The HIV Workplace Advocacy Unit 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> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sensitising workplaces in the public, private and informal sectors and the general public about the National Workplace Policy, and 2. Advocating for and assisting with the development, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of workplace policies and programmes on HIV/AIDS. 	General public	<p>For fiscal 2022:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The HIV Workplace Advocacy Unit in collaboration with ComTALK, a Non-governmental Organization, to participate in a Webinar entitled "HIV, Gender-Based Violence, Psychosocial issues and Resilience to present on HIV discrimination and stigmatization in the workplace with a total of 78 participants in attendance. • The Ministry engaged and sensitised 73 officers on the following topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The National Workplace Policy on HIV and AIDS; - The services offered by the HIV Workplace Advocacy Unit; and - Skills Building in Policy Development - Peer Education and Programme Development <p>Additionally, sensitization sessions were conducted by the Ministry for 61 trainers and trainees attached to the YTEPP.</p>	The Elimination of Stigma and Discrimination against Persons Living with or Affected by HIV/AIDS.

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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>The Programme, which was formerly under the purview of the Ministry of Science, Technology and Tertiary Education, under the aegis of the National Training Agency, was re-assigned to the Ministry of Labour and Small Enterprise Development with effect from September 2015.</p> <p>The OJTP was integrated as a Division of the Ministry of Labour and Small Enterprise Development with effect from May 31, 2017.</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>	Persons aged 16-35 who are graduates of secondary and technical/vocational or tertiary institutions without work-based experience	<p>As at July 2022:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4,070 active trainees were participating in the Programme. • Monthly Virtual Trainee Development Sensitization/Orientation Sessions with 1,304 trainees (1,004 female and 300 male) were conducted. • 1,214 trainees (297 male and 917 female) were successfully placed through the OJTP in the public, private and NGO sectors across Trinidad and Tobago. • The MOL received 879 applications from members of the public (280 males and 599 females). It must be noted that COVID-19 restrictions reduced the number of applications for OJT placement significantly. • Corporate Citizens were contacted to encourage corporate engagement and ten (10) outreach sessions were held, both face-to-face and virtual, to provide increased opportunity for trainee placement. • The OJTP successfully onboarded 58 new training providers - (25 public training providers, 29 private training providers and 4 NGOs). • Collaborations were made with ten (10) institutions to deliver customized segments at a Virtual Trainee Exit Seminar. 	Economic growth, Job Creation, Competitiveness and Innovation.

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MINISTRY OF LABOUR	<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>	Persons 17 years and over	<p>During the period October 2021 to June 2022:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 319 persons (97 males and 222 females) were employed via this initiative throughout Trinidad as evident from the information received by the Port of Spain, Sangre Grande, Chaguanas, San Fernando, Siparia and Point Fortin offices. 	Economic growth, Job Creation, Competitiveness and Innovation.
	<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) O'Level 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 2021 to June 2022:</p> <p>30 persons were employed under this programme at the various Manpower units of the MOLSED.</p>	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. This programme started in September 2014. 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 2021 to June 2022:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 315 persons benefitted from this programme. All requests received by various Ministries were filled by referrals of persons from National Employment Services (NES). 	Job Creation, Decent Work Opportunities Created.

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MINISTRY OF NATIONAL SECURITY	<p>PROJECT BUILDING BLOCKS (FORMELY CURE VIOLENCE PROGRAMME)</p> <p>This programme involves a three (3) steps health model approach to gun and gang violence prevention:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Detection and interruption of planned violent activities. • Behaviour Change of high-risk individuals. • Mobilising the Community to Change Norms. <p>Its overall objectives are to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Reduce crime and violence; 2. Reduce shootings and woundings; 3. Increase community efficacy; and 4. Promote safer communities. 	Communities deemed to be High Risk	<p>For the period October 2021 to June 2022:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 17 community engagements were conducted which benefitted approximately 1,423 citizens. • 81 violent episodes were responded to in an attempt to prevent/reduce the risk of retaliation/ escalations. • 35 out of 48 (73%) registered participants are involved in positive activities outside of gang activities. 	Reduction in Crime Against Property and Person
	<p>PRISON YOUTH CLUB *NEW INITIATIVE*</p> <p>❖ <i>Donation Distribution Drive and Social Support</i></p> <p>This initiative was implemented to provide support to Prison Youth Club members, needy children in the communities and needy families, through the distribution of laptops, tablets and stationery, as well as hampers.</p>	Youth, needy children and families in communities	<p>For fiscal 2022:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A total of 654 persons in need benefitted from this programme with the following breakdown: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 510 children - 96 young persons between the ages of 15 and 24 years - 30 adults - 18 older persons 60 years and over • The support was given to police youth clubs with a total of 29 hampers, school-based items (SEA packages) and counselling. 	Efficient Social Service Delivery to better serve the needs of vulnerable groups

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MINISTRY OF NATIONAL SECURITY	<p>POLICE YOUTH CLUBS</p> <p>The Police Youth Club (PYC), is an initiative of the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service (TTPS). The initiative is designed to positively engage youths between the ages of 15 - 24 years in activities that guide them away from crime and criminal activities. The initiative is founded on the premise that early intervention in shaping the minds of the youth would ultimately lead to a productive lifestyle that would be beneficial to themselves, their families, the communities and ultimately the country.</p> <p>Objectives of the PYC include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promoting a feeling of nationalism amongst the youth of the nation; • Encouraging the nation's youth to participate fully in physical, cultural, sporting, educational and spiritual activities; • Preparing youths for a positive role in the nation's development; • Providing effective machinery through which the youths would be appreciative of the value of good discipline, self-respect, and respect for others; and • Preparing youths for the responsibilities of adulthood. 	Youth between the ages of 15-24 years	<p>During the period October 2021 to June 2022:</p> <p>Activities undertaken included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Garden Initiative Programme benefitted 104 persons. • 1 secondary school student received school supplies from the Shoes and School Initiatives. • 15 socially displaced persons were provided with hot meals from the Food Distribution Drive. • 57 families benefitted from the Food and Clothes Distribution Drive. • The YTEPP Community Outreach Initiative provided opportunities within the community, which 30 persons benefitted. • 50 persons (males: 4 and females: 46) were enrolled in The Netball Youth Club. 17 of which are playing at national level. • 20 females (5 children and 15 youths) benefitted from the 'Big Sister Programme' 	<p>Safe and Sustainable Communities</p> <p>Healthy Lifestyle</p>

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MINISTRY OF NATIONAL SECURITY	<p>PROBATION SERVICES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Personal Development Programme</i> This initiative is a combination of training modules aimed at providing probationers/ other clients with the tools necessary to more successfully navigate a productive life. The primary modules undertaken during this reporting period were: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Anger Management 2. Conflict Management 3. Thinking for a Change 4. Self-Esteem Building 5. Remedial Therapy 	Clients of Probation Services	<p>For fiscal 2022:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A total of 19 officers in the Personal Development Programme. 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Food Production Programme</i> This programme was designed to engage young men on supervised bail and introduce them to sustainable new life and marketable skills. 	Clients of Probation Services	<p>For fiscal 2022:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A total of 67 persons benefitted from this initiative. 	

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MINISTRY OF NATIONAL SECURITY	<p>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>The Objectives of the Initiative are to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Educate clients and other stakeholders with the intention of minimising the risks of secondary victimisation; • Collaborate with other agencies with the aim of enhancing the Unit's policies and programmes; • Develop a network system to harmonise governmental and non-governmental initiatives which promote victim and witness support; and • Assist in promoting respect for the human dignity of victims through their interaction with all elements of the Police Service and by extension the Criminal Justice System 	Victims and witnesses of crime	<p>For fiscal 2022:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Victim and Witness Support Unit provided psychosocial and investigative support to victims of crime making reports to the police, which benefitted approximately 1,850 persons. • Four (4) families of community members of the North Eastern, Port of Spain and Western Divisions received grocery and personal care items. • 150 participants took part in the Mentorship Programme themed 'Education Gives You Choices'. • Under the 'Give to Live' Hamper Drive, a total of 60 families benefitted received grocery and personal items. • A presentation on 'Freedom from Exploitation, Violence and Abuse' was given to 50 women of the TTPS. • Four (4) women were empowered with resources needed to obtain psychosocial and investigative support through the Victim and Witness Support Unit. 	Efficient Social Service Delivery to better serve the needs of vulnerable groups

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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>For fiscal 2022:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Despite the ongoing pandemic, REAP provided assistance in the form of residential electricity to 670 persons. 	Efficient and Accessible Social System
	<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. The major components of the Programme are as follows:</p> <ul 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: This provides a water tank and fittings to low-income households and community-based facilities to ensure access to safely stored water. 	Low-income Customers of WASA and T&TEC who are also recipients of Senior Citizens Pension, Disability and other specific Grants	<p>For fiscal 2022:</p> <p>The UAP assisted 13,551 beneficiaries. The benefits extended under the programme components were as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Utility Bill Assistance to 13,551 beneficiaries: (12,186 persons benefitted from WASA subsidies and 1,365 persons benefitted from T&TEC subsidies). • Water Tank Assistance component of the UAP comprised 136 Town and Country (TAC) approved applications with a total of 92 Projects being completed. • One (1) Solar Panel Project was approved. <p>Public education campaigns to disseminate information to the targeted population about the Programme were severely affected due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.</p>	An Efficient and Accessible Social Protection System

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MINISTRY OF PUBLIC UTILITIES	<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>	Underprivileged communities without water supply; areas with inadequate water supply	<p>For fiscal 2022:</p> <p>111, 020 residents benefitted from the CWIP initiative. Additionally, two (2) pipeline projects were undertaken to improve the class of supply as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 24/2 supply in Williamsville, Tunapuna, • 24/3 supply in Champ Fleur, La Romain, Tamana, Brazil, Diamond Village, and Manzanilla; • 24/4 supply in Morvant, and Penal; • 24/5 supply in Talparo, Champ Fleur, and Lopinot; • 24/7 supply in Penal, La Romain, Toco, Tamana, Brasso Seco, Chase Village, and La Laja 	Efficient and Accessible Social System
	<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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Combatting poverty • Stimulating employment and equality of opportunity • Fostering rural-urban equity • 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>	Households without an electricity supply; communities without an electricity supply	<p>As at July 2022:</p> <p>455 residents benefitted from the EP initiative.</p>	Efficient and Accessible Social System

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MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT	<p>COMMUNITY-BASED ENVIRONMENTAL 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) 	Communities	<p>For fiscal 2022:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A total of 15,946 persons were employed on the programme as follows: 6,238 men, 7,195 women, This included 1,011 young persons aged (14 – 24 years) and 1,502 older persons. • Additionally, over 1,700 cleaning and maintenance projects in schools, religious organizations, and community centres were completed. 	Safe, clean sustainable communities.
MINISTRY OF SPORT AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	<p>SPORT HEALTH ATHLETIC PERFORMANCE EMPOWERMENT (SHAPE) IN COMMUNITIES</p> <p>The SHAPE Programme is an initiative designed to develop and empower communities and various stakeholders through sport and physical activity. The holistic community sport programme comprises a series of capacity building initiatives geared toward strengthening sporting institutions while fostering education and certification of coaches and administrators via a virtual platform. Courses are facilitated by the Trinidad and Tobago Olympic Committee (TTOC) and the University of Trinidad and Tobago (UTT). The programme will recognise Community Sport Titans (an initiative in which a person has dedicated their time to developing sports in communities).</p>	Youth (15-24 years), adults, communities, NGOs	<p>For fiscal 2022:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 450 youth and 75 adults benefitted from the SHAPE initiative in 10 communities across the country. 50 NGOs also benefitted. 	Empowerment through sport to lead healthy lifestyles

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MINISTRY OF SPORT AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	<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 increase awareness and participation in the key aspects of sport and physical activity. The campaign is divided into four (4) pillars comprising panel discussions, training sessions, road races and weekly highlights being done virtually due to the COVID-19 pandemic.</p>	Women and girls in communities	<p>As at July 2022:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 412 participants benefitted from this programme. 	Empowerment through sport to lead healthy lifestyles
	<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>	Vulnerable families and communities	<p>As at June 2022:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Financial and technical assistance was provided for the implementation of (12) projects to: improve rural community infrastructure; provide relief to applicants who experienced damage due to natural disasters and; assist deserving individuals in the renovation of their homes and improvement of their living conditions. These projects benefitted a total of 3,254 persons. Financial and technical assistance was also provided for 210 projects under the ERRAG and 521 projects implemented under the MRRG. 	Safe Sustainable Communities. Adequate and Affordable Housing.

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MINISTRY OF SPORT AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	<p>PRIME MINISTER'S BEST VILLAGE TROPHY COMPETITION (PMBVTC)</p> <p>The Prime Minister's Best Village Trophy Competition is designed to partner with communities; to identify, promote and implement programmes and projects, whilst preserving Traditional Folk Art through competition between communities.</p>	Children, Youth and Communities	<p>For fiscal 2022, the following was achieved under the programme:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The districts of St. George East & West, St. Andrew/ St. David, Nariva/Mayaro, Victoria East & West, Caroni North & South and St. Patrick East & West benefitted from Preliminaries and finals of the La Reine Rive; Folk Presentations, Dramatized Literature; Village Chat; Poetry/Spoken Word; and Short Story; Growth It Yourself and one-off judging for Traditions of Carnival and Best Scriptwriting categories. 274 training classes were conducted for 135 communities participated. Approximately 3,005 persons (children, youth and adults) were beneficiaries under the PMBVTC. 	Self-reliant and sustainable communities.
	<p>COMMUNITY MEDIATION SERVICES</p> <p>The initiatives implemented by the Community Mediation Services Division are intended to encourage the adoption of behaviours that are consistent with the underpinning philosophy of mediation, restoration and peace building. These initiatives include peer mediation, conflict management training, leadership skills development, anger management, communication and interpersonal skills, these are among other programmes which are specially designed according to the needs of the particular organisation or community. These initiatives are supported by the practices of mediation, social work and other therapeutic interventions as well as the facilitation of difficult conversations in communities and special interest groups.</p>	Families, Communities, Individuals	<p>The following sub-initiatives were undertaken as part of the programme and the following were achieved:</p>	Sustainable social transformation and social justice.

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MINISTRY OF SPORT AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	<p>❖ <i>Mediation and Social Work Intervention Cases Programme</i></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>	Families, Communities, Individuals	<p>For the period October 2021 to March 2022:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1,448 clients (559 males and 889 females) were served at the various Centres; • 565 clients received counselling; • 305 Civil and Family cases were managed; (23 Civil and 282 Family cases) • 34 cases were mediated. 	
	<p>❖ <i>Parental Support Groups</i></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. 	Families/ Communities	<p>For the period October 2021 to June 2022:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 270 persons attended meetings. • 20 Parental Support Group Meetings and one (1) Men's Support meeting were held. <p>The topics discussed included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mental Health • Healing from my Past Parenting • Lets' Be Our Brothers' Keeper • Spirituality and Mindfulness • The New Normal – A Check In! • Restoring Family Relationships • Changing Mindsets Going the Distance • Ageing vs Ageing (Making Memories that Last Forever) <p>NB: New members may be missed as persons often share devices.</p>	Family protection and support.

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MINISTRY OF SPORT AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	<p>COMMUNITY AWARENESS AND SENSITISATION PROGRAMME</p> <p>The Community Awareness and Sensitisation Programme provide a forum for the dissemination of public information on a multiplicity of relevant subjects. It brings individuals, groups and communities closer to those issues the consequences of which are either likely to impact or are already having an impact upon their daily lives but about which they possess limited or no prior knowledge. They are therefore provided with tools that allow them to make informed choices and decisions.</p>	Communities	As at June 2022, 32 programmes were implemented in communities which benefitted 1,846 persons.	Self-reliant and sustainable communities.
	<p>GOOD GOVERNANCE AND LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME</p> <p>This initiative provides a training platform to address the competencies of voluntary community leaders. It aims to reinforce the essential elements of group leadership and group management, while at the same time bringing to the fore new knowledge and experiences that promote growth and development.</p>	Community-based organisations	<p>For the period October 2021 to June 2022:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 87 programmes were implemented which benefitted 1,102 persons. 	Improved community leadership.
	<p>GRANT FUNDING – COMMUNITY ACTION FOR REVIVAL AND EMPOWERMENT</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>	Communities	<p>For the period October 2021 to June 2022:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 38 applications were received with a total of 20 approvals. 	Promote civic mindedness.

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MINISTRY OF SPORT AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	<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>	Communities	<p>For the period October 2021 – June 2022:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 119 applications were received with a total of 69 approvals. 	Promote civic mindedness.
MINISTRY OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND FAMILY SERVICES	<p>ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAMME (AEP)</p> <p>This Programme provides free educational opportunities to Adults to complete Primary and Secondary Education; Technical Vocational Skills Training and Literacy Skills.</p>	Adult Men and Women	<p>For fiscal 2022, the MSDFS commenced an exercise to review the Adult Education Programme with a view to integrating the education and training with the Social Transformation and Empowerment Programme (Step-Up) which is designed to allow families to build resilience and recover from any socioeconomic shocks. To this end, discussions are ongoing to scope a suitable Adult Education Programme aligned with the needs of the vulnerable, supported by the grants system and the other investments made to develop the resilience of individuals and families.</p>	The promotion of lifelong learning among citizens of Trinidad and Tobago.

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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>	Persons with disabilities	<p>As at September 2022:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 64 clients have been approved for accessible devices. <p>Sign Language training</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In fiscal 2022, the Ministry in collaboration with the UWI Open Campus commenced basic Sign Language training to a cohort of officers in various divisions including the Division of Ageing, National Family Services, Disability Affairs Unit, National Social Development Programme, HIV/AIDS Coordinating Unit and Social Investigation Division. <p>The National Policy on Persons with Disabilities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Inter-Agency Committee continued to meet and monitor the implementation of the National Policy and the Articles governing the UNCRPD. The Committee ended its period of appointment in March 2022. A Report for the work done over the 2 year period was compiled and a Cabinet Note was drafted to reconstitute the Committee. 	An Efficient and Effective Social System for the Poor and Vulnerable
	<p>❖ <i>Community Therapeutic Services CTS)</i></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 a Disability (2015.) which state that: <i>“PWDs should be mainstreamed in institutions that already offer therapy and rehabilitation services, rather than the construction of institutions which promote segregated rehabilitation.”</i></p>	Persons with disabilities	<p>As at September 2022:</p> <p>A Report on the findings of a survey geared towards determining the availability and gaps in therapeutic services was completed. The data is complementing the Ministry’s operationalization of the Therapeutic centre. The physical remedies were completed on this building at Carsen Field and outfitting of the Centre commenced in June. The tender will shortly be issued for the management of the facility.</p>	Improved social services.

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MINISTRY OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND FAMILY SERVICES	<p>AGEING:</p> <p>The Division of Ageing is the umbrella agency with overall responsibility for the coordination and monitoring of initiatives on ageing in Trinidad and Tobago.</p>	Senior Citizens	During the period October 2021 to July 2022 the following were achieved:	An Efficient and Effective Social System for the Poor and Vulnerable
	<p>❖ <i>Older Persons Information Centre (OPIC)</i></p> <p>The OPIC Help Desk was originally established in 2005 to serve as a referral facility for information on activities, initiatives, programmes, services and products for older persons in Trinidad and Tobago. The facility has evolved into an entity that also deals with welfare issues, elder abuse and social work cases on a regular basis. Given the spectrum of cases now recorded by OPIC, it has developed significantly into an information hub concerning the needs, issues and impact of social change and public policy on the elderly community in Trinidad and Tobago. Among its key functions are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing information about Homes for the Aged; • Referring older persons to age-related goods and services; • Offering information on legislation related to older persons; • Following up on elder abuse cases. 	Senior Citizens	<p>As at September 2022:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Division of Ageing received 566 requests. There were 260 reported cases of elder abuse in private residences and 37 in Homes for Older Persons (HFOPs). • The Help Desk received an average of 269 calls for information about the Senior Citizens Grant, Home Placement for senior citizens, referrals for geriatric services, COVID-19 information and questions about ageing. 	An Efficient and Effective Social System for the Poor and Vulnerable
	<p>❖ <i>Community Care Programme (CCP)</i></p> <p>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.</p>	Senior Citizens	<p>As at September, 2022:</p> <p>86 clients were registered in this programme with a monthly average cost of \$278,643.08 to cover their care and support.</p> <p>Additionally, there were 15 new placements in the programme.</p>	<p>An Efficient and Effective Social System for the Poor and Vulnerable</p> <p>An Enhanced Quality of Life for Older Persons.</p>

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MINISTRY OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND FAMILY SERVICES	<p>❖ <i>Senior Activity Centres Programme</i></p> <p>The Senior Activity Centres (SACs) are designed to provide the necessary physical, social and mental stimulation, and support mechanisms to enable older persons, aged 55 years and over, to remain active and healthy. The Centres serve as multi-service facilities, which are the focal points for older persons to come together for services and educational and recreational activities that enhance their dignity, support their independence and encourage their involvement in and with the community.</p>	Senior Citizens	<p>As at September 2022:</p> <p>Due to the COVID- 19 measures implemented by the Ministry of Health, all SACs were closed from March 2020.</p> <p>Additionally: In collaboration with numerous business sector agencies, the Ministry and the Division of Ageing began the National Centenarian Programme (NCP) on Monday, December 13, 2021, recognizing a total of 64 centenarians.</p>	<p>An Efficient and Effective Social System for the Poor and Vulnerable</p> <p>An Enhanced Quality of Life for Older Persons.</p>
	<p>❖ <i>Homes for Older Persons</i></p> <p>The Ministry currently supports the operations of nine (9) Homes for Senior Citizens, which are managed by management committees. The Homes are located in Chaguanas, 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>	Older persons aged 60 years and over who may be socially-isolated and/or indigent	<p>As at August 2022:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approximately 107 socially-isolated and/or indigent older persons aged 60 years and over were provided residential accommodation care at Homes. The Ministry continues to support six (6) Homes for Older Persons located in Toco, Couva, La Brea, San Fernando, Siparia, and Chaguanas. <p>Additionally: The Ministry works in collaboration with the Ministry of Health (MOH) and other key stakeholders to set standards and regularize the management of these Homes to ensure that the duty of care to our older persons is maintained. The MSDFS is working towards amending and proclaiming the Homes for Older Persons Act (HFOP) (2007) and the accompanying HFOP Regulations 2009. A first draft of the legislative policy was completed in July 2021.</p>	An Efficient and Effective Social System

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MINISTRY OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND FAMILY SERVICES	<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 and vision which are highlighted in the Ministry's quest 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. 	Members of staff of the MSDFS and members of the Public	<p>For fiscal 2022, the Unit engaged in the following activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Design & Dissemination of Information Education and Communication Materials among staff and the wider public. • External Mainstreaming • Internal Mainstreaming: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ World AIDS Day 2021 ○ 95 Seconds of Positivity ○ Valentine's Day Testing Initiative ○ Adherence Workshop ○ Easter Egg Hunt ○ Father's Day Initiative • Developing a Proposal for a one-week Life Skills Programme for Adolescents/ Young Persons living with HIV. 	<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>	Individuals, Couples, Children and Families	<p>For fiscal 2022:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4,803 clients received psychosocial support in the form of counselling services. • The NFSD conducted (14) sensitization sessions with various stakeholders including ComTalk, Trinity College Moka, Parents and Teachers Association, Toyota Trinidad and Tobago Ltd., NALIS, Families in Action, North-West Regional Health Authority, etc. 	<p>Empowerment of individuals and families.</p> <p>Reduction in family dysfunction, family violence and youth delinquency</p>

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MINISTRY OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND FAMILY SERVICES	<p>NATIONAL FAMILY SERVICES DIVISION (NFSD) (Continue)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ <i>Community Parenting Workshops</i> <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>	Individuals, Couples, Children and Families	<p>For fiscal 2022:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One (1) Grandparenting Webinar and 1 Parenting for Grandparents Workshop was conducted. • Two (2) online parenting workshops with the Trinidad and Tobago Prison Services Inmate Development Programme (TTPrison Service IDP- Cycle III and Cycle IV). These workshops included modules on Parenting, Domestic Violence, Emotional Intelligence, and Financial Management. • One (1) Parenting Workshop with the Loveuntil Foundation. These sessions covered topics such as: Effective Parenting, Co-Parenting, Building Strong Families, Domestic Violence, Substance Abuse, Anger and Conflict Resolution. • Two (2) virtual In-house Parenting Initiatives and two (2) Virtual Parenting Workshops (Co-Parenting and Parents in the Know) <p>The NFSD is currently hosting one (1) Community Parenting Workshop in Enterprise (Parenting and Family Violence).</p>	<p>Increased knowledge of parenting issues and enhanced skills in managing the Parenting Role.</p> <p>Reduction in family dysfunction</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ <i>Radio Programme – “It’s Family Time: Let’s Talk”</i> <p>This programme is a key component of the messaging campaign to families and is designed to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Disseminate information on issues of importance to healthy family functioning to a wide cross section of society. 2. Encourage dialogue with and provide a forum for fellow citizens on various aspects of family life. 	Individuals, Couples, Children and Families	<p>For fiscal 2022:</p> <p>For the It’s Family Time, Let’s Talk radio series, the NFSD conducted a total of 24 sessions on three (3) local radio stations (98.1 FM, 103.1 FM, and I95.5FM):</p> <p>Topics Discussed include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parenting Roles and Responsibilities • Parenting while incarcerated • Effective Parenting • Co Parenting • Domestic Violence • Emotional Intelligence 	Greater awareness and enhanced ability to improve family life

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MINISTRY OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND FAMILY SERVICES	<p>NATIONAL SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME</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>	Vulnerable persons and communities	The following was achieved during fiscal 2022:	Enhancement in quality of life of citizens
	<p>❖ <i>Minor House Repair Assistance</i></p> <p>This initiative provides persons with materials and/or labour for roof repairs and other minor structural repairs to their homes.</p>	Vulnerable persons and communities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Under the Minor House Repair Assistance, 222 persons benefitted from 58 grants, at a cost of \$1,050,359.67. 	Enhancement in quality of life of citizens
	<p>❖ <i>Sanitary Plumbing Assistance</i></p> <p>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.</p>	Vulnerable persons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Under the Sanitary Plumbing Assistance, 50 persons benefitted from 15 grants, at a cost of \$149,726.44. 	Enhancement in quality of life of citizens
	<p>❖ <i>House Wiring Assistance</i></p> <p>This initiative provides electrification for households throughout Trinidad and Tobago</p>	Vulnerable persons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Under the House Wiring Assistance, 118 persons benefitted from 27 grants at a cost of \$336,804.73. 	Enhancement in quality of life of citizens

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MINISTRY OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND FAMILY SERVICES	<p>❖ <i>Sowing Empowering through Entrepreneurial Development (SEED)</i></p> <p>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>	Vulnerable persons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Under the SEED programme, 334 persons benefitted from 91 grants at a cost of \$1,411,153.00. 	Enhancement in quality of life of citizens
	<p>ASSISTANCE TO NON GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS (NGOs)</p> <p>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. 	General population of Trinidad and Tobago	For fiscal 2022 the following was achieved:	An Efficient and Effective Social Protection System

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	INITIATIVE	BENEFICIARY CATEGORY	ACHIEVEMENTS	NATIONAL OUTCOME
MINISTRY OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND FAMILY SERVICES	<p>❖ <i>Financial Assistance to NGOs (One-off Grants under \$10,000)</i></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>	Non-Governmental, Faith-Based, or Community-Based Organisations	<p>For the period October 2021 to September 2022:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Five (5) NGOs were approved and received funding totalling \$ \$32,500.00. 	An Efficient and Effective Social Protection System
	<p>❖ <i>Subventions to NGOs</i></p> <p>Under this initiative, financial assistance is given to NGOs for recurrent expenditures payable over a specified period.</p>	Non-Governmental Organisations	<p>For fiscal 2022:</p> <p>Subventions to NGOs and Statutory Boards. The breakdown is as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Three (3) Statutory Boards -\$45,578,427 Five (5) Youth Organizations - \$456,000.00 14 NGOs - \$7,589,573.00. <p>Total: \$53,624,000.00</p>	An Efficient and Effective Social Protection System
	<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>	Socially displaced persons	<p>As at August 2022:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nine (9) shelter and care referrals were completed; 290 street interventions for persons living on the streets were conducted 306 engagements/investigations were completed; Six (6) persons were referred for substance abuse rehabilitation; and 16 Level of Care Assessments were completed at the George Street and Oxford Street Health Centres 	<p>Self-Reliant and Sustainable Communities</p> <p>An Efficient and Effective Social Protection System</p>

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	INITIATIVE	BENEFICIARY CATEGORY	ACHIEVEMENTS	NATIONAL OUTCOME
MINISTRY OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND FAMILY SERVICES	<p>❖ <i>Street Outreach Programme</i></p> <p>This programme seeks to provide street dwellers with access to the various services offered by the Ministry of the People and Social Development, 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>	Socially Displaced persons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Street Head Count was conducted. 405 persons are currently sleeping on the streets of the two (2) main towns of Trinidad namely (Marabella/San Fernando and Port of Spain). 64 persons were counted (night count) as residents of the Centre for Socially Displaced Persons (CSDP). The Unit undertook liaisons and negotiations with the Ministry of Health to identify an admission process for 26 mental health outpatients. <p>Additionally, with the pending closure of the CSDP, SDU's Field Officers and Social Worker worked with 72 residents to offer alternative accommodation.</p>	An Efficient and Effective Social Protection System
	<p>❖ <i>Deportee Reception and Integration</i></p> <p>This programme provides assistance to deported persons with relocation and family reintegration into society. The SDU also assists deportees in finding employment.</p>	Deported persons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10 deported persons were provided with counselling whilst 34 received referrals to rehabilitation. 	An Efficient and Effective Social Protection System
	<p>❖ <i>Relocation of Elderly Street Dwellers Programme</i></p> <p>Under this initiative, elderly persons (55 and over) are relocated to Homes for Older Persons where they will receive relevant special care. The Ministry subsidises monthly payments for those clients who have no income or payment is borne by both the client and the Ministry for those in receipt of grants from the Ministry.</p>	Socially displaced older persons	<p>For the period October 2021 to August 2022:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In conjunction with the Division of Ageing, the Unit referred 46 older persons to the Community Care Programme. 	An Efficient and Effective Social Protection System

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MINISTRY OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND FAMILY SERVICES	<p>SOCIAL WELFARE DIVISION</p> <p>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"> • Senior Citizens Pension • Public Assistance Grant • Disability Assistance Grant • General Assistance Grant 	Vulnerable citizens of Trinidad and Tobago	As at September 2022, the following Grants were distributed:	<p>An efficient and Effective Social Protection System for the Poor and Vulnerable</p> <p>Reduction in the incidence of Poverty</p>
	<p>❖ <i>Disability Assistance Grant</i></p> <p>This grant of TTD 1,800.00 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>	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.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 22,055 persons were in receipt of the Disability Assistance Grant, with an expenditure of \$45,959,083.56. 	An Efficient and Effective Social Protection System for the Poor and Vulnerable
	<p>❖ <i>Disability Assistance Grant for Minors (DAGM)</i></p> <p>In order for a minor to access this grant, a permanent medical diagnosis must be presented. This Grant has received Cabinet approval for its introduction effective January 2019.</p>	Persons under 18 years of age who have been certified by a Government medical officer as having severe or complete levels of disability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Social Welfare Division (SWD) distributed a total of 2,956 Disability Assistance Grant Minors (DAGM), which amounted to a total of \$4,670,750.00. 	Enhancing qualities of life and living.

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MINISTRY OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND FAMILY SERVICES	<p>SOCIAL WELFARE DIVISION - Continued</p> <p>❖ <i>General Assistance Grant</i></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>	Victims of natural disasters and clients of the Ministry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A total of 1,269 clients received assistance under the General Assistance Grants (GAGs) Programme which amounted to a total of \$6,642,918.00. 	An Efficient and Effective Social Protection System
	<p>❖ <i>Food Support Programme</i></p> <p>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:</p> <p>❖ <i>Long Term Food Support Card</i></p> <p>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;</p> <p>❖ <i>Temporary Food Card</i></p> <p>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>	Indigent and vulnerable households	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 20,069 households were beneficiaries of the enhanced Food Support Programme at a cost of \$181,539,521.00. The Ministry in collaboration with the First Citizens Bank has developed a New Debit Card System that is compatible with the latest advancements in technology, to facilitate the efficient and effective execution of the Food Support Programme with enhanced monitoring and evaluation capabilities. 	An Efficient and Effective Social Protection System

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MINISTRY OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND FAMILY SERVICES	<p>SOCIAL WELFARE DIVISION - Continued</p> <p>❖ <i>Public Assistance Grant</i></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. The Public Assistance Grant is an essential social net programme providing financial aid to the nation's vulnerable citizens. Effective January 01, 2019 recipients would have benefitted from an increase in the monthly value of these grants as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Individuals – From \$1,150 to \$1,300.00 TTD 2. Two (2) persons – From \$1,400 to \$1,550.00 TTD 3. Three (3) persons – From \$1,600 to \$1,750 TTD 4. For four (4) persons and more – From \$1,750 to \$1,900 TTD 	Unemployed, persons unable to work, or who have little means of financially supporting themselves and guardians of necessitous children.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 16,993 clients were in receipt of the Public Assistance Grant amounting to a total of \$26,652,475.00. 	An Efficient and Effective Social Protection System for the Poor and Vulnerable
	<p>❖ <i>Special Achievers Grant (SAG)</i></p> <p>The SAG provides support to persons who made a significant contribution to the development of Trinidad and Tobago and who were experiencing severe hardship. Support in the areas of health, housing and income are provided. A Special Achiever is considered to be a citizen of Trinidad and Tobago whose record of services and/or performance is publicly distinguishable as an extraordinary contribution to the international profile of Trinidad and Tobago.</p>	National achievers in need of support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A total of 28 persons received financial assistance totalling \$1,369,148.00 under this initiative. 	An Efficient and Effective Social Protection System for the Poor and Vulnerable

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MINISTRY OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND FAMILY SERVICES	<p>❖ <i>Disaster Relief (Flooding)</i> Disaster relief is provided to victims whose items were destroyed beyond use due to natural or man-made disasters.</p>	Victims of natural or man-made disasters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The total expenditure for the Flood Relief Grant totalled \$4.8M. 	An Efficient and Effective Social Protection System for the Poor and Vulnerable											
	<p>SOCIAL WELFARE DIVISION - Continued</p> <p>❖ <i>Senior Citizens' Pension (SCP)</i></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 cap 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"> <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> <tr> <td></td> <td></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			Eligible Senior Citizens	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A total of 108,613 senior citizens were in receipt of the new Senior Citizens' Pensions, amounting to a cost of \$356,736,981.42. <i>Of this total, 7,439 persons were added to the database as new beneficiaries.</i>
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MINISTRY OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT AND NATIONAL SERVICE	<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. 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 fiscal 2022:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A total of 847 trainees enrolled in a 10-month cycle of the programme, with 736 graduating from the programme. <p>Additionally, CCC assisted 36 senior citizens, 40 families, 33 communities and 102 Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), with the provision of hampers to families, park maintenance and the initiation of gardening at regions, etc.</p>	<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 are to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Instil in young people a sense of national pride and civic-mindedness. 2. Sensitize young people to the needs of the elderly and and understanding of the ageing process. 3. Foster national consciousness. 4. Equip young persons with basic skills in caregiving. 5. Provide young persons with the tools to make appropriate life choices. 6. Instil discipline in young persons through training and service to the elderly. 7. Improve 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>	Young persons and adults between the ages of 17-35 and older persons 60 years and over	In fiscal 2022, 556 senior citizens received monthly caregiving services on a rotational basis from the Geriatric Adolescent Partnership Programme. Of this amount, 135 were new clients.	Citizens will lead healthy lifestyles and care. Youth participants in civic activities.

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MINISTRY OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT AND NATIONAL SERVICE	<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>The following NEDCO initiatives were undertaken during fiscal 2022:</p>	<p>Innovation, Entrepreneurship and Partnership</p>
	<p>❖ <i>Business Accelerator Programme</i></p> <p>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>Persons 17 years and over Small and Micro Enterprises (SMEs)</p>	<p>For the period October 2021 to June 2022:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The BAP continued with 25 participants (7 Males and 18 Females). • Four (4) Technical Vocational Educational Institutions signed Memorandum of Understanding (MOUs). <p>Due to COVID-19, many BAP participants were unable to commit to all-day training, therefore there was a fall in attendance as many persons were working or in school full-time.</p>	<p>Accessible Education and training. Innovation, Entrepreneurship and Partnership</p>

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	INITIATIVE	BENEFICIARY CATEGORY	ACHIEVEMENTS	NATIONAL OUTCOME
MINISTRY OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT AND NATIONAL SERVICE	<p>❖ <i>Entrepreneurial Skills Training</i></p> <p>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. 	Persons 15 years and over Small and Micro Enterprises (SMEs)	<p>During fiscal 2022:</p> <p>A total of 914 benefitted from the following courses: Developing a Business Plan, Recordkeeping and Cash Management, Marketing, Digital Transformation of Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs).</p>	Accessible Education and training. Innovation, Entrepreneurship and Partnership
	<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. 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>	Young persons at-risk between the ages of 15 - 24 years	<p>As at June 2022:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A total of 103 young males were enrolled in the programme. Of that number, approximately 70% graduated successfully attaining CSEC Certification. 	Enhance youth education and training.

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	INITIATIVE	BENEFICIARY CATEGORY	ACHIEVEMENTS	NATIONAL OUTCOME
MINISTRY OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT AND NATIONAL SERVICE	<p>RETIREES 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.</p> <p>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).</p> <p>NGOs as well as ‘at-risk’ Communities also benefit from the programme</p>	<p>During fiscal 2022:</p> <p>A total of 733 young persons (382 males and 351 females) between 9 to 21 years were impacted by the benefits of the programme.</p>	<p>Increase youth, Community education.</p>



CHAPTER 3:

SOCIAL SECTOR PLANS FOR 2023



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This chapter outlines social sector initiatives planned for implementation by Ministries, Agencies and the Tobago House of Assembly for fiscal 2023. The 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 3.1: Comparison of Budgeted Allocations for Social Infrastructure & Programming – 2021-2023

Sector Component	Estimates of Expenditure 2022	Estimates of Expenditure 2023
Social Infrastructure	1,807,866,000	2,187,621,000
• Development Programme	1,105,021,000	1,125,749,000
• Infrastructure Development Fund	702,845,000	1,061,872,000
Social Programming	8,068,458,409	9,012,844,868
TOTAL ALLOCATION	9,876,324,409	11,200,465,868

Source: Ministry of Finance

The following section outline major plans to be implemented in fiscal 2023 by the following Ministries:

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



3.1. Ministry of Agriculture, Land and Fisheries

The Ministry of Agriculture, Land and Fisheries (MALF) is responsible for leading and managing the implementation of Government Policies for the Agricultural Sector in Trinidad and Tobago. The MALF is committed to working in close collaboration with all key stakeholders to promote greater consensus in achieving its goal of 'Revitalising and Transforming the Agriculture Sector into an Economic Growth Sector.' In fiscal 2023, the Ministry's initiatives will include the following:

A. Establishment of a Community- Based Aquaculture Programme:

The objective of the project is to facilitate the development and growth of the local aquaculture industry as an alternative source of locally-produced food (protein), in light of dwindling stocks of wild-caught marine fish. This will be achieved through the establishment of an Aquaculture Demonstration Centre (ADC) for training, field testing and demonstration purposes. Some activities planned for fiscal 2023 include:

- The establishment of a model hatchery; and
- Establishment of an aquaculture system and maintenance facility.

B. National Seed Bank (NSB):

The purpose of this project is to contribute toward the national goal of food and nutrition security. The NSB plays a role in providing high quality seed material to the farming community at a subsidized cost, reducing production costs to the farmer and by extension, providing food at a much lower cost. Seeds are conserved in an effort to provide start up material as part of recovery, from any natural disaster in Trinidad and Tobago and other CARICOM nations. During fiscal 2023, project goals include training of staff to facilitate the production of high-quality seeds and planting materials, in sufficient quantities, to meet production targets.

C. Pasture Access Development and Forage Management Systems at Mon Jaloux Forage Development Centre and La Gloria Forage Farm:

The objectives of this project are to provide livestock farmers with a constant supply of locally produced forage feed annually. It also aims to develop a sustainable supply and production system for forage in Trinidad and Tobago and increase livestock feed production which will reduce the dependency on imported feed and feed inputs. Additionally, the project is intended to support the development of the livestock farming sector, develop a monitoring system for forage distribution in Trinidad and Tobago and provide weighbridges for both facilities.

D. Local Food Production of Strategic Crops:

The general objectives of the project include the following:

- the promotion of healthy eating as a means of improving health and wellness, reducing non-communicable diseases and health care costs to the State;
- increasing the involvement of youth and women in agriculture; and
- decreasing the food import bill and reliance on imported foods.

E. Development of Young Entrepreneurs in Ornamental Horticulture in Rural Communities:

The objective of the project is to develop and support small to medium ornamental horticulture-based business enterprises. Additionally, the project is intended to develop the infrastructural and physical facilities at the La Pastora Plant Propagating Station to facilitate the establishment of small to medium ornamental horticulture based business enterprises and to develop public awareness, educational and research programmes, anchored on capacity building for the wider population.

3.2 Ministry of Digital Transformation

The mandate of the Ministry of Digital Transformation (MDT) is to oversee an integrated national digital transformation strategy for Trinidad and Tobago. The strategy will facilitate the development of a digital Trinidad and Tobago (T&T) that promotes digital access and inclusion for all citizens. It will also advance the contribution of ICT to the national gross domestic product and provide direction for technology-enabled economic activity. It will also work towards improving government service delivery and public value through citizen satisfaction and operational efficiencies.

A major priority of Government's Digital Transformation Agenda for 2023 is to ensure that adequate resources are in place to support the implementation of the National Digital Transformation Strategy 2023-2026. The Ministry continues to align all of its key stakeholders with the goal of making T&T a friendly and successful country with which to do business.

A. Connected Communities:

The Connected Communities initiative, will bring together industry and community stakeholders in Government, the Private Sector, and Civil Society, to develop technology solutions beneficial to all aspects of economic and community life in various communities. The Pilot programme, which was launched earlier this year seeks to:

- Develop a Public Transportation app that will enable the public and transport providers to connect in a way that maximizes safety, security, and reliability;
- Use ICTs to assist vendors and their customers to buy and sell produce and goods as efficiently as possible;
- Deploy solar-powered "Smart Poles" that provide underserved neighbourhoods with wi-fi internet, mobile device charging facilities, and access to Government services, in addition to conventional street lighting. This will support the MDT's pilot Virtual Access Centres.

The Pilot will facilitate the development of an implementation and business model that will be rolled out to other communities across the country in the coming months.

B. Community ICT Access Programme

The Community ICT Access Programme continues to expand with approval for an additional 32 centres being granted by Cabinet for fiscal 2022. For fiscal 2023, the Ministry will continue to conduct site visits to acquire additional venues to realise its planned target of 100 Access centres to facilitate digital inclusion.



3.3 Ministry of Education

The Ministry of Education continued its mandate in fiscal 2022 with online education being conducted due to the continued closure of schools because of COVID-19 in Trinidad and Tobago. With in-per classes re-commencing in April, 2022, the Ministry was able to once again ensure that the SEA, CSEC and CAPE examinations were administered. The Ministry will continue to pursue its mandate of providing a quality education system that is modern, inclusive, accessible and relevant. Accordingly, the following initiatives will be pursued in fiscal 2023:

A. Launch of Secondary Entrance Assessment (SEA) Portal

The SEA Portal will allow parents and guardians electronic access to their child's SEA results via desktop, tablet or cell phone. The portal was launched on July 1, 2022. For fiscal 2023, Phase 2 of the SEA Portal will be launched. This phase will focus inter alia on allowing access to downloadable PDF files to assist with secondary school registration and provide sensitisation sessions or webinars for parents in rural districts and other districts.

B. Vacation Revision Programme (VRP)

The Ministry of Education (MOE) piloted a Vacation Revision Programme (VRP) at 33 schools across Trinidad during the July-August vacation period to enhance students' key competencies in fundamental areas and aid them in their transition to secondary school. The VRP comprised a combination of academic and Visual and Performance Arts (VAPA) sessions, with psycho-social support provided by the MOE's Student Support Services Division.

- **“Turn Up, Don't Give Up:** Under the VRP, the MOE piloted the Turn Up, Don't Give Up 'educational' caravan aimed at inspiring students to stay in school and push forward despite challenges faced. For fiscal 2023, 26 schools will be exposed to the Programme which entails motivational sessions, parenting sessions, school enhancement projects, a concert and showcase. Additionally, a Turn Up Don't Give Up Caravan will be conducted during the July-August period 2023.

C. Proposal for the Implementation of the National Learning Assessment:

National assessments play a critical role in the promotion of learning. As such, the Trinidad and Tobago National Learning Assessment (TTNLA) has been developed to replace the National Test at the primary school level and the National Certificate of Secondary Education (NCSE) at the secondary school level. The TTNLA focuses on the assessment of Mathematics and English Language Arts for Standards 1 and 3 primary school students as well as Form 3 students at the secondary level and will be used as a broad evaluation of the education system rather than individualised student assessment. The TTNLA will be implemented in two phases:

- **Phase I:** In fiscal 2023, a pilot assessment will be conducted in 30 out of 200 primary schools at the standards one (1) and three (3) levels. This represents approximately 15% of the total sample population. The assessment will be administered to 1,800 students to ensure that the test items and structure are suitable to the students' levels; and
- Implementation at the secondary level to a representative sample of Form 3 students at 50 schools. This represents approximately 32% of the total population of 154 secondary schools (public and private). The test will be administered to approximately 5,000 students. No pilot assessment will be conducted at the secondary level.

- Additionally, data collection will be used as a broad evaluation to improve implementation of Phase II if the project which is expected to be conducted in fiscal 2024.

Box 3.1: Policy and Research Initiatives of the Ministry of Education for Fiscal 2023

Research:

- **Assessment of STEM Labour Needs in Emerging Sectors, 2022:** The Assessment of STEM Labour Needs in Emerging Sectors, 2022 study seeks to provide data on the STEM labour needs of the emerging sectors from which policies and programmes can be developed to address these needs and strengthen the innovative capacity of the sectors. For fiscal 2023, the study will be conducted and a report compiled.

Box 3.2: Legislative Agenda of the Ministry of Education for Fiscal 2023

- **Amendment of the Education Act, Chap.39:01: Finalisation of the draft Amendment Bill for approval by Cabinet**

3.4. Ministry of Health

As the ministry responsible for the delivery of quality healthcare to citizens of Trinidad and Tobago, the Ministry of Health (MOH) based its Strategy Plan on the National Development Strategy (2016-2030), Government's Recovery Plan 2021-2025 and the Ministry of Health's strategic objectives. These provide the necessary impetus for the delivery of the MoH's national health programme. During fiscal 2022, the Ministry continued its rollout of preventative measures and regulations against the spread of COVID-19, in keeping with the World Health Organisation's guidelines. There was significant decline (40%) in the average of COVID-19 positive cases in April 2022 as compared to the same period in 2021. The MOH also recorded 50% full vaccination of the population. The Ministry also focused on several strategic initiatives aimed at re-positioning and reinvigorating key aspects of the health care delivery system.

In fiscal 2023, the Ministry will continue to deliver quality healthcare via the following:

A. Medical Equipment Upgrade Programme:

This programme entails the procurement and upgrading of medical equipment at the various public health institutions and expansion of critical services at the respective Regional Health Authorities. Some of the work to be undertaken include:

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- **North Central Regional Health Authority:** Equipment for completion of 4 bed coronary care unit at the High Dependency Unit (HDU), acquisition of six (6) ultrasound machines, 32 wall-mounted cardiac monitors, and replacement of four (4) echo machines and six (6) dialysis machines.
- **South West Regional Health Authority:** Replacement of six (6) X-ray units, purchase of angiogram machine, procurement of equipment for the Paediatric Critical Care Unit at the San Fernando General Hospital.
- **North West Regional Health Authority:** Purchase of six (6) operating theatre tables, acquisition of five (5) 12-lead ECG machines with roll carts, two (2) echo ultrasound machines and five (5) incubators for the Port of Spain General Hospital (POSGH).
- **Eastern Regional Health Authority:** Expansion of the radiology information system and purchase of medical equipment for primary health care.

B. **President's Emergency Programme for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR):**

- This programme seeks to reduce the transmission of HIV and viral load suppression of persons currently living with HIV or AIDS. The Ministry of Health will receive funding through a Cooperation agreement with the Centres for Disease Control as part of a wider activity of the US Government's PEPFAR.

C. **Re-Development of the Port of Spain General Hospital:**

- This ongoing project will entail the construction of new buildings to relocate the Central Stores, Engineering Department and the Biomedical Department of the POSGH. The new Central Block will provide acute care services and will include the growth of other clinical services such as surgical, pharmaceutical and laboratory services, diagnostics and treatment (D&T) inclusive of new imaging technology. It also allows for the shifting and expansion of some existing services such as ophthalmology, ENT and Paediatrics.

D. **Refurbishment Works to the Princes Elizabeth Home for Handicapped Children:**

This project will entail demolition and reconfiguration works to accommodate a walk-in clinic and reception area, administration offices, examination rooms, casting room, physio and occupational therapy rooms and washrooms. These improvement works are expected to facilitate increased care for children with special needs.

Box 3.3: Policy Initiatives of the Ministry of Health for Fiscal 2023

Policy:

- **The National Blood Bank Policy**
- **The E-Health Policy**
- **The Health Ethics Policy**

3.5. Ministry of Housing and Urban Development

The Ministry of Housing and Urban Development (MHUD) is at the forefront of the government's public social policy and charged with the provision of adequate housing to the population and development of urban environments. The Ministry will pursue the following Projects in fiscal 2023:

A. Housing Development Corporation:

- **Social Housing/Rental Sites:** Social Housing/Rental Sites are sites earmarked earmarked by the HDC for allocation to low income earners. These sites will provide rental accommodation for families and individuals who fall within the Affordable/Low Income Housing Band of TT\$ 250K - TT\$ 749K). Within the HDC's context, social housing refers to residential, rental accommodations provided at sub-market prices, and targeted and allocated to households that cannot otherwise afford market rates. For fiscal 2023, seven (7) sites with a potential yield of 784 units have been identified for this purpose.

B. Home Improvement Grant:

The Home Improvement Grant is provided to low income families whose homes are dilapidated and in urgent need of repairs. The purpose of the Grant is to assist households with basic structural repairs that would modestly enhance their living conditions and lead to their improved social condition by extension. In fiscal 2023, the Ministry, through its Housing Policy Facilitation Implementation Unit (HPFIU) will continue to provide Home Improvement Grants to qualifying applicants. A data cleaning exercise of unselected applications will be undertaken to identify applications for weighted random selections.

C. Land Settlement Agency (LSA):

- **Regularisation of Squatter Communities:** The LSA will undertake in-house Land-Use Planning and Subdivision Activities for several communities including: Train Line, Marabella; Peytonville, Arima; Dundonald Hill, Belmont, Port-of-Spain; Bhadase Lands, Enterprise Chaguanas; Heights of Aripo, Arima; and Butler Park, Point Fortin. Additionally, new development works will be undertaken in several communities including: Demerara Road, Wallerfield; Picton Extension, Sangre Grande; La Phillipine I, Gran Couva; Five Rivers, Arouca; Butler Park, Point Fortin; River Estate, Diego Martin and Calvary Hill, Arima.
- **Housing and Village Improvement Programme:** For fiscal 2023, the LSA will begin construction on approximately 400 residential units at an estimated cost of TT\$ 48Mn. Targeted communities for the units include: Bon Air; Wallerfield; Couva; Point Fortin; Princes Town; and Moruga. Social Surveys within these communities will continue to be conducted in order to identify households requiring intervention under the HVIP.
- **Regularisation and Regeneration of Communities - Greater Port of Spain Region:** The aim of this Programme is to regularise and improve the living conditions of squatters and tenants on state lands in Port of Spain and surrounding areas. This will be achieved through the provision of basic amenities such as potable water, sewage disposal, electricity and upgraded toilet facilities. For fiscal 2023, works will be undertaken in several communities including: Diego Martin, Carenage, Belmont, Morvant, Maracas Bay Village, Las Cuevas and Laventille.



D. 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 2023, EPOS will continue its scope of development programmes which include the following:

- **Beetham Sports and Cultural Complex and Park:** Works will commence for the comprehensive development to transform the Beetham Gardens community into a modern urban village with acceptable level of facilities for its residents and those of the wider Metropolitan District of East Port of Spain. The project includes construction of housing, a state-of-the-art regional sport and cultural complex, cultural centre, indoor gymnasium and other facilities.
- **Technology Enhancement Programme & Creation of WIFI Hot Spots:** This initiative seeks to establish WIFI Hot Spots at all community facilities and provide devices to ensure no child is left behind.
- **Heritage and Culture:** The EPOS will stage community cultural and heritage festivals and activities to promote and protect the cultural heritage of East POS.
- **Education to Production:** These programmes will train young persons in construction and entrepreneurship.
- **Urban Agriculture:** The EPOS will establish small-scale community farms and a green market in East Port of Spain.

Other proposed projects include the beautification, landscaping and revitalisation of parks, streets and walls and development of necessary infrastructure to provide an effective drainage system within the communities.

3.6. Ministry of Labour

The Ministry of Labour (MOL) continues to occupy a strategic position in creating growth, promoting diversity and restoring confidence through its critical work in fulfilling Government's labour and employment commitments with the aim of maintaining industrial peace, facilitating decent work, and promoting equal opportunities for all. During fiscal 2023, the Ministry of Labour will pursue the following:

A. Regulations of the Occupational Safety and Health Authority:

This new project aims to develop subsidiary legislation (Regulations) to: adapt to changing needs, increase the ability to deal with trends in industrial accidents, and formalize the detailed requirements of the OSH Act. The regulations will encourage greater compliance, resulting in a reduction in the national cost of accidents and injuries.

B. National Productivity Enhancement:

The long-term objective of the project is to increase levels of productivity in Trinidad and Tobago. A host of initiatives will be undertaken in collaboration with external parties, including the ILO, to

host workshops, develop a research agenda, conduct baseline surveys and establish a National Productivity Centre.

Box 3.4: Legislative Agenda of the Ministry of Labour for Fiscal 2023

The Ministry intends to continue its review of key pieces of labour legislation in fiscal 2023 including the following:

- **Legislation for the Prevention and Elimination of the Worst Forms of Child Labour**
- **Trade Disputes and Protection of Property Act, Chap. 88:03**
- **Workmen's Compensation (Transfer of Funds) Act, Chap. 88:06**
- **Truck Act, Chap. 88:07**

Box 3.5: Policy and Research Initiatives of the Ministry of Labour for Fiscal 2023

Research:

- **Development of a Modernised Labour Market Information System:** In fiscal 2023 the MOL proposes to undertake a Private Sector and State Enterprises Vacancy Survey
- **Conduct of a National Baseline Survey on Knowledge, Attitudes, Beliefs and Practices on HIV in the Workplace:** In fiscal 2022/2023, the survey would be completed and data collected, entered and analysed.
- **Impact of COVID-19 on the Labour Market in Trinidad and Tobago:** The aim of this project is to assess the impact of Covid-19 on the Labour Market in Trinidad and Tobago. The MOL proposes to determine the challenges faced by employees during and after COVID-19 restrictions by variables such as employment status, income, gender, education. It will also seek to determine the reskilling and upskilling needs, the role of employers in building the resiliency of employees, and the policies that can be implemented to improve the resiliency of the labour market.
- **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.
- **Development of a research agenda and conduct of baseline surveys with respect to productivity in Trinidad and Tobago.**

Policy:

- **National Policy for the Prevention and Elimination of Child Labour in Trinidad and Tobago:** This project is targeted at developing a national policy aimed at preventing incidences of child labour and contributing to the eventual elimination of child labour in Trinidad and Tobago. It is proposed that the Committee be reconstituted and continue its work with key stakeholders, utilizing primary and secondary data to prepare a National Policy and Action Plan on the prevention and elimination of child labour in Trinidad and Tobago.
- **Implementation of the National Workplace Policy on Sexual Harassment:** This policy aims to sensitise, guide and advise stakeholders on the National Workplace Policy on Sexual Harassment. It is a regulatory policy, designed to prohibit and address sexual harassment in the workplace and prevent such behaviours that endanger society. The MOL proposes to undertake a national survey and study on Sexual Harassment within the public and private sectors of the economy. This will seek to establish a baseline and raise awareness of its prevalence across workplaces within the country.
- **National Workplace Policy on HIV and AIDS for Trinidad and Tobago:** In fiscal 2023, work will continue on implementing the revised policy.



3.7. Office of the Prime Minister

In fiscal 2023, the following initiatives will be undertaken by the Office of the Prime Minister (OPM) through the following Divisions/Agencies: Gender Affairs Division, Child Affairs Division and the National AIDS Coordinating Committee.

A. Child Affairs Division:

The Child Affairs division will focus on several new initiatives for fiscal 2023 including:

- Community Residences' Development (Caregivers Training Programme)
- Training Wards for Self-sufficiency

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

- **National Inter-Agency Child Abuse Protocol:** In partnership with UNICEF, the Authority initiated the development of the National Inter-Agency Child Abuse Protocol. This Protocol seeks to map the process via which a child, exposed to abuse and/or maltreatment, interacts with and receives treatment from the various child protection service agencies across the country. The CATT has begun working with stakeholders on revising and finalising the Protocol, following an Editorial Workshop held in July 2022. This exercise will continue in the new fiscal.

C. Gender Affairs Division:

For fiscal 2023, the GAD will implement the following new initiatives:

- Renovation of property to establish a Rehabilitative Centre for Male Perpetrators of Domestic Violence.
- Reconstruction of Former Government Quarter to Establish Shelters for Female Survivors of Domestic Violence.
- Gender Based Violence Mini Course.

D. National AIDS Coordinating Committee Secretariat:

- **National HIV and AIDS Policy and the Development of the National Strategic Plan (NSP):** The NACC intends to advance/complete the HIV and NSP projects by executing both projects under a merged and harmonized framework. This merged project is being undertaken with assistance from the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) and the Pan-American Health Organisation (PAHO).
- **Capacity Building in the HIV Response:** In fiscal 2023, the NACC will provide Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) with capacity building in the preparation of submissions to access external donor funding provided by UN Agencies. Targeted areas include: concept notes and technical proposals, completions reports and financial reports.
- **Audit of the HIV Response:** The NACC will conduct an operational audit on each implementing Ministry to determine inter alia:
 - existing human, financial and technical resource constraints;
 - gaps in service delivery;
 - the impact of migrant and mobile populations on service delivery.

- **Enhancing CSO Financial Sustainability for HIV Project Implementation:** The NACC will provide training in three modules for NGOs involved in HIV project implementation in collaboration with other Ministries and donor agencies. Training will include the following: principles of proposal writing, international and regional resources and strategies for resource mobilisation and financial diversification. Approximately 75 persons from various NGO's actively involved in the HIV response will be impacted.

3.8. 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 Ministry is charged with the operational mandate to: provide strategic leadership and governance of the public utilities sector; facilitate the delivery of affordable quality public utility services through the stewardship of its Agencies and Divisions; and administer the delivery of utility-based social interventions to segments of the population challenged with accessing public utilities services.

Although some projects slowed due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the resultant restrictions, the Ministry continued to pursue projects to improve its services. In this regard, during fiscal 2022, the MPU undertook a restructuring exercise of the Water and Sewerage Authority (WASA) to facilitate improved administration and delivery of services by the Authority to its clients. The services offered by the various agencies under the MPU's remit directly affect the quality of life enjoyed by citizens of Trinidad and Tobago and provide a foundation for the development of the country's industrial, commercial and residential landscape. For fiscal 2023 the MPU will pursue the following:

A. Utilities Assistance Programme (UAP):

For Fiscal 2022/2023, the Ministry of Public Utilities intends to continue fulfilling its responsibility to provide social intervention to low income and underprivileged beneficiaries, through the following programmes:

- **Provision of Utility Bill Assistance:** Approximately 13, 000 low income customers of the WASA and Trinidad and Tobago Electricity Commission (T&TEC) will receive water and electricity subsidies at an estimated cost of \$3,750,000.
- **Provision of Solar Panel Assistance:** Approximately 60 low-income households that are without access to the electricity grid, will benefit from the installation of solar panels.
- **Provision of Water Tanks:** Under the Programme, the MPU will distribute approximately 300 (800 gallon tanks) and 70 (1000 gallon tanks) to households and five (5) 1000 gallon tanks to five (5) community facilities.
- **Public Education Campaign:** The campaign will be continued by the MPU to increase awareness of the UAP in areas that are most affected by utility issues. Outreach events will be used to increase accessibility to target applicants (the elderly and persons with disabilities) and persons residing in remote rural communities who may experience tremendous challenges in accessing these amenities and information.

B. Residential Electrification Assistance Programme (REAP):

The Programme will continue to be implemented by the Sectoral Programme and Projects Unit of the MPU, in close collaboration with the Electrical Inspectorate Division and T&TEC. It is anticipated that the number of house wiring jobs undertaken by the MPU will increase due to the proposed transfer of the house wiring programmes currently administered by the Ministry of Social



Development and Family Services (MSDFS) and the Land Settlement Agency (LSA) to the REAP. The number of households targeted for assistance under the programme is 350.

C. Electrification Programme (EP):

The MPU will provide electrical infrastructure to 53 households with an estimated number of 1480 beneficiaries.

D. Community Water Improvement Plan (CWIP):

The Ministry will undertake Phase 4 of the programme. Phase 4 entails the completion of two (2) booster stations in Tobago and installation of approximately 15.08km of pipeline in North and South Trinidad and Tobago. The works will provide approximately 17,950 persons with a more reliable supply of water.

E. Telecommunications Services of Trinidad and Tobago (TSTT):

For the fiscal 2023, TSTT will continue to execute on its strategic plans and programmes towards the achievement of digital transformation. The company will expand its Digital Access Network Infrastructure to facilitate the connectivity required to transform Trinidad and Tobago digitally. It continues to work towards closing the digital divide by increasing customers' accessibility to broadband in the home and introducing Smart Home services to improve home security and automation.

- **SMARTT:** TSTT will continue to expand its Smart Home Automation and Home Security in fiscal 2023 through the expansion of its smart home customer base. The project aims to provide citizens with a service that meets the evolving needs of the security and smart home markets, connecting all aspects of the home from smart locks to smart lighting, motorized shades, climate control, video cameras, and more. This service will improve the comfort and security of citizens.

F. Water and Sewerage Authority (WASA):

During the fiscal, via its Strategic Action Plan, WASA will undertake several projects including:

- **Refurbishing and Upgrading of Major Water Treatment Facilities:** During the fiscal, refurbishment and upgrade works will be undertaken on the following Plants - Caroni Water Treatment Plant, Navet Water Treatment Plant, Guanapo Water Treatment Plant, North Oropouche Water Treatment Plant, Chatham Water Treatment Plant, Hillsborough Water Treatment Plant, and the Hollis Water Treatment Plant. These works will improve the reliability of service, water quality and supply to over 400,000 persons from several communities including: Mayaro, Cocoyea, Barackpore Princes Town, Tabaquite and Naparima. Guanapo, Arima and environs, Valencia and Trincity.

G. Regulated Industries Commission (RIC):

- **Trinidad and Tobago Electricity Commission (T&TEC) Price Review:** The RIC will host public consultations (focus groups, opinion polls and in depth interviews with stakeholder groups) on the Draft Determination for the T&TEC's Price Review. The RIC will also host a national consultation to solicit public views and comments and address questions and concerns on the Draft Determination document.
- **Water and Sewerage Authority (WASA) Price Review:** The RIC will prepare its Draft Determination for the WASA's Price Review upon receipt of a Final Business Plan from WASA in the 1st quarter of fiscal 2023. Public consultation on the Draft will then commence. The RIC's Final Determination for WASA's Price Review is expected to be completed by November 2023.

H. Trinidad And Tobago Solid Waste Management Company Limited (SWMCOL)

- **Development of a Pilot Project for the Treatment of Organics:** The SWMCOL will develop a pilot project for the treatment of organic waste (estimated to comprise 27% of the total waste generated locally, based on the 2010 Waste Characterization and Centroid Study by Canadian Consultants, CBCL Limited.) The SWMCOL is presently considering the use of the Black Soldier Fly (BSF) to treat with food waste in Trinidad and Tobago. The project would seek to divert waste from the nation's landfills and ensure the proper management of organics to avoid threats to public health and the environment. This pilot project follows technical assistance received in fiscal 2022 under the Canada-CARICOM Expert Deployment Mechanism (CCEDM).

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

A. Community-Based Environmental Protection and Enhancement Programme (CEPEP):

Over the fiscal 2023, the CEPEP will undertake the following initiatives as outlined in its Strategic Plan 2021-2025:

- **Core Business and Entrepreneurship:**
 - **Dry Season Programme:** Work under this programme will include:
 - cleaning and maintaining fire trails,
 - cleaning and maintaining 50 new water-courses and
 - enhancing 300 community green spaces.
- **Business Transformation:** The company will begin the digitization of its operational processes to improve its operational efficiency and reduce costs. Additionally, it will develop
 - a company-wide Environmental Policy; and
 - a No-Print Policy and Action Plan
- **Revenue Growth:** In fiscal 2023, CEPEP will continue efforts to identify and acquire the site for a Composting Facility; the facility will be designed to convert the organic waste generated by CEPEP into compost. It is expected to reduce the company's carbon footprint and facilitate the creation of green communities/spaces.
- **Community and Stakeholder Relations:** The Company will focus on the following in fiscal 2023:
 - Beautification of three new parks in its ongoing works to create greener communities and improve community relations.
 - Identification and beautification of one Rural/Local Development Tourism Site
 - Undertake a Coastal Clean-Up programme - with five (5) beaches targeted
 - Provide financial assistance to six families via an Education Bursary for children



3.10 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 Government's initiatives for achieving social and human development objectives. Consequently, the MSDFS has embraced the strategic direction outlined in the two Roadmap to Recovery Reports that are in alignment with its Cabinet-approved National Social Mitigation Plan (2017-2022). The Ministry continues to play an essential role in mitigating the negative socio-economic impacts on the poor and vulnerable, exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Ministry has a key role to play in the Government's plan to return social and economic viability to Trinidad and Tobago. 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.

The following measures will therefore be executed by the MSDFS to bolster its social protection framework and improve service delivery to clients in fiscal 2023.

A. Implementation of Consultancy - National Social Mitigation Plan (NSMP) Phase II:

The goal of this Plan is to ease the negative social impacts of the downturn of the national economy and provide responses to the potential social, economic and psychosocial effects associated with the downturn. Under Phase II of the NSMP, the Ministry in fiscal 2023 will undertake the nationwide rollout of the Social Services Empowerment Unit (SSEU), a timely and convenient, 'one-stop shop' for the provision of social services and the Social Transformation and Empowerment Programme-Uplifting People (STEP-UP) model. Other initiatives under the NSMP include:

- **Development of a Nationwide Campaign on Strategies to ensure Personal Food Security:** The Ministry will collaborate with entities such as the United Nations' Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), the Ministry of Agriculture, Land and Fisheries (MALF), and the University of the West Indies (UWI) in helping citizens to provide food for themselves amidst the increase in local food prices.
- **Implementation of the Values Attitudes and Behaviours Programme:** This project will focus on raising awareness and catalysing behavioural change within the nation; as well as providing advice and support to members of society to become civic-minded citizens.
- **The Establishment of Two (2) Pilot Projects for Community Health and Wellness Centres:** This project is designed to make health and wellness readily available to individuals within the communities of Trinidad and Tobago. This pilot project will add another dimension to building a resilient society and is expected to contribute to the reduction of stress, violence and crime within our nation.

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

- **Capacity Building for NGOs that Serve Persons with Disabilities (PWDs):** In fiscal 2023, the Disability Affairs Unit of the MSDFS will provide training in the form of a capacity-building workshop to targeted NGOs. It is envisioned that this training, which will be undertaken in partnership with PAHO, will increase the technical abilities of these NGOs to provide better service to their clients.
- **Establishment of an Assessment Centre:** The MSDFS will begin construction of a five-storey Assessment Centre to:

- i. Provide suitable accommodation for client assessment and temporary residence as an immediate alternative to street dwelling;
 - ii. Facilitate voluntary and involuntary removal of street dwellers;
 - iii. Provide referrals to treatment and rehabilitation centres/programmes; and
 - iv. Prepare individuals for treatment or rehabilitation.
- **Curbing Offender Recidivism through Entrepreneurship (CORE):** This initiative is a collaboration between the MSDFS and the MoE. It targets ex-offenders exiting the prison system and will incorporate the STEP-UP framework to empower them and their families towards building resilience. This initiative will be designed specifically to create opportunities for ex-offenders to monetize skills obtained through the Rehabilitating Inmates through Training and Retraining Programme. The main objectives of the programme are to:
 - i. Reduce poverty and dependency on medium to long-term financial support by the State;
 - ii. Decrease offender recidivism;
 - iii. Reduce incidences of crime; and
 - iv. Increase economic growth through micro and small enterprise development.

Box-3.6: Policy and Research Initiatives of the Ministry of Social Development and Family Services for Fiscal 2023 include the following:

Policy:

- **Roll out of the National Parenting and National Family Policies**
- **Implementation of the Policy Guidelines for the Management of the Funeral Assistance Grant (FAG) in the MSDFS**
- **Development of Draft Policy Guidelines for the Administration of Food Support, and finalisation of the associated Action Plan**

Research:

- **An assessment of the Ministry of Social Development and Family Services' COVID-19 Relief Measures in Trinidad and Tobago: Insights and Learnings**
- **National Participatory Poverty Assessments to inform the development of the National Poverty Reduction Strategy**
- **Assessment of the Disability Sector (being undertaken in collaboration with the CDB)**
- **Quantitative and Qualitative Research on Elderly Abuse**
- **The vulnerability of Older Persons to HIV and AIDS**
- **Establishment and operationalisation of a National Register of Vulnerable Persons (NRVP) for Trinidad and Tobago**
- **Development of a policy framework for the development of the National Poverty Reduction Strategy**
- **Development of a Socio-Economic Indicator Database: The database will be used to reflect Trinidad and Tobago's social situation and will directly support Government's current thrust towards evidence-based socio-economic policy formulation, planning and evaluation**
- **Support the conduct of the Survey of Living Conditions/Household Budgetary Survey**



3.11. Ministry of Sport and Community Development

With the entrance of the new administration in August, 2020, the community development portfolio was transferred from the former Ministry of Community Development Culture and the Arts to the Ministry of Sport and Community Development (formerly Community Development, Culture and the Arts). The Ministry represents an intersectionality between community life and physical activity and seeks to build the nation's human capital through the development of athletic talent and community life. For fiscal 2023, the Ministry will undertake the following major initiatives:

A. Community Development:

- **Community Mediation Services Programme:** During fiscal 2023, the following programmes executed under the Community Mediation Services Programme will be delivered: The Community Empowerment Programme; The Peer Mediation Programme; Parenting Support Group Meetings and Symposia; Public Education and Sensitization; Men's support Group; The Co-Parenting Programme; The Community Inclusive Mediation Project and; The Mobile Mediation Unit.
- **Community Recovery Programme (CRP):** New Programmes proposed under the CRP include: Community Mural Project; Community Heroes Award; Handicraft Camp for Women; and Establishment of a Video Studio at the Adult Education Centre, St. Ann's.
- **Establishment of a Community Economic Development Fund:** This fund will provide a comprehensive approach to community economic development in Trinidad and Tobago and is critical to the reduction of the social scourges that plague the nation and disproportionately emanate from lower income communities. Community economic development has also been highlighted in the Roadmap for Recovery Report and is a critical strategy for national development in this post-pandemic period.

B. Export Centres Companies Limited (ECCL):

- **Business Development Workshops:** The ECCL will partner with other institutions to provide non-formal training interventions in Small Business Development. This is to ensure that graduates receive the necessary support, guidance, information and training to establish successful small businesses. The ECCL will also provide a production space for graduates to pursue production of items for resale.
- **ECCL International City & Guilds Accreditation:** The Training Department has been pursuing accreditation to ensure ECCL continues to be the leading institution in the delivery of craft training. In fiscal 2023, ECCL will pursue the new City & Guilds Assured model for Institutional Accreditation in the following disciplines: Fashion, Soft Furnishings, Linen & Drapery, Woodwork, Fabric arts, Weaving, Cake décor, Confectionery, Bag Making, Soap & Candles, Leather and Pottery.

C. Sport Programmes

- **Physically Active Scholars:** Based on the Sports for Schools initiative out of the United Kingdom, this project is designed to help students, parents and teachers/principals understand the positive impact derived from physical activity on students' behaviour and mental health. This programme will be executed in collaboration with the Ministry of Education.
- **Coaches in Schools:** This initiative will provide coaches to organize and manage the extra-mural phase of the Physical Education Programme involving inter school sporting competitions.

Primary Schools and Secondary Schools will be beneficiaries of this programme. Approximately twenty (20) coaches across multiple disciplines will be recruited for this initiative.

Box 3.7: Policy and Research Initiatives of the Ministry of Sport and Community Development for Fiscal 2023

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 2023, an Inter-Agency technical committee will be engaged to develop the terms of reference for a consultant or firm to undertake a comprehensive survey of the sector.
- **Policy for Monetising Cultural and Heritage Spaces** - This policy document will set out the criterial and institutional arrangements for monetising cultural and heritage spaces. It will facilitate the creation of sustainable livelihoods while preserving and promoting the nation's historical and cultural heritage in different geographical locations throughout Trinidad and Tobago.
- **Development of the Ministry of Sport and Community Development Strategic Plan 2023-2028** - Ministry of Community Development, Culture and the Arts Strategic Plan 2023-2028 will be designed to chart to Ministry's strategic direction for the period 2023-2028. In fiscal 2023, a consultant will be engaged to facilitate the ongoing development process for the Plan.
- **Development of a National Policy to Treat with the Issues and Aspirations of the First Peoples of Trinidad and Tobago**: The policy will outline Trinidad and Tobago's relevant interpretation of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, and provide a national approach to the recognition, preservation and appropriate integration of the cultural rights and contributions of the First Peoples to Trinidad and Tobago.

3.12 Ministry of Youth Development and National Service

Established in August 2020, 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. This will be achieved through the delivery of quality services and in particular youth skills development programmes and training at facilities throughout Trinidad and Tobago. Initiatives under the scope of the Ministry for fiscal 2023 include:

A. Establishment of a Youth Agricultural Shade House:

The Youth Agricultural Shade House Project will be a three (3) year project targeting **three hundred (300)** young people ages 16-35yrs with three cohorts of **one hundred (100)** participants annually. The participants of this project will be exposed to a one (1) year certificate programme to be delivered by the University of the West Indies School of Agriculture in conjunction with the National Agriculture Research Extension Institute of the Co-operative Republic of Guyana. Upon completion of the training programme, an Agricultural Co-operative Model will be utilized for the second phase of the project which will engage participants in the production and sales of high-value, short-term crops to the local hotel and fast food industries, groceries and supermarket chains.



B. Youth Agricultural Homestead Programme:

The homesteads aim to utilise the agriculture sector as a mechanism to assist in addressing youth unemployment, poverty, the housing challenges faced by young people and the decline in the agriculture sector. Training sessions for the Programme commenced in June 2022. The upcoming second phase of the programme will involve the practical application of the training received in Phase 1.

C. National Service:

National Service Training Centres will facilitate graduates who are civic-minded and self-reliant in becoming fully productive members of society and making meaningful contributions to national development. This is an ongoing programme and for fiscal 2023, the Ministry proposes to construct National Service Training Centres at Mausica and Beach Camp, Palo Seco.

D. Transition Homes:

Work on the St. Madeline Transition Home and the Sevilla Transition Home for females is scheduled for completion by the latter half of 2023. These homes will provide safe spaces for youth residents. Additionally, the refurbishing of the former St. Michael School for Boys to house Children in Need of Supervision (CHINS) will accommodate 80 boys between the ages of 12 and 18 years upon completion. This facility is expected to be completed in September 2023.

E. NEDCO Business Accelerator Programme:

The National Enterprise Development Company (NEDCO) Business Accelerator Programme (BAP) 2020-2024 is an entrepreneurial development programme aimed at creating a group of exceptional businesspersons and risk-takers to lead the next generation of entrepreneurs. Cohort 3 of the Programme will commence in September 2022 and is scheduled for completion in August 2023. The upcoming cohort targets 50 participants to receive training in areas such as recordkeeping and cash management; marketing; and digital transformation of small and medium enterprises.

F. Youth Development Centres (YDCs):

YDCs play a critical role in the dissemination of youth training and social programmes as well as providing safe spaces for youth in communities to recreate and strengthen community bonds. The MYDNS proposes to construct additional non-residential centres throughout Trinidad and Tobago on a phased basis. In fiscal 2023, YDCs are planned in the areas of La Horquetta, Diego Martin, Sangre Grande, San Fernando and Beetham Gardens.

Box 3.8: Policy and Research Initiatives of the Ministry of Youth Development and National Service for Fiscal 2023

Policy:

- **Micro and Small Enterprise Policy:** The revision process for the Micro and Small Enterprise Policy for Trinidad and Tobago 2014-2016 is ongoing.
- **National Youth Policy:** Programmes to facilitate the implementation of the National Youth Policy will continue.

3.12 Tobago House of Assembly

The Tobago House of Assembly (THA) welcomed a new Administration in December 2021. Several areas for development have been identified for fiscal 2023 and the plans outlined below have been extracted from the new administration's inaugural Budget Statement to the Assembly. Set against the backdrop of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the war between Russia and Ukraine and climate change, the Budget identifies key policy mandates for the THA over the upcoming fiscal year and the expenditure towards its programmes and projects. The proposals outlined were influenced by stakeholder consultations, submissions from the various Divisions of the THA, ideas from an online platform and the government's mandate. The 2023 Budget, themed 'Towards a Smarter, Greener, More Autonomous Tobago' sets the groundwork for the implementation of a progressive, innovative and people-friendly course towards making Tobago 'the greatest little island on the planet.' The following areas were among those included in the THA's 2023 Budget presentation.

A. Economic Transformation and Business Development

- **Innovation:** In an effort to foster an enabling environment that encourages and supports innovation in Tobago, the THA proposes a re-orientation of the island's education system to encourage critical and innovative thinking for technological and business development among students in the long-term.
- **Foreign Direct Investment Policy and Diaspora Engagement:** In an effort to harness the skills and abilities of the Tobago diaspora to deepen Tobago's economic and social transformation, the THA will collaborate more effectively with Non-Governmental Organisation (NGO) groups in diasporic communities to provide philanthropy of different forms to the health sector in Tobago.

B. Tourism Sector Development and the Orange Economy:

Some initiatives proposed for fiscal 2023 include:

- Establishing a Tourism Cross-Sectoral Committee to provide guidance and take actions on matters impacting tourism development. The Committee will address issues that impact tourism on the island including visitor safety, management of sites and attractions, service delivery across the industry and health protocols.

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- As part of its development of Education for export, the Assembly will pursue the Transformation of Shaw Park Complex as an academic facility where tertiary level institution(s) can offer their degree programmes.
- The Antiquities Department will rehabilitate and refurbish various historical sites, inclusive of the Speyside Waterwheel, the Roxborough Cocoa House, and the Canoe Bay Sugar Mills among others to more formally integrate them into the island's tourism product. The Department will also develop an Antiquities Registry System to accurately monitor Tobago's cultural and historical assets.

C. Food Security and Sovereignty:

- The Kendal Farm School will be upgraded to the Tobago Agriculture Research Institute (TARI), and deliver a Tobago Youth in Agriculture Training Programme. With work on its establishment set to commence in fiscal 2023, the Institute's strategic objective will be to provide continuous training and development of farmers and establish a cadre of skilled young agri-entrepreneurs to drive the sustainable development of the sector. The institute will deliver its courses via both virtual training and community-centric, face-to-face training.
- Through the Tobago Agribusiness Development Company (TADCO), the Shaw Park temporary market will be repurposed into a day/night market for farmers, agro-processors, food vendors, artisans and craftsmen to sell their products.
- To facilitate more efficient data collection and sharing, the Research and Development of Information System (RADIS) project launched by the Division of Food Security, Natural Resources, the Environment and Sustainable Development will continue the digitisation of various databases.
- The THA will strengthen ongoing collaboration with the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) and Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA) towards enhancing the school nutrition programme through greater infusions of local agricultural produce in the meal offerings. This initiative is intended to provide a guaranteed market for locally produced agricultural products to be consumed in the School Nutrition Programme.

D. Education and Human Capital Development:

In fiscal 2023, the Division of Education, Research and Technology will pursue the following:

- The completion of all the preconstruction works and requirements for the construction of the new Scarborough Secondary Smart School at Bacolet.
- Monitoring and evaluation of the performance of students at the primary school level via the Tobago District Assessment.
- Development and strengthening of the Technical Vocation and Education Training (TVET) to provide for a two-track education system in Tobago.
- Reassessment of the School Nutrition Programme to ensure that students are provided healthy meals prepared according to required standards.
- Hiring of pupil aides and teacher aides to assist with the integration of students throughout the public school system. Additionally, Occupational Therapists, Speech/Language Therapists, Physiotherapists, Art therapists and Diagnostic Specialists will be hired for all schools and particularly for the schools for the Deaf at Bon Accord and Happy Haven.
- Constructing a purpose-built, modern, technologically advanced school for special-needs children at Signal Hill.

E. Health and the Social Protection Programme:

In fiscal 2023, the Division of Health, Wellness and Social Protection will seek to:

- Implement an integrated **Digital Data Management System** for the seamless sharing of information across the entire health system. This will also allow for data to be supplied into the island's Public Health Observatory.
- Establish an **Insectary, Food and Water Testing Laboratory** to support the surveillance of, and response to, vector-borne, food and water-borne diseases.
- Implement a mental health education drive. The education drive aims to enlighten and empower children, teens and adults with facts on mental health. Additionally, the human capacity infrastructure for the delivery of community mental health services will be expanded.
- Increase the mental health in-patient bed capacity from 12 beds to 16 beds and establish a dedicated child psychiatry ward.
- Re-open the Tobago Rehabilitation and Empowerment Centre.
- Pursue a robust, island-wide community engagement programme where staff of the Social Protection Department will be available at Health Centres, Community Centres and other community-based locations to facilitate greater access to the services of the department.

F. Housing:

The Division of Settlements, Public Utilities and Rural Development will continue to advance work on the following projects:

- The Shirvan Integrated Housing Development and the new Bacolet Housing Development, which collectively are projected to provide approximately 400 housing solutions and 122 service lots.
- Riseland Housing Development - Completion of infrastructure works with technical and financial support from the Inter-American Development Bank.
- Adelphi, Courland Phase II and Adventure Phase III - collectively, these projects are being designed to deliver 300 housing units to Tobagonians.

Additionally, the Division will:

- Undertake a strategic review of the social programmes including the Home Improvement Programme. The Programme provides financial relief via several grants and subsidies ranging between \$15,000 and \$50,000. The review will assess these amounts in light of the socio-economic impact of the COVID-19 and other related social conditions. The Programme's application process will also be simplified and digitized to facilitate transparency, more efficient accessibility by clients, security and workflow.

G. 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 2023:

- Development of an administrative framework for the rollout of a District Fund Programme.
- Institutionalization of the relationship with the faith community through the Tobago Faith-Based Council.
- Continued reconstruction of the Integrated Community Centre and Pavilion facility at Charlotteville.
- Refurbishment and upgrade works on the Scarborough, Plymouth, and Bethel community facilities.



H. Development of Young People:

Over fiscal 2023, 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:

- Appointment of a Committee for Sustainable Youth Development.
- Establishment of a 'Youth Work Lab' to engage both youth and youth leaders in examining the critical challenges facing the island and providing solutions.
- As part of the E-government digitisation project, the DCDYD&S will establish the Youth Information Management System to provide for the registration of youth organisations and real-time access to services by the youth of the island.
- Establishment of the Tobago Youth Apprenticeship Programme (TYAP) to deliver internship training for young persons in all sectors of the island's economy. The TYAP will also serve to rationalise and reposition the World of Work and Y.E.S. Programmes.
- Establishment of Youth Micro-business Hubs across the island with the necessary adjacent financing and technical support to foster entrepreneurship and innovation among the youth.
- Development and piloting of a Youth Business Incubator to provide the nurturing environment for youth to be imbued with business acumen.
- Implementation of the Tobago Youth Service Programme on a phased basis and the Environmental Youth Ambassadors, Youth Leadership Exchange, and Youth Leaders Mentorship programmes.

I. Sport Development and Recreational Infrastructure:

In its commitment to ensure that a sports-friendly environment is created in Tobago for its citizens, the following will be pursued in fiscal 2023:

- Programme to develop and upgrade sporting facilities to regional and international standards. Work will be undertaken on the Cyd Gray Stadium and Shaw Park Tennis Courts.
- Appointment of a Management Committee to oversee the Lalonde Gordon Sport Fund. The fund will review and process applications for financial support from prospective athletes with counselling also being provided. Elite athletes will be identified, monitored and supported in their performances, both locally and abroad.
- Review of technical details of the Bacolet Indoor Sporting Facility and Goodwood sporting Pavilion.



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Appendix I: Social Investment Programme Expenditure for Fiscal 2022 mapped against the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals

SOCIAL SECTOR INVESTMENT PROGRAMME EXPENDITURE FOR FISCAL 2022 MAPPED AGAINST THE UNITED NATIONS SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS 2030						
GOALS	SDG #	TARGETS	INDICATORS	ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR FISCAL 2022	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	\$373,605,000.00	”
		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, newborns, work-injury victims and the poor and the vulnerable	\$4,635,911,400.00	”

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SOCIAL SECTOR INVESTMENT PROGRAMME EXPENDITURE FOR FISCAL 2022 MAPPED AGAINST THE UNITED NATIONS SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS 2030						
GOALS	SDG #	TARGETS	INDICATORS	ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR FISCAL 2022	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	\$400,735,284.00	
		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	\$	”

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SOCIAL SECTOR INVESTMENT PROGRAMME EXPENDITURE FOR FISCAL 2022 MAPPED AGAINST THE UNITED NATIONS SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS 2030						
GOALS	SDG #	TARGETS		INDICATORS	ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR FISCAL 2022	REMARKS
		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					\$5,410,251,684.00	
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)	\$278,420,000.00	
		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	\$ -	”

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SOCIAL SECTOR INVESTMENT PROGRAMME EXPENDITURE FOR FISCAL 2022 MAPPED AGAINST THE UNITED NATIONS SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS 2030					
GOALS	SDG #	TARGETS	INDICATORS	ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR FISCAL 2022	REMARKS
		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	\$ -	”
		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	\$1,150,000.00	

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SOCIAL SECTOR INVESTMENT PROGRAMME EXPENDITURE FOR FISCAL 2022 MAPPED AGAINST THE UNITED NATIONS SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS 2030					
GOALS	SDG #	TARGETS	INDICATORS	ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR FISCAL 2022	REMARKS
		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	\$11,039,200.00	
		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	\$ -	”
		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	\$20,000.00	

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SOCIAL SECTOR INVESTMENT PROGRAMME EXPENDITURE FOR FISCAL 2022 MAPPED AGAINST THE UNITED NATIONS SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS 2030						
GOALS	SDG #	TARGETS	INDICATORS	ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR FISCAL 2022	REMARKS	
		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				\$290,629,200.00		
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 newborns 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	\$1,683,000.00	

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SOCIAL SECTOR INVESTMENT PROGRAMME EXPENDITURE FOR FISCAL 2022 MAPPED AGAINST THE UNITED NATIONS SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS 2030					
GOALS	SDG #	TARGETS	INDICATORS	ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR FISCAL 2022	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	\$5,000.00	
		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	\$18,700,000.00	
		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	\$ -	”

2023 SOCIAL SECTOR INVESTMENT PROGRAMME

SOCIAL SECTOR INVESTMENT PROGRAMME EXPENDITURE FOR FISCAL 2022 MAPPED AGAINST THE UNITED NATIONS SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS 2030					
GOALS	SDG #	TARGETS	INDICATORS	ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR FISCAL 2022	REMARKS
		3.8 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	\$82,577,418.00	
		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)	\$241,195,651.00	
		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	\$ -	”

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SOCIAL SECTOR INVESTMENT PROGRAMME EXPENDITURE FOR FISCAL 2022 MAPPED AGAINST THE UNITED NATIONS SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS 2030					
GOALS	SDG #	TARGETS	INDICATORS	ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR FISCAL 2022	REMARKS
		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	\$2,135,000.00	
		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				\$346,296,069.00	

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GOALS	SDG #	TARGETS	INDICATORS	ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR FISCAL 2022	REMARKS	
Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all	4	4		\$23,400,000.00	Figure represents the sum invested on some social programmes that were not assigned any targets but which are aligned to Goal 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	\$500,000.00	
		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	\$16,100,000.00	
		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	\$424,910,000.00	
		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	\$108,756,285.00	

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SOCIAL SECTOR INVESTMENT PROGRAMME EXPENDITURE FOR FISCAL 2022 MAPPED AGAINST THE UNITED NATIONS SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS 2030					
GOALS	SDG #	TARGETS	INDICATORS	ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR FISCAL 2022	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	\$3,600,000.00	
		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	\$350,000.00	
		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	\$135,719,500.00	
		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	\$71,732,585.00	

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		4.b By 2020, substantially expand globally the number of scholarships available to developing countries, in particular least developed countries, small island developing States and African countries, for enrolment in higher education, including vocational training and information and communications technology, technical, engineering and scientific programmes, in developed countries and other developing countries	4.b.1 Volume of official development assistance flows for scholarships by sector and type of study	\$8,250,000.00		
		4.c By 2030, substantially increase the supply of qualified teachers, including through international cooperation for teacher training in developing countries, especially least developed countries and small island developing States	4.c.1 Proportion of teachers with the minimum required qualifications, by education level	\$ -	”	
TOTAL				\$793,318,370.00		
Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls	5					
		5.1	End all forms of discrimination against all women and girls everywhere	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	Eliminate all forms of violence against all women and girls in the public and private spheres, including trafficking and sexual and other types of exploitation	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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SOCIAL SECTOR INVESTMENT PROGRAMME EXPENDITURE FOR FISCAL 2022 MAPPED AGAINST THE UNITED NATIONS SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS 2030					
GOALS	SDG #	TARGETS	INDICATORS	ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR FISCAL 2022	REMARKS
			5.2.2 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	\$ -	”

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SOCIAL SECTOR INVESTMENT PROGRAMME EXPENDITURE FOR FISCAL 2022 MAPPED AGAINST THE UNITED NATIONS SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS 2030						
GOALS	SDG #	TARGETS	INDICATORS	ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR FISCAL 2022	REMARKS	
		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 Conference on Population and Development and the Beijing Platform for Action and the outcome documents of their review conferences	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	\$ -	”
				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	

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GOALS	SDG #	TARGETS	INDICATORS	ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR FISCAL 2022	REMARKS	
Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all	6					
		6.1	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
		6.2	By 2030, achieve access to adequate and equitable sanitation and hygiene for all and end open defecation, paying special attention to the needs of women and girls and 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	\$5,000,000.00	
		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				\$5,000,000.00		

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GOALS	SDG #	TARGETS	INDICATORS	ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR FISCAL 2022	REMARKS	
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	\$ -	”
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	\$2,500,000.00	

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GOALS	SDG #	TARGETS	INDICATORS	ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR FISCAL 2022	REMARKS
		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	\$657,400,000.00	
		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	
			8.4.2 Domestic material consumption, domestic material consumption per capita, and domestic material consumption per GDP		
		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	\$302,466,510.00	Given the cross-cutting nature of the target the nil figure indicates that there was no direct spending on this area of the SDGs
			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	\$ -	”

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GOALS	SDG #	TARGETS	INDICATORS	ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR FISCAL 2022	REMARKS	
		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					\$962,466,510.00	

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GOALS	SDG #	TARGETS	INDICATORS	ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR FISCAL 2022	REMARKS	
	9			\$ -		
Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation		9.1	Develop quality, reliable, sustainable and resilient infrastructure, including regional and transborder 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	\$ 49,878,427.00	

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		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				\$ 49,878,427.00		
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	\$ -	”

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GOALS	SDG #	TARGETS	INDICATORS	ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR FISCAL 2022	REMARKS	
		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	\$21,000,000.00	
		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	\$100,000.00	
				11.3.2 Proportion of cities with a direct participation structure of civil society in urban planning and management that operate regularly and democratically		
		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)	\$ 3,500,000.00	

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GOALS	SDG #	TARGETS	INDICATORS	ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR FISCAL 2022	REMARKS	
		11.5	By 2030, significantly reduce the number of deaths and the number of people affected and substantially decrease the direct economic 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	11.5.1 Number of deaths, missing persons and directly affected persons attributed to disasters per 100,000 population	\$ -	Given the cross-cutting nature of the target the nil figure indicates that there was no direct spending on this area of the SDGs
				11.5.2 Direct economic loss attributed to disasters in relation to global gross domestic product (GDP)	\$ -	”
				11.5.3 (a) Damage to critical infrastructure and (b) number of disruptions to basic services, attributed to disasters	\$ -	”
		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	\$3,700,000.00	

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GOALS	SDG #	TARGETS		INDICATORS	ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR FISCAL 2022	REMARKS
		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 disaster risk management at all levels	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	\$ -	
TOTAL					\$28,300,000.00	
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	\$20,000,000.00	
				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	\$ -	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	\$ -	”

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GOALS	SDG #	TARGETS	INDICATORS	ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR FISCAL 2022	REMARKS	
		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	\$ -	”
TOTAL				\$ 20,000,000.00		
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
				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	\$ -	”

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GOALS	SDG #	TARGETS	INDICATORS	ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR FISCAL 2022	REMARKS	
		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 Unsentenced 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 dispute resolution mechanism, by type of mechanism	\$ -	”

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		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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GOALS	SDG #	TARGETS	INDICATORS	ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR FISCAL 2022	REMARKS	
		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	\$ -	Given the cross-cutting nature of the target the nil figure indicates that there was no direct spending on this area of the SDGs
			16.7.2 Proportion of population who believe decision-making is inclusive and responsive, by sex, age, disability and population group	\$ -	”	
		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	\$ -	”	
		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	\$ -	”

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		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					\$7,906,165,260.00	



APPENDIX II:

Key Social Programmes and Structural / Institutional Initiatives Funded by the Public Sector Investment Programme (PSIP) 2021 - 2023

PROGRAMMES & INITIATIVES	ACTUAL EXPENDITURE 2021 (TTD)	ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR 2022 (TTD)	REVISED ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE 2022 (TTD)	ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR 2023 (TTD)
MINISTRY OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND FAMILY SERVICES				
Development Centre for Persons with Challenges	764,318	1,500,000	1,433,000	2,000,000
Establishment of an Integrated Social Enterprise Management System	4,340,533	4,300,000	3,536,000	3,500,000
Establishment of Social Displacement Centres	1,041,901	4,000,000	1,800,000	4,000,000
Implementation of a Social Mitigation Plan	1,237,369	1,500,000	1,146,000	3,000,000
Refurbishment of Hernandez Place	537,187	0	539,058	0
Refurbishment of Older Person's Home	767,934	500,000	39,242	0
Total	8,689,242	11,800,000	8,493,300	12,500,000
MINISTRY OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT AND NATIONAL SERVICE				
Implementation of the National Youth Policy	0	3,000,000	1,000,000	5,000,000
Refurbishment of Youth Training Facilities	1,282,516	10,000,000	3,000,000	0
Development of a Youth Employment Policy	307,711	61,000	0	0
Refurbishment of the Youth Development and Apprenticeship Centre	0	60,000,000	16,825,000	0
Total	1,590,227	73,061,000	20,825,000	5,000,000
MINISTRY OF SPORT AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT				
Refurbishment of the Community Education, Training, Information and Resource Centre	222,012	1,000,000	200,000	1,000,000
Support to Mediation Services	0	1,000,000	100,000	800,000
Sport Social Programmes	540,760	600,000	1,519,346	5,000,000
*Construction of Community Centres	29,999,671	40,000,000	51,139,688	60,000,000
*Refurbishment of Community Centres	5,604,551	6,000,000	3,960,789	15,000,000
*Implementation of Self-Help Programme (NCSHL)	9,045,599	15,000,000	15,000,000	21,000,000
*Development and Upgrading of Recreational Grounds, Parks and Spaces	1,664,204	1,500,000	432,384	5,000,000
*Upgrading of Corporation Grounds	3,999,999	4,000,000	4,000,000	12,000,000
Total	51,076,796	69,100,000	76,352,207	119,800,000

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MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT				
*Development of Rural Communities	0	20,000,000	11,700,000	35,000,000
Total	0	20,000,000	11,700,000	35,000,000
MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT				
Conduct of the 2019 Multiple Indicator Cluster Survey (MICS)	474,202	2,530,000	2,000,000	1,984,000
Conduct of the 2018 - 2019 Household Budgetary Survey / Survey of Living Conditions	98,584	6,013,000	4,000,000	7,881,000
Total	572,786	8,543,000	6,000,000	9,865,000
OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER				
Refurbishment of Two (2) Safe Houses	181,319	500,000	500,000	905,000
Establishment of a National Children's Registry	805,886	1,500,000	500,000	250,000
Finalization, Launch and Dissemination of the National HIV and AIDS Policy	36,485	100,000	100,000	134,000
*Reconstruction of St Mary's Home for Children	15,549	800,000	617,000	0
*Refurbishment of St. Dominic's Home for Children- Old Bethlehem	19,128	1,500,000	1,500,000	1,500,000
Total	1,058,367	4,400,000	3,217,000	2,789,000
MINISTRY OF HEALTH				
Princess Elizabeth Home for Handicapped Children- Refurbishment Works	581,353	600,000	594,600	1,000,000
Special Programme - Renal Dialysis	134,837,131	70,000,000	89,000,000	90,000,000
Special Programme - Treatment of Adult Cardiac Disease	13,488,774	20,000,000	8,000,000	20,000,000
Tissue Transplant	82,428	0	0	0
Waiting List for Surgery	178,400	10,000,000	4,000,000	9,700,000
President's Emergency Programme for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR)	6,226,723	500,000	500,000	500,000
Total	155,394,809	101,100,000	102,094,600	121,200,000

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PROGRAMMES & INITIATIVES	ACTUAL EXPENDITURE 2021 (TTD)	ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR 2022 (TTD)	REVISED ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE 2022 (TTD)	ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR 2023 (TTD)
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION				
Seamless Education System Project	0	0	24,880	0
Metal Industries Company - Training Subsidy (Legacy Project)	1,083,434	2,000,000	1,618,240	2,000,000
National Skills Development Programme Center at Macoya (MIC)	0	250,000	657,310	1,500,000
*Early Childhood Care and Education	430,935	3,000,000	0	5,000,000
*Development of a School for Special Education at Point-a-Pierre	0	1,000,000	0	500,000
*Repairs and Maintenance for Special Schools	88,921	1,500,000	307,020	1,500,000
Total	1,603,290	7,750,000	2,607,450	10,500,000
TOBAGO HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY				
Community Awareness Programme	400,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	500,000
Construction of School for the Deaf	400,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000
Construction of a Wellness/Fitness Centre	100,000	200,000	200,000	200,000
Domestic Violence Project	500,000	500,000	500,000	1,000,000
Emergency Medical Alert System	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000
Enterprise Assistance Grant Programme	6,000,000	2,000,000	7,000,000	5,000,000
Establishment of Community Unit and Development of Programme for Social Behaviour Change	100,000	100,000	100,000	200,000
Establishment of Parenting in Student Support services Unit	100,000	100,000	100,000	0
Establishment of Probation Hostels	500,000	500,000	500,000	1,000,000
Expansion of Mordon House Youth Development Centre	0	200,000	200,000	1,000,000
Gender Management System & Gender Mainstreaming Programme	100,000	100,000	100,000	200,000
Golden Apple Adolescents Partnership Programme (GAAPP)	2,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000
Home Completion Programme, Tobago	0	4,000,000	4,000,000	0
Home Improvement Grant, Tobago	1,500,000	3,000,000	3,000,000	5,000,000
Home Improvement Subsidy, Tobago	1,000,000	3,000,000	3,000,000	3,000,000
Implementing Family Remedial Therapy/Thinking	100,000	100,000	100,000	300,000
Life Management and Parenting Education Programme	100,000	100,000	100,000	200,000
Programme for Adolescent Mothers	100,000	200,000	200,000	200,000

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TOBAGO HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY				
Programme for Rural Electrification	250,000	500,000	500,000	1,000,000
Project for the Realisation of Economic Achievement (REACH)	300,000	300,000	300,000	1,500,000
Roving Care Givers Programme	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000
Seamless Education Programme	0	1,500,000	1,500,000	1,000,000
Social Services and Prison Integrated Network (SPINE)	50,000	200,000	200,000	200,000
Tobago Elderly Housing and Rehabilitative Centre	300,000	300,000	300,000	500,000
Tobago HIV/AIDS Strategic Response	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000
Tobago Rehabilitation Programme	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000
Upgrade of Happy Haven School	400,000	100,000	100,000	0
Vocation Centre for Persons with Mental Retardation	200,000	100,000	100,000	200,000
Positive Behaviour Modification Student Support Services Unit	100,000	100,000	100,000	0
Total	15,600,000	22,200,000	27,200,000	26,200,000
MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT				
Housing Grants	10,154,760	4,000,000	7,987,500	12,000,000
Surveys of Squatter Sites	519,491	2,000,000	1,050,000	3,000,000
Housing and Village Improvement Programme	9,574,349	30,000,000	25,000,000	58,000,000
Regularisation and Regeneration of Communitites- Greater POS Region	1,555,455	3,000,000	1,800,000	3,000,000
Regularisation of Squatter Communities	9,609,592	20,000,000	9,500,000	20,000,000
Home Improvement and New Housing Subsidies Programme	15,000	0	0	0
Social and Economic Programme for East Port of Spain	1,607,932	400,000	400,000	9,000,000
*Accelerated Housing Programme	0	0	3,767,512	0
Total	33,036,579	59,400,000	49,505,012	105,000,000
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, LAND AND FISHERIES				
Water Management and Flood Control Programme	1,378,579	3,000,000	850,000	3,000,000
Total	1,378,579	3,000,000	850,000	3,000,000
GRAND TOTAL	270,000,675	380,354,000	308,844,569	450,854,000

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APPENDIX III:

Allocations and Expenditure for Social Programmes and Initiatives for Fiscal 2022 and 2023 and Actual Expenditure for Fiscal 2021 under Recurrent Expenditure by Ministry

HEAD/SUB ITEMS	ACTUAL EXPENDITURE 2021 (TTD)	ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR 2022 (TTD)	REVISED ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR 2022 (TTD)	ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR 2023 (TTD)
MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT				
Community-Based Environment Protection & Enhancement Programme (CEPEP)	443,873,623	375,400,000	425,755,000	410,000,000
Total	443,873,623	375,400,000	425,755,000	410,000,000
MINISTRY OF FINANCE				
Food Price Support Programme	217,949,603	220,000,000	177,150,000	169,000,000
Government's Contribution to the Children's Life Fund	0	10,683,000	10,683,000	20,000,000
Government Assistance for Tertiary Expenses (GATE)	320,000,000	400,000,000	400,000,000	400,000,000
Unemployment Relief Programme	258,719,287	280,000,000	280,000,000	280,000,000
Total	796,668,890	910,683,000	867,833,000	869,000,000
OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER				
Non-Profit Institutions – Ecclesiastical Bodies	9,993,607	500,000	500,000	500,000
Contribution to Non-Profit Institutions (Children's Homes)	10,998,658	8,000,000	9,918,784	10,000,000
St Mary's Children's Home	13,500,000	13,500,000	13,500,000	13,500,000
St Dominic's Children Home	17,346,678	13,722,285	15,511,785	15,000,000
Contribution to Non-Profit Institutions (Gender Affairs)	5,201,323	8,000,000	5,100,000	6,400,000
Contribution to Non-Profit Institutions PRP- Child Development	234,833	800,000	300,000	1,200,000
Heroes Foundation	420,000	420,000	420,000	420,000
St Michael's School for Boys	3,850,493	3,900,000	3,100,000	3,284,000
St Jude's Home for Girls	12,631,000	8,500,000	16,175,000	14,500,000
Foster Care Expenses	1,700,000	1,700,000	1,700,000	3,100,000
Children's Authority	86,775,000	67,816,000	98,110,000	70,000,000
Total	162,651,592	126,858,285	164,335,569	137,904,000
MINISTRY OF WORKS AND TRANSPORT				
Debit Card System for URP Employees	1,310,389	2,000,000	1,500,000	2,000,000
Total	1,310,389	2,000,000	1,500,000	2,000,000

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TOBAGO HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY				
Education, Research and Technology:				
Adult Education Extension Services (Adult Classes)	2,700	200,000	15,000	100,000
Basic Grants	9,832,705	9,500,000	10,667,100	9,500,000
Building Grants to Assisted Schools	0	100,000	100,000	100,000
Contributions to Non-Profit Organizations	0	100,000	0	100,000
Early Childhood Care	125,752	300,000	200,000	300,000
Grants to Necessitous Students Attending Public Schools	352,612	400,000	400,000	400,000
Grant-Trinidad & Tobago National Council of Parent Teacher Association Inc	0	50,000	0	50,000
Grants for Students attending conferences, seminars and competitions	0	60,000	0	60,000
School Feeding Programme	16,365,016	17,000,000	14,500,000	17,500,000
Special Education Resources Programme	0	100,000	0	100,000
Student Support Services Unit	288	150,000	50,000	150,000
Happy Haven School-Tobago Council for Handicapped Children	1,034,094	1,452,100	1,344,100	1,504,100
Tobago School for the Deaf, Speech and Language	1,519,603	2,047,900	1,810,900	2,125,900
Food Security, Natural Resources, the Environment and Sustainable Development:				
Agricultural Incentive Programme	645,473	700,000	700,000	700,000
Subsidy for Fishermen	0	450,000	450,000	450,000
Contributions to Non-Profit Organizations	2,400	20,000	20,000	20,000
Tourism, Culture, Antiquities and Transportation:				
Assistance to Cultural Groups	0	1,000,000	500,000	1,000,000
National Days and Festivals	523,906	1,000,000	500,000	1,000,000
Community Development, Youth Development and Sport:				
Assistance to Community Organisations	36,539	200,000	200,000	200,000
Community Action for Renewal and Empowerment (CARE)	0	200,000	100,000	200,000
Contributions to Non-Profit Organizations	0	100,000	100,000	100,000
Export Centres	2,173,778	2,300,000	2,305,000	2,300,000
National Service	0	100,000	0	100,000
Regional Complexes	4,086,303	3,300,000	3,900,900	3,300,000
Small Grants	0	100,000	70,000	100,000
Special Community Programme	901,510	1,500,000	1,400,000	1,500,000
Assistance to Sporting Organisations	654,389	1,000,000	890,000	1,000,000

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HEAD/SUB ITEMS	ACTUAL EXPENDITURE	ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR	REVISED ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR	ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR
	2021 (TTD)	2022 (TTD)	2022 (TTD)	2023 (TTD)
TOBAGO HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY				
Youth Development Programme	133,922	250,000	250,000	250,000
Assistance to Youth Organisations	12,950	200,000	200,000	200,000
Health, Wellness and Social Protection:				
Assistance to Home for the Aged	530,762	135,000	453,000	500,000
The Children's Authority of Trinidad and Tobago	0	100,000	100,000	100,000
Emergency Cases Fund	1,442,550	1,600,000	1,600,000	1,600,000
Foster Care Services	499,096	600,000	600,000	600,000
Non- Profit Institutions - Special Social Programmes	1,633,430	2,300,000	1,982,000	2,170,400
Contributions to Non-Profit Organizations	0	200,000	200,000	200,000
Grants towards Necessitous Patients	1,659,458	2,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000
Total	44,169,236	50,815,000	47,608,000	51,580,400
MINISTRY OF NATIONAL SECURITY				
Vision on Mission	1,000,000	7,200,000	5,400,000	7,200,000
Criminal Injuries Compensation	3,488,475	1,200,000	1,997,490	1,200,000
Emergency Cases Fund (Probation Services)	15,285	30,000	20,000	20,000
Crime Stoppers Trinidad & Tobago Limited	2,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000
Office of Disaster Preparedness and Management	20,173,545	20,000,000	18,000,000	16,500,000
National Drug Council	167,601	200,000	150,000	150,000
The Morvant/Laventille Initiative	90,307	250,000	250,000	250,000
National Crime Prevention Programme	303,653	2,000,000	500,000	600,000
Total	27,238,866	32,880,000	28,317,490	27,920,000
MINISTRY OF LABOUR				
Non Profit Institutions	1,541,992	1,718,820	1,603,566	1,790,820
On the Job Training Programme	271,803,675	302,466,510	260,656,872	309,395,000
HIV/AIDS Advocacy and Sustainability Centre	0	5,000	6,048	36,100
Total	273,345,667	304,190,330	262,266,486	311,221,920

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MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, LAND AND FISHERIES				
Agricultural Incentive Programme	13,660,666	11,039,200	18,762,200	12,000,000
Incentive Programme	0	200,000	150,000	200,000
Forestry Incentive Programme	0	100,000	75,000	100,000
Relief of Flood Damage	2,949,435	5,000,000	3,750,000	5,000,000
4H Young Farmers Club	0	10,000	0	65,000
Rural Women Producers Network	0	25,000	0	25,000
Total	16,610,101	16,374,200	22,737,200	17,390,000
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	12,000,000	41,420,000	88,908,500	270,746,800
School Transportation Services	0	21,000,000	3,788,000	50,000,000
SERVOL Junior Life Centres	5,253,600	3,000,000	14,600,000	14,600,000
Student Support Services Programme	604,540	205,000	669,000	669,000
Grant – Trinidad & Tobago National Council of Parent/Teachers Associations	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000
Retraining Programme for Displaced Workers	7,617,500	6,400,000	6,956,800	6,956,800
Higher Education Loan Programme	8,000,000	8,000,000	6,767,900	8,000,000
MIC Craft Programmes	7,000,000	7,000,000	7,000,000	7,000,000
Helping Youth Prepare for Employment Programme (HYPE)	13,000,000	12,000,000	13,787,000	13,787,000
Multi-Sector Skill Training Programme(MUST)	13,500,000	12,000,000	12,286,800	12,286,800
SERVOL Hi-Tech & Advanced Skills Training Programme	5,000,000	5,000,000	5,000,000	5,000,000
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)	38,700,000	38,700,000	41,410,600	41,410,600
Metal Industries Co Ltd (National Skills Development Programme)	33,500,000	20,000,000	40,820,100	40,820,100
Total	173,425,640	203,975,000	271,244,700	500,527,100
MINISTRY OF HEALTH				
Contribution to Non-Profit Institutions	17,466,832	18,300,000	18,300,000	18,300,000
National Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention	0	200,000	100,000	200,000
Medical Treatment of Nationals in Institutions	64,278,138	55,000,000	50,000,000	50,000,000
Children's Life Fund Authority	2,400,000	1,683,000	2,400,000	2,400,000
School Health Programme (Audio test, hearing aid, service and eyeglasses)	0	500,000	125,000	500,000
Drugs and Other Related Materials and Supplies	255,494,627	241,195,651	253,695,650	241,195,700
Princess Elizabeth Home for Handicapped Children	11,181,850	12,294,418	12,242,790	12,957,600
Total	350,821,447	329,173,069	336,863,440	325,553,300

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MINISTRY OF PUBLIC UTILITIES				
Utilities Assistance Programme	7,327,308	4,000,000	4,000,000	7,555,000
Total	7,327,308	4,000,000	4,000,000	7,555,000
MINISTRY OF TOURISM, CULTURE AND THE ARTS				
Non-Profit Institutions	7,311,906	10,027,365	9,872,554	12,371,900
Hosting of Cultural Camps	0	50,000	0	100,000
Music Schools in the Community	0	50,000	0	100,000
National Days and Festivals	520,100	1,000,000	2,086,323	4,000,000
Queens Hall	8,334,538	11,000,000	10,500,000	12,843,000
Naparima Bowl	4,077,818	5,000,000	4,900,000	6,207,800
National Carnival Commission of T & T	24,879,518	36,000,000	47,500,000	146,371,000
Total	45,123,880	63,127,365	74,858,877	181,993,700
MINISTRY OF SPORT AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT				
Contributions to Non-Profit Institutions (Sporting Organisations)	10,526,341	13,180,000	9,505,334	5,000,000
Community Action for Revival and Empowerment (CARE)	222,105	2,000,000	1,000,000	2,000,000
Export Centres	9,450,000	7,300,000	9,600,000	10,000,000
National Commission for Self-Help Limited	10,616,300	11,000,000	10,150,000	10,225,200
Indoor Sporting Arenas/ Hockey Facility	399,444	2,000,000	1,500,000	2,000,000
The Sport Company of Trinidad & Tobago	69,973,432	69,632,585	139,633,000	169,600,000
Total	101,187,622	105,112,585	171,388,334	198,825,200
MINISTRY OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT AND NATIONAL SERVICE				
Contributions to Non-Profit Institutions (Youth Organisations)	185,100	50,000	65,000	100,000
National Service - Geriatric Adolescent Partnership Programme	26,316,280	26,600,000	26,585,000	26,600,000
Civilian Conservation Corps	30,951,903	30,000,000	42,000,000	45,000,000
Military Led Academic Training (MILAT)	7,380,191	9,000,000	9,000,000	15,000,000
Military-Led Programme of Apprenticeship and Re-orientation (MYPART)	714,208	1,422,361	750,000	1,000,000
Retirees Adolescent Partnership Programme	1,188,272	1,622,053	1,622,100	1,600,000
National Entrepreneurship Development Company (NEDCO)	19,534,298	29,534,300	18,000,000	24,765,600
Total	86,270,252	98,228,714	98,022,100	114,065,600

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MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT				
Other transfers:				
Trinidad and Tobago Housing Development Corporation	627,365,500	384,035,284	449,170,894	671,699,908
Total	627,365,500	384,035,284	449,170,894	671,699,908
CENTRAL ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES TOBAGO				
Non-Profit Institutions				
Contribution to Non-Profit Organizations	7,000	30,000	22,000	30,000
Total	7,000	30,000	22,000	30,000
TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO POLICE SERVICE				
Transfers:				
Non-Profit Institutions-Police Youth Clubs	317,063	2,000,000	800,000	2,000,000
Total	317,063	2,000,000	800,000	2,000,000
MINISTRY OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND FAMILY SERVICES				
Other Social Programmes	45,575	270,000	150,000	270,000
Senior Citizens' Homes	1,027,604	1,200,000	900,000	1,200,000
Senior Citizens' Centres	229,545	1,616,400	500,000	1,200,000
Social Programmes (Ageing)	0	500,000	200,000	1,200,000
Contributions to Non-Profit Institutions	8,245,801	10,000,000	7,500,000	8,000,000
President's Award Scheme	60,000	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	94,500	126,000	126,000	126,000
Girl Guides Association	63,000	84,000	84,000	84,000
Non-Profit Institutions (Other Social - Parenting)	82,800	2,000,000	100,000	1,452,740
Non-Profit Institutions (Other Social - Family)	224,125	1,248,500	300,000	1,000,000
Adult Education Programme	388,472	2,824,000	500,000	2,000,000

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HEAD/SUB ITEMS	ACTUAL EXPENDITURE	ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR	REVISED ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR	ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR
	2021 (TTD)	2022 (TTD)	2022 (TTD)	2023 (TTD)
Senior Citizens' Grant	4,236,563,433	3,926,675,000	4,300,000,000	4,118,000,000
Social Assistance	353,121,459	373,605,000	356,000,000	360,000,000
Urgent Temporary Assistance	11,305,599	40,000,000	15,000,000	15,000,000
Rehabilitative Programme	600,122	5,000,000	1,500,000	2,500,000
Payments to Registrars of Births and Deaths	851	2,250	1,000	0
Disability Grant	622,603,199	636,000,000	620,000,000	625,000,000
Assistance to National Heroes	1,497,348	3,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000
Target Conditional Cash Transfer Programme -Development Component for Recipients	0	300,000	0	0
National Social Development Programme	1,602,304	5,000,000	6,000,000	5,000,000
Community Care Programme	4,696,402	4,000,000	4,800,000	4,000,000
Adoption Board Expenses	257,900	300,000	300,000	300,000
Lady Hochoy Centres of Trinidad and Tobago	14,353,726	16,633,621	15,670,174	12,000,000
Trinidad and Tobago Association for the Hearing Impaired	12,975,000	13,500,000	12,855,585	10,000,000
Trinidad and Tobago Blind Welfare Association	12,399,476	15,444,806	13,300,000	13,000,000
Total	5,282,624,241	5,059,575,577	5,358,032,759	5,183,578,740
GRAND TOTAL	8,440,338,317	8,068,458,409	8,584,755,849	9,012,844,868

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APPENDIX IV:

List of Non-Governmental Organisations Receiving Government Subventions & Grants for Fiscal 2021 & 2022

ORGANISATION	SUBVENTIONS PAYABLE	SUBVENTIONS PAYABLE	DIFFERENCE IN SUBVENTIONS PAYABLE
	2021	2022	IN 2022 FROM 2021
	TTS	TTS	TTS
MINISTRY OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND FAMILY SERVICES			
<u>Services for Persons with Disabilities</u>			
Goodwill Industries of the West Indies	564,413	564,413	0
National Centre for Persons with Disabilities	799,360	799,360	0
T&T Association for Retarded Children (Lady Hochoy Homes)	15,000,000	16,633,621	1,633,621
T&T Association for the Hearing Impaired	12,975,000	13,500,000	525,000
T&T Blind Welfare Association	13,200,000	15,444,806	2,244,806
T & T Chapter of Disabled People International	133,200	133,200	0
<u>Sub-Total</u>	42,671,973	47,075,400	4,403,427
<u>Socially Displaced</u>			
Court Shamrock Centre for the Socially Displaced	452,000	452,000	0
St. Vincent De Paul Centre for Socially Displaced Persons	2,896,800	2,896,800	0
St. Vincent De Paul Society Nazareth Halfway House	147,600	147,600	0
<u>Sub-Total</u>	3,496,400	3,496,400	0
<u>Family Life and Counselling Service</u>			
Family Planning Association	1,000,000	1,000,000	0
Islamic Community Services	48,000	48,000	0
Rape Crisis Society of Trinidad and Tobago	300,000	300,000	0
T & T Innovative Parenting Support	290,000	290,000	0
T & T Red Cross Society	730,000	730,000	0
<u>Sub-Total</u>	2,368,000	2,368,000	0
<u>Homes for Senior Citizens</u>			
Chaguanas Senior Citizens Home	144,187	144,187	0
Couva Home for the Aged	148,000	148,000	0
JC McDonald Home for the Aged	239,382	239,382	0
La Brea Senior Citizens Home	77,674	77,674	0

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ORGANISATION	SUBVENTIONS PAYABLE	SUBVENTIONS PAYABLE	DIFFERENCE IN SUBVENTIONS
	2021 TTS	2022 TTS	PAYABLE IN 2022 FROM 2021 TTS
MINISTRY OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND FAMILY SERVICES			
<u>Homes for Senior Citizens</u>			
Mayaro Home for the Aged	44,194	44,194	0
Point Fortin Senior Citizens Association	200,880	200,880	0
Sangre Grande Home for the Aged	133,920	133,920	0
Siparia Home for the Aged	110,707	110,707	0
Toco Home for Senior Citizens	44,640	44,640	0
<u>Sub-Total</u>	1,143,584	1,143,584	0
<u>Hostels/Halfway Houses</u>			
Salvation Army Hostel for Young Women	73,200	73,200	0
Shelter for Women and Children	90,000	90,000	0
The Halfway House	65,000	65,000	0
<u>Sub-Total</u>	228,200	228,200	0
<u>Youth NGOs</u>			
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
<u>Sub-Total</u>	456,000	456,000	0
<u>Ministry of Social Development and Family Services' Total Subventions</u>	50,364,157	54,767,584	4,403,427

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ORGANISATION	SUBVENTIONS PAYABLE	SUBVENTIONS PAYABLE	DIFFERENCE IN SUBVENTIONS PAYABLE
	2021	2022	IN 2022 FROM 2021
	TTS	TTS	TTS
OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER (GENDER AND CHILD AFFAIRS)			
<u>Family Life and Counselling Service</u>			
ChildLine	1,734,196	1,734,196	0
Network of Non-Governmental Organisations of Trinidad and Tobago for the Advancement of Women	200,000	200,000	0
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
<u>Sub-Total</u>	3,254,196	3,254,196	0
<u>Children's Homes*</u>			
A Bridge of Hope	1,196,650	976,400	-220,250
Allison's Children's Home	0	65,075	65,075
Amica House	575,600	499,475	-76,125
Angels of Hope Children's Foundation	0	0	0
Casa de Corazon	492,200	354,250	-137,950
Cecilia's Children Foundation	0	0	0
Chickland Children's Home	325,700	276,200	-49,500
Couva Children's Home & Crisis Nursery	643,042	407,103	-235,939
Credo Foundation for Justice - Credo Development Centre	266,435	297,754	31,319
Credo Foundation for Justice - Sophia House	352,535	311,025	-41,510
Society of St. Vincent De Paul - Cyril Ross Nursery	328,450	193,100	-135,350
Dar-Ul-Aman Freeport Children's Home	240,450	204,000	-36,450
El Shaddai Restoration Home for Children	458,300	297,700	-160,600
Ezekiel Home for Abandoned Children	578,600	475,450	-103,150
Ferndean's Place Children's Home	342,550	348,025	5,475
Haven of Hope	395,100	311,800	-83,300
Jairah House	132,600	143,050	10,450

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ORGANISATION	SUBVENTIONS PAYABLE	SUBVENTIONS PAYABLE	DIFFERENCE IN SUBVENTIONS
	2021	2022	PAYABLE IN 2022 FROM 2021
OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER (GENDER AND CHILD AFFAIRS)			
<u>Children's Homes*</u>			
Joshua House	320,875	229,050	-91,825
Mary Care Centre- North	237,400	237,050	-350
Mary Care Centre- South	371,750	581,575	209,825
Mothers' Union Children's Home	376,500	247,450	-129,050
Living Water Community - Our Lady of the Wayside	609,350	464,300	-145,050
Operation Smile Home for Children	170,200	95,700	-74,500
Raffa House	159,700	166,725	7,025
Rainbow Rescue	372,204	333,600	-38,604
Sri Jayalakshmi Children's Home Ltd	361,400	256,400	-105,000
The Hope Centre	376,700	315,900	-60,800
The Allyson Lynch Home	153,550	0	-153,550
The Islamic Home for Children Inc.	475,375	352,575	-122,800
The Margaret Kistow Children's Home	1,116,050	640,550	-475,500
Vishok Bhavan	255,450	165,810	-89,640
Sub-Total	11,684,716	9,247,092	-2,437,624
<u>Industrial Schools</u>			
St. Dominic's Children's Home	13,722,285	13,722,285	0
St. Jude's School for Girls	8,500,000	8,500,000	0
St. Mary's Children's Home	13,500,000	13,500,000	0
Sub-Total	35,722,285	35,722,285	0
<u>Office of the Prime Minister's (Gender and Child Development)</u>			
Total Subventions	50,661,197	48,222,573	-2,438,624

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ORGANISATION	SUBVENTIONS PAYABLE 2021	SUBVENTIONS PAYABLE 2022	DIFFERENCE IN SUBVENTIONS PAYABLE IN 2022 FROM 2021
MINISTRY OF TOURISM			
The Art Society of Trinidad & Tobago	20,000	20,000	0
Chaguaramas Military History and Aerospace Museum	300,000	0	-300,000
National Dance Association of Trinidad & Tobago	130,000	130,000	0
National Drama Association of Trinidad & Tobago	100,000	100,000	0
National Parang Association of Trinidad & Tobago	120,000	120,000	0
San Fernando Arts Council	30,000	30,000	0
Secondary Schools Drama Association	30,000	30,000	0
Secondary Schools Sanskritik Sangam	40,000	40,000	0
Trinbago Unified Calypsonians' Organisation	50,000	50,000	0
Trinidad Theatre Workshop	30,000	30,000	0
Trinidad and Tobago Music Festival Association	100,000	10,000	0
The Little Carib Theatre and Folk House	100,000	100,000	0
Subtotal	2,450,000	660,000	-1,790,000
Ministry of Community Development Culture and the Arts's Total Subventions	2,450,000	660,000	-1,790,000
MINISTRY OF HEALTH			
Chronic Diseases			
Diabetes Association of Trinidad and Tobago	400,000	400,000	0
HEAL (Helping Every Addict Live)	220,000	220,000	0
Heartbeat International	865,000	865,000	0
Living Water Community	2,601,350	2,601,350	0
Rebirth House and Oasis Drop-In-Centre	935,000	935,000	0
Serenity Place	179,160	179,160	0
The Just Because Foundation	240,000	240,000	0
Trinidad and Tobago Cancer Society	1,500,000	1,500,000	0
Trinidad and Tobago Heart Foundation	150,000	150,000	0
Trinidad and Tobago National Council on Alcoholism	300,000	300,000	0
Subtotal	7,390,510	7,390,510	0

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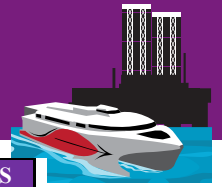


ORGANISATION	SUBVENTIONS PAYABLE	SUBVENTIONS PAYABLE	DIFFERENCE IN SUBVENTIONS PAYABLE IN 2022 FROM 2021
	2021	2022	
MINISTRY OF HEALTH			
<u>Services to Persons with Disabilities</u>			
Autistic Society	500,000	500,000	0
Horses Helping Humans	500,000	500,000	0
Subtotal	1,000,000	1,000,000	0
<u>Services to Children</u>			
Christ Child Convalescent Home	613,000	613,000	0
Cotton Tree Foundation	385,300	385,300	0
Subtotal	998,300	998,300	0
<u>HIV & AIDS</u>			
Medical Research Foundation	5,985,157	5,985,157	0
Subtotal	5,985,157	5,985,157	0
<u>Maternal & Neonatal Care</u>			
Breast Feeding Association of Trinidad & Tobago	275,000	275,000	0
Mamatoto Centre	275,000	275,000	0
Subtotal	550,000	550,000	0
<u>Other Health Related Services</u>			
Society for Inherited Severe Blood Disorder	100,000	100,000	0
Subtotal	100,000	100,000	0.00
Ministry of Health's Total Subventions	16,023,967	16,023,967	0

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ORGANISATION	SUBVENTIONS PAYABLE 2021	SUBVENTIONS PAYABLE 2022	DIFFERENCE IN SUBVENTIONS PAYABLE IN 2022 FROM 2021
MINISTRY OF LABOUR			
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
Ministry of Labour and Small Enterprise Development's Total Subventions	1,681,192	1,758,820	77,628
MINISTRY OF NATIONAL SECURITY			
Crime Stoppers Trinidad and Tobago	2,000,000	2,000,000	0
Vision on Mission	7,254,000	3,000,000	-4,254,000
Subtotal	9,254,000	5,000,000	-4,254,000
Ministry of National Security's Total Subventions	9,254,000	5,000,000	-4,254,000
MINISTRY OF SPORT AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ***			
Sport and Physical Education Department ****			
Community Development	0	0	0
Trinidad & Tobago Chess Association	163,200	290,800	127,600
Trinidad & Tobago Rally Club	0	0	0
Special Olympics Trinidad & Tobago	146,000	150,000	4,000
T&T Draughts and Checkers			
Trinidad & Tobago Scrabble Association			
Trinidad & Tobago Game Fishing Association			
Trinidad & Tobago Body Building and Fitness Federation			
The Wushu Association of Trinidad and Tobago			
Trinidad and Tobago Canoeing and Rowing Federation			
Trinidad Rifle Association			
Trinidad and Tobago Paralympic Committee			
The National Ballroom Dance Association of Trinidad & Tobago			
Santa Rosa First Peoples Community	1,400,000	1,400,000	0
Trinidad & Tobago Cheer Federation	0	9,088	9,088
Sub-Total	1,709,200	1,849,888	140,688

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ORGANISATION	SUBVENTIONS PAYABLE 2021	SUBVENTIONS PAYABLE 2022	DIFFERENCE IN SUBVENTIONS PAYABLE IN 2022 FROM 2021
MINISTRY OF SPORT AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ***			
<u>Elite Athlete Assistance Programme</u>			
Funding for Athletes	2,040,500	1,625,000	-415,500
Sub-Total	2,040,500	1,625,000	-415,500
<u>Community Development **</u>			
Transformation and Development Centres (TDCs)	2,129,022		
Trinidad and Tobago Federation of Women's Institutes	0		
Ryu Dan Dojo	0		
Sub-Total	2,129,022		
<u>Ministry of Sport and Community Development Grants</u>	5,878,722		-274,812
<u>Sports Company of Trinidad & Tobago (SPORT)****</u>			
<u>NATIONAL GOVERNING BODIES (NGB's)</u>			
Amateur Swimming Association of Trinidad and Tobago	108,136	2,773,260	2,665,124
Lawn Tennis Association of Trinidad and Tobago	0	0	0
National Amateur Athletics Association	0	0	0
National Association of Athletics Administrations of Trinidad and Tobago (NAAATT)	403,146	1,085,263	682,117
National BasketBall Association of Trinidad and Tobago	33,752	0	-33,752
National Amateur Boxing Association	464,627	175,610	-289,017
Trinidad and Tobago Cricket Board	570,040	17,720,630	17,150,590
Trinidad and Tobago Cycling Federation	0	376,598	376,598
Trinidad and Tobago Football Association	0	0	0
Trinidad and Tobago Golf Association	350,960	0	-350,960
Trinidad and Tobago Amateur Gymnastics Association	0	0	0
Trinidad and Tobago Hockey Board	2,604,905	1,611,787	-993,118
Trinidad and Tobago Rugby Union	0	295,643	295,643
Trinidad and Tobago Sailing Association	0	0	0
Trinidad and Tobago Yatching Association	338,412	0	-338,412
Trinidad and Tobago Netball Association	0	661,995	661,995
Asst. to Athletes & Other Org.	0	0	0
<u>Sports Company of Trinidad & Tobago's Total Grants</u>	4,873,978	24,700,786	19,826,808

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ORGANISATION	SUBVENTIONS PAYABLE	SUBVENTIONS PAYABLE	DIFFERENCE IN SUBVENTIONS
	2021	2022	PAYABLE IN 2022 FROM 2021
MINISTRY OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT AND NATIONAL SERVICE			
<u>Youth Division***</u>			
Bird's Eye View Production Limited	6,418	0	-6,418
Breath Dance Theatre	3,550	0	-3,550
Individual Grants	0	0	0
Junior Chamber International (JCI) (Group)	0	0	0
ROOTS Foundation TT (Group)	0	0	0
Rotary Club San Fernando South	4,806	0	-4,806
Shari Petti (Individual applying for a Group)	0	0	0
TT Youth Will Rise (Group)	0	0	0
Walker Lela Foundation (Group)	0	0	0
<u>Sub-Total</u>	14,774	0	-14,774
<u>Youth Affairs Division</u>			
Salvation Army	\$30,000.00	0	-30,000
Deltones Institute of Steel Drums and Music	\$19,700.00	0	-19,700
<u>Sub-Total</u>	49,700	0	-14,774
GRAND TOTAL	141,236,913	150,274,910	9,037,997

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

**Previously under Ministry of Community Development, Culture and the Arts in Fiscal 2020

*** Previously under Ministry of Sport and Youth Affairs in Fiscal 2020

** Ministry of Sports and Community Development and SPORTT assist organisations via grants as requested by the organisations and subject to availability of funds.



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CARICOM	Caribbean Community
CATT	Children's Authority of Trinidad and Tobago
CCC	Civilian Conservation Corps
CCHSRD	Caribbean Centre for Health Systems Research and Development
CDEMA	Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency
CEPEP	Community-based Environment Protection & Enhancement Programme
CMSD	Community Mediation Services Division
COVID-19	Coronavirus Disease 2019
CRR	Community Recovery Report
CSO	Central Statistical Office
DCDYD&S	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
ECCL	Export Center Companies Limited
ECLAC	Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean
EPOS	East Port of Spain Development Company Limited
EU	European Union
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization
FAG	Funeral Assistance Grant
GAPP	Geriatric Adolescent Partnership Programme
GATE	Government Assistance for Tuition Expenses Programme
GBV	Gender Based Violence
GDP	Gross Domestic Product
GoRTT	Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago
GRACE	Gang Reduction and Community Empowerment Project
HCWs	Healthcare Workers
HER CTIP	Heal 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

ISEMS	Integrated Social Enterprise and Management System
LSA	Land Settlement Agency
MALF	Ministry of Agriculture, Land and Fisheries
MAP	Manufacturing Apprenticeship Programme
MDT	Ministry of Digital Transformation
MHPSS	Mental Health and Psychosocial Support
MICS	Multiple Indicator Cluster Survey
MOE	Ministry of Education
MOH	Ministry of Health
MoHUD	Ministry of Housing and Urban Development
MOL	Ministry of Labour
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
MNS	Ministry of National Security
MPA	Ministry of Public Administration
MPU	Ministry of Public Utilities
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
MYDNS	Ministry of Youth Development and National Service
NACC	National AIDS Coordinating Committee
NADAPP	National Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention Programme
NALIS	National Library and Information System Authority
NEDCO	National Entrepreneurship Development Company Limited
NEET	Not in Employment, Education or Training
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

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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)
PBS	Positive Behaviour Support
PPA	Participatory Poverty Assessment
PSG	Parenting Support Group
PSPMS	Public Sector Performance Management System
PwDs	Persons with Disabilities
RRR	Roadmap to Recovery Reports
SCP	Senior Citizens Pension
SDGs	Sustainable Development Goals
SSIP	Social Sector Investment Programme
SEACOP	Seaport Cooperation Project
SEED	Sowing Entrepreneurial Empowerment Development
SPS	Social Protection Systems
SSEU	Support and Empowerment Unit
SSM	Social Sector Ministries
STEP-UP	Social Transformation and Empowerment Program-Uplifting People
SWD	Social Welfare Division
SWMCOL	Solid Waste Management Company Limited
THA	Tobago House of Assembly
TTDF	Trinidad and Tobago Defense Force
TTPS	Trinidad and Tobago Police Service
TVET	Technical and Vocational Education and Training
TYAP	Tobago Youth Apprenticeship Programme
UN	United Nations
UNICEF	United Nations Children's Fund
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UNSDG	United Nations Sustainable Development Goals
UNWFP	United Nations World Food Programme
WHO	World Health Organisation
YAHP	Youth Agriculture Homestead Programme

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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.
Evidence-Based Decision-Making	Evidence Based Decision-Making is a process for making decisions about a program, practice, or policy that is grounded in the best available research evidence and informed by experiential evidence from the field and relevant contextual evidence.
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).
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.
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 immunodeficient. 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.
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.
Integrated Social Enterprise Management System (ISEMS)	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.
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.
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

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Term	Definition
	systematically assess the design, implementation, relevance and sustainability of a plan, project or programme.
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.
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.
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.
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.
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.
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.
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).
Vulnerable Group	Vulnerable groups are defined as those groups or communities which experience social exclusion, discrimination, inequality and marginalization.

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