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CHAPTER 1: INTRODUCTION



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The Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago (GoRTT) has developed a National Policy which has as its philosophical basis ‘Prosperity for All’.

This goal is intended to be achieved through Government’s policy framework, which Cabinet approved in 2010 and continues to serve as the framework for sustainable development.

The seven inter-connected pillars of development outlined in the framework are in tandem with the United Nations’ Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and strive to achieve both economic and human sustainable growth and development.

This edition of the Social Sector Investment Programme (SSIP) will focus on three pillars of development:

- **Pillar 1:** People – Centred Development
- **Pillar 2:** Poverty Eradication and Social Justice
- **Pillar 3:** National and Personal Security

Whilst great emphasis has been placed on achieving economic growth, care has been taken to maintain a national framework that simultaneously attains social transformation and development.

In fiscal 2013, the Ministry of Planning and Sustainable Development (MP&SD) launched the National Performance Framework (NPF) 2012–2015, which articulates a strategic plan to provide clarity to national policy. It focuses on attaining results through a series of interventions and strives to ensure that there is commitment to higher standards of public accountability, transparency and good governance.

Government’s commitment to good governance was further demonstrated as greater focus was placed on developing a Monitoring and Evaluating (M&E) system as part of the Sustainable Development Framework. Through the MP&SD, this thrust towards results-based management will be a departure from the notion that performance of an initiative is based on outputs and expenditure. Emphasis will be placed on measuring the effectiveness of the outcomes of initiatives and will allow for improved decision making, thus promoting greater performance by the public sector.

During fiscal 2013, attainment of national development objectives continued via a people-centred approach, with particular focus on efforts to increase the levels of participation in education (particularly higher education), coupled with the creation of jobs on a sustainable basis. These efforts were complemented by poverty reduction strategies and an expansion of an integrated social support system.

In January 2013, the University of Trinidad and Tobago extended its services to Tobago. An initiative of the Ministry of Tertiary Education and Skills Training (MTEST), it is anticipated that the University Campus will bolster accessibility to higher level education for more of our citizens, thereby preparing them for opportunities in both private and public sectors. The launch of this Campus will also assist Government advance its efforts in the area of education-from nursery to tertiary- and to increase participation rate by 60% at the post-secondary level.

The Ministry of Tertiary Education and Skills Training, in collaboration with the National Training Agency (NTA) initiated the Jobs

and Skills Training Initiative. This initiative is expected to increase the employability of citizens by providing educating and training in the essential skills and other requirements for employment. Coaches are required to disseminate information on the labour market, career guidance, on-the-spot resume writing, interview tips, off-line and on-line applications for tertiary and technical education institutions, and counselling to unemployed youths, students, entrepreneurs, and new entrants into the world of work.

In fiscal 2012/2013, the Land Settlement Agency (LSA) of the Ministry of Housing, Land and Marine Affairs launched the Land for the Landless programme. This programme addresses the needs of the landless by providing a housing solution which offers serviced lots to families to construct their own homes. This initiative also offers developed land settlement areas to which eligible squatters can be relocated. An estimated 10,000 persons are expected to access housing over the next three years via this new programme.

In December 2012, the Social Welfare Division of the Ministry of the People and Social Development piloted its Direct Deposit Initiative, in the region of Sangre Grande, to recipients of the Senior Citizens' Pension. The Initiative was subsequently launched nationwide on Tuesday, January 22, 2013. The Direct Deposit Initiative provides a solution for complaints of stolen and defaced cheques that have plagued the system, and which compromised the well-being of the senior citizen population. Through this initiative, recipients of the Senior Citizens' Pension can receive their benefits directly into their accounts at financial institutions, which facilitates ease of access to funds through the use of ATM debit cards.

In fiscal 2013, the Ministry of the People and Social Development in collaboration with the

Public Transportation Service Corporation (PTSC) launched the ELDAMO Bus Service for the elderly and persons with disabilities. The service was launched in Tobago on November 21, 2012 and December 3, 2012, in Trinidad. The ELDAMO Service is a para-transit system that comprises of a fleet of 24 buses and provides a door-to-door service for the elderly and persons with disabilities free of charge. These buses are designed to cater to the needs of the differently-abled persons and include a wheelchair lifting platform, and three wheelchair fixing places. The bus drivers are also specially trained to be more sensitive towards the needs of the elderly and persons with disabilities.

During the period July 17–19, 2013, the Ministry of Community Development hosted its first biennial Community Development Partnership Forum and Exhibition. This event targeted all stakeholders in the Community Development sector and was organised under the theme: "Building Communities - Building a Nation." The overall goal of the Community Development Partnership Forum (CDPF-1) was to create networking and partnership arrangements among a wide and diverse group of persons and institutions at all levels. This included local, regional and international stakeholders who are involved in community-based development. The Partnership Forum focussed on three major thematic areas: Economic aspects of Community Development; Social Implications in Community Development; and Institutional elements involved in Community Development.

As Trinidad and Tobago moves forward to 2014, the GoRTT will continue to implement measures to ensure that social transformation occurs simultaneously with sustainable economic development thus securing a stable future for generations to come.

CHAPTER 2: THE CARIBBEAN SITUATION



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The global economy slowed significantly in 2012, as a consequence of recession in Europe caused by financial, fiscal and competitiveness imbalances, the slowdown in China and at best moderate growth in the United States. Growth rates for output and global trade fell and capital flows to developing countries declined and became more volatile.

2.1 REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

This downturn was transmitted to Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) mainly through its impact on trade. With the European Union in recession and China's economy slowing in 2012, the region's exports to the European Union contracted by 4.9%, and to China, by 1.7%. By contrast, exports to the United States increased by 4.8% as a result of modest growth in that economy, whilst intra-regional exports climbed by 1.4%¹.

Currently, the Caribbean can be described as a financially indebted region where weak competitiveness continues to constrain growth. The key challenges that put a strain on Caribbean economies are high public debt, external imbalances, and financial sector vulnerabilities.

Growth in the tourism-dependent economies averaged under 0.5% in 2012. Tourist arrivals slowed in the latter part of 2012 reflecting

subdued growth in the advanced economies. In contrast, growth was more robust for commodity exporters such as Belize, Guyana, Suriname, and Trinidad and Tobago, reaching an average of about 3.5% in 2012. In Haiti, growth slowed to 2.75% in 2012, mainly on account of delays in the implementation of reconstruction related projects.²

Weak domestic demand and large output gaps helped keep inflation low in much of the region. The external current account deficit in the tourism-dependent economies remained high (more than 16% of GDP on average), largely reflecting the region's high dependency on energy imports. Fiscal consolidation continued, although in many cases it fell short of initial plans. Primary fiscal balances improved slightly in most tourism dependent economies (deteriorating in Barbados and St. Lucia), and public debt levels have begun to stabilise, albeit at high levels. Fiscal efforts were accompanied by debt restructuring in a few countries, including Jamaica, St. Kitts and Nevis, and more recently Grenada. The key challenge for these countries remains the reduction of high public debt. As such, fiscal retrenchment has been identified as a critical measure to address growing external imbalances³.

In the Caribbean commodity-exporting economies, growth is expected to be about 3.5% to 4% during fiscal year 2014. The key near-term challenge is to contain the rapid growth in

1 Preliminary Overview of Economies of Latin America and the Caribbean 2012
http://www.eclac.org/publicaciones/xml/3/48593/Preliminary_Overview2012final.pdf

2 IMF Regional Economic Outlook. West Hemisphere-Time to Rebuild Policy Space, May 2013.

3 Preliminary Overview of Economies of Latin America and the Caribbean 2012 http://www.eclac.org/publicaciones/xml/3/48593/Preliminary_Overview2012final.pdf

domestic demand which continues to surpass output growth.

2.2 REGIONAL INTEGRATION

The limitations of small size of Caribbean islands have been the main motive for economic integration initiatives. For this reason, the focus of regional integration has been on functional cooperation with an emphasis on economic development. In the past there have been two main approaches to integration in the region. Firstly, through the economies of scale afforded by harmonisation on common external services and secondly, through the establishment of common infrastructure that would transcend national interests. The aim was to foster deeper integration among member states while at the same time promoting the flexibility of the movement regionally and internationally. This has included pursuing a monetary union in the OECS, joint missions overseas and a free trade area.

It is argued that in order to deal with issues such as climate change, transnational crime, the decline of regional industries, food security, governance challenges and international diplomacy, a well-organised regional response would be most effective. Many proponents of regional integration in the region argue that these issues are becoming more critical and that a lack of coordinated regional responses could impact negatively on Caribbean society.

July 2013 marks 40 years of the Caribbean Community's (CARICOM's) regional integration project, since its origins in the Caribbean Free Trade Area (CARIFTA). The world has changed dramatically during this time, presenting more complex challenges for development and therefore, reshaping the LAC regional landscape. These developments raise questions as to the very viability and relevance of the CARICOM project in its current form, as varied complex developments have taken place since its launch, whilst some aspects of the regional

Box 2.1: Essential Regional Institutions

Community Institutions

- Caribbean Agricultural Research and Development Institute (CARDI)
- Caribbean Aviation Safety and Security Oversight System (CASSOS)
- Caribbean Centre for Development Administration (CARICAD)
- Caribbean Community Climate Change Centre (CCCCC)
- Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency (CDEMA)
- Caribbean Export Development Agency (CEDA)
- Caribbean Institute for Metrology and Hydrology (CIMH)
- Caribbean Implementation Agency for Crime and Security (IMPACS)
- Caribbean Knowledge and Learning Network (CKLN)
- Caribbean Meteorological Organisation (CMO)
- Caribbean Regional Centre for the Education and Training of Animal-Health and Veterinary Public Health Assistants (REPAHA)
- Caribbean Regional Fisheries Mechanism (CFM)
- Caribbean Regional Public Health Agency (CARPHA)
- Caribbean Telecommunications Union (CTU)
- Caribbean Tourism Organisation (CTO)
- Caribbean Examinations Council (CXC)

Associate Institutions

- Caribbean Development Bank (CDB)
- Caribbean Law Institute/Caribbean Law Institute Centre (CLI/CLIC)
- Council for Legal Education (CLE)
- University of Guyana (UG)
- University of the West Indies (UWI)
- Secretariat of the Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS)

experience remain unchanged. Chief of these is the continued existence of a large number of non-independent or sub-state entities for which regional projects throughout the Caribbean and Latin America have not offered a viable

solution; and the persistence of questions of viability of the independent Caribbean in light of its economic, social, political and environmental challenges.

The regional institutions outlined in Box 2.1 have been very effective in promoting regional integration in the area of education, health, agriculture, disaster management, meteorology, crime and security, trade and investment, quality and standards and fisheries management.⁴ In the subsequent section, regional social development and the programmes and policies executed by the various regional institutions in the Caribbean will be highlighted in more detail.

2.3 REGIONAL SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

1. POVERTY REDUCTION

Poverty continues to be a pervasive issue for many nations in the Caribbean. However, strides are being made to reduce poverty in alignment with the Millennium Development Goal 1 – “Eradicate Extreme Poverty and Hunger”.

This was articulated in the MDG Report 2013, launched by UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon in Geneva. It indicated that the region is on track to meet the target of halving the proportion of the population suffering from hunger by 2015. The proportion of undernourished people in the total population has decreased from 15% in 1990–1992 to 8% in 2010–2012⁵.

In the Caribbean, various initiatives have been implemented to address the issue of poverty reduction in the region. The annual “LAC Regional

Community of Practice (CoP) Meeting on MDGs and Poverty Reduction” was held in El Salvador from December 12–13, 2012. The purpose of this meeting was to outline the latest best practices in MDGs and MDG Acceleration Framework (MAF) achievements in the LAC region, as well as to review the challenges regarding the fulfilment of the MDGs in the region by 2015. Special emphasis was also placed on “Delivering as One UNDP” concerning MDGs and crosscutting themes, such as environment, gender, security, HIV/AIDS, knowledge management and capacity development. There were also discussions on the elaboration and implementation of the post 2015 agenda from the LAC perspective⁶.

The Programme Manager for Poverty Reduction at UNDP Barbados and the OECS, presented an overview of the socio-economic situation in the Caribbean and the status of MAF application in Grenada which was at the agreement phase regarding solutions to remove bottlenecks. The country decided to prioritise country-specific interventions geared at accelerating MDG 1 through all related targets including dimensions of poverty beyond income such as housing conditions, education, health, unemployment and other correlates of poverty.

The decision is to address the following as country development priorities (all related to MDG 1):

- The need for activities to drive the economy to generate employment and growth;
- The need to stimulate the private sector;
- The need to create jobs for youth;
- The need to provide households with assistance to close gaps in housing conditions; and
- The need to protect advances made in health and education from slippage.

In developing regions as a whole, children living in rural areas are almost twice as likely to be

4 REGIONAL COOPERATION AND INTEGRATION – CONTINUING SUPPORT. Replenishment Negotiations for the Special Development Fund - Eighth Cycle, July 2012

5 Poverty and hunger reduced in Latin America and the Caribbean, http://news.co.tt/public_html/article.php?story=20130701140032268

6 MDGs in LAC. A bulletin for and by the MDG Community of Practice in the Latin America and the Caribbean region, January 2013.

underweight than children in urban households with the largest gap existing in LAC. In this region, 8% of children are underweight in rural areas, which is more than double the rate in cities. Poorer children are almost three times as likely to be underweight as are children in the wealthiest 20% of households.

However, based on a January 2013 report by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) on Latin America and the Caribbean's progress towards achievement of the Millennium Development Goal (MDG) 1 — “Eradicate Extreme Poverty and Hunger” in LAC, a reduction in both the number and proportion of undernourishment has continued in recent years, meaning that the region is almost on track for achieving its MDG 1 hunger target.⁷

2. EMPLOYMENT AND SOCIAL PROTECTION

The average regional urban unemployment rate could decrease by up to 0.2 percentage points to stand between 6.4% and 6.2% in 2013, the lowest rate in recent decades, according to a current report by the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) and the International Labour Organisation (ILO).

There is cautious optimism regarding the performance of the region's labour markets. If projections of an increase to 3.5% in the region's economic growth in 2013 are realised, labour indicators should continue to gradually improve.

• Eight Caribbean Labour Ministers' Meeting

The Eight Caribbean Labour Ministers' Meeting was held in Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago, from July 2–3, 2013. The Meeting provided, among others, an opportunity to review items on the agendas of the International Labour Conference and the Governing Body of the ILO and to take a Caribbean position on critical issues

related to employment and labour. The Meeting also allowed Caribbean Ministers to discuss progress made in their respective countries towards achieving the targets set by the Decent Work Agenda in the Caribbean. The theme of the two-day meeting was “The Caribbean and Labour 2013 and Beyond — Strengthening Decent Work for Development”.

• Promoting Social Protection

Social protection aims to provide a basic level of economic and social welfare to all members of society. In particular, it should ensure a level of welfare sufficient to maintain a minimum quality of life necessary for human development; facilitate access to social services; and secure decent work (Cecchini and Martínez, 2011). It also provides a range of instruments to reduce, mitigate and cope with different types of income risks that are especially relevant for the poor. It comprises: pension reforms, labour market policies, social safety nets and protection of children and youth (World Bank).

In December 2012, the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) approved a US\$30 million loan to support social protection programmes in Jamaica. The funding will target beneficiaries of the Programme of Advancement through Health and Education (PATH) and the School Feeding Programme, which include children up to 18 years of age, pregnant and lactating women and adult members of PATH beneficiary households.

One of the components will finance “conditional grants” ranging from \$750 to \$1,265 per month to eligible children and pregnant women. Another component will support parent education workshops for households. There are other initiatives geared towards improving labour market outcomes and the modernisation of the School Feeding Programme.

⁷ <http://carpha.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/05/Bdos-Conference-Media-Release-Final.pdf>

3. HEALTH ISSUES INCLUDING HIV/AIDS

• CARPHA 58th Annual Scientific Meeting

The Caribbean Public Health Agency's (CARPHA) 58th Annual Scientific Meeting was held from May 2–4, 2013 in Barbados⁸ with special focus on Child Health. Childhood obesity was identified as a major cause for concern in the region. It was highlighted that the region's ability to respond to this obesity challenge was important as obesity underlies a number of chronic diseases including diabetes, high blood pressure, hypercholesterolemia and cardiovascular diseases, as well as mental health problems and additional costs to the health sector.

The topics discussed were: Global Health, Health Services Research, Maternal/Child Health, Paediatrics, Preventive Medicine, Public Health, Underserved Populations and Youth. Participants consisted of Health Services and Nursing Researchers, Paediatric Nurses, Paediatricians, Physician Researchers, Policy Analysts, Public Health Experts, and Public Health Workers.

• Launch of VCT@WORK

On June 6, 2013, the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) and the International Labour Organisation (ILO) launched a new global initiative called VCT@WORK which, by 2015,⁹ will provide a total 5 million working women and men with voluntary and confidential HIV counselling and testing.

VCT@WORK is the ILO's contribution to achieving Millennium Development Goal 6 on combating HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases, and includes the target of ensuring access to treatment for 15 million people living with HIV by 2015, as set out in the 2011 UN General Assembly Political Declaration on HIV and AIDS.

⁸ <http://www.pancap.org>

⁹ <http://www.unesco.org/new/en/unesco/events/all-events/>

4. EDUCATION

• Education Planning for the Caribbean Workshop

Over the period January 14–18, 2013 in Port of Spain, Trinidad, 50 education planners from 21 Caribbean Countries including Haiti participated in an Education Planning for the Caribbean workshop, which was supported by UNESCO, CDB and UNICEF¹⁰. The central objective of this capacity building workshop was to train staff of the Ministries of Education in the Caribbean in education planning techniques required for education sector plan and strategy preparation, review and monitoring and to reinforce the participating countries' capacities.

Box 2.II: Main Objectives of the Education Planning Workshop

The main objectives of the workshop were to:

- Discuss the global context, rationale, and process of education planning and strategic planning;
- Offer the opportunity for stakeholders from the Caribbean region to share best practices and deliberate on issues and challenges of preparing education sector strategic plans;
- Review and assess the quality of existing education sector plans; and
- Orient and introduce to the participants the background, guidelines, objectives and concepts of education planning.

• C@ribNET

The Caribbean Heads of Government (CARICOM) mandated the establishment of a Caribbean Research and Educational Network (C@ribNET), to be coordinated and managed by the Caribbean Knowledge and Learning Network (CKLN)¹¹.

¹⁰ <http://www.ckln.org/home/content/2nd-cribnet-assembly-february-2013-1>

¹¹ http://cdema.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=1224:suriname-to-host-4th-meeting-of-the-cdema-council-of-ministers&catid=35:press-releases

The 2nd C@ribNET Assembly brought together representatives of the Caribbean national research and education networks (NRENs), as well as leadership from the academic and research community, CARICOM agencies, government, along with representatives from international partners in Africa, North America, Latin America and Europe.

C@ribNET was officially launched at the 2nd C@ribNET Assembly on February 26, 2013 in Port of Spain, Trinidad, under the theme “Collaboration, Cooperation, Community”.

5. NATURAL DISASTERS AND CLIMATE CHANGE

• The Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency (CDEMA) Council of Ministers

The regional Comprehensive Disaster Management (CDM) Strategy 2013–2023 was among the main topics on the agenda when the 4th Meeting of the Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency (CDEMA) Council of Ministers convened on Friday, June 28, 2013 in Suriname¹².

The Strategy seeks to build on and advance the achievements realised since the CDM approach was introduced to the region in 2001. The CDM strategy is a roadmap towards Caribbean resilience to the impact of all forms of hazards. This 2013–2023 Strategy will also make an important contribution to the post-2015 global framework for disaster risk reduction. The Council also deliberated on key policies and supported procedures necessary for adoption and implementation of the CDM Strategy at the national and sector levels.

The Meeting also focused on the second phase of the organisational restructuring of CDEMA. The first phase commenced in 2009, soon after the agency transitioned from CDERA to CDEMA,

and included changes to CDEMA's governance structure, as well as the expansion of operations at the Coordinating Unit. The second phase is expected to address, among other issues, the staffing of the Coordinating Unit to meet the anticipated implementation requirements of the CDM Strategy beyond 2013.

Another key area that engaged the attention of the Council was the Caribbean Catastrophe Risk Insurance Facility (CCRIF), and how this Facility could be used by governments for climate related and other extreme impact events.

• Eighth Session of the Inter-governmental Coordination Group for the Tsunami and Other Coastal Hazards Warning System for the Caribbean and Adjacent Regions

The Eighth Session of the Inter-governmental Coordination Group for the Tsunami and Other Coastal Hazards Warning System for the Caribbean and Adjacent Regions (ICG/CARIBE-EWS-VIII) was held in Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago, from April 29 to May 1, 2013 and was hosted by the Ministry of National Security through the Office of Disaster Preparedness and Management (ODPM). The meeting was attended by 56 participants from 18 Caribbean countries and four observer organisations (UNDP, Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency [CDEMA], Puerto Rico Seismic Network [PRSN] and the University of the West Indies Seismic Research Centre [SRC]).

• Inception Workshop for the 10th European Development Fund (EDF) Project

The inception Workshop for the 10th European Development Fund (EDF) Project, titled ‘Improving Caribbean Food Security in the context of Climate Change’ was held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Trinidad on May 14 & 15, 2013.

Collaborating partners in this Project included the Wageningen University, Netherlands; the

¹² http://www.unlirec.org/default_eng.aspx

Ministry of Food Production, Trinidad and Tobago; in addition to the Trinidad and Tobago Agri-Business Association (TTABA). The targeted Caribbean countries were Barbados, Belize, St Kitts/Nevis and Trinidad and Tobago.

• Climate Change

The findings on climate change in the Caribbean were launched at the ECLAC sub-regional headquarters for the Caribbean, Chancery Lane, Port of Spain on April 17, 2013. The economic and social impacts of climate change on agriculture, coastal and marine resources, energy, health, tourism and water sectors were examined through a series of six regional reports on climate change, which were implemented by the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC). Among the important findings of these reports was the prediction that the estimated cost of climate change by 2050 would be US\$4.2 billion for agriculture, US\$798.7 billion for coastal and marine resources, US\$739 billion for energy, US\$1.9 billion for health and US\$8 million for tourism. ECLAC also unveiled an Integrated Climate Impact Assessment Model for the Caribbean.

6. CRIME AND SECURITY

• UNLIREC- United Nations Regional Centre for Peace, Disarmament and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean

In 2013, the United Nations Regional Centre for Peace, Disarmament and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean (UNLIREC) increased its implementation of weapons and ammunition destruction and stockpile management activities in the Caribbean, within the context of its Stockpile Management and Firearms Destruction Assistance Package for Caribbean States. The issue of arms control in a maritime context was emphasized in 2013 and UNLIREC is currently working with donors and partners to boost the maritime aspects

of its training to address the specific needs of Caribbean States¹³.

The first quarter of 2013 saw UNLIREC very active in providing support to states such as Antigua and Barbuda, Belize, the Dominican Republic, Jamaica and Trinidad and Tobago to facilitate the destruction of small arms and ammunition. In continuing its delivery of Inter-Institutional Training Courses on Combating the Illicit Trafficking in Firearms, Ammunition and Explosives (IITC) for Caribbean law enforcement, UNLIREC held a national course in Belize in the first quarter of 2013. The Centre also continues to work on the development of specialised forensic ballistics training and technical assistance tools. As such, an exercise was conducted from June 3–7, 2013 with the Centre, the Ministry of National Security (MNS), Trinidad and Tobago and the Jamaica Defence Force (JDF), which involved the destruction of 6.8 tonnes of surplus and obsolete small arms and light weapons ammunition. Eighteen Jamaican officials were trained on the safe operation of the UNLIREC-designed small arms ammunition burning tank (SAABT). Additionally, six JDF officials were trained in light weapons ammunition destruction operations according to the UN International Ammunition Technical Guidelines.

From May 27–31, 2013, the UNLIREC supported the destruction of close to 400 seized and obsolete weapons and 0.67 tonnes of small arms ammunition and time-expired CS gas¹⁴ in Basseterre, St. Kitts and Nevis. All weapons and ammunition destroyed were documented in accordance with international standards and UNLIREC's standard operating procedures. The Centre also provided training on firearms and ammunition destruction techniques to 13 officials from the Police and Defence forces

¹³ CS or 2-chlorobenzalmalononitrile (chemical formula: C₁₀H₅CIN₂) is a substance that is used as a riot control agent and is usually claimed to be non-lethal by the forces who use it

¹⁴ <http://www.cpdncgo.org>

with a view to permanently installing technical and human resource capacity to engage in independent destructions.

UNLIREC also assisted the Government of Barbados, from May 27-31, 2013, in the destruction of 1,500 seized and obsolete weapons and 1.9 tonnes of small arms ammunition, time-expired CS gas, anti-riot grenades and other explosives. During the period June 10-14 2013, the Centre and the Government of Guyana conducted a joint national baseline assessment on capacities and needs in the area of stockpile management and destruction.

On May 28, 2013, Vice President of the United States of America, Joe Biden met with Presidents, Prime Ministers, and senior ministry personnel from 15 Caribbean nations in Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago. The meeting discussed comprehensive regional partnerships to improve citizen security in the Caribbean.

• Caribbean Basin Security Initiative (CBSI)

Working together in support of the Caribbean Basin Security Initiative (CBSI), the United States (US) and nations of the Caribbean are combating the drug trade and other transnational crimes that threaten regional security. This partnership fulfils the commitment to deepen cooperation in regional security made at the 2009 Summit of the Americas by US President, Barack Obama. CBSI is part of an integrated citizen security effort that includes the Merida Initiative in Mexico, the Central America Regional Security Initiative, and the Colombia Strategic Development Initiative. The United States, CARICOM member nations, and the Dominican Republic are improving citizen safety throughout the Caribbean by working together to:

- Substantially reduce illicit trafficking,
- Increase public safety and security, and
- Promote social justice.

7. SOCIAL POLICY DEVELOPMENT

The Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) sub-regional headquarters for the Caribbean, held a Caribbean Forum entitled “Shaping a Sustainable Development Agenda to Address the Caribbean Reality in the Twenty-first Century”, to discuss the challenges being faced by Caribbean Small Island Developing States (SIDS) and to provide input in defining a post-2015 development agenda¹⁵. This forum, which was held in Bogota, Columbia on March 5–6, 2013, agreed on the following guidelines:

- Poverty eradication, with specific focus on vulnerable groups, inter-generational poverty, and ensuring the sustainability of gains made in poverty reduction;
- Participation of all segments of the population, including civil society, private sector, trade unions and the most vulnerable segments, in the development process;
- Sustained, inclusive and equitable growth to the benefit of all citizens;
- People-centred development;
- Applicable regional and global agendas;
- A comprehensive development agenda;
- The recognition of the vulnerabilities of SIDS;
- Enhanced and inclusive governance;
- The finite natural resources of the sub-region.

It is proposed that the nine aforementioned guidelines influence the post-2015 development agenda for the Caribbean in the 21st century, which is expected to maintain and expand the social, economic, and environmental development of the sub-region’s human and natural resources.

¹⁵ <http://www.irena.org>

2.4 REGIONAL DIALOGUE AND CONFERENCES

1. ENERGY

• IRENA - International Renewable Energy Agency

IRENA held a workshop entitled “Accelerating Renewable Energy Developments within the Caribbean” on September 17, 2012 in Bermuda ahead of the Renewable Energy Forum 2012 organised by the Caribbean Electric Utility Services Corporation (CARILEC). More than 50 participants, including representatives from Caribbean Utility companies, technical experts and financing institutions, gathered to discuss the specific challenges and opportunities for Caribbean islands, including regional, technical and financial issues to successfully position renewable energy in the region.¹⁶

The workshop, organised in collaboration with CARILEC as part of IRENA’s Renewable Energy Islands Initiative (iREii), highlighted the current status and lessons learned by different Caribbean utilities with renewable projects, such as geothermal, hydropower and wind energy. It provided an opportunity to discuss how the Agency can best contribute to accelerating renewable energy efforts in the region.

2. INNOVATION

• EUCARINET - European Union-Caribbean Research and Innovation Network

The First Bi-Regional Dialogue (Caribbean–EU) Workshop under the EUCARINET Project was held on April 24-26, 2013 at the CARICOM Secretariat Headquarters in Georgetown, Guyana. The main goal of the EUCARINET Project is to strengthen bi-regional sustainable

policy dialogue on Science and Technology¹⁷. It is expected to establish sustainable bi-regional, multi-stakeholders policy dialogue on Science and Technology (S&T) at the policy, programme and institutional levels.

The Bi-Regional dialogue focused on addressing long-term strategies to strengthen existing cooperation in Science Technology and Innovation (STI) between Europe and the Caribbean, starting with the knowledge base of the EUCARINET Project. The Meeting considered the recommendations of the Strategy Paper on STI in the Caribbean and specifically sought to identify how best to integrate outputs of the EUCARINET Project into policy and strategic frameworks for STI, in order to establish sustainable benefits over the long run for the development of STI in the Caribbean.¹⁸

3. HUMAN RIGHTS

• First Regional Forum on Business and Human Rights for LAC

The United Nations Working Group on Business and Human Rights, the United Nations Development Programme’s (UNDP) Regional Bureau for Latin America and the Caribbean, and the Government of Colombia co-hosted the first Regional Forum on business and human rights for Latin America and the Caribbean, which was held on August 28-30, 2013 in Medellín, Colombia. The forum provided a multi-stakeholder regional platform for constructive dialogue on the implementation of the **UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights**.¹⁹ Participants included representatives from global, regional and domestic businesses, industry associations, governments,

¹⁶ The stakeholders in this Project are EU Member and Associated States and the Caribbean Region, the Caribbean ACP countries, the overseas departments, and the Overseas Countries and Territories (OCTs)

¹⁷ http://www.eucarinet.eu/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=178&catid=1&Itemid=24

¹⁸ Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights http://www.ohchr.org/Documents/Publications/GuidingPrinciplesBusinessHR_EN.pdf

¹⁹ World Economic Situation and Prospects 2013. Global Outlook, December 2012

international and regional bodies, trade unions, civil society, national human rights institutions and other stakeholders.

The main goals were to provide capacity-building opportunities for practitioners and civil society, identify material issues on business and human rights in the region, and identify emerging innovative practices designed to manage corporate impacts and enable equitable development with a human rights approach.

4. CARICOM

• 34th Regular Meeting of the Conference of Heads of Government of the CARICOM

The 34th Regular Meeting of the Conference of Heads of Government of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) was held at the Hilton Trinidad Hotel and Conference Centre in Port-of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago during July 3-6, 2013.

Prime Minister of Trinidad and Tobago, Mrs. Kamla Persad-Bissessar, led discussions on critical issues affecting the region. These issues included: membership and associate membership of the Caribbean community; the economic situation facing member States and the region; transportation in the region; the proposal for a high level meeting on persons with disabilities and special needs; external trade; and the state of the CARICOM reform process. The meeting also coincided with the commemoration of the 40th anniversary of the establishment of CARICOM.

2.5 OUTLOOK FOR 2014

The short-term outlook for Latin America and the Caribbean is threatened by a fragile and uncertain external environment, consistently high oil prices and capacity constraints in select economies. The region is also once again experiencing marked declines in commodity prices and weaker capital flows²⁰.

A 4% growth by 2014 in the Caribbean can be attributable to improvements in labour markets in the United States. The expected gradual recovery in the United States bodes well for Mexico, Costa Rica, El Salvador, and Haiti; countries that have strong industrial links to the world's largest economy. This growth would also stimulate remittances and tourism to Central America and the Caribbean.

However, risks to growth in the region have decreased. Large fiscal deficits and public debts in high-income countries and very liberal monetary policies suggest that capital flows will remain volatile over the next years, creating challenges for the fine-tuning of macroeconomic policies..

A sharp deterioration of conditions in the Eurozone - is one of the main risks to the Latin American and Caribbean economies in future years. In such a scenario, global demand could drop significantly and commodity prices, remittances, tourism, finance and consumer and business confidence could - be negatively affected, potentially causing regional output to decline relative to baseline by close to 4%. Countries that have fewer macroeconomic buffers could be particularly vulnerable in the face of a significant weakening in global demand.

²⁰ World Economic Situation and Prospects 2013. Global Outlook, December 2012.

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3.1 INTRODUCTION

This Chapter provides a summary of the social progress made in Trinidad and Tobago for fiscal 2013. It highlights accomplishments by the Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago in the area of social development and also examines the investments made in human resource development, as the GoRTT continues to move towards fulfilling the targets set for 2015, as articulated in the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).

According to the Human Development Report (HDR) 2013, Trinidad and Tobago received a HDI²¹ score of 0.760, positioning the country at 67 out of 187 countries, and maintaining its status in the high human development category. This score is also above the average of 0.758 for the high human development group and above the average of 0.741 for countries in Latin America and the Caribbean. A further review of Trinidad and Tobago's progress shows that between 1980 and 2012, the country's HDI value increased from 0.86 to 0.760, which represents an increase of 12% or an average annual increase of about 3%²².

Turning to the Gender Inequality Index (GII) 2012, which examines gender-based inequalities in three dimensions: reproductive health, empowerment, and economic activity²³,

Trinidad and Tobago attained a GII value of 0.311, ranking it 50 out of 148 countries. In Trinidad and Tobago, 27.4% of parliamentary seats are held by women, and 59.4% of adult women have reached a secondary or higher level of education compared to 59.2% of their male counterparts. For every 100,000 live births, 46 women die from pregnancy related causes; and the adolescent fertility rate is 31.6 births per 1000 live births. Female participation in the labour market is 54.9% compared to 78.3 for men.

The Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI) was introduced in 2010. This index identifies multiple deprivations in the same households in education, health and standard of living. Using the most recent survey data (2006) available for estimating MPI figures for Trinidad and Tobago, 5.6% of the population lived in multidimensional poverty (the MPI 'head count'), while an additional 0.4% was vulnerable to multiple deprivations. Trinidad and Tobago's MPI value²⁴ was 0.02.

The Global Gender Gap Report quantifies the magnitude and scope of gender-based disparities and tracks progress over-time. The index benchmarks national gender gaps on economics, politics, education and health. In the GGG Report 2012, Trinidad and Tobago

and adolescent fertility rates; empowerment is measured by the share of parliamentary seats held by each gender and attainment at secondary and higher education by each gender; and economic activity is measured by the labour market participation rate for each gender. The GII replaced the previous Gender-related Development Index and Gender Empowerment Index. The GII shows the loss in human development due to inequality between female and male achievements in the three GII dimensions.

21 The HDI is a summary measure for assessing long-term progress in three basic dimensions of human development: a long and healthy life, access to knowledge and a decent standard of living. .

22 <http://hdrstats.undp.org/images/explanations/TTO.pdf>

23 Reproductive health is measured by maternal mortality

24 This MPI value reflects the share of the population that is multi-dimensionally poor adjusted by the intensity of the deprivations.

attained a score of 0.7116 and was ranked 43rd, which is 23 places below the 2011 ranking of 21. This is largely attributed to the decrease in the healthy life expectancy ratio and the percentage of women holding ministerial positions. The country is also ranked 11th in the Latin America and Caribbean region, out of 26 countries. Trinidad and Tobago is the region's lowest performing country on the health and survival criteria.

The global rankings of Trinidad and Tobago for 2012/2013 are reflected in Table 3.I below.

Table 3.I: Development Indicators

Indicator	Global Ranking 2012/2013
Human Development Index	67th of 186
Gender Inequality Index	50th of 148
Global Gender Gap	43rd

Source: Human Development Report 2013, Global Gender Gap Report 2012

In 2011, the GORTT articulated a new policy thrust, which embraced the theme "Innovation for Lasting Prosperity" and had as its major imperatives productivity, competitiveness, diversification and innovation to facilitate social and economic transformation. This agenda was articulated in the Medium-Term Policy Framework 2011- 2014, which identified five Medium-Term Priority Areas for sustainable development and national prosperity. The Priority Areas comprise the following:

- i. Crime and Law and Order;
- ii. Agriculture & Food Security;
- iii. Health Care Services and Hospitals;
- iv. Economic Growth, Job Creation, Competitiveness & Innovation; and
- v. Poverty Reduction and Human Capital Development.

The review of the achievements for the social sector for fiscal 2013 is therefore guided by these five priorities.

3.2 CRIME AND LAW AND ORDER

The prevalence of crime continues to pose a development challenge to Trinidad and Tobago. For the period January 2013 to July 2013, the greatest number of offences (just over 200 per month) occurred in the categories of robberies, burglaries and break-ins and general larceny²⁵.

According to the Global Peace Index (GPI) 2013, Trinidad and Tobago received a score of 2.074 and is ranked 90th out of 162 countries. In 2012, the ranking stood at 94th out of 158 countries. The GPI quantifies countries on their level of peacefulness, using a variety of internal and external indicators²⁶.

Recognising the formidable nature of crime, the GoRTT continues to use a multi-pronged approach to crime containment and reduction with an emphasis on operational and preventative interventions. This approach employs methods of more effective law enforcement and policing, the creation of a legislative framework and relevant social interventions.

The MTPF has also outlined a number of targets by which the GoRTT is to measure its performance. These include:

- 25% reduction in serious crimes annually;
- 10% reduction in recidivism annually;
- Increase the crime solvency rate;
- Increase the homicide detection rate;
- Increase confidence in the justice system;
- Improve coordination among the various social sector agencies and create stronger partnerships with communities.

²⁵ <http://www.ttps.gov.tt/Statistics.aspx>

²⁶ The GPI was first launched in 2007 by the Institute for Economics and Peace (IEP) in consultation with a panel of 117 peace experts. It is recognised by the United Nations, World Bank and the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD). Data was not available in the 2013 Report on the breakdown of the Peace Indicators for Trinidad and Tobago.

The Ministry of National Security, which has primary responsibility for Pillar 3, National and Personal Security, undertook several initiatives geared towards the fulfillment of its mandate. Outlined hereunder are the Ministry's major achievements for fiscal year 2013, which have been classified into two major areas: Enhancing Law Enforcement and Community and Youth-Based Activities:

1. ENHANCING LAW ENFORCEMENT

Some of the major initiatives employed by the TTPS to enhance law enforcement are detailed below:

A. Capacity Building – Increase Presence & Training

Commencing March 06, 2013, an initiative labelled Operation HOPE - Harmony, Opportunity, Peace and Enforcement was implemented in Morvant/Laventille, Beetham Gardens and Sea Lots, due to the increasing crime rate, especially gun-related homicides. The initiative involved joint army/police patrols in these areas.

The TTPS has commenced the recruitment process to enlist approximately 5,000 Special Reserved Police (SRP) Officers. Currently the total enrolment of SRP recruits receiving training is 501 persons. Additionally, 295 regular Police Officers have been recruited to augment the human resource capacity of the Police Service.

In an effort to advance investigative capabilities to improve the crime solving rate, particularly in respect of homicides and other forms of serious crimes, the TTPS has commenced the recruitment and training of Crime Scene Investigators (CSIs) to supplement its Homicide Investigations Bureau, as well as training officers to harvest DNA from crime scenes. To date, 47 persons have been trained as CSIs

and certified with an additional 15 to complete training by September 2013. In addition, 38 officers have undergone training with regard to harvesting DNA from Crime Scenes, with another 40 persons set to be trained over the coming months. These trained personnel can have significant impact on the detection and solvency rates of the TTPS.

B. Traffic Management

In keeping with the new traffic management plan, Traffic Bays have been constructed along the Uriah Butler and Solomon Hochoy Highways. These Bays will allow Police Officers on mobile patrol to better manage traffic flow. There are currently 18 Bays, of which ten are equipped with cameras. This initiative also serves as a deterrent to speeding and to those who might be inclined to drink and drive.

C. Addressing Human Trafficking

As a result of the passing of the Trafficking in Persons Act 2011, a Counter Trafficking Unit was established at the Ministry of National Security. This Unit is staffed with Immigration and Police Officers.

D. Construction of Police Stations

During October to December of fiscal 2013, work commenced on the construction of eight police stations in Arima, Piarco, Maloney, Cumuto, Brasso, La Brea, Oropouche and Moruga. The major aim is to ensure the delivery of security and peace keeping services in those communities and improve the working conditions of the Officers.

2. COMMUNITY AND YOUTH-BASED ACTIVITIES

Youth Based Activities

The increasing involvement of youth in criminal activities continues to be problematic, given its development and human implications for national development. In this regard, the Ministry has successfully engaged a number of stakeholders in the development of innovative Programmes targeting the youth. These Programmes include the following:

1. Police Youth Clubs
2. Counselling and Mediation
3. Trinidad and Tobago Cadet Force
4. Youth Services Programmes

A. Police Youth Clubs

The Police Service continued its drive to establish Police Youth Clubs throughout the country. There are currently 200 clubs and the membership stands at just over 6000. During fiscal 2013, ten of these Youth Clubs were established. These are:

- Edinburgh 500 Youth Club
- Rio Claro (Boos Youth Club)
- Mango Rose Police Youth Club (Laventille)
- Mayaro Youth Club
- Chickland Police Youth Club
- Caroni Police Youth Club
- Caparo Police Youth Club
- Success Laventille Police Youth Club
- St. Paul Street Police Youth Club
- Farm Road Police Youth Club.

B. Counselling and Mediation

Through Officers of the Community Policing Secretariat, the TTPS also provided counselling, mediation and intervention services to approximately 194 students and parents. The secretariat also conducted 49 outreach programmes to schools during the months of October 2012 to March 2013, with the major aim

of establishing positive relationships between the TTPS, the schools' teaching staff and students.

C. The Trinidad and Tobago Cadet Force

Trinidad and Tobago Cadet Force aims to introduce the Cadet Force into all Secondary Schools throughout the country. Currently, the Cadet Force operates in 46 Secondary Schools throughout Trinidad and Tobago, comprising approximately 3,000 Adult Officers and Student Cadets.

D. Youth Services Programme (SYSP)

The Specialised Youth Services Programme (SYSP) consists of a number of social interventions aimed at the most vulnerable and underprivileged communities that include employment, education, motivational programmes, counselling and other activities. Some are listed below:

i. Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC)

In fiscal 2013, the CCC continued collaboration with the Forestry Division to assist in its re-forestation and environmental conservation programmes. The youths were encouraged to take part in the following activities so as to foster their national pride and improve their civic-mindedness:

- Lectures aimed at promoting patriotism and civic mindedness;
- Participation in borough day parades;
- Painting of schools, cleaning of parks and the compound of the TSPCA;
- Assistance to the elderly.

ii. National Mentorship Programme

In fiscal 2013, the National Mentorship Programme continued to serve primarily as a support system for youth 'at-risk', and through the inculcation of sound values and positive attitudes, to promote community wellness. Through this programme, 40 persons completed

Psychological Assessment Screening; 37 persons were eligible for training as Mentors; 28 new Mentors were trained; and to date 20 have been matched with mentees.

Achievements of the Mentorship Unit include:

- The Award of 124 mentor and 287 mentee certificates to date;
- Ten deeper interventions for troubled relationships, which involved making both home and school visits;
- The introduction of a quarterly assessment tool for mentees, which incorporates the Five C's model of Positive Youth Development - Competence, Character, Caring, Confidence and Connectivity;
- The hosting of its Inaugural Graduation Ceremony, which celebrated 24 Mentor-Mentee relationships successfully completing one year.

The Programme completed its pilot phase in April 2013 and Cabinet has approved the continuation of the Programme for a further three years.

iii. Citizen Security Programme (CSP)

The overall goal of the CSP is to contribute to a reduction in crime and violence in 22 pilot communities. The programme has as its objectives:

- A reduction in the levels of homicides, robberies and wounding in partner communities;
- An increase in the perception of safety in partner communities;
- A reduction in compensation related to firearms, child maltreatment, domestic violence and youth violence;
- An increase in the collective efficacy to prevent violence in partner communities.

The CSP, working in collaboration with Non-Governmental Organisations or other appropriate agencies, has implemented a programme of Community-Based Social Interventions, which are medium to long term interventions. These interventions are aimed at 'reducing the risk factors for crime and violence and enhancing the protective factors'. The following Community-Based Social Interventions were completed during the fiscal year or are currently in progress (see Table 3.II).

Table 3.II: Community-Based Social Interventions Completed by the CSP 2013

No	Community	Programme	NGO
1.	Mon Repos	Mon Repos Agri-Initiative	Beaumont Celestain (Individual)
2.	St. Barbs / Pinto Road (2)	Women's Leadership Programme	WINAD
3.	Beetham Gardens / Never Dirty/ Patna/River Estate/Pinto Rd/ Samaroo Vlg/ Mootoo Lands / St. Barbs (8)	Therapeutic Intervention for Young Males	Dolly & Associates
4.	Enterprise	Life Skills Training	Reaction Productions (LoveUntil Foundation)
5.	Pinto Road	Academic Enrichment Programme	Human Development Foundation
6.	Dibe/ BelleVue/ Dundonald Hill/ Quash Trace (2)	Save a Child	Rape Crisis Society
7.	Patna/River Estate / Beetham Gardens (2)	Shoot to Live	YMCA
8.	Sogren Trace/ St. Barbs/ Mon Repos (3)	Social Investment Programme	Rose Foundation
9	Cocorite/ Covigne Rd/ Embacadere (3)	Together we Achieve Growth	Families in Action
10	Cocorite/ Never Dirty/ Farm Road (3)	Collaborative HIV/AIDS Management Programme	Family Planning Assoc.

The CSP is currently delivering a number of School-Based Violence Reduction programmes, geared towards reducing violence in the communities that they service. CSP partner community schools have been able to access a \$50,000 fund for the implementation of this initiative. Seven School Based Interventions are currently in progress (See Table 3.III).

Table 3.III: School-Based Interventions in progress by the CSP 2013

Community	Project Title	Current Status
Bon Accord	Bon Accord Government Primary	In progress
Embacadere	San Fernando Boys Government Primary School SBVR 2011	In progress
Enterprise	Lendore Hindu School SBVR 2011	In progress
Glen Rd/Darrel Spring	Harmon SDA Secondary School SBVR 2012	In progress
Glen Rd/Darrel Spring	Scarborough Methodist Primary SBVR 2012	In progress
Glen Rd/Darrel Spring	Scarborough SDA Primary SBVR 2012	In progress
La Romaine	St. Benedict's College SBVR 2011	In progress

iii. Hoop of Life

The Hoop of Life Community Basketball League was launched on June 30, 2012. The actual competition began in September 2012 and was successfully completed in March 2013. The first installment of the Basketball tournament was won by the Laventille team with the team from Marabella placing second.

The first prize of TT\$1 million was allocated as follows:

- TT\$500,000 to be awarded to the winning team members in six installments;
- The other TT\$500,000 to go towards a project of the winning team's choice;

- The second and third prize of TT\$500,000 and TT\$250,000 respectively are to be divided in the same way as that of the first prize.

As a crime prevention initiative, there are special rules to be observed. The programme imposes an "avoid crime" condition on participants, i.e. committing a crime leads to disqualification, and the inability to share in the winnings of the team.

The second instalment of the tournament commenced in April 2013. There are intentions to increase the first prize by TT\$500,000.

Engaging the Community

Successful crime reduction also requires a responsive and trusting relationship between the community and the Police. Accordingly, the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service adopted a 'Problem Oriented Policing' approach that emphasized providing greater support to communities that are more susceptible to crime. The TTPS delivered programmes of a preventative nature to strengthen police/public relationships.

- The Laventille Funfair** - a collaborative community venture among the Ministry of National Security, the TTPS and other stakeholders was held in November 2012, to promote unity among the various communities of East Port of Spain and Laventille. The event also served as a means to allow for the meaningful exchange of dialogue among the TTPS, citizens and other interest groups. A total of 3000 residents participated in this event.
- Hearts & Mind (Free clinics for residents)** - through its involvement with the Inter Agency Task Force (IATF), the TTPS engaged doctors and dentists from Missionary Foundations of the United States to offer medical services to residents of the Laventille, Beetham, Sea Lots and Caroni communities. Four clinics

were held in the month of June 2013 (with two clinics being utilised to provide services to members of the Ministry of National Security).

- iii. Outreach programmes to schools** - Officers of the Community Policing Secretariat conducted 49 outreach programmes to schools during the months of October 2012 to March 2013 with the major aim of establishing positive relationships among the TTPS, the schools' teaching staffs and students.
- iv. Sports and Culture Project** - This project aims to foster team spirit and positive community interactions through sports, and cultural activities. The Ministry supported a number of community activities under this initiative which included the following:
- Beetham Gardens Sports and Family Day - 15 July - 31 August 2013;
 - Dan Kelly Sports and Family Day - 18 August 2013;
 - South East Port of Spain Achievement Organisation (SEPAO) 11th Annual Emancipation Event - 28 July 2013;
 - Sea Lots Community Council Summer School and Sports Camp - 30 August 2011.

3. SUPPORT TO MEDIATION SERVICES

Community Mediation was first piloted in Trinidad and Tobago on October 02, 2000, as an alternative dispute resolution mechanism. The vision of the Community Mediation Programme is to promote a culture of peace, that facilitates healing and harmony in communities. Mediation services are currently provided in the areas of: Port-of-Spain, Arima, Cunupia, Point Fortin, Couva, San Juan, Rio Claro, Warrentville, Tunapuna and Laventille.

Division is currently pursuing the establishment of additional centres in Penal, Arima and San Fernando.

4. REFORM OF JUSTICE

The GoRTT acknowledges that reform of the justice system and the rehabilitation and re-integration of offenders are critical to building "a safe and secure society". The Ministry of Justice is the agency charged with strengthening the institution of justice and promoting timeliness and equality within the administrative system. The milestones achieved by the MOJ are highlighted hereunder:

- **The Administration of Justice Indictable Proceedings Act No. 20 of 2011** was assented to in June 2012. The Act abolishes the system of Preliminary Enquiries in Trinidad and Tobago and replaces it with 'a sufficiency hearing'. This system is expected to ensure expeditiousness and eliminate the lethargy and backlog currently plaguing the Criminal Justice System. An implementation plan was developed and is currently being rolled out to ensure that the necessary infrastructure is in place to support the legislation.
- **Administration of Justice - Deoxyribonucleic Acid Act No. 5 of 2012 (DNA Act)** was assented to on May 10th, 2012. The Act introduced provisions such as:
 - taking intimate samples from an accused or a convicted person with or without their consent;
 - extending the categories of persons from whom intimate and non-intimate DNA samples can be procured (such as inmates at the National Youth Training Centre, deportees to Trinidad and Tobago and illegal immigrants detained at the IDC); and
 - expanding the range of DNA databases.

It is expected that the introduction of these measures will assist offender management by facilitating, inter alia, the examination of statistical data on offenders to feed into the offender management system.

- **Administration of Justice Electronic Monitoring Act No. 11 of 2012** was assented to on July 3rd, 2012. Electronic monitoring

provides an effective means of relieving prison overcrowding, offering effective supervision outside of correctional institutions while minimising the likelihood of repeated criminal behaviour in the community. Additionally, Cabinet approved an interim structure for the Electronic Monitoring Unit.

- **Development of the Draft Offender Management Policy** - In September, 2011 Cabinet approved the introduction of an Offender Management Programme for Trinidad and Tobago, which is to be accompanied by an Offender Management Policy. This policy seeks to operationalise the management of offenders from sentence to release. It is an approach that is aimed at coordinating with relevant agencies to develop and deliver a managed set of interventions, to respond to the risks and needs of the individual offender. Plans are also underway for an Offender Management Division.

- **Development of the Parole Policy for Trinidad and Tobago** - The introduction of a Parole System is viewed as an essential component of restorative justice and as critical in the transformation of the Criminal Justice System. A Draft Policy to guide the establishment of a Parole System in Trinidad and Tobago has already received Cabinet support and is now to be presented to the major stakeholders within the Criminal Justice System.

- **Draft Policy to amend the existing Prison Rules of Trinidad and Tobago (Chap. 11 No 7)** - The successful introduction of Parole requires the implementation of new Prison Rules to replace the outmoded 1838 Rules under which the Prison Service still operates. The Prison Rules Policy will reflect a shift towards offender reintegration. The Policy has received Cabinet approval and is currently being drafted the Chief Parliamentary Counsel.

- **Policy to amend the Police Complaints Authority Act, Chap. 15:05** - To improve the efficient functionality of the Police Complaints Authority (PCA), a policy to treat with the

multifarious deficiencies of the Police Complaints Authority 2006 Act has been formulated. The Draft Policy was reviewed by the relevant stakeholders, as well as approved by Cabinet, and is at the stage where legislation is being drafted by the Chief Parliamentary Counsel.

- **Prison Radio Initiative** - In pursuit of the commitment to restorative justice and offender rehabilitation, a Prison Radio Station, Rise Maximum (Rehabilitating Inmates Seeking Empowerment) was launched on 12th September, 2012, at the Maximum Security Prison, Arouca. It is envisioned that the Station will serve to boost the self-esteem of prisoners and encourage them to be a part of something positive. Ten inmates and twelve officers graduated from the first radio broadcasting training module, conducted by the T&T Prisons Service on 9th June, 2012.

The Penal Reform and Transformation Unit (PRTU), which was established in 2001, seeks to implement strategies and programmes designed to enhance the rehabilitative capacity for offenders. During the period 2010 to 2013, the PRTU conducted the following training programmes for inmates and staff:

- In prison continuing care programme - 160 inmates were trained;
- "Unpacking a journey to masculine and feminine excellence programmes for inmates at remand prison, golden grove prison and Carrera"- 300 inmates were trained;
- "Repositioning parents for raising successful youth"- 50 inmates were trained;
- Avoiding the nuclear blast - 300 persons @ YTC, Women and Maximum security prison. Lecture sessions included health and family life; the work environment; and a former inmate's story in pictures;
- Character First training - 300 persons benefitted;
- Repositioning corrections to ensure public safety - 600 inmates benefitted;
- Motivational interviewing - 30 persons;

- Female juvenile offender management training - 30 persons;
- Community corrections - 60 persons.
- **Initiated the Duty Counsel Scheme - Pilot Project (Legal Aid and Advisory Authority)** - The revised Legal and Advice (Amendment) Act No.11 of 2012 introduced a new system known as the Duty Counsel Scheme. Under this Scheme, mechanisms will be established to ensure immediate access to legal representation and advice, to minors and adults, from the beginning of the criminal justice process regardless of the time of arrest. A call centre was also established to facilitate this process and a committee has been convened to consider all aspects of the implementation of this scheme.
- **Collaboration with Canada to Improve the Criminal Justice System** - A memorandum of understanding was signed between the Trinidad and Tobago Prison Service (TTPS) and Correctional Service Canada (CSC) in an effort towards penal reform. In June 2013, a four-member delegation from the CSC, visited Trinidad and Tobago to review the existing infrastructure and programmes. The Canadian team conducted a needs assessment of the nation's prisons (namely Port of Spain, Golden Grove, Tobago and the Eastern Correctional Rehabilitation Centre in Santa Rosa, Arima). Following this exercise, the MOJ has 'concretised' its change agenda targeting specific areas within the Prison Service for intervention. These areas include using a more scientific approach for the management of offenders; correctional programmes and policies targeting attitudes and behaviours of inmates that predisposes them to a life of crime; and the implementation of information technology solutions for a correctional environment. The MOJ is also expected to establish a steering committee that will lead to the transformation agenda of the TTPS.

5. LEGISLATIVE AGENDA FOR THE SOCIAL SECTOR

In fiscal 2013, the Ministry of the Attorney General continued to support the Government's Legislative Agenda, which is heavily focused on the priority area of crime. The following pieces of legislation were prepared to treat with crime and justice:

- The Administration of Justice Indictable Proceedings Act No. 20 of 2011
- The Administration of Justice - Deoxyribonucleic Acid Act No. 5 of 2012
- The Administration of Justice Electronic Monitoring Act No. 11 of 2012
- The Customs (Amendment) Act, 2013

The Ministry also undertook the following activities worthy of recognition:

• The Universal Periodic Review

The International Law and Human Rights Unit (ILHRU) prepared the Universal Periodic Review (UPR), in conjunction with the Commonwealth Secretariat and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The UPR is the latest form of country reporting adopted by the UN for monitoring the human rights records of 192 member states. Its ultimate goal is the improvement of the human rights situation by enhancing the capacity to deal with human rights challenges and to share best practices among States. The UPR National Report was adopted by the Human Rights Council in March 2012, in which Trinidad and Tobago received high commendations for achievements in respect of education, women's rights, Millennium Development Goals and advancement in the reduction of extreme poverty.

• The Establishment of the International Office of Child Rights (IOCR)

In March 2012, Cabinet agreed to the establishment of an International Office of Child Rights (IOCR) and to the establishment of the Civil Child Abduction Authority within that Office. The functions of this Office include, inter alia:

- To take appropriate measures to discover the whereabouts of a child who has been wrongfully removed or detained;
- To provide information of a general character as to the law of State in connection with the application of Hague Convention on Child Abduction;
- To initiate or facilitate the institution of judicial or administrative proceedings with a view to obtaining the return of a child and, in a proper case, to make arrangements for organising or securing the effective exercise of rights of access;
- To monitor and ensure compliance with the Hague Convention.

The IOCR is currently in discussion with the US Government and has already partnered with 48 countries to protect the rights of children.

In the area of labour legislation, the following was undertaken by the Ministry of Labour and Small and Micro Enterprise Development:

- Commenced action in January 2013 for the amendment of the Occupational Safety and Health Act 3 of 2006;
- Drafted and submitted for the attention of the Chief Parliamentary Counsel of the Legislative Review Commission (LRC), the Co-operative Societies Act;
- Held consultation in Tobago on The Co-operative Societies (Amendment) Bill, 2013 & The Credit Union Bill 2013.

3.3 AGRICULTURE AND FOOD SECURITY

The issue of food security remains a top priority of the GoRTT. A country enjoys a high level of food security when all citizens, have uninterrupted access to sufficient, safe, nutritious food to maintain a healthy and active life. The concept of food security also includes both physical and economic access to food that meets people's dietary needs, as well as their food preferences. Trinidad and Tobago's large food import bill is a cause for concern. In 2010, it accounted for approximately 10% of total imports. However, between 2010 and 2013, a 2% reduction has been reported. Too high a dependence on food import could compromise food security. A viable agriculture sector is therefore critical to the country's food security. Accordingly, the GoRTT has articulated the following objectives towards a "food secure nation":

- Increase the production of food locally;
- Reduce the food import bill;
- Reduce inflation, driven by food prices;
- Create sustainable, long - term, productive employment;
- Contribute to the diversification of the economy;
- Build a culture of producing and consuming local food as our first choice;
- Create high-value added manufacturing of local foods.

Efforts towards the achievement of this goal have been articulated by the Ministry of Food Production (MFP) in its development of a National Food Production Action Plan 2012 – 2015. The plan focuses on targeted increases in production of six main commodity groups, which are as follows: staples, vegetables, legumes and pulses, fruits, livestock and aquaculture.

The MFP has also collaborated with the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) to develop a Draft Agriculture Sector Policy 2013-2018. A consultant was selected to guide the drafting of a National Food and Nutrition Security Policy for Trinidad and Tobago as part of a regional initiative.

1. AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, DISTRIBUTION AND ACCESS

The sustainability of the sector demands a strategic approach that in part combines incentives, institutional development and marketing mechanisms. Specific actions undertaken to transform the sector include:

A. Agricultural Incentive Programme

The Agricultural Incentive Programme (AIP), which was revised in 2011, is designed to provide support to the various agricultural sub-sectors based on the requirements identified and the recommendations of the stakeholders, with the intention of boosting the overall efficiency and productivity of the agricultural sector. It provides an opportunity for the adoption of new technologies and mechanisation that would enhance the business competitiveness. The AIP provides a variety of incentives that can assist individuals and businesses in recouping expenses related to the following:

- Vehicles;
- Machinery and equipment (includes beekeeping);
- Water (wells, dams, ponds);
- Soil conservation;
- Land preparation;
- Citrus fields;
- Cocoa and coffee fields;
- Coconut fields;
- Livestock (beef, dairy, goat and sheep);
- Guaranteed prices;

A Technical Working Committee was also established to examine and monitor some of the challenges in the implementation of the AIP.

B. Access to Credit

In an effort to stimulate investment in the agricultural sector, the Agricultural Development Bank (ADB) introduced a number of new strategies, including the reduction in lending rates from 8-11% to 3-5%, reduction in loan fees, and a reduction in management fees from 2% to 0.5%. Other new financial products were also introduced such as the ADB Secure Loan, which provides support to the agri-business sector against crime and praedial larceny; the Islamic Financing Window for funding in line with the Global Islamic Banking System; the Reaping Opportunities Loan (ROL), providing financing to the economically challenged farmer; and the School Nutrition Caterers Loan, designed to meet the demands for development financing by caterers contracted with the National School Dietary Services Ltd. The ADB also introduced its Mobile Banking Units aimed at delivering financial services directly to farmers and fishermen.

C. Marketing Programme

Through the National Agricultural Marketing and Development Corporation (NAMDEVCO) operators in the agricultural sector can benefit from capacity building and market information for timely decision making. The programmes and services enhance the competitiveness and value of the sector by identifying, developing and promoting domestic and international market opportunities.

To this end the Corporation offers a range of services to foster this development, as follows:

- Identifying local and export market opportunities;
- Developing Value added Products;
- Market Intelligence/Market Reports;
- Quality Assurance;
- Markets and Packinghouse;
- Promotion and Exhibitions – Local and International.

D. Security

Praedial larceny poses a major threat to agriculture as it negatively impacts return investment, and could also compromise farming and fishing communities. Two key initiatives were implemented to address this concern.

Firstly, the Agricultural Ranger Squad (ARS) was re-launched in September 2011 with a contingent of twelve officers. Also, in August 2013, the MFP collaborated with the Ministry of National Security to establish five stations in Carlsen Field, Centeno, Felicity, Usine and Ste Madeline, to be resourced by the 76 Special Reserve Police (SRP), from the Praedial Larceny Squad (PLS).

Secondly, with the revision of the Agricultural Incentive Programme (AIP), a holistic package of security initiatives was designed for farmers:

- A dollar for dollar incentive for farmers wishing to install security devices to a maximum of TT\$30,000 per hectare;
- Installation of barrier gates and street lighting leading into the major food basket areas,
- Provision of a 50% rebate for perimeter fencing on farms to a maximum of TT\$25,000 per hectare;
- Installation of a hot-line to receive and respond to complaints from farmers.

2. CONSUMPTION OF HEALTHY LOCALLY PRODUCED FOOD

There is a wide range of options available for healthy and affordable locally produced food. The MFP therefore embarked on a number of initiatives to encourage the purchase and consumption of locally produced foods. There are several benefits to be derived from this strategy, inclusive of promoting healthy eating habits and lifestyles, providing local farmers with a steady market and contributing to the reduction of the food import bill. Accordingly,

the GoRTT undertook the Put T&T on your Table Initiative and the School Nutrition Programme:

A. Put T&T on your Table

The Put T&T on your Table Initiative involved:

- The Buying Local Produce Initiative, which resulted in nine flagship outlets adopting the use of locally grown sweet potatoes into their meal options;
- The incorporation of more local content into the 150,000 meals per day served through the School Feeding Programme; and
- The Home Gardening Programme sensitises the public about the benefits of growing ones food at home. Not only does it reduce the cost of food purchased, it can support safe and healthy eating habits, since the individual knows and controls the conditions under which the crops are cultivated. In fiscal year 2011-2012, 67 persons were trained, and 12 home gardening videos produced and uploaded to social media.

B. School Nutrition Programme

The School Nutrition Programme (SNP) of the Ministry of Education (MOE) is another initiative that also encourages the consumption of locally produced food. The programme also ensures that the dietary and nutritional needs of the student population are met. In this regard, the MOE implemented the following initiatives in fulfilment of the SNP's mandate:

- Continued to provide highly nutritious breakfast and lunch meals to students at ECCE Centres, primary and secondary schools. As at June 30th, 2013 on a daily basis 59,958 breakfast meals and 97,164 lunches were distributed to pre-primary, primary and secondary school students.
- Continued its Nutrition Education sessions, where the following schools were visited:
 - Marabella Government Primary School

- Charlieville Government Primary School
- Pleasantville Government Primary School
- Mayo R.C. Primary School
- Santa Rosa Government Primary School
- Continued involvement in the International Development Research Centre (IDRC) CARICOM Food Security 2011-2014 Project. Through this undertaking:
 - Food Safety Training and Bulk Food Production Training was conducted for the staff of the school Feeding Kitchen, St. Kitts (January 2013);
 - Recipe testing and standardisation and nutrient analyses of menu cycles occurred.
- Engaged in collaborative work with NAMDEVCO to develop and implement a monitoring system with registered farms aimed at further increasing the use of local produce to the SNP;
- Launched an initiative with the Ministry of Tertiary Education, Science and Technology through which OJTs will have access to SNP kitchens to develop and hone their skills in culinary arts (January 2013);
- Facilitated the placement of OJT and Multi-sector Skills Training (MUST) trainees at SNP kitchens.

3. LINKAGES WITH AGRICULTURE AND OTHER PRODUCTIVE SECTORS

In order to encourage innovation and competitiveness, and facilitate a more sustainable and expanding agri-business sector, the GoRTT recognised that it was imperative to create linkages between agricultural and other productive sectors. To this end, Government funded the Trinidad and Tobago Agribusiness Association (TTABA) to develop new products. Several new products have been launched for public consumption in 2012, inclusive of plantain whole-wheat bread; sweet potatoes multigrain bread; coconut water and cassava fries.

4. AGRICULTURAL LABOUR

Labour shortage continues to be a key challenge for the agricultural sector. In this regard, the MFP has implemented a number of programmes aimed at training a cadre of agricultural labourers:

Under the Unemployment Relief Program (URP), 40 workers were trained in vegetable and root crop production, hydroponics cultivation and landscaping; 165 workers were also recruited and trained in the harvesting of cocoa by the Community Based Environment Protection and Enhancement Programme (CEPEP). Additionally, under the Agriculture Now (URP) Retraining Programme, which was first launched as a pilot project in November 2011, a total of 361 persons have been trained since its inception.

To build and strengthen capacity among farmers, 26 persons were trained in the programme 'Strengthening and Building Farmers Organisation,' which focused on increasing the competencies of farmers in the production of selected commodities. Recognising that the training of farmers is essential to improve efficiency and productivity at the farm level, 146 training courses were conducted specifically for farmers.

The Ministry also continued to provide farmers, potential farmers, communities, youth and other interested persons, with information and training on various aspects of agriculture. For the period 2010-2011, the MFP conducted a total of 118 training courses reaching 2,375 individuals at various Farmers' Training Centres and outreach venues throughout the country. For 2011-2012, a total of 41 training courses were conducted reaching 839 persons. Additionally, approximately 452 persons were trained via the Mobile Outreach Unit of the MFP, and 141 participants from Youth and Community Groups were exposed to various outreach courses.

Killed pool of labour for private farms, training and working on Government Stations; routine work on Government Stations and minor maintenance of the Ministry's infrastructure.

The Agriculture Now URP Retraining Programme is geared at developing a more skilled and disciplined agricultural labour force in response to the predominant issue of an inadequate labour supply in the sector. These efforts are also one of the many measures taken by the Government to enable increased food production and food security in the nation. The additional benefit of the programme is that the wages have been tailored to offer a more sustainable livelihood for the participants.

Since the programme's inception there have been a total number of 361 trainees who have completed the programme. At this graduation ceremony 235 URP trainees graduated; a noteworthy increase from the first graduation ceremony where there were 126 graduates.

The trainees completed a twelve week course, which included topics such as crop production, land preparation, seedling production and propagation, fertilizer application, pest disease and weed management, chemical use, safety precautions, good agricultural practices and home gardening. Some trainees who expressed interest would have also been trained by the Cocoa and Coffee Industry Board (CCIB) in the basic skills for cocoa production.

5. YOUTH PARTICIPATION IN THE AGRICULTURE SECTOR

The GoRTT recognises the need to increase the interest level and encourage greater participation amongst the youth in the agriculture sector. In an effort to position the sector as a viable career option, the following initiatives have been undertaken:

The Youth Apprenticeship Programme in Agriculture (YAPA) aims to encourage youths between the ages of 17 to 25, to view agriculture as a viable and sustainable economic endeavour. Launched in 2003, the programme gives the youth an opportunity to be involved in farming.

Overall objectives include:

1. To improve efficiency and productivity of the agricultural sector;
2. To achieve and sustain the quality of life and contribute to the socio-economic development of rural communities.

The Programme was conducted in two phases. In phase one, 615 trainees graduated from the programme. For phase two, for the period September 2012 to March 2013, 41 persons enrolled in the programme. Training was offered in areas such as: crop agronomy, livestock husbandry, computer literacy, seedling production and vegetable production. This activity resulted in achievements in the areas of self-esteem, resulting from self-sufficiency, a better understanding of financial management and the maintenance of agricultural systems.

Other initiatives include the Rancho Quemado Estates Limited's Agro-Eco Tourism Park, which targets primary schools; and the internship Agriculture Professional Development Programme (APDP) for University graduates, in which a total of 50 Agriculture and Agri-business graduates were recruited. To date 30 interns have completed the induction, production and processing internship phases, as well as several professional and technical development training modules and sessions.

6. LEGISLATION AND SUB-SECTORS

To further address the issue of food security and creating enabling environments, the MFP have also reviewed legislation and developed strategic sub-sectors. The Ministry continued working towards updating policy and fisheries management legislations, providing fish stocks and the importation of high quality feed for the Tilapia industry. Livestock development also witnessed increased attention from the MFP. To this end 300-400 acres of land were allocated for the creation of forage farms. Research, development and distribution of genetic material were also undertaken. These initiatives

have resulted in the achievement of 70 tonnes of dairy goat production, with a soon to be achieved target of 80 tonnes in 2015. Similar innovations have been implemented in the Dairy, Cocoa, Coconut, Apiculture, and Rice sectors and are showing promising results.

3.4 HEALTH CARE SERVICES AND HOSPITALS

The GoRTT recognises the need to expand healthcare delivery and promote healthy lifestyles as a means to enhancing the well-being of the citizens of the country. The Ministry of Health (MOH) is the national authority responsible for the management of the health system in Trinidad and Tobago. The Ministry leads and directs the sector by focusing on policy making; planning; assessing the population's health needs; disbursing funding for delivery of health services; regulating the sector; and ensuring that private and public providers deliver health services in accordance with internationally accepted standards. In an effort to transform the sector to deliver first class healthcare, the MOH completed its Five Year Strategic Plan 2012-2016.

Twelve Core Strategic Priorities were identified in the plan:

Core Strategic Priorities

- i. Prevention, Care and Treatment of Chronic Non-Communicable Diseases;
- ii. Prevention, Care and Treatment of Communicable Diseases;
- iii. Maternal and Child Health;
- iv. Mental Health and Wellness;
- v. Health Human Resource Planning and Development;
- vi. ICT Integration in the Health Sector;
- vii. Continuous Improvement of the Management of the Health Sector;
- viii. Continuous Improvement of Health Services Delivery;

- ix. Health Infrastructure Development and Facilities Management;
- x. Establishment of a Schema for Long Term Health Sector Financing;
- xi. Strengthening Health Promotion and Education;
- xii. Strengthening the Policy and Legislative Framework.

The following achievements were gained by the MOH in the area of secondary and tertiary care:

1. HEALTH CARE, WELLNESS AND LIFESTYLES

A. Chronic Non-Communicable Diseases (CNCDs)

Chronic Non Communicable Disease mortality continues to be a challenge for the health sector. CNCDs are the leading cause of death and account for over 60% of deaths annually in Trinidad & Tobago. Expenditure on CNCDs has also been increasing. Public expenditure on drugs for the treatment of cardiovascular disease, diabetes, cancer, and hypertension was TT\$34 million in 2004; TT\$121.8 million in 2009. Currently, the figures approximates TT\$400 million. CNCDs, however, are highly preventable as risk includes behavioural, social and environmental factors. In order, to impact the growing epidemic, the MOH implemented a number of initiatives designed to facilitate prevention, control and management of chronic lifestyle diseases. Some of these measures include:

The Conduct of a nationwide Chronic Non Communicable Disease Risk Factor Survey, which indicated the following findings:

- A large proportion of the population already possess risk factors for developing chronic diseases;
- 55.5% of the population over 15 years are overweight or obese;
- 25% of school aged children between 5 – 18 years are overweight or obese;

- 40% of the population lacks sufficient weekly exercise;
- 65% of persons 45 – 64 have 3 or more risk factors for CNCs;
- 50% of persons 24 – 64 have 3 or more risk factors for CNCs;
- CNCs are increasingly present in children and youth populations.

The MOH formulated several campaigns to encourage healthy lifestyles among the population:

- The “Fight the Fat T&T Wellness Revolution Campaign”;
- The “Check Yourself, Know Your Numbers Campaign”;
- The “Healthy Eating Active Lifestyle Campaign”;
- The “Partners Forum for Action on Chronic Disease”;
- The removal of soft drinks and other fatty foods from lunches provided to schools;
- The Childhood Healthy Lifestyle Camp or “the Wee Fit Camp”;
- The National Wellness Fest, Trini Food Makeover & 5K.

In addition, the MOH embarked upon:

- The construction of the Sangre Grande Enhanced Health Centre;
- The construction Penal Hospital and Rehabilitation Centre.

B. Access to Healthcare Facilities

The MOH undertook the construction of new facilities and upgraded existing facilities to meet the increasing demand for healthcare. Achievements in this area relate to the following facilities:

- Construction of a New Insect Vector Control Head Office and Chemical Warehouse Facility in Cunupia with an expected completion date of January 2013;

- Commencement of construction of a US \$4 million medical laboratory to serve residents in Couva and environs;
- Newly opened University of the West Indies (UWI) Training Facilities and Medical Students Accommodation at San Fernando General Hospital;
- Commencement of construction for the new Children’s Hospital and Multi-Training Facility in Couva which is to contain a 150-bed Adult’s Hospital and 80-bed Children’s Hospital.

In the areas of tertiary care services the following was achieved:

- Established a Breast Surgery Theatre, at the St. James Medical Complex;
- Opened a state-of-the-art ophthalmology theatre, Cardiology Unit, Oncology Unit and an Eye Theatre at the San Fernando General Hospital;
- Provided glaucoma filtration surgery at the Sangre Grande Hospital;
- Made available breast reconstructions and corneal transplants at other Public Health Facilities;
- Completed Women’s Clinic at St. James Medical Complex;
- Commenced operations at the Mt. Hope Maternity Hospital also of a Multidisciplinary Cardiac Clinic in Pregnancy in October 2012.

Over the period June 1st 2010 to present, approximately 2.2 million patients visited health care facilities throughout Trinidad & Tobago, and in excess of TT\$70 million in medical care was spent on more than 3,500 persons each year.

C. Dialysis Treatment and Organ Transplant

Several measures were implemented to ensure access by patients in need of access to dialysis treatment and organ transplants, through:

- The Prepaid Dialysis Programme, where the Ministry pays for treatment services at private health care facilities;

- The Free Dialysis Treatment at public health facilities;
- The Medical Aid Programme, which provides direct financial aid to persons in need of dialysis;
- The milestone of 100 kidney transplants achieved through the Organ Transplant Programme.

Under the Prepaid Dialysis Programme more than 6,000 patients benefited since inception and more than TT\$66 million dollars was spent to provide care at private facilities. Similarly, the Medical Aid Programme has been provided at a cost of TT\$70 million.

D. Dengue Fever

The MoH continues to implement an aggressive Dengue Prevention Campaign in an effort to contain the reported cases of dengue. Several measures undertaken include:

- Public advisories/sensitisation on dengue prevention;
- Conduct of spraying in communities (over 278,000 homes were sprayed);
- Continuous dengue surveillance at all health facilities;
- Environmental clean-up, including the elimination of breeding sources (source reduction);
- Implement the Inspector Dengue Eradication Programme (DEP), which will inculcate in children the inspector DEP message of source reduction by introducing it into the school curriculum (completed in 40 primary schools).

E. HIV/AIDS

The elimination of HIV and AIDS remains a priority concern for the GoRTT. The MTPF sets a goal to reduce the number of new HIV infections and achieve a target of 0.5% adult prevalence rate. However, while there continue to be notable gains in the fight against HIV/AIDS (see Box 3.1), HIV

prevalence is greater than 1% in the adult population, greater than 5% in at least one of the key populations at higher risk, and 1.3% of youths aged 15 – 21 years are living with the disease. Furthermore, HIV/AIDS remains a major cause of mortality in Trinidad and Tobago.

Box 3.1: Success to Date in the Areas of HIV and AIDS

- Decrease in number of newly diagnosed infections from 1,448 in 2008 to 1,390
- in 2009, 1,154 in 2010 and 1,077 in 2011
- Considerable decrease in numbers of HIV infected infants born to HIV positive mothers (e.g. Tobago has achieved 0% infection in infants)
- Significant increase in number of pregnant women tested and treated for HIV infection
- Mainstreaming of HIV and AIDS in the Workplace Programme in Government ministries and private sector, along with adoption of National HIV and AIDS Workplace Policy
- Significant increase in the number of HIV testing and treatment sites
- Significant increase in the provision of free anti-retroviral medication for those requiring it, allowing people living with HIV to live longer more productive lives
- Significant reduction in AIDS related deaths
- Establishment of a Human Rights Desk to investigate cases of HIV related discrimination
- Legislative review of national laws and their impact on PLHIV and high risk groups informing draft National HIV and AIDS Policy
- Improved monitoring of the epidemic through strengthened surveillance and harmonisation of monitoring and evaluation indicators across implementing partners

Source: National HIV and AIDS Strategic Plan 2013 -2018

The GoRTT continues to lead a proactive campaign that is predicated upon increased awareness, access to treatment, care and support, as well as a focus on prevention.

Recognising the need for continued investment to fulfil the MDG goal of zero new HIV infections, zero AIDS related deaths and zero stigma and discrimination by 2015 (Goal 6), and to curb the epidemic, the GoRTT developed the HIV and AIDS National Strategic Plan 2013-2018 and established the HIV and AIDS Agency.

The HIV and AIDS Agency, which was launched in January 2013, was established to provide national leadership and co-ordination of the expanded HIV national response, as well as function in a monitoring and advisory capacity. One of its responsibilities is the implementation of the strategic policy objectives identified in the HIV and AIDS National Strategic Plan; 2013-2018. The Agency comprises key stakeholders from Government Ministries, NGOs, CSOs, the private sector, regional organisations and persons living with HIV/AIDS.

The mandate of the Interim HIV and AIDS Agency includes²⁷:

- Building and deepening multi-sectoral partnerships to achieve national commitment, support and ownership of the response to HIV/AIDS coordinating and supporting activities pursuant to the reduction of the population's susceptibility to HIV/AIDS;
- Establishing national goals and targets of the priority strategic areas monitoring and evaluating the implementation and attainment of national goals, objectives and targets with respect to HIV/AIDS as identified in the national strategic plan;
- Approving budgets required for implementation of HIV response processes Defining national HIV policy and providing guidance on sectoral policies;
- Identifying training gaps and building capacity of stakeholders to mount an effective and sustainable response to HIV/AIDS;

- Championing and accelerating the legislative agenda required to support HIV/AIDS response, programmes and plans;
- Undertaking multidisciplinary research on issues related to the social, economic and psychological antecedents and impacts of HIV/AIDS on individuals, families, communities, businesses, and other sectors;
- Collating information and preparing reports and briefs for local and international bodies;
- Monitoring and evaluating all aspects of NGOs response to HIV/AIDS and establishing systems to ensure accountability and achievement of stated goals and objectives;
- Co-ordinating and providing guidance on the activities of the HIV/AIDS Coordinators in various ministries.

The HIV and AIDS National Strategic Plan (NSP) has three over-arching goals:

- To reduce the incidence of HIV infections in Trinidad and Tobago;
- To mitigate the negative impact of HIV and AIDS on persons living with HIV and affected by HIV and AIDS in Trinidad and Tobago;
- To reduce HIV and AIDS related discrimination in Trinidad and Tobago.

The Plan also focuses on five priorities areas:

- 1: Prevention Combining Behavioural, Biomedical and Structural Interventions
- 2: Optimising Diagnosis, Treatment, Care and Support Outcomes
- 3: Advocacy, Human Rights and an Enabling Environment
- 4: Strategic Information
- 5: Policy and Programme Management

The NSP further seeks to achieve the following impact on Trinidad and Tobago's HIV epidemic:

- Reduce the incidence of new infections to zero in infants and less than 500 per annum in young people and adults;
- Reduce the prevalence of HIV infection to less than 1% within the general population;
- Halve the rate AIDS related mortality;

²⁷ http://hiv.opm.gov.tt/about_us/hiv-agency/

- Reduce HIV and AIDS related stigma and discrimination by 75%;
- Reduce the direct and indirect costs associated with preventing and treating HIV and AIDS as a result of reduced numbers of HIV infected individuals;
- Increase in comprehensive knowledge and reduction in risk behaviours;
- Achievement of Goal 6 of the MDGs which is to combat HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases.

F. Addressing HIV and AIDS in the Workplace

The GoRTT continues to be tactical in confronting the challenges of HIV and AIDS in the workplace. In November 2010, the HIV/AIDS Advocacy and Sustainability Centre (HASC) was established to provide technical assistance to organisations in their HIV and AIDS workplace policies and programmes.

In 2012, the MLSMED was successful in signing 13 MOUs between the Ministry and organisations from the trade union sector, the private sector Employer Associations, professional Associations, as well as informal organisations. The organisations are committed to draft workplace policies, facilitate peer education training, and appoint HIV/AIDS focal points within the organisations.

2. SPORT AND RECREATION

The GoRTT views sport and recreation as important elements necessary for the building of “a fit and healthy nation”. In this regard, the Ministry of Sport has focused on encouraging greater participation in sport and recreational activities. During fiscal 2012/2013 the Ministry implemented the following initiatives in the area of Sport:

i. LIFE-Sport Programme

The LIFE-sport Programme was introduced to provide an alternative opportunity for young men ages 16 – 25, through the involvement

in one of three sporting disciplines: football, cricket and basketball. The programme also involves literacy and numeracy, as well as social life skills. The programme runs for a duration of two years and seeks to engender the social transformation of its participants. From August 6, 2012 to June 2013, approximately 1,695 persons were enrolled in the programme in 33 communities throughout Trinidad and Tobago. The programme has generated positive outcomes, in terms of, attitudinal changes and psychological maturity of participants, as well as some participants moving on to pursue technical and tertiary level education.

ii. Taking Sport to Rural Communities

In fiscal 2012, the MOS launched Taking Sport to Rural Areas, which is designed to provide opportunities for participation in sport by non-urban communities. The programme is of an eight month duration and provides equipment for sporting disciplines, identify and develop potential talent, and enhance lives through sport and recreation.

In fiscal 2013, the programme continued with capacity building exercises and eventual launches in Sangre Grande, Mayaro/Rio Claro, San Juan/Laventille, Tunapuna/Piarco and Couva/Tabaquite/Talparo. Opportunities in sporting disciplines such as football, basketball, track and field, cricket, netball and volleyball were provided for participants.

iii. Sports Caravan

In an effort to promote national excellence in sport, the Ministry hosted two sport caravans, one in Tobago with approximately 4,000 participants, and another in Cedros with approximately 500 participants. Primary and secondary school students from various communities participated in the programme, which incorporated coaching seminars, as well as practical work in the disciplines of basketball, netball, football, boxing, volleyball, cricket and track and field.

iv. Relay Carnival

On March 9th and 10th 2013, the MOS also hosted Trinidad and Tobago's inaugural Relay Carnival. This event was designed to mentally and physically prepare local athletes attending secondary schools and colleges between the ages of 12–19 years, to enter international competitions such as the Penn Relays. Athletes from various countries, including USA, Canada, Suriname, and the Caribbean participated. It is envisioned that the Relay Carnival will become a marquee annual sporting event for Trinidad and Tobago.

v. Sport Psychology Programme

In fiscal 2013, the Ministry organised the 2nd annual Sport Psychology conference themed “The Awakening” and “Conversations,” to target all National Governing Bodies (NGBs). The focus of the Caribbean Sport Psychology Conference included quality administration, coaching effectiveness, nutrition, cultural expectations and mental preparation and performance. The “Awakening” placed emphasis on the key phrases ‘Possibility is the Only Thing – Conceive it, Believe it, Achieve it’ and the “Conversations” focused on hard earned examination of selfhood (self-governance, autonomy, conviction), team-partnership and communalism (cultural and social relatedness).

vi. Elite Athletes Assistance Programme

The Elite Athlete Assistance Programme (EAAP) seeks to provide financial assistance to elite athletes, assist in meeting nutritional, transportation, training, physiological and other needs as they strive towards improved and sustained performances and successes at international level. In fiscal 2013, 45 elite athletes received TT\$6,699,989 million. Since June 1, 2010, approximately TT\$24,150,990 in financial assistance was provided to elite athletes.

vii. Vern-Gambette Optimal Athletic Development Programme

The Optimal Athletic Development for High Performance in Sport Programme utilises the ‘Gambetta Model,’ to analyse, rectify and plan remedial programmes for progressive improvement toward sustaining High Performance at the international level. In fiscal 2013, the following activities were conducted under the programme:

- Development of a training programme for the athletes using the High Performance training facility at the Hasley Crawford Stadium; conduct of a workshop with the Sport Development and Performance Unit (SDPU) Easter camp staff on introducing Fundamental Movement Skills and Functional Development for use in the camp programme;
- Preparation of a Strength & Conditioning education program for Trinidad and Tobago (T&T);
- Development of an Athletic Development Policy that meets the needs of the local sporting environment.

viii. Participation in Physical Recreation and Sport

Approximately 10,000 persons participated in the Ministry's sporting programmes and activities for the fiscal 2013:

- 2,500 participants in the Community and District Sporting Programmes;
- 4,500 participants in the Sport Caravans;
- 1,200 participants in the Easter Sport Camps; and
- 1,700 participants in the Women and Girls in Sport Festival

These programmes target various cohorts within the national community including children, young people, women, girls, senior citizens and the specially challenged.

ix. The World Anti-Doping Code

Trinidad and Tobago, as a signatory to the 2005 UNESCO International Convention against Drug Use in Sport, is responsible for establishing an effective regulatory and legal framework that would assist in creating a drug-free environment in local sport. The country is also obligated to enact legislation and anti-doping rules that are consistent with the World Anti-Doping Code. The Ministry of Sport has therefore commenced steps towards the establishment of a Trinidad and Tobago Anti-Doping Organisation (TTADO) to administer and enforce the Anti-Doping rules. In fiscal 2013, the Anti-Doping in Sport Bill was passed in the House of Representatives and is awaiting Assent. It is anticipated that TTADO will become operational in fiscal 2014.

Additionally, the Ministry continued to conduct drug awareness initiatives, with student athletes in 2013. Five (5) Drug Awareness Fairs were conducted, in conjunction with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO), WADA, Trinidad and Tobago Olympic Committee and Trinidad and Tobago Alliance for Sport and Physical Education (TTASPE). More than 500 student athletes, as well as their coaches, teachers, parents and administrators of the respective sports, participated in the Fairs.

x. Sports Dispute Resolution Centre (SDRC)

In fiscal 2013, steps were also undertaken to establish a Sports Dispute Resolution Centre (SDRC) offering Alternative Dispute Resolution services in sport. The SDRC policy creation process is on-going and the Centre is anticipated to be fully operational by December 2014.

xi. Financial Assistance to National governing bodies, community sporting groups and individuals

In fiscal 2013, the Ministry continued to provide financial assistance to National Governing Bodies (NGBs), Community Sporting Groups (CSGs) and Individuals in the sum of TT\$18,601,853 million. The Sports Company of Trinidad and

Tobago Limited (SporTT) also disbursed a total of TT\$24,092,872 million to the 14 NGBs under its ambit, as well as athletes and other sporting organisations. These funds are used to support the development programmes of the respective NGBs to facilitate increased participation in the disciplines and provide opportunities for successful participation in international events.

3.5 ECONOMIC GROWTH, JOB CREATION, COMPETITIVENESS & INNOVATION

The GoRTT's strategy to enhance the growth trajectory of Trinidad and Tobago emphasizes job creation, innovation, entrepreneurship and diversification and the continued investment in the creation of a knowledge-based economy that is globally competitive. According to the ILO's World of Work Report 2013, Latin America and the Caribbean experienced a relatively swift recovery from the global crisis, in large part due to the combination of expansionary fiscal policies and the increase in commodity prices. Locally, in the first quarter of 2013, the Trinidad and Tobago economy expanded by 1.6% on a year to year basis.²⁸ The expansion in real GDP continued to be led by the performance of the non-energy sector, which grew by 2.5%, propelled largely by growth in the manufacturing sector. The most recent data by the Central Statistical Office (CSO) revealed that the unemployment rate stood at 4.9% in the second quarter of 2012. During the period, the labour force participation rate stood at 61.8%, which is similar to the previous quarter²⁹.

The Ministry of Labour and Small and Micro Enterprise Development (MLSMED) is the entity charged with overseeing the administration of

²⁸ The Central Bank of Trinidad and Tobago's (CBTT) Summary Economic Indicators Bulletin (June 2013)

²⁹ Ibid

and the creation and facilitation of employment and entrepreneurial opportunities aimed at improving the quality of lives of citizens and positioning the economy towards sustainable development.

1. LABOUR, JOB CREATION AND MICRO-ENTERPRISE

i. Promotion of Micro and Small Enterprises

Micro and small enterprises play an important role in the creation of jobs, generation of wealth and assists in poverty reduction in Trinidad and Tobago. As part of the Ministry of Labour and Small and Micro Enterprise Development's ongoing effort to expand the contributions of the Micro and Small Enterprise Sector to economic development and growth the following were undertaken:

A. National Integrated Business Incubator System (IBIS)

The National Integrated Business Incubation System (IBIS), developed by the Ministry of Labour and Small and Micro Enterprise Development (MLSMED), aims to provide a unique mix of business development support inclusive of infrastructural, operational, and financial support to assist the growth and success of new and existing micro and small enterprises (MSEs).

IBIS, which is modeled after the Community and Commercial approaches to business development, carves and creates space for the development of entrepreneurial capacities, skills and mentorship support, as well as the creation of market opportunities and financial networks for existing and prospective entrepreneurs. More precisely, the Community Based Business Initiative (CBBIs) leverages business activities based on the resources of the target community. Essentially, communities are selected on the basis of social indicators, inclusive of levels of unemployment and the levels of poverty being experienced by the community.

To facilitate the operations of IBIS, a Business Advisory Board was established in 2012. The Board coordinates the development and operational systems with the MLSMED and other key stakeholders.

In Fiscal 2012 the Ministry also commenced development of a revised MSE policy for T&T. Consultations were continued in 2013 for the development of a comprehensive policy that would guide the sector, facilitate data collection and provide for greater coordination of support to MSEs and effectively optimise resources.

CBBI was initially launched in Siparia/Penal and Sangre Grande in September 2012, and subsequently extended to San Juan/Laventille, Point Fortin, Diego Martin, Barataria/San Juan, Chaguanas, Carenage and Couva in 2013.

The CBBI comprises 3-phases: the pre-incubation, the business incubation and post incubation phases. In 2013, the following were achieved:

- 56 of the CBBI candidates successfully completed the pre-incubation phase and seven businesses/persons qualified for entry into the Business Incubation facility;
- recommendations were made for the disbursement of seed capital to 43 of the 56 candidates, to facilitate funding for entry into the CBBI Business Incubation Phase;
- Business Incubator facilities were launched in Sangre Grande and Siparia/Penal and facilities are being sourced in Diego Martin, Barataria/San Juan, Chaguanas, Point Fortin, and Couva;
- Signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Arthur Lok Jack, Graduate School of Business (GSB) for the Commercial Business Incubators (CBIs);
- Hosted a three day Business Showcase in May 2013 in partnership with NEDCO/IBIS and GSB and other local and regional bodies.

B. National Entrepreneurship Development Company Limited (NEDCO)

The National Entrepreneurship Development Company Limited (NEDCO) is the implementing agency for Government's policy on small and micro enterprise development, and for the facilitation of access to funding for business start-up and the expansion and growth of existing small enterprises. For Fiscal 2013, NEDCO has thus far granted 347 loans valued TT\$16,938,557.97. These loans catered for the advancement of enterprises such as Air Conditioning, Sales & Services, Auto Care/Service, Civil Engineering & Construction and Environment Safety & Health Consulting & Training Programs. The total number of loans granted by NEDCO, from inception to present, amounts to over 11,000, with an estimated value of TT\$285 million.

In 2012, NEDCO signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the University of the West Indies (UWI) to provide loan financing and other support services to interested and qualifying UWI staff, students, and recent graduates. An on-campus business incubator was established, as well as entrepreneurial programmes for students. In June 2013, NEDCO launched its sub-office at the Student Activities Centre, UWI, St. Augustine, to strategically forge the linkage between creativity and thinking and institutionalised business nurturing and support for translation into entrepreneurial activity.

NEDCO also maintained its support and advisory services to existing and potential entrepreneurs, utilising lectures, workshops, seminars and other tools. These various strategies as initiated by NEDCO have collectively engaged over five thousand (5,000) persons to date.

C. Fair Share Programme

The Fair Share Programme was established to provide revenue generating opportunities for Micro and Small Enterprises (MSEs) in order to offset some natural disadvantages MSEs face

due to limitations of size, resources and access to information. This Programme increases accessibility to public sector contracts by facilitating an online linkage between MSEs and Government Ministries, Departments and Agencies. The programme attempts to encourage entrepreneurship and employment, promote capacity building through training and development and provide opportunities for mini-micro, micro and small enterprises to grow.

The benchmarked accomplishments of the Fair Share Programme, for 2013 include:

- Issued Letters of Approval to 14 Government institutions, granting access to Fair Share for procurement opportunities in areas not covered by the Annual Supplies Listing from Central Tenders Board;
- Issued 347 Full Certificates, as proof of eligibility for accessing Fair share;
- Issued 382 Provisional Certificates to potential MSEs as they progress further into the verification stages of the processing of applications;
- Maintained 800 existing MSE Registrants
- Entered 313 new MSE Registrants into the programme;
- Hosted three focus sessions, in conjunction with Cipriani College of Labour and Cooperative Studies (CCLCS), geared towards the formulation of the training component of the FairShare Programme.

D. Promoting Green Jobs and Green Enterprises in Trinidad and Tobago

Keeping with efforts towards the development of a Green Enterprise Policy, in 2013, the Ministry also accessed European Union (EU) funding for the engagement of a consultancy for the creation of a Green Enterprise Policy for the MSE sector. The policy aims to serve as a cross ministerial instrument for the support of MSEs involved in green activities and is intended to provide a framework for determining the level of "greenness in enterprises" in Trinidad

and Tobago. The draft policy is currently under review.

2. STRENGTHENING OF LABOUR MARKET INFORMATION

In fiscal 2013, The MLSMED, through the Labour Market Unit:

- Drafted in collaboration with the ILO Regional Sub-office, the project document for development of a Labour Administration Information System of Trinidad and Tobago (LAMISTT). This system is expected to provide timely reports on the status of the labour market, identify existing gaps and inconsistencies between training and skills needs. The model is currently being piloted.
- Engaged a consultant for the production of a reporting template for the periodic analysis of the labour market, as well as for the design of methodologies and techniques for labour market analysis, identification of data requirements and timelines for implementation. The Consultant's report is expected to be finalised and submitted to the Ministry in Fiscal 2013.
- In fiscal 2012, consultancy services were procured for the conduct of the National Job Vacancy Survey in the private sector. The Survey will provide data on the demand for labour by government, businesses, job-seekers and analysts as to the types of jobs skills and capabilities required by employers by industry, occupation and geographic area in T&T. The final report is currently under review.

Other achievements by the MLSMED, for fiscal 2013, in the area of outreach include:

- Conducted the third leg of the Labour Advocate Training Programme, which was initially launched in 2012. Training was held at the Cipriani College for Labour and Co-operative Studies over the period February to March 2013. This phase hosted twenty-

eight (28) participants from Community Development Divisions, Trinidad Youth Council, and the National Centre for Persons with Disabilities and Faith-Based Organisations;

- Hosted two Mall Outreach activities in Labour Month -June 2013, one in East Trinidad and the other in South Trinidad under the banner " The Caribbean and Labour 2013 and Beyond – Strengthening Decent Work for Development";
- Conducted a Community Outreach initiative at Lum Tac Hill, Fyzabad on June 19 –Labour Day;
- Commenced work for the development of a National Labour Inspection Policy, which would set standards for the conduct of inspections and facilitate greater adherence and compliance with labour laws;
- Recognised World Day for Safety and Health at Work, 2013;
- Hosted a National Occupational Safety & Health Week 2013 under the theme "National Symposium on Occupational Diseases: Awareness and Prevention" in April 2013. A one-day symposium was also held in Tobago at the Magdalena Grand Hotel in May 01, 2013; and
- Conducted a series of outreach programmes throughout Trinidad and Tobago in recognition of OSH Week 2013.

3. CULTURE

Investment in non-traditional sectors and the creation of niche markets are critical ways to diversify the economy, promote entrepreneurship and contribute towards competitiveness and sustainability. Emerging sectors such as culture and creative industries present viable options.

In fiscal 2012/2013, several initiatives were undertaken in the area of culture by the Ministry of Arts and Multiculturalism (MAM) to develop the cultural sector, which included:

i. National Cultural Mapping Exercise

In 2013, Work has commenced on the execution of the National Cultural Mapping Exercise, towards the development of a Cultural Mapping Toolkit. The exercise parameters include baseline data, creative arts, cultural industries, festivals, facilities and public organisation. Participants are currently being identified to participate in the survey.

This Cultural Map will be used to guide strategic planning and data driven policy analysis for the sector. The exercise is expected to be completed in 2014, with the production of a mapping report and a finalised Cultural Map.

ii. National Registry of Artists and Cultural Workers

This is an ongoing initiative of the Ministry, the National Registry of Artists and Cultural Workers facilitated the registration of performing artists, in addition to certifying film, video and music productions as local entertainment or culture.

As at June 2013, 164 applicants have been approved for registration and received certification of work. Certificate categories include but are not limited to:

- Cultural Workers (9),
- Artists (86),
- Cultural Organisations (23),
- Work by Individuals (19), and
- Work by Organisations (27).

The introduction of The National Registry will enable the provision of data to CARICOM's Regional Registry of Artists and Cultural Workers, which would facilitate free movement within the CSME, and within Europe via the Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA).

iii. New Vision Competitiveness Award

The New Vision Competitiveness Award offers financial and technical support for the leaders in the foremost areas of the cultural sector. The

areas of interest include dance, drama, music, visual art, design, literature and media, which projects may contribute significantly to the GDP and /or future employment. For fiscal 2013, three projects have thus far received funding:

- Caribbean Music Group for a Film production: 'Pan We Are the World',
- Trinitunes.com for website development, and
- KMP Music Lab for a TV show 'Building the Beats'.

"Pan We Are the World" commenced filming; works on the website upgrade are in progress. Trinitunes.com and Building the Beats began filming in June 2013.

Previous recipients of this award included:

1. Mr. Roger Boothman for the recording of a compilation of his unique contribution to music.
2. Mr. Leroy Wilson, Pan 2000, for steel pan accessory development.

iv. Music School in the Community

Music School in the Community, formerly known as Music School in the Pan Yard, was created by the Ministry as a means of developing a more holistic approach to music education in terms of the teaching and learning of music; the development and enhancement of performance skills, and the knowledge of music literacy.

Music School in the Community incorporates a mentorship programme entitled the Artiste-in-Residence Initiative. Master artistes and icons serve as mentors, to share their knowledge, provide guidance, motivation and emotional support to students and participants. Icons and artistes assigned to the programme were Dr. Roy Cape, Mr. Errol Ince, Mr. Pelham Goddard, Mr. Leston Paul, Mr. Anthony Woodroffe, and Mr. Joseph Rivers.

In 2013, Cabinet was approached for the expansion of Music Schools in the Community to increase the venues from six to twenty, as

the inaugural cycle proved to be a success. The expansion of the programme sought to increase music literacy among pannists, as well as to increase the volume of persons, especially youths, learning music.

Over the period June 2013 to September, 2013, six schools have been participating in the programme.

v. Mentoring by the Masters

This initiative seeks to facilitate the transfer of knowledge from accomplished senior artists to up-and-coming individuals in their respective cultural fields. Additionally, the initiative aims to honour these accomplished artists in the process. Mentors who participated in the first cycle of the programme were honoured in an Award Ceremony in April 2013, which recognised their contributions to the programme and the cultural sector.

The mentors from the first cycle of the course were Krishna Persad (dance), Errol Ince (music), Rodney Ramjit (Ramleela presentations), Kim Johnson (film) and Zeno Constance (theatre).

vi. Policy Development in Arts and Culture

Policy Development and Research

In Fiscal 2012, two policies were redrafted - the Draft National Policy Framework for Multiculturalism and the Draft National Cultural Policy. The National Cultural Policy is designed as an overarching philosophical statement to guide strategic planning for the cultural sector at the national level, referencing core legislation and international agreements to which Trinidad and Tobago subscribes. It will be subject to periodic review to ensure consistency with the dynamic needs of sectors. The Multiculturalism policy framework will facilitate and sustain the development of the diverse forms of culture practiced in Trinidad and Tobago. The policy was drafted after a series of consultations with key stakeholders. Both these draft policies are

currently before the Cabinet for its consideration.

A Stakeholder Meeting: Parade of the Bands was also held in September 2012. This meeting of Carnival stakeholders was convened with an agenda to have all participants chart the way forward for the transformation of Carnival.

A Draft Policy was also developed for the upgrading of the Art and Culture Allowance of the Corporation Tax Act and the development of quotas for 50% airplay on local media that provides incentives similar to the art and culture allowance.

3.6 POVERTY REDUCTION & HUMAN CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT

1. POVERTY REDUCTION

The recognition of the importance of addressing Poverty Eradication is reflected in the GORTT's identification of the Medium Term Priority: Poverty Reduction and Human Capital Development. According to the Survey of Living Conditions (SLC) 2005, the poor constituted 16.7% of the population, with an indigence level of 1.2% and a vulnerable population of 9%, which since prompted a target to reduce poverty by 2% per annum. The next SLC is expected to be conducted by the end of 2013. In lieu of this survey, the Central Statistical Office (CSO) based on the analysis of the 2008/2009 Household Budgetary Survey in 2012 and reported a poverty rate of 14.8%.³⁰ The GoRTT further recognises that constructing "a society free from poverty" requires a variety of strategies designed to:

- Create sustainable employment and income generating opportunities;
- Provide appropriate housing solutions;

³⁰ Please note: the SLC and HBS are two entirely different surveys and cannot be compared for trends.

- Develop and build citizens through education and training programmes;
- Restructure social safety net programmes;
- Modernise social services delivery systems; and
- Encourage and nurture self-reliant and sustainable communities.

Towards this end the core social sector Ministry, the Ministry of the People and Social Development (MPSD), is mandated to address the social challenges of poverty, social inequality and social exclusion. Particular emphasis has been placed on developing and executing programmes and services that protect and assist vulnerable and marginalised groups in society, which include such as women, children, persons with disabilities, the elderly, the poor/indigent, the socially displaced, ex-prisoners, deportees and persons living with HIV/AIDS.

Guided by the tenets 'Helping, Empowering and Transforming Lives', the MPSD, along with other key social sector ministries, seeks to empower its clientele through rehabilitative and skill enhancement initiatives. The MPSD is also responsible for developing, coordinating, monitoring and evaluating social sector policies and programmes to ensure sustainability, cultural relevance, and economic viability.

i. Poverty Reduction and an Efficient Social Services Delivery System

Fiscal 2013 ushered in an amalgam of initiatives directed at poverty mitigation and vulnerability moderation:

A. Poverty Reduction Programme (PRP)

In 2013 the Ministry of the People and Social Development took a policy decision to divide the Poverty Reduction Programme into two core units to facilitate improved delivery of services and greater focus on poverty research and policy development. The two new units are: the Poverty Reduction and Eradication Research and Policy

Unit and the National Poverty Eradication and Programmes Co-ordinating Unit and.

The functions of the Units are summarised as follows:

The Poverty Reduction and Eradication Research and Policy Unit (PRERPU)

- To develop and manage the implementation of a relevant poverty reduction strategy for Trinidad and Tobago;
- To provide current data/information on poverty at national, municipal and community levels that is accessible to all stakeholders through on-going research activities;
- To facilitate the continuous exchange of information on poverty reduction strategies/programmes between national, regional and international agencies for comparability and developing best practices; and
- To be the national repository for poverty information from all Government and quasi-governmental organisations with programmes which target the reduction of poverty.

The National Poverty Reduction and Eradication Programmes Coordinating Unit (NPREPCU)

- To foster an integrated approach to poverty reduction, through stakeholder partnerships/collaboration through the Regional Social and Human Development Councils (RSHDCs);
- To engage civil society networks as strategic partners for poverty reduction in T&T; and
- To deliver key poverty eradication projects that would address poverty and vulnerability sustainability at individual and community levels, such projects to include the Micro Enterprise and Training Grant (MEG), The Micro Enterprise Loan Facility (MEL), Multi-purpose Community Based Telecentres and the Regional Micro Project Fund(RMPF).

Between October 2012 and May 2013, the following were achieved by the PRP:

- 437 Micro Enterprise and Training Grants were approved totalling TT\$ 2,162,997.31;
- 11 Regional Micro Projects Fund were approved totalling TT\$ 470,146.12;
- 3,816 beneficiaries of the Multipurpose Community Based Tele-centres.

On April 9th 2013, the PRP launched its Business Training Programme. 27 hearing impaired persons were given the opportunity to start their own micro businesses through the provision of grants valued at \$5,000 each. 50% of the proceeds went towards the purchasing of materials, while the remaining 50% went towards training in the areas of: Life Skills for Business; Business Planning; How to Finance a Micro Business; Marketing and Record Keeping.

B. Targeted Conditional Cash Transfer Programme

The Targeted Conditional Cash Transfer Programme (TCCTP) provides food assistance in the form of a cash transfer and developmental programme to vulnerable households. The cash transfer component is delivered via the Trinidad and Tobago Debit Card (TT Card). The developmental component or RISE-UP (Rights of Individuals to Social and Economic Security-Universal Prosperity) provides rehabilitative and developmental support through the provision of training, assistance in finding employment, budgetary planning, family planning and career guidance to enhance client employability.

Over 40,000 households continue to benefit monthly from the cash transfer, as at May 2013. Over \$21 million in food security are provided to these households. The introduction of a Temporary Food Card has also benefitted over 7,000 vulnerable households, which received assistance via offices of Members of Parliament. The temporary card is issued immediately for a period of one month, while the assessment for eligibility for a permanent card is conducted.

C. Social Welfare

The Social Welfare Division is charged with the responsibility to provide equitable, transparent and timely services to supplement the social and financial needs of the less fortunate members of society. The following was achieved by the Social Welfare Division for fiscal 2013:

- The Disability Assistance Grant was increased from \$1,300.00 to \$1,500.00 as at February 1st 2013, providing more purchasing power for persons with disabilities;
- As at January 1st 2013, the MPSD launched its Direct Deposit service where cheques are deposited directly into the bank account of clients. This creates an easier and more accommodating avenue for senior citizens to access their money more conveniently. Since its' launch, over 45,000 senior citizens have signed up for the Direct Deposit Initiative;
- As at March 2013, 81,342 persons were receiving Senior Citizen's Pension;
- As at March 2013, 24,127 persons were receiving the Disability Assistance Grant;
- As at March 2013, 25,752 persons were receiving the Public Assistance Grant;
- As at March 2013, 25 persons received the Special Achiever's Grant at an estimated cost of \$300,600.00.

D. Main people issues resolution coordinating unit

The M-PIRCU facilitates a participatory approach to governance, and ensures that the needs of citizens are adequately analysed and meaningfully catered for, through, inter alia:

- Efficient customer service which involves receiving citizen's complaints and providing feedback;
- Liaising with relevant Ministries, Government agencies and other stakeholders in resolving the complaints of citizens;

- Sensitisation and information dissemination to the public on the progress of key initiatives undertaken by Government;
- Intelligence gathering in communities as a means of being proactive in anticipating problems and responding to the needs of citizens.

During the period under review:

- 280 people benefitted from the People's Bridge of Hope;
- 378 persons benefitted from the Direct Effect initiative;
- 100 persons benefitted from the Poverty Reduction through Empowerment Social Strategies (PRESS on).

E. URP social component

The Unemployment Relief Programme (URP) Social targets citizens who experience hardship and/or are at risk (e.g. senior citizens, unemployed single parents, persons with disabilities and persons living below the poverty line) for provision of housing and house repairs, support, clothing and assistance in times of natural disasters. The following was achieved under the URP Social for the fiscal 2013:

The Disability Support Programme

This Disability Support Programme is aimed at training and employing persons from affected families in the day care of children with disabilities. It is aimed at parents who usually encounter difficulty in sourcing appropriate care options for their children whenever they have to work. Currently, over 200 mothers of children with Cerebral Palsy are employed in the provision of care for their special needs children. These parents have now developed a "My Child Business Complex" Project with training and employment centres at 5 locations across Trinidad engaging in furniture construction, agriculture, welding, food preparation and catering.

F. National Social Development Programme

NSDP is a social intervention strategy implemented to provide assistance to underserved/ deprived citizens and communities, with the overall aim of improvement in their quality of life. The NSDP was placed under the portfolio of the Ministry of the People and Social Development in July 2011. The following are the achievements for fiscal 2013:

- Approximately 380 persons benefitted under the Electrification of households, with expenditure totalling TT\$671,569.92;
- Approximately 471 persons benefitted under the Minor House Repair assistance component, with expenditure totalling TT\$1,988,105.22;
- Approximately 471 persons benefitted under the Sanitary Plumbing assistance component, with expenditure totalling TT\$2,643,949.58;
- Expenditure under the Electrification and Lighting of Community Facilities totalled TT\$221,101.21;
- Expenditure under the Water supply for Community facilities component totalled TT\$935,500.52.

2. ADDRESSING NEEDS OF VULNERABLE AND EXCLUDED GROUPS

A. The Aged

The GoRTT values the contribution of our seniors to national development, and is therefore committed to creating a social security system that adequately addresses their overall well-being. The Division of Ageing is tasked with overall responsibility for the coordination of initiatives on ageing in Trinidad and Tobago. In conjunction with other government agencies, the division has consistently catered to the needs of the senior citizens through the implementation of several projects, programmes. During the period

October 2012 to March 2013 the following were undertaken:

- Launched the Elderly and Differently-abled Mobile Service (ELDAMO) - The Elderly and Differently-abled Mobile Service (ELDAMO) was launched on Monday 3rd December, 2012. The service is a collaborative effort between the Ministry of the People and Social Development and the Public Transport Service Corporation (PTSC) that caters to the transportation needs of the elderly and disabled members of our society. A fleet of 24 buses is assigned to Trinidad and Tobago with three buses dispatched to Tobago. Persons can access these Para Transit buses with a dial-a-ride system 800-RIDE.
- Launched a new Senior Activity Centre in Woodbrook, bringing the total number of centres in Trinidad to eight.
- Hosted two Open Public Forum for Older Persons in Brazil Village and Tobago;
- Hosted the Inaugural Seniors Cultural Pageant to showcase the talent and cultural expression of senior citizens;
- Conducted two Seminars on Human Rights and the Elderly at Macoya and Tobago. The seminars were designed to elder abuse and violation of the rights of older persons.

B. Children and Youth

- In March 2013, the Ministry of Gender, Youth and Child Development (MGYCD), in collaboration with the Ministry of Planning and Sustainable Development and UNICEF, hosted the 'Vision and Planning for Children' meeting with key stakeholders in an effort to establish a joint work plan to address important areas of child development. Among the topics explored was the National Strategy for Child's Rights, due to come on-stream in 2013-14. The National Strategy aims at mainstreaming children's rights in all Trinidad and Tobago's actions, would ensure that the individuals involved in

mainstreaming children's rights have the necessary skills and tools.

- In February 2013, as part of its Child Protection Campaign, the Ministry created a short series on child protection to address child protection issues during the carnival season. This was aired on various television stations throughout a period of three weeks. The Ministry also continued to provide support to the Children's Authority of Trinidad and Tobago (CATT).
- Concomitant with the Children Act No 10 of 2012, The National Strategic Plan for Child Development in Trinidad and Tobago (2012-16) (NSPCD) was approved by Cabinet. An Inter-Ministerial Committee was established to facilitate communication and collaboration among Ministries on the goals outlined in the NSPCD. Cabinet has also agreed to the establishment of an Advisory Council for the implementation and monitoring of the NSPCD.
- A National Children's Registry is also being established as a mechanism to further facilitate Child Protection. Two meetings were convened to build collaboration and coordination of key activities critical to the development of the Registry. The purpose of this Registry is to protect and monitor the growth, care and development of children throughout Trinidad and Tobago. The Registry will be a government database that collects and holds information on all children (i.e. persons under the age of 18). It is envisioned that the National Children's Registry will transform children services through adequate and sustained support for more effective and early detection. It would also provide an effective mechanism for information sharing, better and faster communication among key practitioners across the sectors of education, health, social services, justice and national security.
- The MGYCD also has responsibility for several statutory organisations and institutions.

Under the its purview are four Children's Homes: St. Michael's School for Boys, St. Jude's School for Girls, St. Mary's Children Home, and St. Dominic's Children Home. The Ministry continued to support these institutions, to ensure that they adequately provided for the resident children. The MGYCD is also developing plans for the modernisation and refurbishment of these institutions, in an effort to provide a higher standard of care for the children.

- Given the priority need for assessment and transition homes, the Ministry continued to advance the construction of six new facilities comprising three Safe Houses, two Assessment Centres and one Transition Home. The Safe Houses and Assessment Centres will upgrade the protection of women and children, while the Transition Home will assist the youth with the change from institutional to independent living.
- In its partnership with Civil Society, the Ministry also continued the Gatekeepers Programme, which is implemented by the Toco Foundation. The programme targets youth 'at risk' in the communities of Covigne Road, Diego Martin and Upper/Lower Santa Cruz. This initiative targets young men and is designed to assist the individuals to approach governance from the standpoint of social action, being leaders who can engender positive change in their communities.
- The Ministry implemented the 'Respect Me, Respect You' initiative, which is aimed at addressing various types of bullying within the school, home, workplace and communities through information and communications technology. The Ministry held its first two day train-the-trainer workshop for the Respect Me, Respect You initiative in June, 2013. Training in preventative and response mechanisms to bullying was provided to 42 persons, among them 'Ministry frontline staff; Six non-governmental organisations (The Anti-Bullying Association of Trinidad and Tobago; Families in Action; Young Men's Christian Association; Young Women's Christian Association; Random Acts of Good Deeds; and Parenting TT); and Six Children's Homes (St. Michael's School for Boys, St. Mary's Children Home, St. Dominic's Children Home, St. Jude's School for Girls, Credo Foundation and Rainbow Rescue)'.
 - In addition, the MGYCD established Vacation Camps from 2012 with the main aim of positively engaging "Youth at Risk" in an effort to provide them with safe and secure environments. In fiscal 2013, the theme of the camps was: "Respect Me, Respect You" and the focus was on the issue of bullying from a rights-based perspective.
 - The Ministry also continued to address the need for building youth self-sufficiency through its Youth Development and Apprenticeship Centres (YDACs). These two centres (Persto Praesto and Chatham) have functioned as institutions of learning since the 1960s, and are the only non-military residential training facilities in Trinidad and Tobago. They cater for young men between the ages of 14 and 17, and serve as a structured environment for boys who have either dropped out of the formal education system or come from disadvantaged circumstances. In addition to life skills, the trainees are exposed to instruction in various trades, remedial literacy and numeracy and physical recreation and regional and national qualifications in their trade of choice. During fiscal 2013, a Plan was developed to re-engineer the YDACs to modernise the infrastructure and approach to one that is more holistic in nature and one that aims to impact the trainees' sense of empowerment.
 - The Revised National Youth Policy (2012-2017) was also approved by Cabinet in November 2012. The National Youth Policy reflects the philosophy, guiding principles, policy position, strategic choice and direction, goals, objectives, strategies and

implementation of programmes that the Government of Trinidad and Tobago wishes to establish as the basis for youth development in Trinidad and Tobago.

- The National Family Services (NFS) is responsible for services that include Counselling, Adoption, Foster Care and Parenting guidance. The Parenting Unit, which was established in February 2011, is a sub-component of the NFS and is responsible for implementing the Parenting Programme which was approved by Cabinet in 2013. For fiscal 2013, the following was undertaken under the Unit:
 - Conducted Parenting Programmes at various locations in the Port-of-Spain and Diego Martin regions in conjunction with the MPSD's Poverty Reduction Programme;
 - Hosted a Parent Workshop on "Bullying" at the Inter-Disciplinary Child Development Centre Couva;
 - Hosted a workshop for men on self-development in June 2013;
 - Hosted a workshop entitled: "My Child and Me" with the Ministry of Education Student Support Services Division Parent Education;
 - Developed a procedural process for the programme implementation for the Parenting Programme roll out;
 - Maintained a Parenting Education and Support Organisations in Trinidad and Tobago Database;
 - Continued preparations for intra-regional stakeholder consultations;
 - Developed data collection instruments for parenting needs assessments;
 - Developed the Parenting Unit Policy;
 - Developed Programmes for Service Delivery: workshops, parent support groups, PTAs, caravans, internal clients and general media;

- Developed Process Maps for the Unit on Parenting Unit Deliverables and Treatment of Clients.

C. The Socially Displaced

Street Dwelling is a perennial challenge for the GoRTT. The Government is therefore committed to providing the opportunity for socially displaced individuals to access the resources and facilities that will assist them to transform their lives and contribute to the productive development of the country. In December 2012, the Inter-Agency Unit (IAU) was established under the purview of the MPSD. The IAU has responsibility for the voluntary/involuntary removal of street dwellers.

Over the period October to March 2013, the following were achieved:

- 80 street dwellers have been voluntarily removed from the streets and have started the program of assessment under the care of the Inter-Agency Unit at Transformed Life Ministry;
- 20 clients have received birth certificates and 30 applications are pending;
- 20 clients have received their national identification cards;
- One client has successfully graduated from the program and is currently employed and is living independently;
- One client is currently receiving physical therapy at the Eric Williams Medical Sciences Complex to enable him to walk without the use of a walker;
- 17 clients have been transferred to Piparo Empowerment Centre for rehabilitation before reintegration into society.

D. Persons With Disabilities

The GoRTT is committed to the full integration of persons with disabilities into all aspect of national life, and to providing them with the highest level support to enable them to achieve

their fullest potential. The Disability Affairs Unit (DAU) was established in 1999 and is responsible for coordinating, developing and implementing comprehensive programmes to assist persons with disabilities in Trinidad and Tobago. The work of the Disability Affairs Unit is closely aligned to the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. During the period October 2012 to March 2013, the major accomplishments in the area of disability were as follows:

- Continued construction of the National Development Centre for Persons with Disabilities at Carlsen Field Chaguanas. The centre is intended to be a multidisciplinary facility, which would provide diagnostic and rehabilitative services for persons with disabilities. It will be equipped with therapy rooms, fitness centre, day centre space, occupational therapy kitchen and designed to general accessibility specifications;
- Launched "Access T&T" on September 26, 2012, to improve access for persons with disabilities to a wide array of Government Services. This is a phased-initiative that will provide: (i) access to free transportation; (ii) a TT\$5,000 scholarship scheme for education and (iii) business development and food support via the automatic food card;
- Hosted 'We Trini too' in collaboration with the Consortium of Disability Organisations, and the University of Trinidad and Tobago to host a music festival for the Disabled community at the National Academy for the Performing Arts, on May 12th, 2012 the MPSD;
- Celebrated the International Day for Persons with Disabilities, under the theme: "Removing Barriers to create an inclusive and accessible society for all";
- Established a Committee to select Social Ambassadors. Social Ambassadors are expected to provide awareness on disability issues.

3. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Self-reliant and sustainable communities are as equally important in attaining "a society free from poverty". Sustainable communities improve the quality of life of their residents. Having increased access to recreational facilities also fosters community spirit, empowers individuals and communities and also provides an opportunity to build social capital. The GoRTT therefore recognises that strong self-reliant communities are critical to building a stable society.

The Ministry of Community Development (MCD) is the entity charged with developing communities in Trinidad and Tobago. The MCD embraces a philosophy to serve and positively impact communities nationwide with a vision, mandate, and portfolio of programmes for a transformed community sector, which is a proactive, self-reliant contributor to national development as set out in its Strategic Plan.

Fundamental to this mandate, is the delivery of innovative and sustainable development programmes, projects, and services to communities ensuring equal opportunity access.

In fiscal 2013, the Ministry undertook the following initiatives:

i. Construction of Community Centres

The Construction of Community Centres Programme has been essential in building capital infrastructure to support community participation and involvement. For the fiscal year 2012/2013, the Ministry constructed five community centres in Jerningham Junction, Talparo, Quarry Drive, Marac, and Sisters Road communities.

ii. Refurbishment of Community Centres, Civic Centre and Complexes

Under the Refurbishment of Community Centres, eight communities benefitted from refurbishment work. These are the Tunapuna, Golconda, Carapichaima, Patna River Estate, Cumana, Guaico, Manahambre, and Mendez

community centres. Work is also on-going on six community centres: Blanchisseuse, Boos, Hermitage, La Lune, El Socorro, and Las Lomas No. 2.

Through the Refurbishment of Civic Centres and Complexes Programme, the MCD is able to improve and enhance community facilities throughout the country. For fiscal 2013 the following was achieved:

- Completed works at the Warrentville Regional Complex;
- Completed design for extension and awarded contract for the refurbishment of Toco Regional complex;
- Evaluated tenders and contracts are to be awarded for the Esperance, Plaisance and Sangre Grande civic centres;
- Conducted the procurement process for the Mayaro Civic Centre.

iii. Transformation Development Centres - TDCs

The Transformation Development Centres (formerly known as Relief Centres) were developed as an intervention strategy to address the societal concerns related to hunger, homelessness, unemployment and the absence of marketable skills among members of the national community. The programme seeks to provide meals, training in employable skills and other social services designed to improve the self-esteem, marketability, productivity and independence of the recipients. This programme currently provide meals to an estimated 100 persons per day with the aim to transform the lives of the needy through: providing food (meals prepared on site) to persons in the communities who are unable to feed themselves 50,000 needy persons benefitted from this programme.

iv. Substance Abuse Prevention

The National Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention Programme (NADAPP) is designed to educate the national community, specifically vulnerable

groups on the dangers of the use and misuse/abuse of illicit, as well as licit substances. For the period October 2012 to June, 2013 NADAPP embarked on a number of Public Information dissemination initiatives, which targeted the general population of Trinidad and Tobago. The projects undertaken were:

- A Pre School Drug Prevention Initiative with objectives to:
 - sensitise pre-school managers/principals and/or teachers of the different types of drugs used and their harmful effects;
 - alert pre-school educators about the signs and symptoms of children exposed to drugs substances;
 - provide teachers with substance use and abuse prevention methodologies and approaches; and
 - establish a NADAPP led network among caregivers of pre-school children as part of the overall goal of the 2008-2012 National Anti-drug Plan with respect to demand reduction;
- A National Primary and Secondary School Drug Prevention Initiative with objectives to:
 - prevent and reduce the demand for substance abuse; and
 - educate and equip all primary and secondary school aged children with the necessary knowledge and skills to resist the temptation to use drugs.

During the period October, 2012 to June, 2013, the NADAPP conducted 94 outreach activities, which included lectures and information dissemination booths at both primary and secondary schools through the education districts of Trinidad and Tobago.

A Treatment and Rehabilitation Initiative (Assistance to NGOs involved in Treatment and Rehabilitation Initiatives) - The objective of this initiative was to facilitate the effective and efficient operations of the therapeutic

community inclusive of the adherence of acceptable standards of care for persons in treatment and rehabilitation.

4. ACCESS TO QUALITY HOUSING

Access to adequate and affordable housing is a necessary element of improving one's standard of living. To address the national concerns of affordability and accessibility to housing, the GoRTT aims to construct new homes, upgrade/improve existing homes, regularise squatters and upgrade their settlements, develop lots and sites with modern infrastructure, and review financial arrangements (such as the provision of grants, subsidies and mortgages).

The Housing Division of the Ministry of Housing, Land and Marine Affairs (MHLMA) has lead responsibility to provide housing solutions that are of good quality, affordable and accessible to the nation's citizenry. The division is guided by the Policy Framework for Sustainable Development and the Housing Policy, and is mandated to facilitate the development of sustainable communities aligned to proper land use policy guidelines.

The major functions of this Division are:

1. Provision of high quality affordable and accessible housing solutions;
2. Identification of Funding for the Housing Programs;
3. Identification of Land for the Housing Programs;
4. Facilitation of the implementation of Housing Policy and Regulatory Framework;
5. Evaluation and monitoring Housing Policy Implementation;
6. Relocation/ Containment /Squatter Regularisation;
7. Provision of Integrated Information Technology Solutions;
8. Communication on Government Housing Policy and Programmes.

The implementing agencies with respect to housing are the Housing Development Corporation (HDC), and The Land Settlement Agency (LSA).

The Ministry has implemented a number of initiatives to address the housing needs of the population. These include:

A. Low Mortgage Rate Facility

In July 2012, Government approved the Land for the Landless Policy. In fiscal 2013, there was agreement to grant beneficiaries of the Land for the Landless Programme eligibility to access funding under the existing 2% Mortgage Financing Regime administered by the Trinidad and Tobago Mortgage Finance Company Limited (TTMF) to facilitate the purchase of residential lots and the construction of houses, or the purchase of starter homes. In May 2013, at the first public draw for lots under the Land for the Landless Programme, 500 persons were selected to become potential beneficiaries. The successful persons will be eligible to access funding under the existing 2% financing facility for the purchase of land, as well as to construct their homes.

To further assist with the purchase of their lot of land, Government has also approved a pricing policy for State land. This policy is applicable to lands in four categories, namely:

- The Residential Lots Programme;
- The Squatter Regularisation Programme of the Land Settlement Agency (LSA);
- Lands for the relocation of squatters by Government for developmental purposes; and
- Lands being developed by the Housing Development Corporation (HDC).

The lands will be leased for a period of 199 years, and the cost will include a premium plus an infrastructure cost per square foot. The premium for all four categories of land indicated above, will be 20% of the cost of the raw land.

Government has also extended the 2% mortgage financing facility (for the purchase of land, as well as home construction) to the VSEP beneficiaries of the former Caroni (1975) Limited. In July 2013, leases were distributed to 187 VSEP beneficiaries for residential lots of land, which brings to date, a total of 1,550 residential leases that were granted to former Caroni workers.

B. Squatter Regularisation

The Land Settlement Agency (LSA), commenced formal operations in 1999, is mandated to “protect certain squatters from eviction from State Lands; to facilitate the acquisition of leasehold titles by both squatters and tenants in designated areas and to provide for the establishment of land settlement areas”.

The LSA has completed engineering designs for eight squatter sites. These sites: La Savanne, La Phillipine, Arena Road, Pondarosa, Ramlal Street, Sunress, Kangalee Street, and St. Mary’s Village, have yielded a total of 1,609 lots.

Infrastructural works have been completed and final approval from Town and Country Planning has been granted for the following 20 squatter sites, which have yielded a total of 3,525 lots:

- Ackbarali Trace, Arima
- John Boodoo Trace, Brazil Village
- Samaroo Village, Arima
- Bon Air North, Arouca
- Harmony Hall, Gasparillo
- Pine Settlement, Sangre Grande
- Squatterville, Macaulay
- Milton Village, Couva
- KP Lands, Valencia
- La Paille Village, Caroni
- Rice Mill Road, Arouca
- Jacob Hill, Wallerfield
- Picton Road Extension, Sangre Grande
- Race Course, Arouca
- Southern Gardens, Point Fortin
- Cashew Gardens, Carlsen Field

- Retrench Village, San Fernando
- Wellington Road, Debe
- Springle Village, Point Fortin, and
- Glenroy, Princes Town.

In March 2013, Government also approved the transfer of the undermentioned six sites, which were partially developed by the Estate Management Development Company Limited (EMBD), to the LSA for development and distribution under the Land for the Landless Programme:

- Balmain
- Beaucarro
- Factory Road I
- Orange Field II
- Waterloo I, and
- Felicity.

These sites are expected to yield a total of 1,466 lots. Infrastructural works and cadastral surveys have been completed and final Town and Country Planning approvals were granted.

Lands under the Land for the Landless Programme will also be utilised for squatter relocation during the regularisation process. In June 2013, Cabinet approved funding to meet outstanding commitments to T&TEC and WASA for infrastructural works done on ten EMBD sites for former Caroni (1975) Limited VSEP beneficiaries.

In March 2013, Government agreed to the strengthening of the LSA, through the establishment of a Housing Support Centre to assist squatters and new land owners with home construction. The Centre will be staffed with professionals from the construction sector, and will provide the following services to beneficiaries wanting to construct homes:

- Technical advice and oversight during housing construction;
- Administrative support with respect to getting the necessary statutory approvals for home construction;

- Advice on the different approaches to low income home construction.

The Centre will provide housing plans for one, two, and three-bedroom homes at no cost to the beneficiaries, and will be working with the Water and Sewerage Authority (WASA) to explore options for the use of waste water disposal systems that are economically feasible in low-cost housing developments.

C. Reduction of the Backlog of Housing Applications

The HDC estimates that the annual demand for houses is 14,000, while the database has approximately 160,000 applicants. The Corporation's target is 6,500 houses annually, which leaves a shortfall of 7,500 a year. Currently, the HDC is constructing approximately 3,000 plus houses annually.

In fiscal 2013, the HDC continued the construction of houses on eight sites, namely, Victoria Keyes in Diego Martin, View Fort in St James, Chaconia Crescent in Diego Martin, Fairfield Estate in Princes Town, Cypress Gardens in Union Hall, Egypt Village in Chaguanas, Hubertstown in Guapo and Buen Intento in Princes Town, which are estimated to yield a total of 2,693 housing units.

The HDC recognises that greater collaboration with the private sector and other public sector agencies is required in addressing the housing deficit. The Corporation's plan in fiscal 2013 involved the following:

- Pursued the completion and close-out of its on-going projects, to facilitate the turnover of those units to the Trinidad and Tobago Mortgage Finance Company Limited to provide much needed revenue to the Corporation;
- Increased the rate of distribution of houses;
- Completed repairs on houses to increase the number of units for distribution;
- Resumed construction work on suspended projects;

- Initiated new projects on new sites;
- Sourced new land from the public and private sectors for future housing developments;
- Constructed more multi-family units to increase the housing output per site; and
- Provided housing accommodation through the mechanisms of rent-to-own and rental accommodation, to persons who cannot access mortgage financing due to their financial status.

5. HUMAN CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT

The GoRTT recognises human capital development as "the single most critical success factor for transforming the economy and the society."³¹ The GoRTT has identified education as a major pillar of economic development; and views knowledge, information and human capital as critical economic assets. The GoRTT is therefore focused on strengthening the inputs into the education system at all levels.

1. Education

The Ministry of Education's strategies, programmes and projects are geared towards meeting the needs and interests of all learners, while ensuring that they can attain their fullest potential and participate in a knowledge-based society. The Ministry has taken deliberate steps to set the agenda for quality education and human development in accordance with Government's objectives for national development, which is articulated in the Ministry's Strategy Report, November 2010 and 16 Priority Areas for action. The Ministry has since consolidated this information into the Education Sector: Strategic Plan 2011-2015, which was approved by Cabinet in January 2012. This plan will serve as the Ministry's main policy document for implementation of the goals for education.

³¹ National Performance Framework 2012 -2015

For fiscal 2013, the Ministry undertook several initiatives that significantly impacted the lives of students from pre-primary to secondary levels. These achievements in the area of Performance, Learning Environment, and ICT Integration are detailed hereunder:

A. Students' Performance

The performance for students in three examinations is provided - Secondary Entrance Assessment (SEA), Caribbean Secondary Education Certificate Examination (CSEC), and Caribbean Advanced Proficiency Examination (CAPE):

Secondary Entrance Assessment

- A total of 18, 036 students wrote the SEA in 2013; (9170 boys and 8866 girls), which represented an increase of approximately 1% from 2012;
- There was a marginal increase in the number of students repeating the SEA from 317 in 2012, (2.1% of total students) to 417 in 2013, (2.3% of total students);
- While the number of students attaining 95% or above on average fell from 166 in 2012 to 73 in 2013, there was also a decrease in the percentage of students scoring 30% or below from 9.1 in 2012 to 8.9 in 2013.

Caribbean Secondary Education Certificate Examination (CSEC)

- A total of 30,791 candidates were registered for 35 subjects at the 2012 CSEC. Of the total 110,795 subject entries, 65, 936 or approximately 60% obtained Grades 1 – III. Approximately 43% of the students (6,502) were successful in five or more subjects. Approximately 35% of students (5,135 students) obtained five or more subjects with English A and Mathematics.

Caribbean Advanced Proficiency Examination (CAPE)

- The performance of students at CAPE examination has been consistently high over the period 2008-2012. Over 90% of the students gained passes in Unit I and Unit II over the five years except for the year 2010, when 88% gained passes in Units I and II. In 2012, the passes for Unit I and II subject entries were 94% and 93% respectively.

B. Learning Environment

In efforts toward improving the learning environment, the following were achieved:

- Construction of one primary school, Enterprise Government, in March 2013;
- Construction work is near completion for eight additional secondary schools, namely: Five Rivers Secondary (91.5%), Barataria North Secondary (80.5%), St. Joseph Secondary (85.5%), Carapichaima West Secondary (78.5%), Mt Hope Secondary (80%), Princes Town East Secondary (75%), Aranguez North Secondary and (Phase 1 and 2, 99.9%, Phase 3, 90%), Couva West Secondary (98.5%);
- Construction work is ongoing at three additional secondary schools, St. Augustine Secondary (70%), Lakshmi Girls (final stage of a multi-purpose hall 75%), Hillview Boys (upgrade of existing labs 62%);
- Construction of 14 pre-engineered classrooms (98%) at Diego Martin North Secondary;
- Completion of drainage work at Shiva Boys and Parvati Girls.

C. Integrating ICTs in Education – Laptop Initiative

In fiscal year 2012/2013, 17,362 laptops were distributed to Form 1 students in 152 secondary schools, under the eCAL-Laptop Initiative. All laptops were imaged with a total of 29 software packages. A total of 476 laptops were also

granted to primary school principals. Overall, from fiscal 2010 – 2013, 54,329 laptops have been distributed under this programme. Additional achievements in ICTs include:

- Conducted training for 7,734 teachers in a series of courses aimed at equipping staff with the necessary skills to infuse ICTs into their Teaching and Learning Strategies/Activities;
- Collaborated with Microsoft Inc. to host three eCAL ICT in Education Innovative Award competitions in recognition of the efforts of teachers in infusing ICT into the curricula of both primary and secondary schools;
- 35 Curriculum Officers, utilised the Distance Education modality to support the integration of ICTs in curriculum delivery;
- Developed ICT integrated instructional packages for Forms 1-3 for seven subject areas;
- Continued to successfully operate 26 National Open School of Trinidad and Tobago (NOSTT) Centres, with enrolments totaling approximately 5,000 persons;
- Completed the registration of over 13,000 Form 1 students as part of the eCAL programme, by the National Library and Information System (NALIS). This will ensure that students have access to e-resources on NALIS' website;
- Prepared a Draft ICT in Education Policy;
- Completed the procurement of Audio Visual equipment including 55" Smart Televisions, Interactive multi-media projectors and Radios for all primary schools. Distribution is due to start on September 25, 2013
- Signed MoU with Intel Corporation for the engagement of their services to assist with the development of:
 - A Comprehensive ICT in education plan;
 - An implementation roadmap to achieve the strategic objectives for ICT in education;
 - A comprehensive teachers' training programme; and
 - An ICT in education evaluation model;
- Completed the procurement of IT online (an eLearning resource for the teaching and learning of Information Technology in preparation for the CSEC examination). Deployment will commence in September 2013 and will be provided to all 152 Secondary schools;
- Initiated the development and implementation of eduCATE (edu Children, Administrators and Teachers in Excellence Portal). Design and development work has been completed. Implementation is 80% completed. Identification of curricula for online implementation has been initiated;
- Initiated the procurement and tendering process for the Schools' Connectivity Program. This program comprises:
 - Broadband access for all schools;
 - Pervasive WiFi access at every school location throughout Trinidad and Tobago;
 - IP Security Surveillance System for all schools with centralised monitoring;
 - Education Content Delivery Management System;
- Initiated the implementation of a Technology Refurbishment Centre.

2. Tertiary Education

In 2012, the Ministry of Science, Technology and Tertiary Education (MSTTE) was divested into the Ministry of Tertiary Education and Skills Training (MTEST) and Ministry of Science and Technology. The Ministry of Tertiary Education and Skills Training's (MTEST) strategic objectives include sustainable Policy Development for the Tertiary Education and Technical, Vocational and Educational Training and STI Sectors, the alignment of the Strategic Direction of these Sectors with the National Development objectives, the delivery of quality post-secondary and tertiary education, Total Quality Management in Tertiary level, developing and promoting a culture of Science Technology Innovation (STI), creating an effective and

efficient National Innovation System and creating a talent pool of Scientists, Technicians and Researchers.

During the period June 2012 to June 2013, MTEST was comprised of the following agencies:

- The Accreditation Council of Trinidad and Tobago (ACTT)
- College of Science, Technology and Applied Arts of Trinidad and Tobago (COSTAATT)
- Metal Industries Company Limited (MIC)
- National Energy Skills Centre (NESC)
- National Training Agency (NTA)
- The Trinidad and Tobago Hospitality and Tourism Institute (THTI)
- The University of Trinidad and Tobago (UTT)
- The University of the West Indies (UWI)
- The Youth Training and Employment Partnership Programme (YTEPP)

Key achievements of the MTEST include:

- Launched, in July 2012, the Trinidad and Tobago Research and Education Network (TTRENT), and signed a Memorandum of Understanding with UWI, UTT and COSTAATT to establish guidelines for the TTRENT. This initiative will connect all post-secondary, tertiary level, research institutions and agencies of TEST and various other stakeholders, locally and regionally. The National Research and Education Network (NREN) will also allow students and researchers to engage with international and regional e-learning content. It is also expected that this initiative will provide a national platform that will allow Trinidad and Tobago to link with regional and global networks in order to drive research and development in the service of economic activity and transformation;
- Hosted in collaboration with the Ministry of Labour, Small and Micro Enterprise Development a one day Symposium on Workforce Research and Development in January 2013. A MoU was also signed between

the UWI and the Georgetown University for the development of a Workforce Research and Development Centre. This Workforce Centre will help identify future labour market needs of key industries and capture trends in the labour market;

- Launched, in February 2013, the Caribbean Research and Education Network (C@ribNET), which offers local students, researchers, educators, professional and administrative staff of Tertiary Level Institutions (TLIs) access to research and education centres throughout the region in a variety of areas including science and technology, health, security and culture. C@ribNET's broadband, high-speed fibre-optic infrastructure connects over 26 million persons in at least 21 countries in the region;
- Launched, in March 2013, the Community Engagement and Service Learning initiative to encourage the concept of community service amongst students and agencies;
- Launched, in May 2013, the radio programme "What's Your Profession" on 94.1 FM. This programme is designed to facilitate the dissemination of information related to training programmes available under the MTEST to enhance the skills of the workforce;
- Signed an MOU with Microsoft Trinidad and Tobago for the establishment of a local arm of Microsoft's youth in education and entrepreneurship project, YouthSpark. Under the agreement, Microsoft will provide access to software solutions at State-operated academic institutions, as well as training for educators and students in the use of solutions. Microsoft will also provide support for other development programmes, such as DreamSpark, BizSpark and Imagine Cup, which will help young students and potential business creators gain access to technology to start a business;
- Launched in June 2013, the revised Life Skills Curriculum, which culminated from national stakeholder consultations. This curriculum

aims to train young persons in the skills necessary for life after school and includes topics such as budgeting and work ethics;

- Unveiled the St. Augustine Education City Committee logo in August 2012 and commenced a public consultation, by the Committee on Traffic Management, Transportation and Pedestrianisation;
- Launched on June 17th 2013, the Hop-a-Bus service. This is a collaborative initiative

between the MTEST, the St. Augustine Education City Committee and the Ministry of Transport. This service will foster enhanced access and interconnectivity throughout St. Augustine and surrounding areas by providing free transport to students at all levels (including tertiary), and the elderly. This service is also available to the general public, at a minimal cost.

Over the past fiscal the respective agencies under MTEST have achieved the following:

Box 3.II: Initiatives implemented through Agencies under MTEST for fiscal 2013

National Training Agency (NTA)

- Hosted the launch of World Skills Trinidad and Tobago in July 2012. This provided an opportunity for hundreds of young persons between the ages of 15 – 21 to compete in a plethora of technical vocational skill areas for a chance to represent Trinidad and Tobago at the World Skills International competition. The World Skills Trinidad and Tobago Competition was officially opened in October 2012;
- Hosted the Career Fair and Skills Expo 2012 in September 2012;
- Launched the National District Career Fairs in January 2013;
- Signed MoUs with the Community Environmental Protection Enhancement Programme (CEPEP) and the Unemployment Relief Programme (URP) to facilitate the training and certification through the Caribbean Vocational Qualification (CVQ).

The University of Trinidad and Tobago (UTT)

- Hosted the Anima Caribbean Festival in October 2012;
- Launched the UTT Scarborough – the Education Campus in Tobago in January 2013;
- Launched the first programme of the Aviation Institute of Trinidad and Tobago at the NHSL compound in Couva, on April 3rd 2013;
- Opened the UTT's Southern Academy of the Performing Arts (SAPA) On 19th April 2013;

- Launched the UTT Ramlila Institute and the Pan Institute, which will both be based at SAPA;
- Hosted the first Annual Arts and Disabilities Conference at NAPA Port of Spain, in collaboration with the Consortium of Disability Organisations (CODO), the Embassy of the United States and First Citizens Asset Management, On May 4th 2013;
- Hosted an Arts & Disabilities Music Festival on May 10th, 2013;
- Launched the country's first ever Worker Productivity School at the OAS construction site for the San Fernando to Point Fortin Highway at Golconda In June 2013.

The University of the West Indies (UWI)

- Commenced construction on the Centre for Workforce Research and Development (CWRD) at UWI on July 10th 2012, at an expected cost of TT\$1.5 million;
- Commenced construction works for the UWI South Campus in September 2012;
- Signed an MOU with NEDCO in October 2012 for entrepreneurial development for students and opened an on-campus NEDCO sub-office;
- Launched the Masters in TVET programme in March 2013;
- Hosted the 3rd Annual Symposium on Service Learning and Community Engagement in March 2013.

3.7 PEOPLE-CENTRED DEVELOPMENT

The GoRTT in its thrusts towards sustainable development values a people-centre approach. In this regard, cohesion, inclusiveness and celebration of diversity are fundamental tenets in building and shaping a strong nation. The Ministry of National Diversity and Social Integration (MNDSI), which was established in June, 2012, has as its core business:

- The promotion of societal cohesion;
- The development among the population of an appreciation for diversity and the harnessing of that diversity toward greater national development;
- The inculcation of a deep sense of patriotism in the citizenry;
- The facilitation of the effective operations of the National Archives;
- The maintenance and preservation of our rich heritage; and
- The provision of the means to access Government by the citizens, with the aim of leveraging their views for the development of the nation as a whole and treating with issues which are impacting them negatively.

Among the major achievements for fiscal 2013 (October 2012 – July 2013) by this Ministry were:

- Celebrated the National Year of Patriotism (August 31st, 2012 to August 31st, 2013), which was preceded by the Month of Patriotism (2012). This month began with the National Day of Prayer and Thanksgiving and included the country's celebrations of both Independence Day and Republic Day. The National Month of Patriotism will be celebrated each year;
- Hosted the Most Patriotic School Competition during the first school term. A total of 13 Secondary and 35 Primary Schools competed for the title of most

Patriotic Secondary and Primary School, respectively. Arima Boys Government won the Primary School category and San Fernando West Secondary won the Secondary School category for displaying a practical understanding of patriotism;

- Conducted a Stakeholders Conference on Tuesday 23rd of October, 2012;
- Established an Inter-Sectoral Steering Committee on Patriotism. The inaugural meeting was hosted on Wednesday 26th September, 2012 and 3 sub-committees were established: Public Relations, Flag for Every Home, and the Patriot and Panchyatt;
- Hosted Public Consultations on the Establishment of the Civil Society Board of Trinidad and Tobago – Consultations were held in Trinidad on November 23, 2012 and in Tobago on December 12, 2012;
- Hosted a 'National Heroes' Consultation on December 11, 2012 in Trinidad and another in Tobago on January 9, 2013. The 'National Heroes' Policy has been submitted to Cabinet for approval;
- Hosted the First Patriotic Fair on the 14th December, 2012 at the Brian Lara Promenade, Port of Spain. And subsequently hosted three additional Fairs, one at the same location and at Trincity Mall and Gulf City Mall;
- Conducted a visit to the proposed site of 25 acres of state lands in Blanchisseuse for the establishment of an Amerindian Village on 6th March, 2013;
- Hosted Patriotism Week with the theme: "I am, You are, We are....Trinbago" during the period 19-23 March, 2013;
- Conducted a 'Heritage Walk' around the Savannah On Saturday 24th March, 2013, with approximately 1,200 citizens;
- Produced, in conjunction with the National Trust of Trinidad and Tobago, a book entitled "Built Heritage of Trinidad and Tobago" and distributed 2,000 copies to stakeholders, libraries and other organisations. The Trust

has also been organising historic tours to various places in Trinidad and Tobago to 'discover and evaluate many of the monuments relating to national heroes, and buildings of interest'. In addition, poster exhibitions have been mounted at the National Museum and the National Archives;

- Implemented the Re-enactment of the

Arrival of Indian indentured labourers on Nelson Island from the 25th May to the 27th May, 2013;

- Hosted a National Flag Draw on Thursday 2nd May 2013 for a giveaway of 1,000 flags to citizens. And also launched a National Flag Infomercial, aimed at educating the citizens on how to erect the flag in the home and the protocol to be followed.



CHAPTER 4: OVERVIEW OF THE SOCIAL SECTOR



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In the aftermath of the global economic fallout of 2008 Caribbean countries experienced mixed fortunes. Suriname continued to be the best regional performer with the highest recorded growth at 4.5% based mainly on the performance of its extractive industries. In general, the commodity-exporting Caribbean nations recorded an average growth rate of 3.5%, although in Trinidad and Tobago growth was somewhat restrained due to maintenance downtime in the energy sector.³² Though not as robust, the tourism dependent countries saw gradual growth reaching 1.25%, contributing to an overall growth rate for the Caribbean of 2% which was driven by commodity exports, and tourism recovery supported by a stronger United States economy.³³

There has been a gradual turnaround of the economy, consistent with three consecutive quarters of growth. Real GDP growth in Trinidad and Tobago improved from 1% in the fourth quarter of 2012 to 1.7% in the first quarter of 2013.³⁴ Resurgence in the non-energy sector was consistent with increased output by the manufacturing sector, of which cement production was a main contributor. The construction sector continued to show strength as there was a second spell of growth measuring 3% at the end of the first quarter. However, finance, insurance and real estate led all sectors with growth of 3.6%. There was also growth in the agriculture sector, which expanded by 2.6% in the fourth quarter of 2012.³⁵ These gains,

however, were offset by the expected decline in the energy sector, output due to scheduled downtime for maintenance work. As a result of this, the 2013 fiscal period has been the first time that the country's non-energy sector has outperformed the energy sector.

For the region as whole, unemployment was 6.2%, dropping 0.2% percentage points from its 6.4% rate in 2012. In this regard, Trinidad and Tobago was the best performer in the English speaking Caribbean, as growth in the non-energy sector contributed to decreasing unemployment figures. The latest data from the Central Statistical Office indicate that unemployment in the country decreased from 5.4% in the first quarter of 2012 to 4.9% at the end of the second quarter of 2012, which is in the range of full employment.³⁶ Despite this, the Ministry of Labour and Small and Micro Enterprise Development reported for the first quarter of 2013 the number of Retrenchment Notices served increased 18.3% from 186 to 220. The majority of these notices were from the distribution, print, packaging, insurance, and finance and real estate sectors.³⁷

On the other hand, headline inflation decreased from 12.6% in May 2012 to 5.6% in May 2013.³⁸

This has been due to more stable domestic food supplies as result of increased investment and production in this sector and the removal of Value Added Tax (VAT) on non-luxury food items. For fiscal 2013, the projected deficit was TT\$7.6 billion or 4.6% of GDP. As a consequence of expenditure by the Government, the deficit increased to TT\$9.2 billion from the original

32 IMF Regional Economic Outlook for the Western Hemisphere

33 Updated Economic Overview of Latin America and the Caribbean 2012, ECLAC

34 Central Bank of Trinidad and Tobago/Monetary Policy Report, April 2013

35 Finance Supplementary Appropriation Bill, June 2013

36 Ministry of Finance, First Quarter Budget Report 2013

37 Monetary Policy Report, April 2013

38 Central Statistical Office, Ministry of Planning and Sustainable Development

estimate of TT\$7.6 billion. The amendments are reflective of Government's expansionary fiscal and monetary policy, which was outlined in the national budget for 2013.

The Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago remained committed to a fiscal stance that is stable, people oriented and responsible. This has been achieved through increased funding to education, social programmes, infrastructure, culture and environment. It forms part of the overall strategy for sustainable development, which includes the availability of an array of social programmes to assist with achieving the country's human development objectives. These programmes include inter alia, the following:

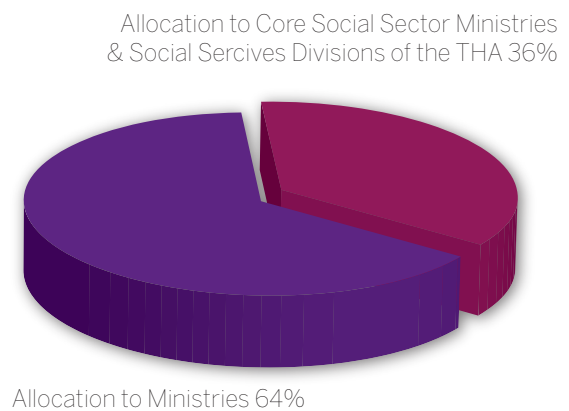
- Expansion of Government Assistance for Tuition Expenses (GATE);
- LIFE-Sport;
- Student Laptop Programme;
- Utilities Assistance Programme (UAP).

4.1 BUDGETED ALLOCATIONS TO THE SOCIAL SECTOR

The Minister of Finance, in the 2012/2013 Budget presentation emphasized Trinidad and Tobago's stable economic outlook arising from stringent measures implemented to ensure that the fiscal and external debt has limited impact on future generations. The current economic action plan of the government is focused on accelerating growth, through: building a competitive economy through focused investment and a targeted reform agenda and stimulating growth, which will result in increased revenues for the private and public sector.

Accordingly, in fiscal 2013, the core Social Sector Ministries in Trinidad including the Social Services Divisions of the Tobago House of Assembly (THA), received thirty-six percent (36%) of the Government's revised total expenditure, directed towards achieving the sustainable development agenda (see Figure 4.1 below).

Figure 4.1: Percentage of the Budget Allocated to the Core Social Sector Ministries and Social Services Divisions of the THA for Fiscal 2012/2013



SOURCE: Ministry of Finance, Budget Estimates 2013 & Tobago House of Assembly Estimates 2012

Figure 4.1 indicates that 36% of the Budget was allocated to core social sector ministries in fiscal 2013. This represented a total of TT\$22 billion from the revised national expenditure figure of TT\$61 billion for both recurrent and capital expenditure.

The Health, Education and Housing, Land and Marine Affairs sectors received a total of 59% of the budgeted allocation for 2013, as compared to 56% in 2012.

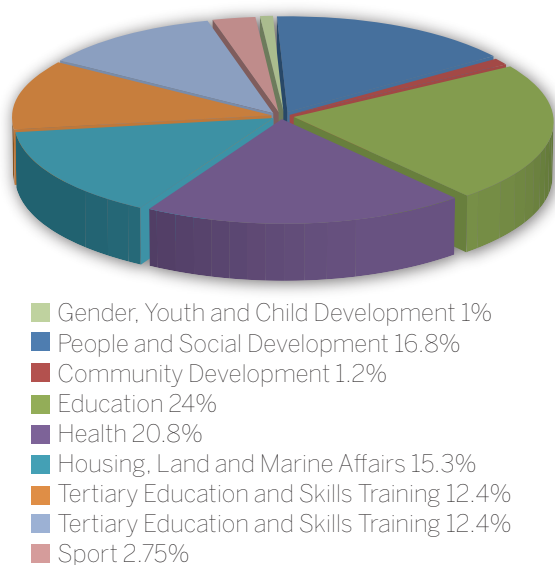
The Ministry of the People and Social Development received **TT3.6 billion** (16.8%) towards improving the standard of living of all citizens, with particular emphasis on the vulnerable (see Figure 4.11). This is in keeping with the levels of Government's allocations for previous years: 18.4% (\$3.5 billion) in 2013 and 19% (\$3.4 billion) in 2012. This allocation also represented approximately 5.9% of the national budget dedicated to addressing the challenges of poverty, and exclusion as compared with 6.9% in 2011 and 2013, respectively.

Table 4.I: Budgeted Allocations for the Core Social Sector Ministries and the Social Services Divisions of the Tobago House of Assembly for Fiscal 2012/2013

Core Social Sector Ministries	Development Programmes TTD	Recurrent Expenditures TTD	Total TTD
People and Social Development	63,600,000	3,596,535,500	3,660,135,500
Community Development	114,500,000	158,395,213	272,895,213
Education	711,200,000	4,522,800,636	5,234,000,636
Health	396,000,000	4,148,299,619	4,544,299,619
Housing, Land and Marine Affairs	947,765,000	2,468,627,925	3,416,392,925
Tertiary Education and Skills Training	411,765,000	2,293,891,712	2,705,656,712
Sport	152,300,000	448,414,778	600,714,778
Ministry of Gender, Youth and Child Development	54,000,000	155,491,266	209,491,266
Tobago House of Assembly (THA)	164,280,000	1,237,961,529	1,402,241,529
			21,845,828,178
Social Services Divisions of THA			
		222,818,000	
Settlements and Labour	28,580,000	13,370,944	
Education, Youth Affairs and Sports	83,350,000	383,565,586	
Community Development and Culture Welfare Services	24,350,000	81,292,158	
Health and Social Services	27,500,000	536,914,841	
Social Infrastructure	164,280,000	1,237,961,529	1,402,241,529

SOURCE: Ministry of Finance, Budget Estimates 2013 & Tobago House of Assembly Estimates 2013

Figure 4.II: Budgeted Allocations for the Core Social Sector Ministries and the Social Sector Divisions of the Tobago House of Assembly for Fiscal 2012/2013



SOURCE: Ministry of Finance, Budget Estimates 2013 & Tobago House of Assembly Estimates 2013

Figure 4.III: Percentage of Budgeted Allocations to the Core Social Sector Ministries in Trinidad and Social Services Divisions of the THA for the period 2007-2013

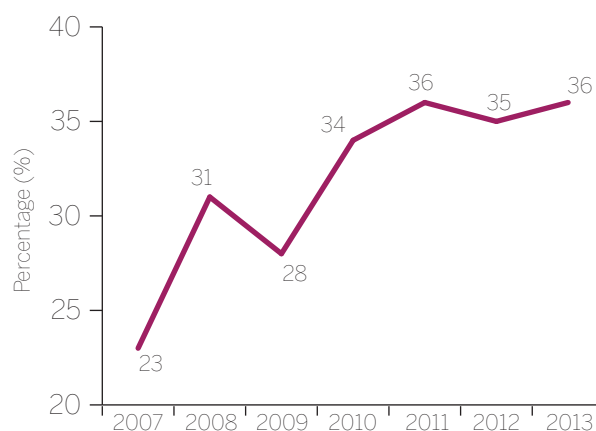


Figure 4.III demonstrates Government's investment in the social sector over the period 2007 to 2013.

In fiscal 2013, the combined budgeted allocation for Social Infrastructure and Social Programming decreased to TTD\$11.1 billion from TTD\$11.4 billion in fiscal 2012. This figure

represented a decrease of approximately 2.4%. Table 4.II outlines the Budgeted Allocation for Social Infrastructure and Programming 2009-2013. Appendices I and III are also relevant.

Table 4.II: Budgeted Allocations for Social Infrastructure and Programming for Fiscal 2009-2013

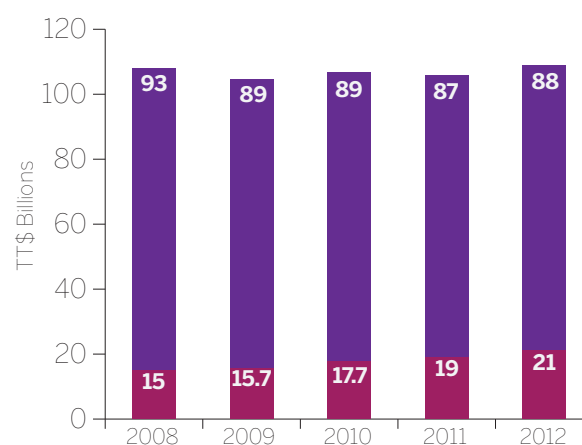
Year	Social Infrastructure TTD	Social Programming TTD	Total TTD
2009	3,794,182,115.00	6,054,083,520.00	9,848,265,635.00
2010	3,194,010,000.00	6,223,001,344.00	9,417,011,344.00
2011	3,515,892,000.00	7,101,207,123.00	10,617,099,123.00
2012	3,560,919,000.00	7,868,139,338.00	11,429,058,338.00
2013	3,311,782,000.00	7,834,008,994.00	11,145,790,994.00

Government's commitment to meeting the needs of the social sector was demonstrated by its investment in social and infrastructural development initiatives. This investment in the sector will ensure Trinidad and Tobago's achievement of the Millennium Development Goals and other national development objectives in a coordinated and sustainable manner. This includes achieving the targets set out in the National Performance Framework, which identifies five (5) key priority areas for development until 2015. As such, Government has maintained significant financial investment in the core Social Sector Ministries and the Social Service Divisions of the Tobago House of Assembly.

Trinidad and Tobago's GDP decreased from TT\$93 billion in 2008 to TT\$88 billion in 2012. Despite this, Government's investment in the social sector was increased over the period. In this regard, allocations for social programmes have increased from TT\$15 billion (16.3% of

GDP) in 2008 to TT\$22 billion (25% of GDP) in 2012. Figure 4.IV outlines the allocation to the social sector in relation to GDP growth over 2007 to 2011.

Figure 4.IV: Allocation to the Core Social Sector Ministries and Social Services Divisions of the THA in Relation to GDP (2008-2012)



4.2 NEW PROGRAMMES/ PROJECTS/INITIATIVES IMPLEMENTED IN FISCAL 2013

A number of social programmes, projects, policies and other initiatives were developed and implemented in fiscal 2013, based on primary research and a needs assessment of the social sector. It is expected that these initiatives will complement the existing safety net arrangements in Trinidad and Tobago and would serve to sustainably improve the quality of life of the citizenry. Some of these initiatives are listed in Box 4.I.

Box 4.I: New Programmes, Projects and Initiatives Implemented in Fiscal 2013

- Corporate Household Intervention Programme (Ministry of Community Development)
- Environmental Eco Parks (Ministry of Housing, Land and Marine Affairs)
- Registry of Domestic Workers (Ministry of Labour)

Several policies to guide programme development and service provision in the sector were developed and/or finalised during fiscal 2013. The various policy documents are listed in Box 4.II.

Box 4.II: Policies Developed or Finalised in Fiscal 2013

- CEPEP Agriculture (Ministry of Food Production) - F
- Labour Advocate Training Programme (Ministry of Labour and Small and Micro Enterprise Development)- F
- National Productivity Center (Ministry of Labour and Small and Micro Enterprise Development) – D
- Policy for a System of Recognising and Rewarding outstanding Sport Performances (Ministry of Sport)-D
- National Labour Inspection Policy (Ministry of Labour and Small and Micro Enterprise Development) – D

Key: D – Developed F - Finalised

4.3 THE INTER-MINISTERIAL RESEARCH COUNCIL (I-MRC) REPORT FOR FISCAL 2013

The Inter-Ministerial Research Council (I-MRC) was established in 2009 and has as its mandate, coordination of the national social research agenda, promotion of the institutionalisation of the conduct of the Surveys of Living Conditions (SLC) and encouragement of the sharing of data across Ministries. During its tenure the following achievements were accomplished by the Council:

- The development and overseeing of implementation of the Social Research Agenda 2011-2012;
- The development of a database of social research from 2003 to present;
- The strengthening of the internal capacity of Research Units within the Social Sector through exposure to training opportunities;
- The planning and management of the conduct of the Multiple Indicator Cluster Survey 4 (MICS 4);
- The production of a Quarterly Bulletin on the work of the Council and research being undertaken in the Social Sector.

As previously indicated, one of the major research studies coordinated by the I-MRC, and undertaken by the Ministry of the People and Social Development, in collaboration with the Central Statistical Office (CSO), was the Multiple Indicator Cluster Survey 4 (MICS 4). Developed by the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), the MICS is a household survey programme designed to monitor human development in general, and in particular the situation of women and children as relates to the World Summit Goals. Data collected through MICS4 will provide one of the largest single sources of data for MDG monitoring. The MICS would therefore assist the GoRTT in filling data gaps, capturing rapid changes in key indicators and expanding

the evidence base for policies and programmes. Currently in the Post Field Work - Data Analysis Stage, the MICS 4 Report is expected to be completed by November 2013.

Under the auspices of the Ministry of the People and Social Development, a Nationwide Study on the Effects of Gambling in Trinidad was also undertaken. This study presented a valuable opportunity to measure the level of gambling in the society and to provide baseline data on this phenomenon.

The objectives of the study, inter alia, were to:

- i. Obtain a reliable estimate of the proportion of society that engages in gambling activities;
- ii. Identify and evaluate the social and economic impacts of pathological/compulsive gambling on individuals, their relationships, families, workplace productivity and society as a whole;
- iii. Discuss the implications and make recommendations based on research findings; and
- iv. Establish a benchmark for ascertaining addiction based on frequency of gambling.

The study examined a number of issues including the problem of gambling, engagement in gambling activities and perceptions of gambling, gambling and the family, and gambling and workplace productivity. The findings of the study are expected to be submitted to Cabinet and thereafter publicly disseminated.

A Nationwide Study on the Status of Males in Trinidad and Tobago was also finalised in fiscal 2013, by the Ministry of People and Social Development. This study examined critical aspects of males in Trinidad and Tobago, in the areas of education, employment, family life, violence and crime. This study is expected to provide some rich insights into the social participation and experiences of males, particularly young males and other vulnerable populations. The findings of the study are expected to have a significant impact on policy formulation and programme development. The outcomes of the study are expected to be

submitted to Cabinet and thereafter publicly disseminated.

4.4 EVALUATIONS CONDUCTED IN FISCAL 2013

Evaluations were conducted on nine non-governmental organisations receiving government subvention. The main findings and recommendations of these evaluations are currently being finalised. Listed below are the agencies that were evaluated over the fiscal.

- Rapid Assessment of Lifeline
- Rapid Assessment of Loveuntil
- Rapid Assessment of Marabella Family Crisis Centre
- Rapid Assessment of The International Society for Krishna Consciousness Trinidad and Tobago Incorporated
- Rapid Assessment for Persons Associated with Visual Impairment (PAVI)
- Rapid Assessment of Piparo Empowerment Centre
- Rapid Assessment of Senior Activity Centres: Point-a-Pierre, La Horquetta and Princes Town
- Rapid Assessment of Trinidad and Tobago Red Cross Society
- Rapid Assessment of Vision on Mission

4.5 OVERVIEW OF TOBAGO FOR FISCAL 2013

In fiscal 2013, the economic and social outlook for Tobago continued to be positive as the Tobago House of Assembly (THA) strived towards the goal of long-term sustainable development. The Assembly, through its Comprehensive Economic Development Plan (CEDP), first articulated in 2005, endeavored to achieve these objectives through its implementation of various programmes/initiatives. In its delivery of services, the THA's main priorities continued

to be youth, women, infrastructure, education, sport, housing, health, governance, tourism, enterprise and industry.

The Tobago tourism sector remains vital to the island's overall economic performance. In 2012, international arrivals by air to Tobago experienced a 2% improvement from 32,236 arrivals in 2011. This increase can be attributed to improvements in the US and Canadian markets. The European market, however, continues to be depressed. With respect to other modes of travel, while cruise ship arrivals showed an increase in 2012, the average number of passengers declined by 29.7%. Arrivals of passengers and crew by yacht over the period 2010 to 2012 remained fairly stable, averaging 1,023 per year, but with a decrease of 3% in vessel arrivals. However, domestic visitor arrivals continued to dominate tourism clientele in Tobago in 2012. Arrivals by the inter-island ferry grew from 494,872 in 2011 to 508,061 in 2012. Such arrivals displayed seasonal peaks in March and April, August and December. On the air-bridge, the increased weekly domestic flights contributed an 11.2% increase in domestic air travel in 2012. Overall occupancy rates for hotels and guest houses improved from 33.5% in 2011 to 42.5% in 2012, peaking in the month of August at 65%.

According to data from the Central Statistical Office, for the second quarter of 2012, 20.0% of the labour force between the ages of 20 and 24 years are unemployed. Within this age group, 27.8% of males and 8.3% of females are unemployed.

Spending by the Tobago House of Assembly remains a key factor in determining the level and pace of overall economic activity on the island. In fiscal 2012, total recurrent and development programme expenditure amounted to TT\$1.890 billion. Additional spending from unspent balances amounted to TT\$271.5 million and contributed to the total expenditure in fiscal year 2012 of TT\$2.271 billion.

Over the 2012/2013 fiscal year, the Tobago House of Assembly initiated a Consumer Sentiment

Survey in Tobago. The initial survey, conducted in November 2012 by consultants, in collaboration with the Consumer Affairs Unit in the Division of Finance and Enterprise Development, was designed to provide information on consumers' perspectives on the economy. One of the major findings of the first survey was that the overall perception of consumers in Tobago was stable. For instance, 70% of respondents thought that they were the same financially, compared to six months prior; 71% stated that things would be the same six months after the survey; and 58% respondents thought that things would remain the same six months after the survey.

In terms of the social sector, Tobago has one of the lowest rates in adolescent fertility and one of the highest rates of life expectancy at birth in the nation. However, the downward trend continued in the CSEC pass rate among males achieving five or more subjects, while females recorded an improvement from 32.01% in 2011 to 35.6% in 2012. At the CAPE level, pass rates for both male and female improved to 79.2% and 83.7% respectively.

1. BUDGETARY ACHIEVEMENTS

In fiscal 2013, the sum of TT\$1,914,097,000 was appropriated by Parliament to the Assembly for recurrent and development programme expenditures, whilst the sum of TT\$162,434,161 was collected in Tobago on behalf of the Consolidated Fund. Revenues generated independently by the Assembly totalled TT\$17,510,992, representing an unanticipated decrease of 62% from the previous year. Total expenditure amounted to TT\$2,271,486,114, with recurrent expenditure representing TT\$1,478,398,215 of the total; and development programme expenditures amounting to TT\$411,508,448.

SOCIAL PROGRAMMES

The Tobago House of Assembly continued to expand the range of human and social capital

programmes geared towards poverty reduction and enhancing the welfare of Tobagonians. In this regard, the activities undertaken in fiscal 2013 included the following:

- Completed the Financial Complex;
- Installed lighting at various playing fields at a cost of TT\$22.3 million;
- Upgrade Recreation Grounds in Mt. St. George, Roxborough, Plymouth, Shaw Park, Mason Hall, Moriah, Speyside, Signal Hill, Goodwood, Lambeau and Montgomery;
- Continued modernisation of Tobago's road infrastructure, through the resurfacing, upgrading and rehabilitating of roads, sidewalks and the constructing of new bridges;
- Invested TT\$3.6 million in the development and maintenance of agriculture access roads;
- Transferred hospital operations to the new Scarborough Hospital Facilities at Signal Hill;
- Constructed the first Factory Shell at Cove; and started construction of a second and related civil and utilities infrastructure works;
- Completed and commissioned three Multi-Purpose Community Facilities at Speyside, John Dial and Parlatuvier;
- Completed and commissioned the Black Rock Pan Theatre;
- Constructed or refurbished Community Centres and Multi-purpose Community Facilities at Mason Hall, Delaford, Betsy's Hope, Speyside, Lowlands and Bethesda; and Mini-Malls at Calder Hall, Signal Hill and Adventure;
- Provided computer literacy training and internet access at the community-based walk-in multi-purpose tele-centres at Belle Garden, John Dial, Parlatuvier, Mary's Hill, Buccoo, Black Rock, Argyle and Glamorgan;
- Introduced the Y-Zone, by commissioning the first of seven Zones in Calder Hall; the Y-Zone offers free computer facilities and training, as well as counselling to residents;
- Implemented the Tobago Night Market initiative, which is designed to foster the entrepreneurial spirit among various community members, through the display of skills and talents acquired through the outreach programmes of the Division of Community Development and Culture;
- Established the Woman's Economic and Technology Empowerment Centre (WE-TEC), which attends to the needs of domestic violence victims;
- Continued efforts towards the completion of the Scarborough Library and the Shaw Park Cultural Complex.

EXPANSION AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE SERVICES OFFERED BY THE THA

In fiscal 2013, other achievements of the Assembly, in terms of the expansion and improvements in the areas of social services, education, sports and health, included:

- Strengthened the social assistance network, with TT\$1.6 million of assistance provided to needy patients, TT\$21,367 million to students experiencing financial challenges; and the emergency assistance provided by Tobago Emergency Management Agency (TEMA);
- Launched the YES Programme, to provide employment and other related assistance to young unemployed persons;
- Introduced the THA Emergency Social Assistance Card;
- Provided Tertiary Education Financial Assistance to Tobago students in the amount of TT\$6 million;
- Distributed to 390 beneficiaries over TT\$1 million in Home Improvement Grants;
- Increased the number of young people participating in the Tobago Young Adults Home Land Ownership Saving Plan;
- Provided Agricultural Incentive Grants to farmers, costing TT\$1 million;

- Enhanced the School Feeding Programme at a cost of TT\$23.3 million;
- Extended 316 new Enterprise Assistance Grants valued at TT\$5.8 million;
- Provided Enterprise Assistance Loans worth TT\$0.7 million;
- Launched the Lalonde Gordon Sports Fund with TT\$1 million;
- Introduced programmes aimed at improving the health and well-being of Tobagonians, which included the Healthy Homes and Healthy Families= A healthy Tobago, the Tobago Action Against Influenza Plan, the I'm for – Youth and Healthy Lifestyle Campaign; as well as the Chronic Disease Registry of Tobago and the Tobago Surveillance Operational Manual for Communicable Diseases;
- Launched the Emergency Medical Alert Programme to provide senior citizens, persons with disabilities and other at-risk groups with direct contact to emergency service providers in Tobago;
- Launched the Speyside Senior Citizens Club;
- Expanded the Emergency Services offered by the 211 Call Centre at Signal Hill.

The Assembly further recognised that economic development in Tobago also requires that the THA play a more facilitating role, while the private sector takes a more proactive position as the engine of growth. In this regard, the THA allocated TT\$20 million to the THA Venture Capital Equity Fund, as it sought to transform the Tobago economy. The mandate of the Fund is to partner with the private sector to provide equity capital to support sustainable high-yield business start-ups which meet the investment criteria of the Fund. To date, the Fund has received several business proposals in four of its six priority sectors. It has committed capital to two green field companies, both in the light manufacturing sector; and continues to work with these companies to fast-track early start-up dates.

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This chapter examines the initiatives undertaken by core and ancillary social sector Ministries in fiscal 2013 which have been aligned with the seven interconnected pillars for sustainable development as well as the National Performance Framework (NPF). The SSIP report focuses primarily on three of the seven pillars outlined by the GORTT:

- i. People-Centred Development,
- ii. Poverty Eradication and Social Justice and
- iii. National and Personal Security.

This review allows for continuous monitoring of the progress towards the attainment of the country's social developmental targets through examination of each programme in the social sector. Table 5.I shows the interconnected pillars for sustainable development. Where applicable, outputs and outcomes of the programmes have been aligned with the NPF.

Table 5.I: Interconnected Pillars for Sustainable Development

INTERCONNECTED PILLARS
I. People-Centred Development
II. Poverty Eradication and Social Justice
III. National and Personal Security
IV. Information and Communication Technologies
V. A More Diversified, Knowledge Intensive Economy
VI. Good Governance
VII. Foreign Policy

In fiscal 2013, it was observed that the core social sector Ministries expended, in most cases, more than 100% of their budgeted allocations. Table 5.II shows a comparison of budgeted

allocations and estimated expenditure on social programmes and initiatives of key social sector Ministries and the Social Services Division of the Tobago House of Assembly for fiscal 2013.

Table 5.II: Comparison of Budgeted Allocations and Estimated Expenditure for Social Programmes (Recurrent) for Fiscal 2013, Key Social Sector Ministries and Key Social Services Divisions within the Tobago House of Assembly

MINISTRY	BUDGETED ALLOCATIONS TTD 2013	ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE TTD 2013	% OF BUDGETED ALLOCATIONS SPENT	
			2013	2012
Ministry of Community Development	92,517,825	72,785,075	79	100
Ministry of Education	380,635,298	413,190,228	109	99
Ministry of Gender, Youth and Child Development	112,993,752	114,754,007	102	98
Ministry of Health	676,773,450	696,899,460	103	114
Ministry Tertiary Education and Skills Training	567,311,345	630,976,645	111	98
Ministry of Sport	196,034,750	253,923,750	130	113
Ministry of the People and Social Development	3,192,895,276	3,383,332,876	105	98
Tobago House of Assembly	86,853,953	76,099,951	87	74
TOTAL	5,306,015,649	5,641,961,992	106	100

SOURCE: Ministry of Finance

Table 5.III shows the gender breakdown of selected programmes.

Table 5.III: Gender Breakdown of Beneficiaries

Programme Type	Social Programmes	Males	Females	Total
Youth Programmes	Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC)* 1			
	Youths	516	635	1,151
	Men	50	-	50
	Women	-	145	145
	Children	170	169	339
	Older Persons	3	2	5
	Family	-	-	20
	Probationers	5	-	5
Other Training Programmes	Communities	-	-	221
	NGOs	-	-	150
	Retirees Adolescent Partnership Programme (RAPP)	207	239	446
	Geriatric Adolescent Partnership Programme (GAPP)*2	6	442	448
	Adult Education Programme*3	1,011	3,978	4,989
	Community Development Fund	226	254	480
Community Education Programme	810	5,040	5,850	

*Critical Training Programmes,

1- Beneficiaries for the period Oct 2012 - March 2013,

2- Beneficiaries for the period Oct 2012 – April 2013

3 - Beneficiaries for the period Jan 2013 - June 2013,

Table 5.IV shows a comparison of the Recurrent Budgeted Allocation and the Estimated Expenditure for Fiscal 2013 for key social sector programmes. The Critical Training Programmes have been highlighted in the table. Appendix III

is also relevant. Under the Pillar- People Centred Development, 18 of the programmes spent 100% or higher of their budgeted allocations, of these, nine were Critical Training Programmes.

Table 5.IV: Comparison of Recurrent Budgeted Allocations and Estimated Expenditure for Selected Programmes for Fiscal 2013

Programme	Budgeted Allocation TTD 2013	Estimated Expenditure TTD 2013	% Estimated Expenditure 2013
Pillar 1: PEOPLE-CENTRED DEVELOPMENT			
*Adult Education Programme	6,295,100		55
*Civilian Conservation Corps	49,634,500		100
Community Action for Revival and Empowerment (CARE) (Tobago)	1,000,000		10
Community Action for Revival and Empowerment (CARE) (Trinidad)	10301,500		42
Community-based Environment Protection & Enhancement Programme (CEPEP)	468,250,000		120
Early Childhood Care and Education (Trinidad)	19,000,000		100
Early Childhood Care and Education Unit (Tobago)	13,721,599		75
Export Centres Programme (Tobago)	2,000,000		125
*Export Centres Programme (Trinidad)	10,000,000		120
Government Assistance for Tertiary Expenses (GATE)	650,000,000		100
*Helping Youth Prepare for Employment (HYPE)	45,635,645		100
*Military-Led Academic Training Programme (MiLAT)	12,174,500		100
Military-Led Youth Programme of Apprenticeship and Re-orientation (MYPART)	11,238,000		88
*Multi-Sector Skills Training Programme (MuST)	46,825,000		100
National Schools Dietary Services Limited (Trinidad) (formerly School Nutrition Programme)	252,855,000		100
*National Service - Geriatric Adolescent Partnership Programme	18,730,000		110
*On the Job Training (OJT) Programme	236,000,000		110
*Retraining Programme for Displaced Workers	21,000,000		100

Programme	Budgeted Allocation TTD 2013	Estimated Expenditure TTD 2013	% Estimated Expenditure 2013
Student Support Services Programme (Trinidad)	5,796,935		100
Student Support Services Unit (Tobago)	1,500,000		100
Terminal Malls	0	0	0
Textbook Rental/ Management Unit – Primary Schools	14,468,925		190
Youth Apprenticeship Programme in Agriculture (YAPA)	3,746,000		100
*Youth Training and Employment Partnership Programme Ltd (YTEPP)	91,683,350		145
Total: People Centred Development	1,991,856,054		108
Pillar 2: POVERTY ERADICATION AND SOCIAL JUSTICE			
Disability Assistance Grant	397,140,000		100
National Social Development Programme (NSDP) (MPSD)	8,315,400		202
National Social Development Programme (NSDP) (MPU)	65,555,000		53
National Social Development Programme (NSDP) (MCD)	10,000,000		9
Senior Citizens' Pension	2,434,992,071		106
School Feeding Programme (Tobago)	36,000,000		78
School Transportation Services	50,000,000		96
Target Conditional Cash Transfer Programme	2,809,500		100
Unemployment Relief Programme	452,000,000		100
Total: Poverty Eradication And Social Justice	3,456,811,971		103

*Critical Training Programmes

A review of the social programmes and initiatives undertaken for fiscal 2013 is provided in tabular form for ease of reading and referencing in the following pages. The initiatives have been aligned to the national development pillars.

PILLAR 1: PEOPLE-CENTRED DEVELOPMENT

The Government of Trinidad and Tobago is of the firm view that the people are integral to the nation's development and as such, continues to focus on the development of the nation's human capital via the programmes and initiatives under this Pillar. This is reflective of a sustained commitment to build the country's human capacity and empower the citizenry to become more involved in the national decision making process.

Through the media of community engagement, non-governmental and other arrangements, citizens are afforded the opportunity to become directly involved in the participatory decision-making process. Additionally, by providing access to services and training, people can be equipped to make these vital contributions to national development at various levels. Furthermore, the provision and delivery of quality health and social services also allows for a better quality of life for all.

This section highlights several established Government social programmes in the areas of health care; education; employment; community development; child development; families; gender issues; disability affairs; ageing; housing; sports; skill development; homelessness and substance abuse, and how they factor into people-centred development.

Box 5.I: KEY MINISTRIES/AGENCIES UNDER PILLAR 1

- Ministry of Community Development (MCD)
- Ministry of Education (MoE)
- Ministry of Food Production (MFPL)
- Ministry of Gender, Youth and Child Development (MGYCD)
- Ministry of Health (MoH)
- Ministry of Housing, Land and Marine Affairs (MHLMA)
- Ministry of National Diversity and Social Integration (MNDSI)
- Ministry of National Security (MNS)
- Ministry of the People and Social Development (MPSD)
- Ministry of Tertiary Education and Skills Training (TEST)
- Ministry of Transport (MoT)

Interconnected Pillar 1: People Centred Development						
INITIATIVE	MEDIUM TERM PRIORITY (Where Applicable)	BENEFICIARY CATEGORY	PROJECT OUTPUT	ACHIEVEMENTS	OUTCOME	
<p>ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAMME</p> <p>The Adult Education Programme provides educational opportunities for adults and out-of-school young persons who have not graduated to further / higher education. The Programme offers remedial education, introductory occupational courses, literacy programmes, family life education and leisure time programmes. It also allows participants to develop skills that can increase their employability, entrepreneurship and enables them to make meaningful contributions to the development of society.</p>	N/A	Nationals aged 15 years and over	Certification of adults in CXC, NEC or Primary School Leaving.	During the period October 2012 to June 2013 a total of 4,989 persons were registered for the programme – 1,011 males and 3,978 females .	The promotion of lifelong learning among citizens of Trinidad and Tobago.	
<p>COMMUNITY ACTION FOR REVIVAL AND EMPOWERMENT (CARE)</p> <p>The programme aims to address the basic needs and development aspirations of communities through critical community intervention projects.</p>	Poverty Reduction and Human Capital Development	Communities	To fund community based projects which will empower and improve the lives of persons in communities	For the period October 2012 to March 2013 a total of 349 community-based projects were funded under the programme.	An efficient and effective social system for the poor and vulnerable	
<p>COMMUNITY AWARENESS AND SENSITISATION PROGRAMME</p> <p>This programme initiative outreaches to communities to provide platforms for the dissemination of information on social, economic and other issues that impact upon the day to day lives of members of local communities.</p>	N/A	Communities	To organise and implement sensitisation programmes via lectures, discussions and workshops	During the period October 2012 to March 2013, the Programme was conducted in 80 communities throughout the country.	Members of communities will be knowledgeable on the topics of relevance.	

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	INITIATIVE	MEDIUM TERM PRIORITY (Where Applicable)	BENEFICIARY CATEGORY	PROJECT OUTPUT	ACHIEVEMENTS	OUTCOME
MINISTRY OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	<p>COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND</p> <p>The achievements of this initiative are highlighted in the following programmes:</p>	<p>Poverty Reduction and Human Capital Development</p>	<p>Communities</p>	<p>New micro enterprises established within communities</p> <p>Improved physical infrastructure</p> <p>Recipients of community-based training and education</p>		<p>Self-reliant and sustainable communities</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Basket of Funding (BOF) <p>The aim of the programme is to promote and support economic, social and local human development activities which contribute to the creation and provision of opportunities for the benefit of the poor and disadvantaged individuals and communities.</p>		<p>Communities</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Over the period a total of 450 persons (216 male and 234 female) benefited from training in five (5) BOF projects. This total represented a 35% increase in the number of persons benefiting from the BOF. Projects included: Tilapia Rearing, a Night Nurse Day Activity Centre in Tobago and a Teaching and Transformation through Theatre production. 	

INITIATIVE	MEDIUM TERM PRIORITY (Where Applicable)	BENEFICIARY CATEGORY	PROJECT OUTPUT	ACHIEVEMENTS	OUTCOME
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Volunteer Programme To provide an enabling environment that efficiently and effectively delivers to civil society, programmes and services that address poverty alleviation and supports community development 		Communities		During the period, the Community Volunteer programme developed innovative programmes and services for thirteen (13) community organisations .	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Enhancement and Regeneration Programme The programme aims to partner with communities to create infrastructure and facilities that will address basic needs and improve social standards. It also aims to provide a flexible response to community enhancement and human development targeting the poor and needy. 		Communities		A total of two (2) community organisations benefited from the programme.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organisational Development Programme The aims of the programme are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To strengthen and build capacity of organisations via new technology and information and other requisite skills. To develop coping mechanisms and strategies in order to operate as sustainable entities in a changing environment. 				A total of 30 persons: (10 male and 20 female) from six community organisations benefited from capacity building programmes.	

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MINISTRY OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	<p>COMMUNITY EDUCATION (SKILLS DEVELOPMENT) PROGRAMME</p> <p>The overall objectives of the programme are to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Generate self and wage employment opportunities • Provide domestic support as skills learnt enable trainees to engage in home-based production. 	<p>Poverty Reduction and Human Capital Development</p>	<p>Communities</p>	<p>Recipients of community based training and education</p>	<p>For the period October 2012 to March 2013:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 342 courses in handicraft development were conducted in communities nationwide. • A total of 5,850 persons (5,040 women and 810 men) participated in classes during the period. 	<p>Self-reliant and sustainable communities</p>
	<p>COMMUNITY MEDIATION PROGRAMME</p> <p>Free Mediation Services are provided in selected communities throughout the country as an alternative to the litigation/Court process and as a mechanism to address some of the behavioural issues that give rise to conflicts in our society. Among the core role and functions of the Community Mediation Services Division (CMSD) are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The provision of solutions to current conflicts in a non-threatening atmosphere that encourages mutual respect, understanding and compromise; • The implementation of outreach programmes which would assist in ensuring sustained positive behavioural change in communities and the restoration of good quality relationships among individuals in families and communities. 	<p>Crime and Law and Order</p>	<p>Families Communities Individuals</p>	<p>Social Programmes to prevent crime</p>	<p>The following sub-initiatives were undertaken as part of the programme and the following was achieved:</p>	<p>Reduction in crime against property and person</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parental Support Groups These groups were established to: - provide a mechanism to understand the parental role in strengthening parent/child relationships, - promote the personal development of parents, to create a forum that provides emotional support for families, - to empower members of the community and - to support the concept of a healthy functioning family. Parenting Workshops This Initiative seeks to: -Empower parents to be effective guardians -to educate families about drug and alcohol abuse 		Families/ Communities		<p>For the period October 2012 to April 2013, 18 Parental Support Group meetings were held.</p> <p>Approximately 11-12 persons were in attendance at each session with a total of 174 families/communities benefiting from the initiative.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mediation and Counselling Cases The objectives of this initiative are to: Increase the use of mediation as a conflict resolution mechanism, To meet the social and psychological needs of clients presented at mediation, and To increase the use of mediation as an alternative to litigation. Community Outreach Programme This programme was developed to sensitize communities about mediation as an alternative to litigation and to establish links and gain the trust of the community by being a supportive presence 		Families/ Communities		<p>For the period October 2012 to April 2013, 271 persons benefited from workshops conducted. Topics included: the signs and effects of drug and alcohol abuse in families; the signs of drug and alcohol abuse in children; and the challenges of living with a child or parent who abuses drugs and alcohol and where help could be sought.</p>	
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Outreach Programme This programme was developed to sensitize communities about mediation as an alternative to litigation and to establish links and gain the trust of the community by being a supportive presence 		Communities		<p>From October 2012 to April 2013, links were formed with community development officers, village councils and other community based organisations via 2,730 persons benefitted from this initiative.</p>	

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<p>GERIATRIC ADOLESCENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMME (GAPP)</p> <p>This programme seeks to: develop and foster in trainees positive attitudes about caring and respect for the elderly, assist the elderly with daily living activities, foster a professional approach to work in trainees, foster national consciousness and improve social interaction among persons in various communities. Students receive training at two levels - Level I (17-25) and Level II (18-30). The graduates provide geriatric care to the elderly.</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>Young persons and adults between the ages of 17-25 and 18-30 years and older persons 60 years and over</p>	<p>Young persons between the ages of 17-25 (Level I) and 18-30 (Level II) who are knowledgeable and skilful in elder care</p>	<p>For the period October 2012 to March 2013:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A total of 169 Level II trainees - 2 male and 167 female - received full certificates. Level I training courses with a total enrolment of 279 trainees - 4 male and 275 female - are currently in progress. A total of 7,200 older persons benefited from the programme during the period. 600 caregivers provided assistance to the elderly (home care and assistance) during the reporting period. <p>Level II trainees received additional certificates in Occupational Therapy, Drug Administration and Alzheimer's Treatment. The trainees also completed 4 weeks of Practicum at various Institutions.</p>	<p>An Efficient and Effective Social System for the Poor and Vulnerable</p>
<p>EXPORT CENTRES COMPANY LIMITED (CRAFT TRAINING PROGRAMMES)</p> <p>The objectives of these programmes are to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase the skill and income levels as well as opportunities for employment of the target group; Increase the marketability of the country as a producer of high quality craft; Provide an avenue for foreign revenue earnings; Protect the local handicraft market from foreign competitors; Revive a dying craft and other indigenous art forms; and Support tourism through the supply of high quality indigenous craft and souvenirs. 	<p>Poverty Reduction and Human Capital Development</p>	<p>Skilled and semi-skilled youth, men women, and older persons within communities. Unemployed persons</p>	<p>Recipients of community-based training and education</p>	<p>During the period October 2012 to May 2013, a total of 821 persons benefited from craft training in 22 programmes including: Airbrush technique, Curtain Making, Event Management, Fabric Design, Fashion Wear, Flower Craft, Glass Engraving, Hats and Bags, Jewellery Design, Leather Craft and Linen and Drapery.</p>	<p>Self-reliant and sustainable communities</p>

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	<p>GOOD GOVERNANCE AND LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME</p> <p>The main objective of this programme is to enhance the capabilities and capacities of the leaders of voluntary community-based organisations.</p>	N/A	Community-based organisations	The organisation and implementation of leadership development programmes for CBOs.	<p>During the period October 2012 to March 2013 a total of 82 leadership development programmes were conducted in various communities.</p>	Improved community leadership
	<p>PRIME MINISTER'S BEST VILLAGE TROPHY COMPETITION</p> <p>The Prime Minister's Best Village Trophy Competition is a social interactive initiative, designed to provide an opportunity for communities to be more conscious about their environment and to participate in exercises that will enhance their surroundings whilst at the same time developing a sense of worth. It also encourages a sense of national pride and community spirit through healthy competition and social interactions. The creativity of our communities in food and artistic talents, the retention of the Folk Art and the general promotion of the arts are also encouraged.</p>	Poverty Reduction and Human Capital Development	Communities	Recipients of community-based training and education	<p>For the period October 2012 to March 2013:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 375 tutors were assigned to communities for preliminary tutoring in the non-traditional areas of handicraft, music, dance drama and drumming. • 361 classes were conducted in the 10 Administrative Districts. • 472 communities competed in eight competitive categories during the preliminary programme, which was implemented in the ten Administrative Districts. 	Self-reliant and sustainable communities
MINISTRY OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	<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. 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>	Poverty Reduction and Human Capital Development	General population of Trinidad and Tobago	Improved Access to Social Protection	<p>During the period October 2012 to June 2013, the following were achieved under the under-mentioned sub-initiatives of the programme:</p>	An Efficient and Effective Social System for the Poor and Vulnerable

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MINISTRY OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public Education and Information Campaign This initiative is geared to sensitise and educate the national community, specifically vulnerable groups on the dangers of the use and misuse/abuse of licit and illicit substances. 				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> During the period support was initiated for the airing of the television programme "Moving On". The programme highlighted the challenges of persons who experienced personal drug related problems and gave information and hope to other vulnerable/at-risk persons. The NADAPP Jingle, "No Drugs in Me" was produced and copyrighted and a formal launch was held on December 7th 2012. In commemoration of 'World No Tobacco Day' on May 31, 2013, literature was delivered to seven primary schools in the St. Patrick Educational District. Additionally, the Minister's address on the health risks associated with tobacco was featured in two daily newspapers. In commemoration of the United Nations' International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking – June 26, 2013- NADAPP, in collaboration with the National Drug Council, held several public sensitisation initiatives including: a Walk, run, crawl race; a treasure hunt and healthy lifestyles promotion. Support was also provided for the Rebirth House Sports and Family Day. 	

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MINISTRY OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Radio Broadcasts 				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> During the period October 2012 to June 2013, approximately 26 episodes of the Ministry-sponsored programme "Eye on Dependency" were aired on 91.1FM on Sundays from 10:00 am to 12 noon. The audience were educated about drug related issues and heard the life stories of recovering addicts, their relatives and friends as well as persons who were incarcerated. Information on key issues pertaining to substance abuse was also highlighted on SLAM Radio 100.5 FM. NADAPP's Drug Education Officer facilitated the National Family Services Division with its media broadcasts every Monday from 1:00 p.m. The programme focused on issues which impacted the family. 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Treatment and Rehabilitation The aim of the initiative is to ensure continuous access by drug dependent individuals to treatment, rehabilitation and social re-insertion services, as well as to minimize the adverse health, social and economic impact of drug dependency on the population. It also aims to ensure that minimum standards of care are provided to the national population. 		<p>Persons in receipt of services offered by treatment and rehabilitation centres.</p> <p>Persons benefiting from walk-in (street-based) services of the OASIS Harm Reduction Centre</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For the period October 2012 to June 2013, approximately 239 clients benefited from residential and non-residential services provided by Serenity Place, Rebirth House, Helping Every Addict Live (H.E.A.L.) and the OASIS rehabilitation centres. Services provided included treatment, rehabilitation and harm reduction. A Pilot Project for the Standardisation of Data Collection from Drug Treatment and Rehabilitation Facilities (supported by the Organisation of American States/Inter-American Institute of Drug Control - OAS/CICAD) was completed. Two officers from the NADAPP and the National Drug Council participated in a Workshop for Coordinators of the Pilot from May 29 to 30, 2013. 	

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MINISTRY OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Workplace Education and Institutional Strengthening 		Employees of various corporate agencies		For fiscal 2013: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NADAPP participated in four workplace initiatives in various organisations aimed at reducing the use of drugs. A total of 261 persons benefited from these initiatives – 124 women and 137 men. This represented a 16% increase from Fiscal 2012 where 218 persons benefited from workplace initiatives. Additionally, a total of 29 persons - 8 men and 21 women - from governmental and NGOs benefited from training scholarships to attend the 39th Caribbean Institute on Alcoholism and other Drug Problems (CARIAD) Basic and Specialised training workshops. This total represents a 79% increase over the number of scholarships offered by NADAPP last year – 6. A member of staff from the Division participated in the OAS/CICAD Training and Certification Programme (PROCCER) - Caribbean Pilot Training for Treatment and Rehabilitation. At the meeting held from February 3rd to 9th, 2013 persons from key local stakeholder agencies were exposed to training aimed at establishing a national core team of trainers. A treatment training manual was developed and is expected to be launched in September, 2013. 	

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MINISTRY OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	<p>RETIRES ADOLESCENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMME (RAPP)</p> <p>This programme is a community-oriented programme which seeks to utilize the skills and experience of retired persons to provide assistance and supervision to low school performers and out of school adolescents between the ages of 12 and 16.</p>	N/A	Children and youth between the ages of 11 to 16 years identified as 'at risk' and retired older persons. Communities and NGOs also benefit from the programme	Community-Based Training and Education	<p>For the period October 2012 to March 2013:</p> <p>282 participants were registered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Of this total, 92% showed improvement in: academics/grades; behaviour and self-esteem. • 89% of participants displayed enthusiasm, creativity, and initiative. • 91% fostered good and positive relationships with mentors. <p>Other Achievements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A self-esteem course was conducted at one of the Centres. • Facilitators volunteered their time and provided extra classes to better prepare those participants writing the SEA/CXC exams. • Two participants from the Couva Centre participated in the Secondary Schools Soca Monarch Competition. <p>The 3rd Annual Family Seminar entitled 'Restoring the Family' was held at the Belmont RAPP Centre – approximately 110 children and adults participated.</p>	Improved System of Support for Youth

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MINISTRY OF EDUCATION	<p>NATIONAL DISTRICT CAREER FAIRS</p> <p>This initiative facilitates student development via the provision of required guidance and instruction that will assist in student career development and transition into the world of work.</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>Secondary School Students (Forms 3, 5 and 6)</p>	<p>Career support and guidance</p>	<p>For the period October 2012 to March 2013 36,000 students from 130 secondary schools throughout Trinidad and Tobago participated in the Ministry's National District Career Fairs.</p>	<p>Students aligned to their prospective best-fit jobs and career paths.</p>
	<p>GUIDANCE AND SUPPORT</p>	<p>Poverty Reduction and Human Capital Development</p>	<p>Students (inclusive of those with special needs) of primary and secondary schools</p>	<p>Improved Student Support Services</p>	<p>For the period October 2012 to June 2013,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Guidance and Counselling Services were provided in all primary and secondary schools. 19,332 secondary and 21,257 primary school students have benefited from Guidance services whilst 2,018 secondary school students have received counselling. Social Work Services have also been implemented in all primary schools. 1,205 primary school students have benefited from this service for issues such as aggressive behaviour, chronic absenteeism, fighting, class disruptive behaviour, relations with parents and emotional distress. <p>Other Support Services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Crisis Intervention Service was provided for all primary and secondary schools reporting a crisis. Of the 350 crises reported, 100% were attended to. Financial Assistance was provided to 14 registered private Special Schools. 800 students benefited. 14 After School Study Centres have been established within communities. 	<p>Improved Students' Overall Performance</p>

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MINISTRY OF FOOD PRODUCTION	<p>YOUTH APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMME IN AGRICULTURE (YAPA)</p> <p>Through the YAPA Programme participants are exposed to 6-8 weeks of theoretical and practical on-farm aspects of agriculture on successful public and private farms. Participants are trained in various aspects of Farming. They also cultivate and harvest short-term crops, and realize profits from the sale of their produce. Graduates from YAPA Phase I can continue into the Phase II.</p> <p>Overall objectives of the Programme include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improving the efficiency and productivity of the agricultural sector. Achieving and sustaining quality of life and contributing to the socio-economic development of rural communities. 	<p>Agriculture and Food Security</p> <p>&</p> <p>Poverty Reduction and Human Capital Development</p>	<p>Young persons between the ages of 17 - 25</p>	<p>Employment in Agriculture & Recipients of Community-Based Training and Education</p>	<p>For the period September 2012 to March 2013:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 41 individuals enrolled in Phase II of the programme, which is now 10% complete. <p>Training was offered in areas such as: crop agronomy, livestock husbandry, computer literacy, seedling production and vegetable production. This activity resulted in achievements in the areas of self-esteem, resulting from self-sufficiency, a better understanding of financial management and the maintenance of agricultural systems.</p>	<p>A Food Secure Nation</p> <p>&</p> <p>Self-reliant and Sustainable Communities</p>

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MINISTRY OF GENDER, YOUTH AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT	<p>DEFINING MASCULINE EXCELLENCE PROGRAMME</p> <p>This Programme has three distinct components namely: Skills Development, Leadership Training and Community Awareness and Sensitisation Education. The objectives of the programme are to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foster and improve gender relations between men and women • Reduce the incidence of domestic and other forms of violence and • To encourage men to pursue excellence 	Poverty Reduction and Human Capital Development	Males 14 years and over	Recipients of Community Based Training and Education	<p>For the period October 2012 to September, 2013:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A total of 155 men were trained during 4 cycles of the programme as follows: • Cycle 1 - 80 men were trained during the period late 2012 to early 2013; • Cycle 2 - 20 men were trained at the MGYCD during the period April 19 - July 5 2013; • Cycle 3 - 25 men were trained at the NALIS, Port of Spain during the period July 8 to September 9, 2013; and • Cycle 4 - 30 men trained at the San Fernando City Hall during the period July 11 – September 12, 2013 	Self-Reliant and Sustainable Communities
MINISTRY OF HEALTH	<p>CHRONIC DISEASE ASSISTANCE PROGRAMME</p>	N/A	All patients with chronic diseases	A more informed society in respect to non-communicable and communicable diseases Greater access to healthcare services and pharmaceuticals	<p>For the period October 2012 to March 2013:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Under this initiative 11 categories of chronic diseases were treated • 51 drugs were provided at 290 pharmacies across the nation • 37,071 new patients accessed treatment free of charge 	Reduced Prevalence of Diseases

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MINISTRY OF NATIONAL DIVERSITY AND SOCIAL INTEGRATION	ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CIVIL SOCIETY BOARD (CSB)	N/A	Population of Trinidad and Tobago	Establishment of the Civil Society Board	<p>For the period October 2012 to March 2013 the following was achieved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Two dialogue sessions were held – the purpose of which was to address constraints with respect to implementation of the CSB - the first was held at Chaguana whilst the second was held in Tobago. These sessions resulted in requests for five additional sectors to be included within the existing structure : <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Persons with Disabilities; Gender Affairs Community-Based Organisations Credit Unions First Peoples A Registration Drive to facilitate the implementation of an election process was completed in April 2013. To date, 754 out of an estimated 3000 CSO registered. 	Increased participation of NGOs, CBOs and other Civil Organisations in National Policy Formulation

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MINISTRY OF NATIONAL DIVERSITY AND SOCIAL INTEGRATION	OBSERVANCE OF THE YEAR OF PATRIOTISM	N/A	Population of Trinidad and Tobago	To instill a renewed Sense of National Pride in the Citizenry	<p>For the period October 2012 to June 2013:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 patriotism fairs were held in December, 2012 and February, 2013 on the Brian Lara Promenade, Port of Spain, and in June, 2013 at the Gulf City Mall, San Fernando. • The Flag in every home project was implemented on a phased basis with Phase 1, being the distribution of 98,000 flags. • A Patriotism Week was held from March 19 to 24, 2013. This included the first heritage walk around the Queen Park Savannah. • National Patriotism Day was observed on March 22, 2013. All citizens were encouraged to wear the national colours and work places were also requested to undertake one hour of patriotic activities. • The "Unity in Diversity Radio Competition" was held during the period September 11 to 24, 2012 and there were 26 preliminary winners. • Two days of prayer have been held on September 21 2012 and March 13 2013 and approximately twenty- five (25) primary schools participated throughout Trinidad. 	A Patriotic Society

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MINISTRY OF NATIONAL SECURITY	<p>CIVILIAN CONSERVATION CORPS (CCC) PROGRAMME</p> <p>The Civilian Conservation Corps, which operates through the Ministry of National Security, offers introductory training, life skills development and on the job training to at risk youth. Its objectives are to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Raise the self-esteem of young people at risk; Initiate intervention that would assist in fostering socially desirable behaviours among youths; Train and develop unemployed/unemployable young adults between the ages of 18-25 years to prepare them for employment; and Foster a sense of national pride in the participants Provide temporary employment for unemployed youths. 	Poverty Reduction and Human Capital Development	Young persons between the ages of 18-25 years	Recipients of Community Based Training and Education	<p>For the period October 2012 to March 2013:</p> <p>1,151 youth (516 males and 635 females) benefited from the programme</p> <p>Other Achievements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trainees were involved in rendering assistance to schools, community groups and NGOs 95% of those enrolled in the programme graduated from the CCC Cycle as well as successfully completed the OJT programme Successful integration of socially acceptable conflict resolution and anger management skills, as well as an increase in discipline, punctuality and team work Past trainees were retained as Junior Team Commanders and Assistant Team Commanders and provided mentorship for new trainees during the cycle. 	Self-reliant and Sustainable Communities
MINISTRY OF NATIONAL SECURITY	<p>MILITARY-LED ACADEMIC TRAINING PROGRAMME (MILAT)</p> <p>The overall objectives of this initiative are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To orient participants to the benefits of routine and discipline To establish the link between personal responsibility and personal success To reinsert participants into mainstream academic or vocational training programmes Create attitudes that accept responsibility for life choices and the consequences 	Poverty Reduction and Human Capital Development	At-risk/vulnerable males between the ages of 15 – 24 years	<p>Recipients of Community-Based Training and Education</p> <p>&</p> <p>Increased Number of Trained Persons from Among the Poor and Vulnerable</p>	<p>For the period October 2012 to March 2013:</p> <p>110 young men between the ages of 16 - 20 benefited from the programme.</p>	<p>Self-reliant and Sustainable Communities</p> <p>&</p> <p>An Efficient and Effective Social System for the Poor and Vulnerable</p>

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MINISTRY OF NATIONAL SECURITY	<p>NATIONAL MENTORSHIP PROGRAMME</p> <p>The National Mentorship Programme aims to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide support systems for 'at-risk' youth. • Encourage individuals to take responsibility for their thoughts, feelings, perception and behaviour. • Each individuals new and more positive ways of relating to their peers. • Enable youths to strengthen their leadership and management skills and widen their career opportunities. • Promote community wellness by inculcating sound values and positive attitudes. 	<p>Crime and Law and Order</p>		<p>Social Programmes to Prevent Crime & A System for Career Support and Guidance</p>	<p>For the period October 2012 to March 2013:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 68 applicants (Mentors) were screened and moved to the 2nd stage of recruitment. Of this number 40 persons completed Psychological Assessment Screening and 37 persons were deemed eligible for training as Mentors. From this number, 28 new Mentors were trained (12 males and 16 females). • 20 new mentoring relationships were initiated. • 20 Mentors and Mentees completed their one year mentoring relationship. Of this amount 11 relationships were extended for a further 3-6 months as assessment of those mentees revealed that further mentoring was needed. • 14 persons from the Central, East and Port of Spain regions attended Focus group discussions with Stakeholders on the Programme's success and areas for improvement were held. • Certificates were awarded to 124 mentors and 287 mentees. 	<p>Reduction in Crime Against Property and Person & Improved Alignment of Students to their Prospective Best-Fit Jobs and Promote Career Establishment</p>

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MINISTRY OF NATIONAL SECURITY	NATIONAL MENTORSHIP PROGRAMME (continued)				<p>Other Achievements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ten deeper interventions for troubled relationships, which involved making both home and school visits, were held. • A quarterly assessment tool for mentees incorporating the Five C's model of Positive Youth Development (Competence, Character, Caring, Confidence and Connectivity) was introduced. • A Mentee re-engagement camp hosting 22 male mentees at the Chatham Youth Facility was conducted. • The National Mentorship Programme was promoted to various Men's Ministries, PTAs and Corporate Citizens throughout the country • A one-day workshop for the staff of Rose Hill RC Primary in "Crisis Management" was hosted. 	

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MINISTRY OF THE PEOPLE AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT	<p>COUVA SOCIAL SERVICES The overarching mandate of the Couva Social Services Centre is to provide integrated social services to the residents of Couva/Tabaquite/Talparo regions.</p>	N/A	Communities and residents in the Couva/Tabaquite/Talparo Region	Community-Based Training and Education provided for residents	The following programmes were conducted by the Centre during the period October 2012 to August 2013:	Communities and residents in the Couva/Tabaquite/Talparo Region will have access to basic social services, leading to an overall improvement in their quality of life
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Annual Health Fair 			Families	Conduct of Health Fairs	During the period one of two annual health fairs were conducted. The first was conducted during the period April to June 2013 and a total of 125 persons attended.	Families within the region will have access to basic health services
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CSSC Annual Vacation Camp 			Children/Youth (11 – 17 years)	Conduct of Annual Vacation Camp	During the period 30 teenagers attended a Training camp in the handling of social issues inclusive of: Child rights; Drug Awareness and Prevention; HIV/AIDS and STI's and Spirituality.	Well informed teens on matters relating to healthy social development
<p>DISABILITY AFFAIRS The Disability Unit was established in 1999 and serves as a resource and referral centre for information pertaining to disability matter. The Unit coordinates and monitors the implementation of the National Policy on Persons with Disabilities.</p>		N/A	The differently-abled community	A more informed society with respect to disability	The under-mentioned initiatives were undertaken during the period October 2012 to March 2013:	Strengthened commitment to the realisation of universal human rights for all, including the rights of persons with disabilities

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MINISTRY OF THE PEOPLE AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> International Day for Persons with Disabilities This initiative seeks to: Promote awareness and understanding of disability issues and to mobilise support for the rights and well-being of persons with disabilities. It also seeks to increase awareness of gains resulting from the integration of persons with disabilities in every aspect of society. 		Public		<p>In December 2012, the MPDSD provided financial assistance to 29 organisations to enable them to implement projects highlighting the issues surrounding disabilities. The theme selected was “Removing barriers to create an inclusive and accessible society for all”.</p>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Social Ambassadors Via this initiative, suitable persons will be selected to serve as Social Ambassadors to provide awareness on disability issues. A monthly stipend will be paid to the Social Ambassadors 		The differently-abled community		<p>A committee was established to select persons to perform the roles of social ambassadors. Eight Social Ambassadors have been selected since the start of the initiative.</p>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Financial Assistance to NGOs and Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) 		NGOs and The differently-abled community		<p>In an effort to sensitise the public on the issues relating to disabilities, the MPDSD provides financial assistance to NGOs to host local conferences, sensitisation workshops and attend internal conferences. In fiscal 2013, approx. 6 NGOs received in excess of \$200,000 collectively to implement these initiatives.</p>	
	<p>DIVISION OF AGEING: The Division of Ageing is the umbrella agency with overall responsibility for the coordination of initiatives on ageing in Trinidad and Tobago.</p>	Poverty Reduction and Human Capital Development	Senior Citizens	Increased Public Awareness/Sensitisation toward Change in Attitude with respect to the Vulnerable	<p>The following initiatives were undertaken by the Division during the period October 2012 to June 2013:</p>	An Efficient and Effective Social System for the Poor and Vulnerable

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MINISTRY OF THE PEOPLE AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open Public Forum for Older Persons This programme is designed to provide a forum whereby older persons can access information, government services and benefits, and offer ideas to enhance their life quality. 		Senior Citizens	To sensitize the nation on issues related to ageing. To offer information on at least four topical issues that relate to the elderly To encourage participation by way of information, application and dissemination To document issues on ageing	For the period, two out of three public forums were held. At the first in Brazil Village, approximately 140 persons were in attendance. At the second, which was held in Tobago, a salutation was held to Centenarians. This initiative showcased photographic portraits and biographies of several centenarians from Tobago. Approximately 300 persons were in attendance at this event.	Informed Older Persons on Issues related to them
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seniors Cultural Pageant This event was designed to showcase the dignity, maturity and talents of our senior citizens and provide an avenue for their active participation in the cultural celebrations of our nation. 	N/A	Senior Citizens	Hosting of Cultural Pageant to showcase talents of senior citizens	The first annual Seniors Cultural Pageant was hosted by the MPSD in January 2013. Approximately 300 senior citizens were in attendance at the event	Increased Public Awareness towards Issues Related to the Elderly

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MINISTRY OF THE PEOPLE AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Human Rights and the Elderly in Trinidad and Tobago The aim of this legal seminar was to examine and highlight the increasing incidents of elder abuse and the violation of the rights of older persons. 	N/A	Senior Citizens	Hosting of seminar	The Division of Ageing hosted 2 seminars on Human Rights and the Elderly . The first was held at the Centre of Excellence, Macoya in March, 2013 and the second at the Magdalena Grand in Tobago in the month of May, 2013. Approximately 300 persons were in attendance at each event.	Increased Education and Sensitisation on the various Legal concerns of the Elderly
	<p>HIV/AIDS COORDINATING UNIT: The HIV Coordinating Unit of the Ministry of the People and Social Development is responsible for integrating the national HIV/AIDS response into the MPSD's process including poverty reduction strategies, budgeting instruments and sectoral programmes/initiatives and projects</p>	Poverty Reduction and Human Capital Development	Citizens of Trinidad and Tobago	Increased Public Awareness/Sensitisation toward Change in Attitude with respect to the Vulnerable	The following were achieved during the period October 2012 to March 2013. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A workshop on Understanding Adherence and the effects of treatment and promoting Nutrition and Healthy Living for PLWHIV was held. Approximately 30 staff members benefited from the exercise. HIV Sensitisation Programme for Deportees. During the reporting period approximately 40 men benefited from sensitisation programmes. Annual HIV Quiz – for out of School students. Approximately 65 teenagers participated in this Quiz. 	An efficient and effective social system for the poor and vulnerable & Staff better equipped to provide both nutritional and social support to their clients living with HIV/AIDS. & Increased awareness of HIV/AIDS among deportees in Trinidad and Tobago

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	<p>HIV/AIDS COORDINATING UNIT: (Continued)</p>				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The HIV Life Skills Programme was designed to help adolescent residents of the Cyril Ross Nursery approach their young adult life with an awareness of their own state of complete physical, mental and social well-being. Approximately 16 children benefited from this programme. • Community mobilisation fairs to mainstream HIV/AIDS issues into the Ministry's programs/initiatives were held in Cunupia, St. Joseph and Tobago, in collaboration with the Office of the Prime Minister. Priority Area I focused on Prevention. Over 100 persons attended the events. • Staff Sensitisation Seminars for new staff members of the MPSD continued to be held. Approximately 21 new members of staff benefited. 	<p>Increased awareness of HIV/AIDS among the target group.</p>

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<p>HIV/AIDS COORDINATING UNIT: (Continued)</p>					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Internal and external Sensitisations were held during the period with approximately 110 staff members benefiting from the internal session held in commemoration of International Women's Day. Approximately 100 persons benefited from the external session held in conjunction with the Ministry of National Diversity and Social Integration at that Ministry's Carnival Fair 2013. 	
	<p>SOCIAL DISPLACEMENT UNIT (SDU): The SDU of the MPSD 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. The following initiatives were undertaken during the period October 2012 to March 2013:</p>	<p>Poverty Reduction and Human Capital Development</p>	<p>Socially displaced persons</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establishment of social Services Facilities and Facilities for the Socially Displaced Improved Access to Social Protection Improved Physical Infrastructure 	<p>The following was achieved for the period October 2012 to March 2013:</p>	<p>Self-Reliant and Sustainable Communities An Efficient and Effective Social System for the poor and vulnerable</p>

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MINISTRY OF THE PEOPLE AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Relocation of the Socially Displaced Elderly to Homes for Older Persons Under this initiative, elderly persons 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 but for those in receipt of grants from the Ministry, payment is borne by both the client and the Ministry. 		Socially displaced older persons		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eighteen existing clients continued to be accommodated and cared for at NGOs/privately run Homes for the Elderly. Additionally, 17 clients continue to be accommodated and cared for at Hernandez Place Sanctuary. 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deportee Reception and Integration Programme This programme provides assistance to deported persons with relocation and family reintegration into society. The SDU also assists deportees in finding employment. 		Deportees		A total of 20 clients were received at Piarco International Airport and accommodation for 23 deportees was provided by the NGO Vision on Mission, an NGO dedicated to the successful re-integration of ex-prisoners and deportees into society.	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Substance Abuse and Rehabilitation Programme This programme prepares displaced substance abusers for reintegration by providing them with the tools to deal with their substance abuse issues, while providing opportunities to learn and re-learn relational skills. 		Socially displaced substance abusers		A total of 47 clients were interviewed, processed and referred for rehabilitation at the Piparo Empowerment Centre during the period.	

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MINISTRY OF THE PEOPLE AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SDU Social Work Initiative Via this initiative Social Displacement Officers provide social work intervention (from assessment to referrals) and psycho-social services to residents at the CSDP with the aim of rehabilitating and reintegrating them into society. 		Socially displaced persons		<p>A total of 218 persons - 185 males and 33 females - were assessed and admitted to drug rehabilitation facilities. Additionally, counselling was provided for clients as well as advocacy services with their families and employers.</p>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Street Outreach Programme 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>Field Officers responded to 44 public reports for intervention for persons on the streets. Field Officers continue to assist with client transfers from the CSDP to hospitals, clinics and rehabilitation facilities</p>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rehabilitation of the Strictly Homeless at New Horizons A residential life and employment skills development facility for adults. The programme provides rehabilitation services geared towards the social, emotional and financial development of persons with a view to preparation for independent living. 				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clients benefited from 856 social work interventions • 14 clients were enrolled in vocational training programmes. • 7 clients were assisted in obtaining employment and • 2 clients were successfully reintegrated. 	

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MINISTRY OF TERTIARY EDUCATION AND SKILLS TRAINING	<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 Unit of the Ministry of Science, Technology and Tertiary Education.</p> <p>The Programme seeks to provide affordable tertiary education to all qualified citizens of Trinidad and Tobago. Persons benefiting from the programme are expected to provide a period of national service linked to the value of the grant. Widening the access to tertiary education facilitates the development of human capital, supports the economic development of the country and promotes social equity.</p>	Poverty Reduction and Human Capital Development	Students of undergraduate and post-graduate level programmes at public, pre-approved private and regional Tertiary Level Institutions (TLIs).	Government Assistance for Tuition Expenses	<p>For the period October 2012 to July 2013:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approximately 50,000 students accessed GATE funding. Two new Tertiary Level Institutions have been granted GATE approval during the August 2012-July 2013 time period. 	Synchronisation of Labour Market requirements with Skills and Tertiary Education

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<p>THE HIGHER EDUCATION LOAN PROGRAMME (HELP)</p> <p>The Higher Education Loan Programme (HELP) was established in October 2006 with the aim of providing financial assistance to citizens of Trinidad and Tobago pursuing tertiary education and thereby increasing the national participatory rate in tertiary education. The programme offers a low interest loan facility accessible at local commercial banking institutions to qualified part-time / full-time, employed / unemployed students. The programme covers tertiary expenses such as tuition, accommodation, airfare / transportation costs and books.</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>Citizens of Trinidad and Tobago under 50 years of age who have been accepted and are enrolled in a tertiary level programme in Trinidad and Tobago or within CARICOM</p>	<p>Provision of a Low Interest Loan Facility</p>	<p>During the period October 2012 to July 2013:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A total of 1,223 HELP loans were granted to students. • The programme has now been extended to cover Technical Vocational Programmes. 	<p>A well- developed, well-educated, qualified cadre of citizens.</p>
<p>HELPING YOUTH PREPARE FOR EMPLOYMENT (HYPE)</p> <p>The HYPE Programme provides training in remedial and construction skills for young persons who have left the secondary school system and are unable to find employment either because they do not possess the necessary level of academic achievements or the technical skills necessary for functioning in the workplace.</p>	<p>Poverty Reduction and Human Capital Development</p>	<p>Young persons between the ages of 17 - 25 years.</p>	<p>Increased number of Trained Persons from among the Poor and Vulnerable</p>	<p>For the period October 2012 to July 2013: The HYPE partnered with Government and the Community in establishing Community Projects and repairing Senior Citizens homes.</p>	<p>An Efficient and Effective Social System for the Poor and Vulnerable</p>

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MINISTRY OF TERTIARY EDUCATION AND SKILLS TRAINING	<p>NATIONAL ENERGY SKILLS CENTRE (NESC)</p> <p>The objectives of the Programme are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To provide industry relevant skills training across Trinidad and Tobago. To develop programmes leading to sustainable (long term) employment. To increase transferability of qualifications in order to facilitate employment options for trainees. To fill gaps in industry with respect to specific skill shortages. To provide training and accessibility to Information Technology and Communication Tools. 	Poverty Reduction and Human Capital Development	Persons interested in technical/ technological skills training for a career in the energy and industrial sector.	Increased number of Trained Persons from Poor and Vulnerable	For the period October 2012 to July 2013: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In collaboration with the NTA and PTSC, a Heavy Equipment Technician Apprenticeship Programme was launched in Tobago in January 2013 and the PTSC Trade School was launched in Port of Spain in February, 2013 A Graduation Ceremony for 59 Craftsmen trained in the areas inclusive of: Air Conditioning and Refrigeration; Plumbing; Facilities Maintenance; and Welding was held in January 2013 ICT Training was formerly launched at the St. Joseph Learning Resource Centre in March 2013. 	An Efficient and Effective Social System for the Poor and Vulnerable
	<p>ON-THE-JOB TRAINING PROGRAMME (OJT)</p> <p>The OJT Programme facilitates structured work-based training by engaging employers in providing the nation's youth with opportunities to develop relevant skills over a period of two (2) years. It is intended to assist the Government in attaining sustainable development and full employment, and in improving the standard of living of the country's young people.</p>	Poverty Reduction and Human Capital Development	Persons aged 16-35 who are graduates of secondary and technical/ vocational or tertiary institutions without work-based experience	Workforce Ready Population	For the period October 2012 to July 2013: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4,277 applicants were trained in life skills OJT Agriculture was launched on September 5, 2012. Trainees were placed in private farms OJT Environment was on launched September 11, 2012 OJT Medical was launched on September 25, 2012 and deferred medical students placed 	Improved System of Entrepreneurship, Apprenticeship and Internship

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MINISTRY OF TERTIARY EDUCATION AND SKILLS TRAINING	<p>YOUTH TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMME (YTEPP)</p> <p>YTEPP provides training in career enhancement services, inclusive of numeracy and literacy skills, vocational skills training and entrepreneurial and attitudinal training. The main objective of the Programme is to enhance employability and self-employment prospects of the youth population by providing a high quality, cost effective programme</p>	N/A	Persons 15 years and over whom are out of school and unemployed.	Increased number of Trained Persons from among the Poor and Vulnerable	<p>For the period October 2012 to July 2013:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Fifth Company Training and Enterprise Academy was launched. Courses being offered include Child Care Attendant; Skills for the Automated Office and Bread, Cakes and Pastry Making 1,600 trainees graduated from Cycles 25 (Retraining) and 37 (Youth Training). These graduates received the Caribbean Vocational Qualification and National Examination Council certificates. 200 persons in Tobago graduated from the 12-week Computer Literacy training provided through the YTEPP/USAID mobile computer buses 315 students in Tobago received certification and special awards after completing technical and vocational courses. These participants were part of Cycle 25 (Retraining); and Cycles 37 and 38 (Youth Training). On May 6th 2013, an MOU was signed with NEDCO to facilitate the provision of loans to YTEPP graduates of up to \$15,000 for small businesses. 	Increased Employability and self-employment opportunities

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MINISTRY OF TERTIARY EDUCATION AND SKILLS TRAINING	<p>THE RETRAINING PROGRAMME</p> <p>The Retraining Programme seeks to develop a pool of trained and efficient industry ready individuals adaptable to the changing needs of industry. The programme focuses on re-tooling and re-skilling individuals to access sustainable and lucrative employment and self-employment opportunities.</p> <p>The Programme offers training in basic vocational skills, and simultaneously emphasizes the development of positive work habits and attitudes, as well as the acquisition of entrepreneurial, interpersonal and communication skills.</p>	N/A	Nationals of Trinidad and Tobago between the ages of 25-45 years who are unemployed, displaced or retrenched	Increased number of Trained Persons from among the Poor and Vulnerable	<p>For the period October 2012 to July 2013:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There was total enrolment of 763 trainees in cycle 25 of the Programme There was a total enrolment of 658 trainees in cycle 26 of the Programme A total of 591 persons graduated from the Programme in cycle 25 	An Efficient and Effective Social System for the Poor and Vulnerable

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MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT	<p>UPGRADE OF PRIORITY TRANSIT MALL FACILITIES (SAN JUAN, CUREPE, TUNAPUNA)</p> <p>This initiative seeks to provide transit locations that are comfortable and customer oriented. It also aims to provide a safe environment for users, in compliance with OSH standards.</p>	<p>Economic Growth, Job Creation Competitiveness and Innovation</p>	<p>Tenants of Transit Malls</p>	<p>Improved Physical Infrastructure, Utilities and Information and Com-munications Technology</p>	<p>For the period October 2012 - June 2013:</p> <p>A Joint Scope of Works was developed with the Ministry of Transport, PTSC, NIPDEC and Transit Mall tenants. The Scope was approved. Tenders were received. Evaluation is on-going</p> <p>5% of physical infrastructural upgrades have been completed.</p> <p>A total of 68 tenants at three locations (37 women and 31 men) have benefited in addition to members of the commuting public.</p>	<p>Economic Growth and Job Creation</p> <p>The provision of transit locations that are comfortable and customer oriented</p>

PILLAR 2: POVERTY ERADICATION AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

Poverty eradication involves improving the living conditions of the poor and disadvantaged. Social justice is the distribution of the social and economic resources of society for the benefit of all people. Poverty eradication and social justice are crucial strategies the Government has embarked upon to further promote national development.

In alignment with Goal 1 of the United Nations Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), the aim of which is to “Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger”, the Government implemented several initiatives to ensure that the number of persons living under the poverty line is significantly reduced. The Government has also continued to support several existing programmes and services which have developed measures targeted towards the indigent and vulnerable. Initiatives highlighted in this section fall under four (4) main categories: poverty reduction; food security and production; unemployment and social protection.

Box 5.II: KEY MINISTRIES/AGENCIES UNDER PILLAR 2

- Ministry of the People and Social Development (MPSD)
- Ministry of Education (MoE)
- Ministry of Gender, Youth and Child Development
- Ministry of Housing, Land and Marine Affairs (MHLMA)
- Ministry of Justice (MoJ)
- Ministry of Public Utilities (MPU)

Interconnected Pillar 2: Poverty Eradication and Social Justice						
INITIATIVE	MEDIUM TERM PRIORITY (Where Applicable)	BENEFICIARY CATEGORY	PROJECT OUTPUT	ACHIEVEMENTS	OUTCOME	
<p>TRANSFORMATION AND DEVELOPMENT CENTRES</p> <p>This initiative seeks to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide a daily meal for clients; • Assess clients and provide/refer them to counselling, as required; <p>It also:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exposes clients to an employment oriented skills training programme; and • Facilitates and assists clients in the transition from dependence on the services of the TDCs to a state of self-reliance and empowerment. 	<p>Poverty Reduction and Human Capital Development</p>	<p>Community organisations, NGOs and vulnerable persons within the community.</p>	<p>Recipients of Community-Based Training and Education & Improved Access to Social Protection</p>	<p>For the period October 2012 to March 2013, 200 meals were provided daily. A total of 50,000 persons benefited from meals</p>	<p>Self-Reliant and Sustainable Communities & An Efficient and Effective Social System for the Poor and Vulnerable</p>	<p>MINISTRY OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT</p>
<p>SCHOOL NUTRITION PROGRAMME (National School Dietary Services Limited)</p> <p>The School Nutrition Programme provides deserving students throughout Trinidad with breakfast and lunch to ensure that students achieve a head start in their quest for academic excellence.</p> <p>Objectives of the programme include: the provision of approximately one third of the day's total nutrient requirements for each child; improvement of the nutritional status of the needy child thereby enhancing the child's ability to learn; and to further stimulate the agricultural sector by utilizing local produce wherever possible in the meal plan.</p>	<p>Agriculture and Food Security & Healthcare Services and Hospitals</p>	<p>Pre-primary, primary and secondary school children</p>	<p>Consumption of Local Food & Enhanced Awareness and Opportunities on Choosing Healthier Meals</p>	<p>For the period October 2012 to June 30th, 2013 - 59,958 breakfast meals and 97,164 lunches were distributed to pre-primary, primary and secondary school students</p> <p>Nutrition Education sessions were also conducted at the following schools:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marabella Government Primary School • Charleiville Government Primary School • Pleasantville Government Primary School • Mayo R.C. Primary School • Santa Rosa Government Primary School 	<p>Adequate and Affordable Food & Healthier Choices in Diet and Nutrition</p>	<p>MINISTRY OF EDUCATION</p>

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<p>MINISTRY OF EDUCATION</p>	<p>TEXTBOOK RENTAL LOAN PROGRAMME</p> <p>The programme aims to provide textbooks/learning resources to all students in primary and secondary schools, ECCE centres, special education and technical vocational Schools in Trinidad and Tobago. It ensures that the nation's children are able to easily access and afford the educational materials necessary for them to achieve competencies in the core curriculum areas of primary and secondary level education.</p> <p>The Programme's overall objective is to provide high quality education materials to support and enhance the teaching/ learning process.</p> <p>It also makes a significant contribution to the alleviation of poverty as it strives to achieve equity in the provision of learning resource materials, educational opportunities and equal access to quality education.</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>Students in ECCE centres, special education, primary, secondary and technical vocational schools in Trinidad and Tobago</p>	<p>Improved systems and processes</p>	<p>For the period October 2012 to June 2013:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 864,454 textbooks were purchased for primary schools; 99% of primary school students were provided with textbooks. • 442,808 textbooks were purchased for secondary schools 93% of secondary school students provided with textbooks. • 108 ECCE Centres were outfitted with resources and instructional materials. 	<p>Students Improved overall performance</p>

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MINISTRY OF GENDER, YOUTH AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT	<p>FOOD PREPARATION AND HOME MANAGEMENT FOR MEN AND BOYS</p> <p>The objectives of the Programme are to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide men with knowledge/skills of basic cooking techniques • Assist males in fostering family bonding and support • Sensitise males on the roles that can be shared in the household. 	N/A	Males over the age of 12	Community-Based Training and Education for men and boys	The Programme is at the implementation stage at 15 sites across Trinidad.	Healthy families and communities
	<p>WOMEN IN HARMONY PROGRAMME</p> <p>The Programme's objectives are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To assist low/no skilled female heads of households to become employable • To train women in skills related to Elderly Care and Agriculture/Landscaping 	Poverty Reduction and Human Capital Development	Single female heads of households between the ages 26-45	Recipients of Community-Based Training and Education	For the period October 2012 to August 2013 a total of 180 women were enrolled in the programme.	Self-Reliant and Sustainable Communities

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<p>MINISTRY OF HOUSING, LAND AND MARINE AFFAIRS</p>	<p>THE COMMUNITY BASED ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND ENHANCEMENT PROGRAMME (CEPEP) The major aims of this programme are: to assist in poverty reduction; the empowerment of communities and entrepreneurship</p>	<p>Economic Growth, Job Creation, Competitiveness and Innovation & Poverty Reduction and Human Capital Development</p>	<p>Adult men and women</p>	<p>A Sustainable Environment & Improved Physical Infrastructure</p>	<p>During the period October 2012 to September 2013:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A total of 10,400 men and 10,419 women were employed under the programme. The CEPEP Company Limited signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the National Training Agency (NTA) to facilitate training and certification in the Caribbean Vocational Qualification for workers. 	<p>Economic Growth and Job Creation & Self-reliant and Sustainable Communities</p>
	<p>EMERGENCY SHELTER RELIEF GRANT This programme provides financial assistance to needy applicants whose homes have been severely affected by fire or natural disasters.</p>	<p>Poverty Reduction and Human Capital Development</p>	<p>Families</p>	<p>Homes Improved</p>	<p>For the period October 2012 -September 2013 a total of 41 families received assistance under the Grant.</p>	<p>Access to Adequate and Affordable Housing</p>
	<p>HOME IMPROVEMENT GRANT PROGRAMME This programme is delivered by the Housing Policy Facilitation and Implementation Unit. The main objective is the improvement of existing housing stock through the provision of grants.</p>	<p>Poverty Reduction and Human Capital Development</p>	<p>Families and physically challenged persons</p>	<p>Homes Improved</p>	<p>For the period October 2012 to September 2013 a total of 1,125 persons (inclusive of 56 physically challenged) were assisted under this initiative</p>	<p>Access to Adequate and Affordable Housing</p>

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MINISTRY OF HOUSING, LAND AND MARINE AFFAIRS	<p>LAND FOR THE LANDLESS</p> <p>In fiscal 2013, a decision was made by the GoRTT to grant beneficiaries of the Land for the Landless Programme, eligibility to access funding under the existing 2% Mortgage Financing Regime administered by the Trinidad and Tobago Mortgage Finance Company Limited (TTFM) to facilitate the purchase of residential lots and the construction of houses, or the purchase of starter homes.</p> <p>Government has also extended the 2% mortgage financing facility for the purchase of land as well as to construct homes, to the VSEP beneficiaries of the former Caroni (1975) Limited.</p>	<p>Poverty Reduction and Human Capital Development</p>	<p>Families</p>	<p>Site and Service Lots Provided</p>	<p>During the period October, 2012 to September 2013: The first public draw to select potential beneficiaries was held and 500 persons were selected. These persons would become eligible to access funding under the existing 2% financing facility for the purchase of land as well as to construct their homes. In the month of July 2013, leases were distributed to 187 VSEP beneficiaries for residential lots of land, which brings the total number of residential leases granted to former Caroni workers to 1,550.</p>	<p>Access to Adequate and Affordable Housing</p>

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MINISTRY OF HOUSING, LAND AND MARINE AFFAIRS	<p>NEIGHBOURHOOD UPGRADING PROGRAMME (NUP)</p> <p>There are three components to this programme:- (1) Squatter Regularisation and Upgrading, (2) New Home and Home Improvement Subsidy and (3) Sector and Institutional Strengthening. Its overall aims are to:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve housing conditions for lower income groups • Make public expenditure for housing more efficient and equitable • Provide incentives and assist both public and private institutions, in their transition to more market-driven roles 	Poverty Reduction and Human Capital Development	Families and Communities	New Housing Units Completed & Squatter Regularisation and Settlements Upgraded	<p>For the period October 2012 – March 2013</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 196 families were furnished with home improvement subsidies through the Programme Monitoring and Coordinating Unit (PMCU) • The Ministry, working in collaboration with the Land Settlement Agency, Sugar Industry and Labour Welfare Committee and TTConnect, assisted 1,745 families 	Access to Adequate and Affordable Housing

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MINISTRY OF JUSTICE	<p>CRIMINAL INJURIES COMPENSATION BOARD (CICB)</p> <p>The Criminal Injuries Compensation Board was set up to provide a simple, effective, equitable and humane means whereby a victim of crime can obtain compensation for injuries suffered.</p> <p>Upon receipt of applications for compensation from victims of crime, research and investigations is conducted so as to properly evaluate and assess each case.</p> <p>Some of the crimes for which applications are received include: manslaughter, murder, wounding with intent, inflicting injury without a weapon and using a drug with intent to commit an offence.</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>Persons who have been physically or mentally injured as a direct result of crime; a dependant of a deceased victim; the parent or guardian of an infant of a deceased victim; the person with whom a mentally ill dependant resides and/or the person responsible for the care and maintenance of the victim; are eligible for compensation.</p>	<p>Provision of Redress for Victims or Families of the Victims of Crime.</p>	<p>For the period October 2012 to August 2013, a total of 127 beneficiaries were served.</p> <p>Other Achievements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The average timeline from receipt of an application to the release of a decision has been reduced from one year to between three – six months. • The CICB was formally launched in Tobago. Since then, the Board has held three scheduled meetings in Tobago to allow Tobago applicants to be interviewed rather than having to travel to Trinidad for processing. • Town Hall meetings were held to present information and respond to queries • Application forms are readily available via police stations, the Mediation Department and Family Services 	<p>An Acceptable Quality of Life for Victims of Crime</p>

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MINISTRY OF THE PEOPLE AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT	<p>main- PEOPLE'S ISSUES RESOLUTION COORDINATING UNIT</p> <p>The m-PIRCU seeks to facilitate a bottom-up and participatory approach to governance, where the national development agenda is informed by citizen's needs. The unit ensures that needs of citizens are better analysed and addressed. This is done through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The provision of secretariat services to the Inter-Ministerial People's Issues Resolution Committee (IMPIRC); • A high level of quality customer service, where customer complaints and issues are resolved and feedback provided; • Serving as a Clearing house regarding issues for other Ministries and Government agencies; • Liaising with the relevant Ministries, Government agencies and other stakeholders to ensure the resolution of complaints • Intelligence gathering in communities as a means of being proactive in anticipating problems and responding to the needs of citizens. • The development of an Electronic Based Monitoring and Evaluation Mechanism for the Resolution of People Issues 	<p>Poverty Reduction and Human Capital Development</p>	<p>National community</p>	<p>Improved Physical Infrastructure</p>	<p>The under-mentioned achievements were recorded for the period October 2012 to March 2013:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Direct Effect: - during the conduct of this initiative in selected communities, the Unit recorded the concerns of approximately 1400 clients. • Direct Delivery – 30 Food Cards (15 permanent and 15 Temporary) were distributed in St. Joseph and Diego Martin respectively. 2 Wheelchairs were also distributed in Patna Village, Diego Martin • People's Bridge of Hope (Tobago) - 15 clients were screened for Diabetes, 52 wheelchairs and hampers were distributed and 40 Temporary Food Cards were distributed. 	<p>An Efficient and Effective Social System for the Poor and Vulnerable</p>

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MINISTRY OF THE PEOPLE AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT	<p>NATIONAL SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME</p> <p>The National Social Development Programme (NSDP) is a social intervention strategy that was established to provide assistance to underserved/deprived citizens and communities of Trinidad and Tobago in the overall improvement in their quality of life as it brings socio-economic relief to vulnerable communities and families. The NSDP was placed under the portfolio of the Ministry of the People and Social Development in July 2011.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Electrification of Households This initiative provides electrification for households throughout Trinidad and Tobago. • Minor House Repair Assistance This initiative provides persons with materials and/or labour for roof repairs and other minor structural repairs to their homes. • Sanitary Plumbing Assistance This initiative provides assistance towards the purchase of materials based on an assessment of individual circumstances. 	N/A	Vulnerable persons and communities	Improved community and household infrastructure	The following was achieved during the period October 2012 – June 2013:	Efficient households and communities
					As at June 2013, 380 households benefited from this initiative.	
					For the period October 2012 to June 2013, 471 households benefited from minor house repair assistance.	
					For the period October 2012 to June 2013, 471 households received sanitary plumbing assistance	

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MINISTRY OF THE PEOPLE AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT	<p>NON GOVERNMENTAL ORGANISATION (NGO) UNIT</p> <p>The NGO Unit was established in May 2013 in the Ministry of the People and Social Development to manage the MPD's relationship with NGO service delivery partners involved in the delivery of social services in communities</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>General population of Trinidad and Tobago</p>	<p>Improved Access to Social Protection</p>	<p>As at August 2013 the Unit has:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updated the National NGO Directory • Reviewed and updated the Standard Operating Procedures for NGO assessments • Processed subventions to NGOs for the period April to September 2013 • Engaged in Impact Assessments of five NGO's <p>The Unit has also reviewed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contractual arrangements with organisations for the delivery of social services and programmes • The development of mechanisms to monitor and evaluate the operations of NGOs and other organisations in receipt of financial assistance. • Collaboration with relevant social service delivery agencies and divisions to ensure the effective and efficient delivery of services. • Adherence to criteria for the delivery of social services by organisations • Policy and guidelines on NGOs and their interaction with the Ministry to deliver the required mandate 	<p>An Efficient and Effective Social System for the Poor and Vulnerable</p>

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MINISTRY OF THE PEOPLE AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT	<p>NGO UNIT (continued)</p>				<p>Additionally, the Unit has begun:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Partnering with other social sector Ministries and agencies to improve synergy Continuous processing and assessment of requests from organisations for subventions, grants and other types of assistance, and making appropriate recommendations Maintenance of an NGO Database. 	
	<p>POVERTY REDUCTION PROGRAMME (PRP)</p> <p>The PRP supports the Government in formulating the National Poverty Reduction Strategy that is more responsive to the needs of the most vulnerable groups of society, and serves as a forerunner to the implementation of a decentralised system for the delivery of social services to communities</p>	<p>Poverty Reduction and Human Capital Development</p>	<p>Unemployed persons and community based organisations</p>	<p>New Micro Enterprises established within Communities & Recipients of Community-Based Training and Education and Improved Access to Social Protection</p>	<p>The following sub-initiatives were undertaken under this programme:</p>	<p>Self-reliant and Sustainable Communities & An efficient and Effective Social System for the Poor and Vulnerable</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Micro Enterprise Loan Facility (MEL) <p>This facility is a community empowerment and poverty reduction initiative which equips CBOs to engage in micro-credit to small entrepreneurs.</p>		<p>Community Micro-Enterprise Owners</p>	<p>New Micro Enterprises established within Communities Trained Entrepreneurs</p>	<p>Loans granted to Community Micro enterprise owners to start and or implement improvements and expansion to their enterprises. For the period October 2012 to April 2013 a total of 35 loans were disbursed at a total of TT\$ 339,790.00</p>	<p>Self-reliant and Sustainable Communities</p>

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MINISTRY OF THE PEOPLE AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Micro Enterprise and Training Grant (MEG) This Grant assist the poor and vulnerable in undertaking micro-business ventures or skills training 		<p>Poor and vulnerable citizens of Trinidad and Tobago</p>	<p>New Micro Enterprises established within Communities – approximately 6 projects per region per quarter & To provide micro-enterprise training to recipients or recommend grant recipients to facilitate improved sustainability of micro-enterprise</p> <p>Trained entrepreneurs No of RMPF applications received per region per month.</p>	<p>For the period October 2012 to October 2013, a total of 437 Grants were approved for disbursement at a cost of TT\$ 2,162,997.31.</p>	<p>Self-reliant and Sustainable Communities</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regional Micro Project Fund (RMPF) This Fund provides micro-grants to CBOs and NGOs to carry out poverty reduction projects within their communities. 		<p>Community organisations, NGOs and CBOs</p>		<p>For the period October 2012 to March 2013, 11 applications were approved at a cost of TT\$ 470,146.12.</p>	<p>Improved system of Entrepreneurship, Apprenticeship and Internship</p>

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<p>Multi-purpose Community Based Telecentre Project</p> <p>Multi-purpose Community-based Telecentres were developed to enhance individual and community development through the use of Information Technology. These centres provide citizens with access to the internet, affordable use of computers and access to computer and internet literacy training.</p>	<p>New Micro-Enterprises Established within Communities</p>	<p>Communities</p>	<p>Recipients of Community based training and Education</p>	<p>For the period October 2012 to May 2013:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A total of 1,851 new users were recorded 8,710 persons accessed walk-in services 3,830 persons utilised the Business Services provided at the Telecentres and 1,245 persons received technology training 	
<p>SOCIAL WELFARE DIVISION (SWD)</p> <p>The 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 are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Senior Citizens Pension Public Assistance Grant Disability Assistance Grant General Assistance Grant <p>Public Assistance</p> <p>This grant provides financial aid to persons who are unable to support themselves or to earn a living because of ill health.</p> <p>It is also granted on behalf of necessitous children where the father or both parents is/are dead, incarcerated, disabled from earning or has/have deserted the family and cannot be found.</p> <p>Public Assistance Grant: 1 person: \$850 2 persons: \$1,100 3 persons: \$1,300 4 or more persons: \$1,450</p>	<p>Poverty Reduction and Human Capital Development</p>	<p>Vulnerable citizens of Trinidad and Tobago</p>	<p>Improved Access to Social Protection</p>	<p>The following Grants were distributed during the period October 2012 to September 2013:</p>	<p>A efficient and Effective Social System for the Poor and Vulnerable & Reduction in the incidence of Poverty</p>
<p>MINISTRY OF THE PEOPLE AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT</p>		<p>The unemployed, persons unable to work, or who have little means of financially supporting themselves and guardians necessitous children.</p>		<p>As at September, 2013, 25,825 persons were in receipt of Public Assistance Grants. Of this total, 5,071 were new applicants.</p>	

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MINISTRY OF THE PEOPLE AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Senior Citizens' Pension The Senior Citizens' Pension provides financial assistance to persons aged 65 and over whose income does not exceed TTD 3,000 a month and who meet the other qualifying criteria for the grant <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Income Band</th> <th>New Range</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr><td>0-500</td><td>\$3,000</td></tr> <tr><td>>500-1450</td><td>\$2,550</td></tr> <tr><td>>1450-1650</td><td>\$2,350</td></tr> <tr><td>>1650-1800</td><td>\$2,200</td></tr> <tr><td>>1800-2000</td><td>\$2,000</td></tr> <tr><td>>2000-2200</td><td>\$1,800</td></tr> <tr><td>>2200-2400</td><td>\$1,600</td></tr> <tr><td>>2400-2600</td><td>\$1,400</td></tr> <tr><td>>2600-2800</td><td>\$1,200</td></tr> <tr><td>>2800-3000</td><td>\$1,000</td></tr> </tbody> </table> Disability Assistance Grant This grant of TTD 1,500.00 is provided to applicants who are deemed by a government medical practitioner to be unfit to work due to a physical disability. 	Income Band	New Range	0-500	\$3,000	>500-1450	\$2,550	>1450-1650	\$2,350	>1650-1800	\$2,200	>1800-2000	\$2,000	>2000-2200	\$1,800	>2200-2400	\$1,600	>2400-2600	\$1,400	>2600-2800	\$1,200	>2800-3000	\$1,000		<p>Eligible Senior Citizens</p> <p>Persons 18-64 years of age who have been certified by a Government medical officer as being permanently disabled and as a consequence unable to earn a livelihood.</p>		<p>As at September 2013, there were 82,509 senior citizens in receipt of the Senior Citizens' Pension. Of this total, 6,756 persons were new applicants.</p> <p>As at September 2013, Disability Assistance Grants were disbursed to a total of 24, 312 persons. Of this total, 2,250 were registered as new recipients.</p>	
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<p>MINISTRY OF THE PEOPLE AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT</p>	<p>General Assistance Grant: The General Assistance Grant Facility original called the Emergency Cases Fund was established to assist persons/ households traumatised and rendered needy as result of natural/other disasters such as hurricanes, fires, floods and landslides. The Grants are currently used to provide assistance to individuals / families living in poverty and to clients of the Social Welfare Division and other delivery units of the Ministry of the People and Social Development who cannot otherwise help themselves. Cases are considered needy, following an assessment conducted by social workers of the Ministry.</p>	<p>Poverty Reduction and Human Capital Development</p>	<p>Victims of natural disasters and clients of the Ministry</p>	<p>Recipients of Community – Based Training and Education</p>	<p>As at July, 2013 4,596 persons received disbursements of the following General Assistance Grants: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing Repairs - 6 • Household Items - 1893 • House Rent - 146 • Medical Equipment - 813 • Dietary Grant - 77 • Clothing Grant - 102 • Funeral Grant - 955 • Special Child Grant - 61 • Pharmaceutical - 11 • Education - 474 • School Supplies Grant - 58 <p>The number of persons receiving the Special Achievers Grant for the period October 2012 to September, 2013 amounted to 26. The number of persons provided with Bus Passes amounted to 2,780 (1,674 to recipients of the Public Assistance Grant and 1,106 to recipients of the Disability Assistance Grant).</p> </p>	<p>Self-reliant and sustainable communities</p>
	<p>TARGETED CONDITIONAL CASH TRANSFER PROGRAMME (TCCTP) The TCCTP is a food assistance and developmental programme, aimed at providing social protection by promoting nutritional and food security for vulnerable households. The Programme is comprised of the following components:</p>		<p>Indigent and vulnerable households</p>			

	INITIATIVE	MEDIUM TERM PRIORITY (Where Applicable)	BENEFICIARY CATEGORY	PROJECT OUTPUT	ACHIEVEMENTS	OUTCOME
MINISTRY OF THE PEOPLE AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> TT Debit Card This is the cash transfer component of the TCCTP, which is currently implemented via a debit card (TT Card TM). It aims to enable families in need to purchase nutritious basic food items, thereby enhancing the health and dignity of these households and reducing the incidence of poverty 				<p>For the period October 2012 to March 2013 a total of 6,392 TT Card applications were approved. 1,136 clients were reviewed under the systematic review exercise during the period. Additionally, over 11,250 persons accessed the services of the MPSD both at TCCTP offices throughout the country and at various outreaches held during the period.</p>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Temporary Food Card System 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 now made available via the offices of Members of Parliament. The main-People Issues Resolution Coordinating Unit (m-PIRCU) also supplies these cards to victims of disasters and in emergency situations. This ensures that persons living in extreme poverty can enjoy immediate relief. 		Indigent and vulnerable households and victims of disasters	Improved Access to Social Protection	<p>For the period October 2012 to March 2013 a total of 5,397 clients nationwide were provided with immediate food relief via the Temporary Food Card System.</p>	An Efficient and Effective Social System for the poor and vulnerable

	INITIATIVE	MEDIUM TERM PRIORITY (Where Applicable)	BENEFICIARY CATEGORY	PROJECT OUTPUT	ACHIEVEMENTS	OUTCOME
MINISTRY OF THE PEOPLE AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rights of Individuals to Social and Economic Security, Universal Prosperity (RISE UP) <p>This is the conditional component of the TCCTP. It is a holistic approach to poverty reduction, which takes into consideration conditions that may limit a family's effort to move out of poverty.</p>		Indigent and vulnerable households	Recipients of Community – Based Training and Education	<p>For the period October 2012 to March 2013, a total of 801 clients received psychosocial support in the autonomy phase of intervention and are waiting to graduate, having obtained employment and completed their developmental work.</p> <p>On-going discussions were held with public & private sector organisations as training and employment opportunities for clients were sought.</p> <p>Successful discussions were initiated with the Multi-Sector Skills Training Program (MUST) regarding the securing of training opportunities for clients in hospitality and construction. This will be operation in the 15 regional offices.</p>	Self-reliant and sustainable communities
MINISTRIES OF PUBLIC UTILITIES	<p>UTILITIES ASSISTANCE PROGRAMME (UAP)</p> <p>The UAP is a social intervention strategy, introduced by the Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago in 2010, which provides financial assistance to eligible citizens to ensure their continued access to basic utilities such as water and electricity.</p> <p>The Programme is aimed at ensuring that low income customers of the Water and Sewerage Authority (WASA) and the Trinidad and Tobago Electricity Commission (T&TEC) have continued access to basic utilities through the provision of a subsidy on electricity and water.</p> <p>It is also aimed at enhancing the real income of programme beneficiaries by cushioning the effects of the rising cost of utilities.</p>	N/A	Low-income Customers of WASA and T&TEC who are also recipients of Senior Citizens Pension, Disability and other specific Grants	Provision of Social Assistance to the Poor and Vulnerable	<p>For the period October 2012 to March 2013 a total of 11, 421 persons received the subsidy.</p> <p>This figure indicates an increase over the last reporting period's total of 10,666 recipients.</p> <p>Cabinet's approval was sought for the increase in the electricity usage level criterion from 400 to 500 k Wh to allow more needy persons to benefit from the subsidy.</p>	Efficient and Accessible Social System

PILLAR 3:

NATIONAL AND PERSONAL SECURITY

The safety and security of the society is of paramount importance to Government. In addressing crime and lawlessness, it is critical to focus on the pervasive causal issues evident in the communities that are considered 'high risk'. Government, having recognized these issues, has implemented initiatives to promote crime prevention and community empowerment. Citizen involvement is a key feature of the approach to achieving national and personal security. This section highlights the initiatives geared towards the promotion of crime prevention and national security.

Box 5.III: KEY MINISTRIES/AGENCIES UNDER PILLAR 3

- Ministry of National Security (MNS)

Interconnected Pillar 3: National and Personal Security						
	INITIATIVE	MEDIUM TERM PRIORITY (Where Applicable)	BENEFICIARY CATEGORY	PROJECT OUTPUT	ACHIEVEMENTS	OUTCOME
MINISTRY OF NATIONAL SECURITY	<p>CITIZEN SECURITY PROGRAMME (CSP)</p> <p>This programme was officially launched by the Ministry of National Security in 2008.</p> <p>The Citizen Security Programme aims:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To reduce the levels of homicides, robberies and woundings in partner communities. To increase the perception of safety in partner communities. To reduce the incidence of crimes related to (i) firearms, (ii) child maltreatment, (iii) domestic violence and (iv) youth violence in partner communities. To increase the collective efficacy of partner communities to prevent and treat with violence. 	Crime and Law and Order	Communities deemed to be High Risk	Social Programmes to Prevent Crime	<p>For the period October 2012 to March 2013:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 64 persons completed Violence Prevention Training 24 NGOs and CBOs received training or equipment to improve their institutional capacity. 525 residents participated in Community Based Social Interventions (CBSIs) aimed at reducing the risk factors for crime and violence. 13 crime and violence initiatives were implemented in various communities, in collaboration with Government or CBO partners. <p>Other Achievements:</p> <p>Community engagements were conducted in 22 communities; e.g. support for victims of crime, mobilisation of community members to develop and implement community projects, as well as giving support to Community Action Councils.</p>	Reduction in Crime Against Property and Person

	INITIATIVE	MEDIUM TERM PRIORITY (Where Applicable)	BENEFICIARY CATEGORY	PROJECT OUTPUT	ACHIEVEMENTS	OUTCOME
<p>MINISTRY OF NATIONAL SECURITY</p>	<p>POLICE YOUTH CLUBS</p> <p>The Police Youth Clubs aim to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promote a feeling of nationalism amongst the youths of the nation. Encourage the youths of the nation to participate fully in the physical, cultural, sporting, educational and spiritual aspects of self and national development. Prepare youths for a positive role in the nation's development. Provide an effective machinery through which youths would be appreciative of the value of good discipline, self-respect and respect for others. Prepare youth for the responsibilities of adulthood 	<p>Crime and Law and Order</p>	<p>Youths, young adults and communities</p>	<p>Social Programmes to Prevent Crime</p>	<p>For the period October 2012 to March 2013 a total of 654 persons benefited from programmes undertaken by the Barrackpore, Las Lomas and St. Mary's Village Police Youth Clubs.</p> <p>Some of the initiatives included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parenting workshops for young mothers in the Las Lomas area; <p>Crime prevention workshops;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hosting of an academic programme for primary school students in the Las Lomas area, to assist with writing, spelling and grammatical skills. An Essay competition was held. nt rate in its programmes; Distribution of food hampers to families and older persons in the Barrackpore community, as well as facilitating a home work centre for youth. t social issues such as bullying and sexual abuse. 	<p>Reduction in Crime against Property and Person</p>

CHAPTER 6: SOCIAL SECTOR PLANS 2014



CHAPTER 6: SOCIAL SECTOR PLANS FOR 2014

This section provides an overview of the strategic initiatives of the social sector for fiscal 2014. The proposed activities are outlined in the following sections under each social sector Ministry. The new programmes and initiatives planned for fiscal 2014 and the legislative agendas for the various Ministries are outlined.

Investment in social infrastructure, programming and other social initiatives in fiscal 2014 will amount to TT\$ 11.4 billion dollars. This

represents a decrease of approximately 2% from the previous year.

Under recurrent expenditure, the sum of approximately TT\$8 billion dollars has been allocated towards programmes and projects, policy development, research and institutional initiatives, an increase of approximately 2% as compared to fiscal year 2013 (see Table 6.I). In terms of the social infrastructure, the overall investment reflects an increase from fiscal 2013 by 92.5 %

Table 6.I: Comparison of Budgeted Allocations for Social Infrastructure & Programming – 2013-2014

SECTOR COMPONENT	BUDGETED ALLOCATION 2013	BUDGETED ALLOCATION 2014
Social Infrastructure	3311782,000.00	3395467,000.00
Development Programme	1140782,000.00	1347302,000.00
Infrastructure Development Fund	2171000,000.00	2048165,000.00
Social Programming	7834008,994.00	7,964,223,821.00
TOTAL ALLOCATION	11145790,994.00	11,359,690,821.00

6.1 MINISTRY OF THE PEOPLE AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

The Ministry of the People and Social Development (MPSD) will continue to implement its initiatives under the following headings during 2014:

1. Poverty Reduction
2. Social Integration
3. Social Research And Policy, and
4. Improvement in the Social Service Delivery System

1. POVERTY REDUCTION

The following initiatives would be the major focus of the MPSD in the area of poverty reduction, for the fiscal year 2013-2014:

- Development of a National Poverty Reduction Strategy to guide the formulation and implementation of poverty reduction programmes. This would increase social sector efficiency by articulating clear roles for stakeholders and providing time-bound targets necessary for transparent monitoring and evaluation;
- Conduct of the Survey of Living Conditions (2013), which measures the incidence of poverty in the country;

- Development of 15 poverty profiles (14 in Trinidad, 1 in Tobago) to facilitate more targeted delivery of programmes and projects at the regional and community levels;
- Conduct a Study on Multidimensional Child Poverty in T&T by analysing data sets from the: Household Budgetary Survey (2009/2010), MICS (2010/2011) and the National Population Census (2011);
- Expand the Community-based Telecentres Project in five (5) new areas, namely; La Brea, Siparia, Chaguanas, Sangre Grande, Diego Martin. Additionally, three (3) satellite TeleCentre are to be established in Couva, Tabaquite/Talparo and Princes Town.³⁹ This initiative is designed to empower people by providing access to information and computer-based skills;
- Monitor implementation of the RISE-UP (Rights of Individuals to Social and Economic Security-Universal Prosperity) co-responsibilities under the Targeted Conditional Cash Transfer Programme (TCCTP) – the food support programme to assist poor and needy families;
- Convert the TT-Card to a biometric ready card;
- Launch the National Social Housing Project under the Housing Pillar of RISE-UP (Direct Construct)
- Continue work on the Consolidation of Cash Transfer Programmes under the MPSD, as part of the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) funded Reform of Social Safety Net Programme. This initiative would seek to expand programme coverage to the poor, strengthen existing administrative systems and eliminate duplication in processes;
- Pursue implementation of the UNDP Joint Programme: Reducing Inequities and Promoting Social Justice through MDG 1

Progress. This aims to improve the efficiency of public spending by enhancing coordination in the area of poverty reduction.

2. SOCIAL INTEGRATION

The Ministry promotes a range of initiatives to facilitate social integration and inclusion of special groups in society such as persons with disabilities, socially displaced persons, ex-prisoners and the elderly. Accordingly in fiscal 2013-2014 the Ministry would:

- Establish of a National Development Centre for Persons with Disabilities at Carlsen Field, Chaguanas;
- Establish of a Day Activity Centre for Persons with Disabilities in Gasparillo;
- Continue refurbishment works at Diagnostic Research Educational and Therapeutic Centre for Hearing Impaired (DRETCHI);
- Establish two (2) Halfway House for ex-prisoners in Wallerfield (men) and Claxton Bay (women) in conjunction with Vision on Mission;
- Expand the operations of the Inter-Agency Unit and extend the Temporary Implementation Strategy for the removal of Street Dwellers in Trinidad and Tobago;
- Provide RISE-UP support for the street dwellers initiative;
- Pursue the development of an Adult Daycare Services Centre at Carlsen Field (proposed site);
- Pursue the development of an Assisted Living Facility in Penal/Debe;
- Complete reconstruction works at the Toco Home for Senior Citizens;
- Establish a Poverty Reduction Mentoring Programme which utilises the skills of retirees and older persons in the areas of art and culture, to mentor youths and restore/uplift communities through apprenticeship guilds.

³⁹ While main Telecentres already exist in these areas, it was determined that due to the high levels of poverty the establishment of satellite centres were necessary.

3. SOCIAL RESEARCH AND POLICY

The following initiatives would be the focus for fiscal 2013-2014:

- Finalise, publish and disseminate the Report on the Multiple Indicators Cluster Survey 4;
- Conduct a National Social Policy Forum which focuses on presenting and obtaining stakeholder feedback on documents developed by the Inter-Ministerial Social Policy Committee;
- Develop a Policy Agenda for the Social Sector to educate and inform public sector stakeholders and civil society of draft policy initiatives
- Compile Policy Development Guidelines for the Social Sector to provide structure and consistency to the policy development process, improve the quality of policy documents produced and promote evidence-based policy making;
- Monitor implementation of the Social Sector Research Agenda.

4. IMPROVEMENT IN THE SOCIAL SERVICE DELIVERY SYSTEM

The following initiatives would be the focus for fiscal 2013-2014:

- Continue computerisation of the Social Welfare Division;
- Establish an Integrated Social Enterprise Management System/ E-Pass;
- Continue decentralisation of Social Services Delivery;
- Establish a Social Services Centre in Point Fortin;
- Establish two (2) Governance Centres in Icacos and Guayaguayare;
- Expand the 'Direct Impact' and 'Direct Effect' Outreach Programmes;
- Develop an electronic based monitoring and evaluation mechanism for the resolution of people's issues.

6.2 MINISTRY OF TERTIARY EDUCATION AND SKILLS TRAINING

1. WOODFORD LODGE CATERPILLAR AND AUTOMOTIVE CENTRE

The NESC will provide training in the maintenance of industrial equipment supplied by the Caterpillar Corporation that is widely used in the construction industry in Trinidad and Tobago. Automotive training will be provided to allow servicing of the new technology in the newly designed vehicles.

2. MAYARO SKILLS AND TECHNOLOGY CENTRE

The Mayaro Skills and Technology Centre will provide access to technical training for persons located in the Central to South East of Trinidad, reducing significantly the cost and time of student commute. The area is also home to significant energy sector production facilities which would support the participation of the residents of Mayaro in the energy sector and its attendant higher earning potential.

3. WORKFORCE ASSESSMENT CENTRE (WAC)

This initiative caters to technical and vocational skills training needs of Trinidad and Tobago. This includes the provision of training centres and workforce assessment centres throughout the various regions of Trinidad and Tobago.

4. INTEGRATED ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLEX HEADQUARTERS

Phase I of the project, which involves the construction of one tower, is expected to be completed in 2015 and will house the MTEST,

YTEPP, ACTT, NTA, National Commission for Higher Education (NCHE). Phase II of the project is proposed to address additional works/facilities.

5. NEW BUILDING FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF FESTIVAL & CREATIVE ARTS (GORDON STREET)

A new building to accommodate the Department of Festival & Creative Arts (DCFA) will be constructed. This new facility will replace the existing spaces and provide additional space to meet the medium term needs of the DCFA.

6.3 MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

The following initiatives will be undertaken in fiscal 2014:

- Continuation of the e-Cal Programme (Laptop Initiative)
- Curriculum Reform
- Improving Academic Performance
- Testing and Neuro-Diagnostic of Children
- Expansion of CVQ at the Secondary Level
- Institutionalise the Continuous Assessment Programme (CAP) at Primary Level
- Movement of the SEA Examinations from March to May
- Parental and Stakeholder Engagement Involvement and Support

6.4 MINISTRY OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

The Ministry will engage in the following initiatives for fiscal year 2014:

1. A JOINT POLICY INITIATIVE BETWEEN THE UNDP AND THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TO IMPROVE TRANSPARENCY

AND ACCOUNTABILITY IN THE GOVERNANCE OF COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

- Development of policy for governance of all community facilities
- Development of a management, human resource and accounting system and institutional implementation plan
- Capacity development in Monitoring and Evaluation
- Post Project Evaluation and Future Planning

2. PROPOSAL TO STANDARDISE THE DESIGN OF THE CONSTRUCTION OF COMMUNITY CENTRES

The Ministry is in the process of submitting a proposal to Cabinet standardisation of the design for the construction of new community centres. Currently, community centres are designed based on customised drawings. This approach is not the most efficient, given the amount of funds allocated under the Construction of Community Centres Programme.

3. THE PROCUREMENT OF TWO SPECIALLY CONFIGURED BUSES FROM THE PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES CORPORATION FOR THE CONDUCT OF MEDIATION SERVICES IN COMMUNITIES THROUGHOUT TRINIDAD

The Ministry proposes to utilise two (2) mobile offices to provide service delivery to communities that are currently underserved or do not have access to the services. These services will include counseling, mediation, referrals, parenting support and other therapeutic services.

6.5 MINISTRY OF HEALTH

In fiscal year 2014 the Ministry will continue to roll out its Strategic Plan, and would give priority to the addressing CNCs and strengthening health service delivery.

1. PREVENTION, CARE AND TREATMENT OF CHRONIC NON-COMMUNICABLE DISEASES (CNCDs)

• Reducing Modifiable Risk Factors for CNCDs

The Ministry will address the findings of the CNCD Risk Factor Survey which was completed in 2012.

• Reducing Childhood Obesity

The Survey confirmed that there has been a significant increase in childhood obesity over the years. The Ministry aims to reduce the current 25% overweight and obese school age population by 6% by 2015.

• Reducing Modifiable Risk Factors in the Adult Population

The Ministry will seek to reduce in the following risk factors in the adult population: number of overweight adults from the baseline of 55.5% in 2012 to 50%; elevated blood pressure from 25.5% to 18%; elevated blood sugar levels from 20.5% to 15%; and sedentary persons in the population from 45.4% to 36%.

In addition, the Ministry of Health will continue to implement the World Health Organisation's (WHO's) strategy on Diet, Physical Activity and Health, including the implementation of a national "Healthy Eating, Active Living" campaign, commonly referred to as the "Fight the Fat" campaign.

• Empowering Communities to Achieve Health and Well Being

The Ministry has identified the empowerment of the population to make healthy choices as one of the core strategies for improving the health of the population, whilst at the same time reducing hospital care and minimising health care expenditure. To this end, the Ministry will,

over the 2014 fiscal year, intensify its efforts to empower the population at the community level.

• Treatment of CNCDs

The Ministry proposes to expand the volume of dialysis treatment that is available to the population. This would be achieved through the public hospitals expansion and upgrade, which would ensure that more dialysis sessions are provided at these institutions. The Ministry will also seek to increase the volume of cardiac services that is available to the population.

2. PREVENTION, CARE AND TREATMENT OF COMMUNICABLE DISEASE

The strategic objective of the Ministry is to reduce morbidity and mortality rates from infectious diseases by 50% by 2015. Over fiscal year 2014 the Ministry will give special attention to the following:

• HIV/AIDS

The Ministry is seeking to halt by 2015 and begin to reverse the spread of HIV and AIDS in Trinidad and Tobago, and to achieve by 2016, universal access (at least 80% of eligible PLHIV) to treatment (care and support) for all those who need it.

• Tuberculosis (TB)

The resurgence of TB globally has been linked to HIV epidemic over the last decades. The advances made in treating with the HIV virus would therefore positively impact the Ministry's efforts at addressing TB, and meeting the strategic objective of reducing morbidity and mortality rates for tuberculosis by 50% by 2015. To this end, the Ministry will continue its expansion of the TB/DOts (Directly Observed Treatment Short course) programme in fiscal 2014.

- **Dengue Prevention and Treatment**

The Ministry will adopt an integrated management approach to treating with dengue. In this regard the strategy would include the following:

- Inclusion of dengue fever as an essential component of the **Biology/Human and Social Biology curriculums** of the Caribbean Examination Council (Ordinary Level examinations).
- Introduction of the **water barrel/tank exchange programme** to rural areas of Trinidad.
- Empowerment of persons to control *Ae.aegypti* within “high risk” communities.
- Establishment of an 800 call in line for complaints related to Dengue and Mosquito infestation.

3. MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH

The Ministry will continue to build upon and strengthen its initiatives and programmes aimed at increasing the quality of its ante-natal and post natal care. One of the initiatives undertaken by the Ministry in its bid to reduce maternal and child mortality is the implementation of a revised and updated Maternal and Child Health Manual.

4. MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS

In fiscal year 2014, the Ministry will seek to commence implementation of the Mental Health Policy and Mental Health Plan.

5. HEALTH INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT AND FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

Construction for the following secondary and primary care institutions will continue in fiscal year 2014:

A. Secondary Care Institutions

- New Penal Hospital & Rehabilitation Centre
- New Sangre Grande Hospital

- New Arima Hospital
- New Point Fortin Hospital

B. Primary Care Institutions

District Health Facilities:

- New Chaguanas District Health Facility
- Expansion Mayaro District Health Facility
- Expansion Couva District Health Facility

Enhanced Health Centres:

- New Sangre Grande Enhanced Health Centre
- New San Fernando Enhanced Health Centre

Health Centres:

- New Maracas/St. Joseph Health Centre
- New Palo Seco Health Centre
- New Carenage Health Centre
- Expansion to Toco Health Centre

6.6 MINISTRY OF SPORT

1. STRATEGIC SPORT INITIATIVES

• Implementation of a National Football Development Plan

The National Football Development Plan will be continued with the creation of a Football Development Unit. The Unit will be responsible for:

- Providing technical content and directions for initiatives such as Small Sided Football, National Youth Leagues and National Academies
- Developing and disseminating National Skills testing such as National Strength and Conditioning Standards and Accreditation of Clubs and Coaches
- Development of a National Curriculum
- Creation and production of support

resources such as Marketing, Capacity Building, Research and Planning

- Creating commercial partnerships

- **LIFE-Sport Programme**

The LIFE-sport Programme was developed by the Ministry of Sport in 2011, in response to increasing criminal activity by young males. The Programme was introduced to provide an alternative opportunity for young men ages 16 to 25, through involvement in one of three sporting disciplines, namely football, cricket and basketball. Participants of the LIFE-sport Programme also benefit from a literacy and numeracy component of the Programme, as well as social life skills and training in anger management, basic etiquette, time management, conflict resolution and goal setting. The programme has a two (2) year cycle and the anticipated completion date is July 2014.

- **Taking Sport to Rural Communities**

In fiscal 2014, it is anticipated that this initiative will be hosted in six (6) communities, with sporting equipment provided for the enhancement of various sporting disciplines including football, basketball, track and field, cricket, netball and volleyball. Identification of potential talent in communities for further development will be undertaken. The lives of young people in rural areas will be enhanced through recreation, sport and social interaction.

- **Sport Caravans**

In fiscal 2014, the Ministry will host six (6) sporting caravans to build community strength, foster independence amongst youth, train young people in various vocational skills and coaching in various sporting disciplines including football, cricket, track and field, netball and volleyball.

- **Relay Carnival**

On March 9th and 10th 2013, the Ministry of Sport hosted Trinidad and Tobago's (T&T's) inaugural

Relay Carnival. This event brought together young athletes from various countries such as USA, Canada, Suriname and the Caribbean. The Trinidad and Tobago Relay Carnival was designed to mentally and physically prepare our local athletes attending secondary schools and colleges between the ages of (12-19) years, to enter international competitions such as the Penn Relays. It is envisaged that the Relay Carnival can become a marquee annual sporting event for Trinidad and Tobago. It is anticipated that this event will be hosted in fiscal 2014.

2. POLICY INITIATIVES

- **National Sport Policy**

The Policy is currently under review, to ensure its the relevance to contextual realities and to improve the Ministry's ability to fulfil its mission and service delivery mechanisms. In fiscal 2014, it is anticipated that this review will be completed and the recommendations made would be implemented.

- **Elite Athlete Assistance Programme**

In fiscal 2014, the Elite Athlete Assistance Policy Guidelines for the disbursement of funds to High Performance Athletes will be revised to consider the accommodation of Team Sports, Non-Olympic Sports, Sub-elite athletes and Flexible rankings.

- **Policy for a System of Recognition and Rewarding Outstanding Sport Performances**

The draft policy is being finalised and is anticipated to be complete and implemented in fiscal 2014.

3. DEVELOPMENT AND REFURBISHMENT OF SPORTING INFRASTRUCTURE

In addition to upgrade and refurbishment of sporting facilities, the Ministry will oversee the

construction of the following state-of-the-art national sporting facilities:

- National Aquatic Centre
- National Tennis Centre
- National Cycle Centre

4. PODIUM-READY BASED PROGRAMMES

• Vern-Gambetta Optimal Athletic Development Programme

In fiscal 2014, the following activities will be conducted under this Programme:

- Facility development consultation as it pertains to athletic development across sports
- Coach mentorship program development & execution
- NGB capacity building workshop as it pertains to athletic development
- Facilitation of training & training program development for elite athletes

• Sport Psychology Programme

In fiscal 2014, The Ministry will continue to host sport psychology forums for National Governing Bodies (NGBs) and coaches to ensure total preparation of all associates and support systems, through the creation of new sustainable Psychological Skills Training (PST) opportunities.

The Ministry's proposed **Legislative Agenda** for fiscal 2014 is at Box 6.1:

Box 6.1: Proposed Legislative Agenda – Ministry of Sport for fiscal 2014:

- Revisiting the Trinidad and Tobago Boxing Board of Control Act 1934
- Anti-Doping in Sport
- Sport Dispute Resolution Centre

6.7 MINISTRY OF HOUSING, LAND AND MARINE AFFAIRS

The following key initiatives will be undertaken by the Ministry of Housing, Land and Marine Affairs in fiscal 2014:

Figure 6.1: Key Initiatives proposed for 2014 under the Ministry of Housing and Environment

- Park development and rehabilitation of drains in communities
- Developmental works at the headquarters of the CEPEP Company Limited
- The National Marine Debris Removal Programme
- Rehabilitation and maintenance of HDC rental apartments and housing units
- Commencement of home construction on three new sites: Trestrail lands, Eden Gardens and Pineapple Smith to yield 2,575 housing units in three years
- Re-start of suspended projects to yield 250 units in three years
- Commencement of the full construction phase on the seven (7) sites under the IDB-Assisted NUP (Squatter Regularisation), to yield 1,500 upgraded lots
- Commencement of the full construction phase on seven (7) LSA sites to deliver upgraded lots
- Completion of the Land Information System of Trinidad and Tobago (LISTT) to convert land parcel records into easily retrievable electronic databases, so as to improve the efficiency of Office of the Commissioner of State Land

6.8 MINISTRY OF LABOUR, SMALL AND MICRO ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT

The Ministry will engage in the following key initiatives in fiscal 2014:

1. LABOUR ADMINISTRATION

- **Development of a modernised Labour Market Information System (LMIS)**

This programme will include the following activities:

- Public Sector Vacancy Survey
- A Limited Vacancy Survey for the private and public sectors
- Survey on Youth Employment
- Monitoring of trends and changes in the labour market

- **The Standing National Labour Market Council (SNLMC) and its role in a Modern Labour Market Information System**

The Ministry, in collaboration with the Standing National Labour Market Council (SNLMC) proposes to conduct a Labour Market Information conference aimed at bringing together information and research on the labour market in the region in a single forum. This would further guide the development of labour market information for use by policymakers and other key stakeholders.

- **National Productivity Centre**

The Ministry, in collaboration with the National Productivity Council, is purposing to establish a National Productivity Centre over the period 2014 -2016. The Centre is expected to be the medium to raise awareness on the benefits of improving productivity and how it can be improved.

- **Development of a Register of Domestic Workers**

The Ministry proposes to develop a marketing strategy that would continue the momentum achieved with the launch of the Register for Domestic Workers in 2012/2013.

- **Labour Advocate Training Programme**

This project will entail Labour Advocate Training for identified communities. It is proposed that 2 modules of this training, comprising 30 persons each, will be conducted.

- **Development of a National Labour Inspection Policy**

The Ministry proposes to develop a National Labour Inspection Policy, which is aimed at providing a reference for both Labour Inspectors and “users” (employers, workers and the general public) on how the labour inspections are conducted. It is anticipated that the policy will ensure transparency in the operations of the Labour Inspectorate Unit and its relationships with the stakeholders. The policy will also give a clear direction to the mandate of Labour Unit.

- **Enhancement of Mechanisms for Industrial Peace**

In fiscal 2014, the Ministry proposes to undertake a series of lectures, seminars and other outreach activities targeted at the general public in order to promote industrial peace, along with several preventative and proactive strategies for managing labour conflict.

- **Establishment of a Heroes Park and Museum in Fyzabad, Trinidad (Continuing)**

This project which commenced in fiscal year 2012/2013 will continue in fiscal 2014. Some of its major components include:

- Establishment of a Management Company responsible for the operationalisation of the Heroes Park and Museum and the design and

construction of the skills training campus with an amphitheatre

- Refurbishment of the Petrotrin Crest Camp Staff Club to house the Heroes Museum
- Construction of skills training campus inclusive of utilities
- Marketing and Promotions campaign of Heroes Park and Museum

2. EMPLOYABILITY

• Reducing Youth Unemployment Levels in Trinidad and Tobago

In collaboration with the Ministry of Gender, Youth and Child Development, the Ministry will implement Youth Boot Camps, an essay writing and short video competition on youth and productivity. It will also collaborate with the Ministry of Tertiary Education and Skills Training for the preparation of a Career Guidance Handbook for young people in preparation for the world of work.

• Cipriani College of Labour and Co-operative Studies (CCLCS) – Graduate Tracer Study

In fiscal year 2014, the CCLCS will implement a quality assurance exercise constituting the collection of data from alumni in the form of a graduate tracer study. The data gathered will be used to guide the future development of the institution.

3. ENTREPRENEURSHIP

• Establishment of Community-based Business Incubators (Continuing)

In fiscal 2014 and beyond, this programme will be expanded to the communities of Diego Martin, Carenage, Chaguanas, Couva and Tobago

• Establishment of a National Enterprise Investment Fund

The Ministry, in collaboration with the Ministry of Trade and Industry, is proposing the establishment of a National Enterprise

Investment Fund (NEIF) to facilitate the development of enterprises throughout Trinidad and Tobago.

• Green Enterprises Policy and Programme Development

The Ministry is expected to draft a policy regarding Green Enterprises and identify new areas of opportunities for small green enterprises.

• Implementation of the Fair Share Programme (Continuing)

In fiscal 2014, the Ministry will engage in client training, a marketing and promotions campaign and programme development where necessary, as well as the development of a database with web access.

• Youth Entrepreneurship in Green Business Workshops

In fiscal 2014, the Ministry will host two workshops aimed at driving youth entrepreneurship through the development of the development of Trinidad and Tobago's green economy.

• Co-operative Development Division

The Ministry proposes to further progress the Co-operative sector as a viable diversification strategy by:

- Promoting awareness of the Co-operative Movement in Promoting Economic Growth
- Updating and revision of Policy Document governing Co-operative Activities
- Enhancement of Value Chain Development within the Co-operative Sector.

4. EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES

• Establishment of a Social Dialogue Process in Trinidad and Tobago

In fiscal 2014, the project will continue with the establishment of a Task Force Secretariat, a monitoring and evaluation framework to

monitor changes in the economic sector and a marketing programme.

Box 6.II outlines the proposed Legislative Agenda for MLSMED for 2014:

Box 6.II: Proposed Legislative Agenda – Ministry of Labour and Small and Micro Enterprise Development for fiscal 2014

- The Friendly Societies Act, Chap. 32:50;
- The Prevention and Elimination of the Worst Form of Child Labour;
- Private Security Legislation;
- The Retrenchment and Severance Benefits Act; Chap.88:13;
- Legislation to govern HIV/AIDS in the Workplace;
- Occupational Safety and Health Act; and
- Cipriani College of Labour and Co-operative Studies Act

6.9 MINISTRY OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

Guided by its Strategic Plan 2011-2015, and consistent with the Cabinet approved mandatory goals of becoming an effective and efficient institution, achieving excellence in service delivery and optimising management performance, the Ministry of Public Utilities continues in its bid to transform itself through the provision of strong strategic leadership and governance to its agencies and divisions, with a view to realising improved levels in the delivery of efficient utility services to the national community.

In this regard, the following is a list of key initiatives the Ministry proposes for fiscal 2014:

1. ROLLOVER PROJECTS

Study of the impact of MPU interventions at improving access to basic utilities

- National Street Lighting Programme

- Development of Disaster Preparedness Capabilities
- Lighting of Parks and Recreation Grounds
- Illumination of RHA facilities
- Illumination of Taxi Stands and Transit Hubs
- Illumination of Public Spaces
- Illumination of Grounds of Police Stations

2. NEW PROJECTS

• Residential Electrification Assistance Programme (REAP)

This programme seeks to accelerate residential access to an adequate supply of electricity in a safe and reliable manner by:

- i. bringing electricity to communities (excluding squatter communities) not currently served
- ii. assisting home owners in the wiring and rewiring of homes.

This Programme, once implemented, is expected to provide:

- A safe and reliable supply of electricity to qualified recipients throughout Trinidad and Tobago
- Electrification assistance to an estimated three hundred (300) households in year one and four hundred and fifty (450) each in years two and three respectively
- Reduction in the quantum of residential fires due to faulty electrical wiring.

The Programme will comprise four (4) main categories namely:

- **Electrical Pole Extension** – Installation of poles to access an electricity supply
- **First-Time Wiring** – this involves assistance to eligible persons who are living in homes that have never been previously wired
- **Rewiring** – this involves assistance to eligible persons who are living in homes where the existing electrical wiring is old and faulty,

may pose severe fire risks or may not meet the electrical standards; or

- **Materials Only Assistance** – such assistance will be provided to eligible persons where it may not be feasible to cover the entire cost of wiring/rewiring.

6.10 MINISTRY OF NATIONAL SECURITY

The following key social initiatives will be implemented by the Ministry of National Security during fiscal year 2014:

1. TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO POLICE SERVICE

Increase in the capacity of the Police Training Academy for recruiting and training of recruits and providing refresher in-service training to officers. The improvement works projected for the infrastructure at the Police Training Academy are estimated at \$85.3 million dollars.

Further transformation of the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service is expected to occur through the implementation of several initiatives. These include:

- The deployment of technology to assist in improving public trust and confidence in the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service
- The commissioning of research initiatives geared towards the strategic development of anti-crime measures
- An expansion and increase in the execution of Community Relations programmes geared towards improving the police/public interface.

2. TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO CADET FORCE

In continuation of the policy to introduce cadets to every secondary school, in Fiscal 2013/2014, it is proposed to establish cadet units in the under mentioned schools:

A. NORTH

- Belmont North Secondary
- Mt. Hope Secondary
- San Juan South Secondary
- St. Anthony's College

B. SOUTH

- San Fernando Central Secondary
- Point Fortin East Secondary

C. CENTRAL

- Chaguanas West Secondary

D. EAST

- El Dorado East Secondary
- Valencia Secondary

3. OFFICE OF DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

The ODPM is currently drafting a National Hazard Mitigation Plan for Trinidad and Tobago, as well as a National Flood Policy. In the fiscal year 2014, the ODPM intends to develop the following:-

- Crisis Communication Policy and Plan
- Business Continuity Management Policy and Plan
- Data Management Policy and Plan
- Shelter Management Plan
- National Relief Plan
- Volunteer Engagement Plan

4. CITIZEN SECURITY PROGRAMME (CSP)

For Fiscal 2014 the CSP will engage in the following projects:

- Youth friendly spaces (in collaboration with the Ministry of Community Development)
- A Community Media Production Programme
- The Cease Fire Initiative (to reduce gun violence in hot spot areas)
- An expansion of CSP into eight (8) new communities
- An injury surveillance system

- Refurbishment of seven (7) police stations
- Engagement of eight (8) new NGOs to assist in CSP's community based social intervention

6.11 MINISTRY OF THE ARTS AND MULTICULTURALISM

1. ONGOING INITIATIVES

Key policy initiatives that will continue in the fiscal year 2013/2014 include:

- National Cultural Mapping Exercise
- National Registry of Artists and Cultural Workers
- New Vision Competitive Award
- Music School in the Community Programme
- Cultural Camps Initiative
- Mentoring by the Masters Programme
- The Remember When Institute
- Policy Framework for Multiculturalism
- National Cultural Policy
- Evolution of the Steel Pan Exhibition
- Artist-in-Residence Initiative

2. NEW POLICY INITIATIVES

The new policy initiatives for the 2013/2014 fiscal year have been categorised into the following areas:

- Policy Development
- Cultural Facility Development
- Development of Cultural Industries

- **Policy Development**

The policy on Grants and Subventions falls under the Policy Framework for Multiculturalism and will guide the equitable distribution of financial assistance to groups and individuals in the cultural sector.

- **Cultural Facility Development**

- Development of Festival Spaces

This project aims to create functional festival spaces in various areas of the country.

- **The National Heritage Warehouse**

The National Heritage Warehouse is a curated storage facility and an interim exhibition facility. It will house rotating exhibits and will be home to a National Historical Society, Archaeological Society, and Archivists Society helping to facilitate the sharing of data among members.

- **Development of Cultural Industries**

- Arts Sector Project: The Development of the Arts Industry and Personnel
- The Multicultural Project: Education and Outreach to the Nation
- The National Arts Council

6.12 MINISTRY OF GENDER, YOUTH AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

The following projects will be continued or implemented in fiscal year 2014.

1. RESPECT ME, RESPECT YOU

The Respect Me, Respect You initiative is a programme aimed at addressing various types of bullying within the school, home, workplace and communities. Bullying via thorough the use of communication technology is also approved under this initiative. In the long term, the initiative projects the creation of a caring environment and reducing, if not preventing, bullying in its various forms is envisaged. The initiative includes a three pronged approach, which will continue into fiscal 2013-2014 and would involve a nationwide sensitivity and awareness campaign utilising multi-media approaches and community outreach workshops.

2. NATIONAL STRATEGY FOR CHILD RIGHTS

The National Strategy for Child's Rights, due to come on-stream in 2013-14 aims at mainstreaming children's rights. It involves several activities to enhance capacity and expertise regarding children's rights, by ensuring actors involved in mainstreaming children's rights are equipped with the necessary skills and tools.

3. CHILD PROTECTION CAMPAIGN

- The National campaign on the protection of children in Trinidad and Tobago will be expanded in the next year to include multi-media approaches on messages targeted towards parents and the general public on methods and strategies in safeguarding children against abuse, neglect, exploitation and violence. The Ministry will partner with the University of the West Indies on the national Break the Silence initiative aimed at strengthening community based protection mechanisms in preventing and responding to child sexual abuse.
- As a mechanism to further facilitate Child Protection, a National Children's Registry is being established. This Registry is aimed at protecting and monitoring the growth, care and development of children throughout Trinidad and Tobago. The Registry will be a government database that collects and holds information on all children, that is, persons under the age of 18. It is envisioned that the National Children's Registry will transform children services through adequate and sustained support for more effective and early detection. It would also provide an effective mechanism for information sharing, better and more rapid communication among key practitioners across the sectors of education, health, social services, justice and national security.

4. CONSTRUCTION OF NEW FACILITIES

The Ministry will continue to advance the construction of six (6) new facilities comprising three (3) Safe Houses, two (2) Assessment Centres and one (1) Transition Home. The Safe Houses and Assessment Centres will upgrade the protection of women and children, while the Transition Home will assist the youth with the change from institutional to independent living. These projects are priority, given the nature of the services that they aim to provide and the need for such services in this country.

In addition to constructing new facilities, the Ministry aims to improve the condition of existing facilities under its purview: St. Mary Home for Children, St. Jude's School for Girls, St. Michael's School for Boys and St. Dominic's Children's Home.

6.13 MINISTRY OF FOOD PRODUCTION

The following initiatives form part of the Ministry's Medium Term Action Plan 2012-2015, entitled AGRICULTURE NOW and are expected to be implemented in fiscal 2013:

Box 6.III: Key initiatives for implementation in 2014 under Ministry of Food Production

1. Large Farms Project
2. Graduate Internship Programme
3. Farm Labour
4. Home Gardening Initiative
5. Agricultural incentive programme (AIP)

6.14 MINISTRY OF NATIONAL DIVERSITY AND SOCIAL INTEGRATION

The following key initiatives will be undertaken in fiscal 2014:

1. POLICY INITIATIVES AIMED AT FOSTERING UNITY IN DIVERSITY

- Hosting of a Diversity Conference;
- Establishment of diversity centres;
- Conduct of diversity fairs; and
- Conduct of diversity workshops for the public and private sector.

2. INITIATIVES AIMED AT ENGENDERING PATRIOTISM IN THE CITIZENRY

- Continuation of the work of the Inter-sectoral Steering Committee on Patriotism;
- Coordinating the schedule of patriotism fairs across the country; and
- Initiatives aimed at honouring our National Heroes

3. INITIATIVES AIMED AT INSTITUTIONAL STRENGTHENING OF THE MINISTRY OF NATIONAL DIVERSITY AND SOCIAL INTEGRATION

- Undertaking of research in a number of areas related to the work of the Ministry; such as, diversity and social integration and the development of a social cohesion index
- Establishment of a Monitoring and Evaluation Division
- Computerisation of the Ministry

4. INITIATIVES WHICH ARE AIMED AT SOCIAL INTEGRATION IN THAT THEY AID IN PROVIDING EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR MARGINALISED AND VULNERABLE GROUPS

- Projects and programmes to support at-risk youth
- Projects and programmes to support persons who have recovered, or are recovering from substance-abuse

- Projects and programs to support ex-prisoners and youth released from corrective facilities
- Funding assistance to individuals and organisations geared toward social integration (one-off payments)
- Provision of subventions to organisations involved in projects aimed at social integration.

5. FACILITATING CIVIL SOCIETY ENGAGEMENT

- Establishment of the secretariat which will support the Civil Society Board
- Institutional strengthening of the Civil Society Board through training workshops and Seminars
- Funding initiatives for institutional strengthening of Civil Society Organisations to foster contributions to national policy making;

6. CITIZEN'S FACILITATION INITIATIVES

- Creation of integrated citizen's facilitation centres
- Creation of a citizen facilitation IT system

7. NATIONAL ARCHIVES

- Institutional Strengthening of the National Archives including an upgrade of the information technology hardware and software and training of staff;
- Refurbishment and Upgrade of National Archives Buildings
- Continuation of Outreach to the public.

8. SUPPORT TO THE INDIGENOUS PEOPLE POPULATION

- Establishment of the First Peoples Development Committee

- Establishment of a model Amerindian Village
- Implementation of the UN convention on the Rights of the First Peoples

9. NATIONAL TRUST OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

- Listing of Gazetted Sites
- Developing and promoting heritage tourism sites.
- Establishment of a Heritage Preservation Fund
- Institutional strengthening of the National Trust
- Outreach Programme and Membership Drive

10. FISCAL INITIATIVES

The Ministry proposes the establishment of a Heritage Restoration Fund. The Fund will function similar to the Green Fund, where a percentage of tax would be levied from newly established multinational businesses to create a Fund for the restoration of historical and heritage sites in Trinidad and Tobago. Alternatively, a percentage of the revenues from the NLCB could be allocated for the establishment of the Fund.

The following Box 6.IV outlines a list of the policy measures to be developed by the Ministry within the fiscal year 2013-2014.

Box 6.IV: Policy Measures Under Ministry of National Diversity and Social Integration

- Development of a Strategic Plan
- Development of a Communication and Education Plan
- Development of a Patriotism Policy
- Development of an Ecclesiastical Affairs Policy
- Formulation of a National Policy on Diversity
- Policy for the grant of state lands to religious organisations
- Policy for the establishment of community museums

Box 6.V provides an indication of the proposed Legislative measures to be pursued in fiscal 2014:

Box 6.V: Proposed Legislative Agenda – Ministry of National Diversity and Social Integration for Fiscal 2014

- National Archives Act
- National Heroes Act
- Archaeological Management Act

6.15 MINISTRY OF JUSTICE

The Ministry will pursue the following projects outlined in Box 6.VI in fiscal year 2014:

Box 6.VI: Key Initiatives for 2014 Under the Ministry of Justice

- Establishment of an Electronic Monitoring Programme
- Establishment of an Offender Management Programme
- Youth Justice Policy
- Institutional Strengthening of the Forensic Science Centre
- Refurbishment of Buildings of Youth Training Centre
- Construction of Nursery at Women's Prison – Golden Grove
- Training of Prison Personnel
- Development of a Computer System for Prison Service

6.16 MINISTRY OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND WATER RESOURCES

The mandate of the Ministry of the Environment and Water Resources (MEWR) is to sustainably manage the nation's natural resources in a manner that ensures there is a balance between economic and social development, while maintaining the integrity of the environment.

1. ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY AND PLANNING

The following projects/programmes will be pursued for fiscal year 2014:

- National Biodiversity Information System
- Reclassification of Protected Areas
- Development of a Transitional Plan for the Establishment of the Forest and Protected Areas Management Authority
- Phase out of Ozone-depleting Substances (ODS)
- Low Emission Capacity Building Programme
- Vulnerability and Capacity Assessment on the Impacts of Climate Change in the Agriculture, Human Health, Tourism, Coastal Zones, Coastal Infrastructure and Water Resources in Trinidad and Tobago
- Multilateral Environmental Agreements Focal Points Capacity Building Programme
- Third National Communication and First Biennial Update Report

2. ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY (EMA)

The following are key projects proposed to be undertaken by the EMA in fiscal 2014:

- Establishment of an Ambient Air Quality Management Programme
- Establishment of an Inventory of Air and Water Pollutants Sources in Trinidad and Tobago
- Implementation of the Second phase of “EMA and You” public campaign
- Implementation of a Public Education Campaign to specifically inform about two Environmentally Sensitive Species (ESS) – the Ocelot and Golden Tree Frog
- Implementation of a Community Specific Education and Outreach Programme to increase knowledge and behavioral change on environmental issues affecting the country and society.

- Harmonisation of Laws of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago governmental environmental issues
- Operate the EMA as a Model for Good Environmental Practices
- Establishment of an Environmental Complaints Management System on-line Complaint Management System (EOCMS)
- Capacity building in the Compliance Function of the Authority for Development of an Emergency Response Policy and Practice (Hazardous Waste).

Box 6.VII: Proposed Legislative Agenda – Ministry of the Environment and Water Resources for fiscal 2014

- Legislation for implementation of the National Forest Policy
- Legislation for implementation of the National Protected Areas Policy

6.17 MINISTRY OF TOBAGO DEVELOPMENT

In fiscal 2014, the Ministry will implement the following:

1. NGO SUPPORT SERVICES

This initiative by the Ministry of Tobago Development seeks to enhance the capacity of NGOs to manage their affairs and to provide efficient delivery of services to their publics.

The anticipated initiatives under this programme include:

- The formulation of policy regarding engagement and support for NGO's
- Provision of hardware and technical support to build the capacity of the NGO's
- Workshops for proposal writing for local and international stakeholders

- NGO Fair to assist in sensitising the public to services and programmes that are available through the various NGO's
- Golden Lane Day and Village Enhancement Programme
- Village / Village Council Development Programme
- Agro-Processing Unit of the Bethel Empowerment and Skills Training (BEST) Centres
- Sports Academy
- Development of a Golf Academy and summer program with the Tobago Junior Golfers Association
- Community "Len Han Weekend"
- Half-way home
- School for displaced Children

6.18 THE TOBAGO HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

The Budget of the Tobago House of Assembly was presented on June 24, 2013 under the theme "Responding to the People's Mandate – Protecting Tobago's Heritage".

RECURRENT AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME ESTIMATES

The THA's estimates for recurrent expenditure amounting to TT\$2.97 billion are highlighted in Table 6.II below:

Table 6.II: THA Recurrent Expenditure Estimates 2013-2014

ESTIMATES	TT\$ MILLION
Personnel Expenditure	729.1
Goods and Services	949.8
Minor Equipment Purchases	71.0
Transfers and Subsidies	1,222.5

Estimates for the 2014 development programme expenditure to the respective sectors of the THA total TT\$1.91 billion and are disaggregated in Table 6.III below:

Table 6.III: THA Development Programme Expenditure Estimates 2013-2014

SECTOR	TT\$ MILLION
Pre-Investment	1.0
Productive Sectors	3.6
Economic Infrastructure	647.7
Social Infrastructure	1,008.8
Multi-sectoral and Other Services	246.2

APPENDICES

APPENDIX I: KEY SOCIAL PROGRAMMES AND STRUCTURAL / INSTITUTIONAL INITIATIVES FUNDED BY THE PUBLIC SECTOR INVESTMENT PROGRAMME (PSIP) 2013

PROGRAMMES & INITIATIVES	BUDGETED ALLOCATION TT\$ 2013	ESTIMATED BUDGETED ALLOCATION TT\$2013	BUDGETED ALLOCATION TT\$2014
MINISTRY OF THE PEOPLE AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT			
Assisted Living Facility	2,000,000	500,000	0
Computerisation of the Social Welfare Division	2,000,000	2,000,000	1,000,000
Decentralisation of Social Services	2,000,000	2,000,000	500,000
Development Centre for Persons with Disabilities	4,000,000	8,358,505	9,210,000
DRETCHI – Refurbishment/Reconfiguration	3,000,000	1,400,000	4,000,000
Emergency Transitional Facility	1,000,000	1,500,000	1,000,000
Establishment of Substance Abuse Rehabilitation Facility at Piparo	1,000,000	846,000	1,000,000
Establishment of a Data Centre and Storage Area Network	2,000,000	2,000,000	1,000,000
Establishment of a Halfway House for Ex-Prisoners	2,000,000	500,000	0
Establishment of an Integrated Social Enterprise Management System	7,500,000	4,200,000	5,000,000
Establishment of Social Displacement Centres –Queen and Duncan Streets	2,000,000	600,000	2,000,000
Establishment of Social Services Centre in Point Fortin	2,000,000	362,500	500,000
Evaluation study of the Consolidated Cash Transfer Programme	600,000	600,000	0
Expansion of the Community-based Micro Credit Programme Expansion System (Micro Enterprise Loan (MEL) Facility)	2,000,000	2,300,000	1,000,000
Expansion of the Community Based Telecentres Project	2,000,000	75,000	1,000,000
Food Support Programme - Conditional Cash Transfer	2,000,000	885,000	1,000,000
HIV/AIDS Co-ordinating Programme	1,000,000	1,287,500	1,000,000
Ministry of the People – Establishment of Units	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000
National Poverty Reduction Strategy	1,000,000	100,000	300,000
Poverty Alleviation Programme: Regional Micro-Project Fund (RMPF)	2,000,000	1,100,000	2,000,000
Strengthening of Social Service Delivery in T&T	2,000,000	196,495	1,000,000
Support for the Social Safety Net Reform Programme	3,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000
The Street Dwellers Rehabilitation & Re-Integration Project	0	3,900,000	1,000,000
Toco Home for Senior Citizens	2,000,000	1,375,000	500,000

PROGRAMMES & INITIATIVES	BUDGETED ALLOCATION TT\$ 2013	ESTIMATED BUDGETED ALLOCATION TT\$2013	BUDGETED ALLOCATION TT\$2014
Trinidad and Tobago Blind Welfare Association	5,000,000	1,000,000	4,000,000
Vision on Mission Development Programme	2,000,000	1,400,000	1,919,000
Construction of a Probation Hostel	1,000,000	100,000	500,000
Total	57,100,000	41,586,000	43,429,000
MINISTRY OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT			
Aided Self Help Programme- Implementation of Community-Based Projects (CDF)	15,000,000	9,300,000	15,000,000
* Implementation of Self Help Programme (NCSHL)	0	0	0
Refurbishment of Export Centres	4,000,000	4,000,000	2,000,000
Refurbishment of the Community Education, Training, Information and Resource Centre	2,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000
Support to Mediation Services	1,500,000	500,000	4,500,000
Total	22,500,000	15,800,000	23,500,000
MINISTRY OF THE ARTS AND MULTICULTURISM			
Cultural Industries	3,500,000	3,500,000	5,000,000
National Museum Development	0	0	0
Refurbishment of Queen's Hall	2,000,000	2,000,000	3,500,000
Total	5,500,000	5,500,000	8,500,000
MINISTRY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT			
*Community Improvement Services	30,000,000	160,000,000	55,000,000
*Development of Rural Communities	32,400,000	131,400,000	50,000,000
*Implementation of Self Help Programme (NCSHL)	40,000,000	40,000,000	60,000,000
*Urban Re-Development	0	0	0
Total	102,400,000	331,400,000	165,000,000
MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT			
*Building Sustainable Communities- One Community at a Time	0	0	5,000,000
*Urban Re-Development	30,000,000	30,000,000	20,000,000
Total	30,000,000	30,000,000	25,000,000
MINISTRY OF HOUSING			
*Accelerated Housing Programme	574,000,000	1,008,513,000	350,000,000
Emergency Shelter Relief Fund	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000
High Density Housing Programme	5,000,000	5,000,000	0
Housing Grants	25,000,000	25,000,000	25,000,000
Housing Opportunity Programme	52,000,000	45,000,000	36,000,000

PROGRAMMES & INITIATIVES	BUDGETED ALLOCATION TT\$ 2013	ESTIMATED BUDGETED ALLOCATION TT\$2013	BUDGETED ALLOCATION TT\$2014
i.Squatter Settlements Regularisation	20,000,000	20,000,000	10,000,000
ii.Home Improvement and New Housing Subsidies	25,000,000	18,000,000	20,000,000
Residential Lots Programme (Land for the Landless)	10,000,000	35,000,000	20,000,000
i. Resettlement of Squatters	5,000,000	1,500,000	5,000,000
Survey of Squatter Sites	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000
Total	718,000,000	1,160,013,000	468,000,000
MINISTRY OF GENDER, YOUTH AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT			
Assistance to National Youth Non-Governmental Organisations	2,000,000	600,000	2,000,000
Construction of a Meal Centre and Day Nursery	0	0	0
Construction of four (4) Assessment Centres	2,000,000	1,271,533	3,000,000
Construction of three (3) Inter-disciplinary Child Development Centres	2,000,000	154,883	1,200,000
Construction of three (3) Safe Houses	2,000,000	1,035,600	2,000,000
Construction of two (2) Respite Centres	2,000,000	553,400	500,000
Establishment of a Model Children's Home	2,000,000	853,400	400,000
Establishment of a National Youth Council	2,000,000	856,400	1,000,000
Establishment of a Remand Home for Male Offenders	0	0	1,500,000
Establishment of a Remand Home for Young Female Offenders	5,000,000	1,114,216	1,500,000
Establishment of Transition Homes for persons leaving Orphanages and Children's Homes	2,000,000	1,151,200	2,000,000
Implementation of a National Youth Policy - Establishment of a PIU	1,000,000	500,000	2,000,000
Modernisation of St. Michael's School for Boys	0	0	1,000,000
Princess Elizabeth Home for Handicapped Children- Refurbishment Works	0	0	0
Reconstruction of St. Dominic's Home for Children- Dominic Savio / St Martin Building	1,000,000	1,450,000	1,500,000
Refurbishment of St. Jude's School for Girls-Mt. Carmel Girl's Hostel	0	0	0
Refurbishment of the Inter-Disciplinary Child Development Centre	800,000	800,000	1,000,000
Refurbishment of Youth Development and Apprenticeship Centres	4,000,000	1,300,000	500,000
Refurbishment of Youth Training Facilities	3,000,000	1,500,000	3,000,000
Renovation of Salvation Army Hostel-Josephine House	0	230,000	1,500,000
Replacement Centre for Socially Displaced Children (CREDO)	1,000,000	3,000,000	0
Save the Youth in Marginalised Communities	2,500,000	2,500,000	3,000,000

PROGRAMMES & INITIATIVES	BUDGETED ALLOCATION TT\$ 2013	ESTIMATED BUDGETED ALLOCATION TT\$2013	BUDGETED ALLOCATION TT\$2014
St. Mary's Home for Children	2,000,000	1,500,000	1,000,000
Youth Health Programme/ Implementation of the National Strategic Plan for HIV/AIDS	2,100,000	300,000	3,000,000
Youth Resources for Implementing Successful Enterprises (Youth RISE)	300,000	300,000	0
Total	38,700,000	20,970,632	32,600,000
MINISTRY OF HEALTH			
Community Outreach Family Medicine Programme	1,000,000	1,000,000	2,500,000
Establishment of Facilities for the Socially Displaced	0	0	0
National Community Care Programme	0	0	0
Special Programme - Chronic Diseases	0	0	0
Special Programme - HIV/AIDS	5,000,000	6,000,000	5,800,000
Special Programme - Renal Dialysis	16,000,000	16,000,000	25,000,000
Special Programme - Treatment of Adult Cardiac Disease	11,000,000	11,000,000	10,000,000
Tissue Transplant	2,500,000	2,500,000	2,000,000
Waiting List for Surgery	2,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000
Total	37,500,000	38,500,000	47,300,000
MINISTRY OF TERTIARY EDUCATION AND SKILLS TRAINING			
Acquisition of Capital Equipment for Metal Industries Co. Ltd	4,000,000	4,000,000	2,000,000
Cardiovascular Services Initiative - UTT	7,000,000	7,000,000	10,000,000
Diabetes Services Initiative - UTT	3,000,000	3,000,000	10,000,000
Establishment of a National Accreditation Council	3,000,000	3,000,000	2,400,000
Establishment of a National Community College	12,000,000	5,000,000	6,000,000
Establishment of a South Campus - UWI	140,000,000	220,000,000	175,000,000
Establishment of a Training Facility for Nurses- El Dorado	6,000,000	6,000,000	5,000,000
Establishment of UTT	10,000,000	10,000,000	10,000,000
John S. Donaldson Technical Institute- Improvement of Facilities	4,000,000	4,000,000	2,000,000
MIC Craft Programmes	3,000,000	1,596,000	0
MIC Training Subsidy	1,800,000	1,800,000	1,500,000
National Skills Development Programme	5,000,000	5,000,000	1,600,000
San Fernando Technical Institute - Upgrade of Facilities and Equipment	2,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000
Sangre Grande MIC/HYPE Centre	2,000,000	500,000	500,000
Upgrading of Technology Centres at Port of Spain, Point-a-Pierre, Ste Madeline and Pt. Fortin	4,000,000	4,000,000	500,000

PROGRAMMES & INITIATIVES	BUDGETED ALLOCATION TT\$ 2013	ESTIMATED BUDGETED ALLOCATION TT\$2013	BUDGETED ALLOCATION TT\$2014
*UTT Main Campus-Tamana E-Teck Park Wallerfield	75,000,000	75,000,000	100,000,000
UTT- Pt. Lisas Campus	4,000,000	4,000,000	4,000,000
UTT- Tobago Campus	2,000,000	2,000,000	5,000,000
Total	287,800,000	357,896,000	337,500,000
MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY			
NIHERST - President's Award for Excellence in Science, Teaching, Research and Development	400,000	400,000	500,000
Total	400,000	400,000	500,000
MINISTRY OF SPORT			
*Development and Upgrading of Recreational Grounds, Parks and Spaces	50,000,000	20,800,000	20,000,000
Upgrading of Swimming Pools	3,000,000	3,000,000	2,000,000
Improvement to Indoor Sporting Areas	4,000,000	4,000,000	1,000,000
Institutional Strengthening and Capacity Building of Youth Structures	800,000	800,000	1,000,000
Total	57,800,000	28,600,000	24,000,000
OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER			
HIV/AIDS Social Marketing	5,000,000	5,000,000	9,000,000
Total	5,000,000	5,000,000	9,000,000
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION			
*Early Childhood Care and Education	0	0	20,000,000
Physical Security of Secondary Schools	1,000,000	0	1,000,000
* Special Education	3,000,000	5,186,721	3,400,000
Upgrade of Sporting Facilities in Secondary Schools	2,000,000	0	0
Seamless Education System Project	45,000,000	61,555,140	60,000,000
Total	51,000,000	66,741,861	84,400,000
TOBAGO HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY			
Community Action Towards Cultivating Holistic Education in Schools (CATCHES)	500,000	500,000	500,000
Community Enhancement Programme	3,000,000	3,000,000	2,000,000
Community Mediation Centres	500,000	500,000	400,000
Construction of Community Swimming Pools	1,000,000	1,000,000	5,400,000
Construction of Parks and Recreation Sites	200,000	200,000	200,000
Construction of School for the Deaf	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000
Construction of Wellness/Fitness Centre	300,000	300,000	300,000

PROGRAMMES & INITIATIVES	BUDGETED ALLOCATION TT\$ 2013	ESTIMATED BUDGETED ALLOCATION TT\$2013	BUDGETED ALLOCATION TT\$2014
Domestic Violence Programme	200,000	200,000	200,000
Establishment of a Halfway House	500,000	500,000	600,000
Establishment of a Tobago Youth Development Institute	200,000	200,000	200,000
Establishment of an Adult Education Programme Unit	100,000	100,000	100,000
Establishment of Childhood Centres	3,000,000	3,000,000	1,000,000
Establishment of Early Childhood Care and Education Unit	300,000	300,000	300,000
Establishment of Health Community Boards	100,000	100,000	200,000
Establishment of Probation Hostels	500,000	500,000	500,000
Establishment of School Health Programme	500,000	500,000	500,000
Golden Apple Adolescent Partnership Programme (GAAPP)	300,000	300,000	300,000
Health and Family Life Education	100,000	100,000	100,000
HIV/AIDS & Substance Abuse Programme	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000
Home Completion Programme, Tobago	500,000	500,000	500,000
Home Improvement Grant, Tobago	5,000,000	5,000,000	5,000,000
Home Improvement Subsidy, Tobago	1,000,000	1,000,000	0
Implementing Family Remedial Therapy Thinking	100,000	100,000	100,000
Life management and parenting Education Programme	250,000	250,000	250,000
Mobile Community and Primary School Service	750,000	750,000	0
Mobile Youth Health Centre	300,000	300,000	300,000
Music in Schools Programme	750,000	750,000	750,000
Programme for Adolescent Mothers	100,000	100,000	100,000
Project for the Realisation of Economic Achievement (REACH)	300,000	300,000	300,000
Roving Caregivers Programme	500,000	500,000	500,000
School Health Project	600,000	600,000	500,000
Social Displacement Transitional care & Relief Centres Project	200,000	200,000	200,000
Smoking Cessation Programme	300,000	300,000	200,000
Social Services and Prison Integrated Network (SPINE)	300,000	100,000	100,000
Specialised Youth Service Programme	300,000	300,000	300,000
Sports Development Programme	500,000	500,000	500,000
Tobago Elderly Housing and Rehabilitative Centre	200,000	200,000	200,000
Tobago Rehab Programme	200,000	200,000	200,000
Vocation Centre for Persons with Mental Retardation	200,000	200,000	200,000

PROGRAMMES & INITIATIVES	BUDGETED ALLOCATION TT\$ 2013	ESTIMATED BUDGETED ALLOCATION TT\$2013	BUDGETED ALLOCATION TT\$2014
Young Scholars Programme	200,000	200,000	200,000
Youth Apprenticeship Development Programme	500,000	500,000	500,000
Community Awareness Programme	100,000	100,000	100,000
Tobago HIV/AIDS Strategic Response	0	0	200,000
Gender Management System & Gender Mainstreaming Programme	300,000	300,000	300,000
Emergency Medical Alert System	300,000	300,000	300,000
Beneficiary-Owned land Programme -New Home Construction	0	0	500,000
Seamless Education System Project	1,000,000	1,000,000	0
Total	28,050,000	27,850,000	27,100,000
MINISTRY OF FOOD PRODUCTION			
*Food Basket Programme	40,000,000	40,000,000	20,000,000
Water Management and Flood Control	15,000,000	15,000,000	3,000,000
Youth Apprenticeship Programme in Agriculture (YAPA)	2,000,000	2,000,000	0
Youth Professionals in Agricultural Development and Mentoring Programme	3,000,000	3,000,000	2,000,000
Total	60,000,000	60,000,000	25,000,000
MINISTRY OF NATIONAL DIVERSITY & SOCIAL INTEGRATION			
Establishment of Community Museum Services	1,000,000	1,133,000	2,000,000
National Museum Development	1,500,000	1,375,000	2,000,000
Establishment of a Sugar Museum	3,000,000	1,230,000	2,000,000
Establishment of a Civil Society Board	1,000,000	315,000	1,000,000
Establishment of Transitional Youth Facilities	0	0	1,000,000
Establishment of Transitional Facilities for Rehabilitated Drug Addicts	0	0	1,000,000
Total	6,500,000	4,053,000	9,000,000
GRAND TOTAL	1,508,250,000	2,194,310,493	1,329,829,000

* Funded under the Infrastructure Development Fund

APPENDIX II: LIST OF NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANISATIONS RECEIVING GOVERNMENT SUBVENTIONS FOR FISCAL 2012 & 2013

ORGANISATION	SUBVENTIONS PAYABLE TT\$ 2012	SUBVENTIONS PAYABLE TT\$ 2013	DIFFERENCE IN SUBVENTIONS PAYABLE IN 2012 FROM 2013 TTD
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION			
SERVOL Adolescent Development Training Programme	0	0	0
SERVOL Junior Life Centre	3,723,000	0	-3,723,000
Trinidad & Tobago National Council of Parent/Teachers Association	150,000	0	-150,000
Ministry of Education's Total Subventions	3,873,000	0	-3,873,000
OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER			
Ecclesiastical Grants			
Anglican Church of Trinidad & Tobago	51,576	51,576	0
Association of Jehovah Witnesses	4,808	4,808	0
Baptist Union	16,940	16,940	0
Church of God	3,225	3,225	0
Divine Life Society	2,132	2,132	0
Ethiopian Orthodox Church	488	488	0
Independent Baptist Missionary Union	4,418	4,418	0
Methodist Church of Trinidad & Tobago	10,148	10,148	0
Moravian Church of Trinidad & Tobago	3,589	3,589	0
National Evangelical Spiritual Baptist	4,418	4,418	0
Pentecostal Assemblies of the West Indies	25,080	25,080	0
Presbyterian Church of Trinidad & Tobago	26,440	26,440	0
Roman Catholic Church	115,724	115,724	0
South Caribbean Conference Seventh Day Adventist	17,608	17,608	0
Stewards Christian Brethren Ltd.	896	896	0
West Indies Spiritual Sacred Order	4,410	4,410	0
Sub-Total	291,900	291,900	0

ORGANISATION	SUBVENTIONS PAYABLE TT\$ 2012	SUBVENTIONS PAYABLE TT\$ 2013	DIFFERENCE IN SUBVENTIONS PAYABLE IN 2012 FROM 2013 TTD
Hindu Religious Bodies:			0
Arya Pratinidhi Sabha	4,258	4,258	0
Kabir Panth Association	8,516	8,516	0
Sanatan Dharma Maha Sabha	43,428	43,428	0
Shiva Dharma Sabha	0	0	0
Vishwa Hindu Parishad	12,775	12,775	0
Sub-Total	68,977	68,977	0
Muslim Religious Bodies:			0
Anjuman Sunnatul Jamaat Association	11,292	11,292	0
Tackveeyatul Islamic Association	11,298	11,298	0
Trustees Muslim League Incorporated	17,738	17,738	0
Sub-Total	40,328	40,328	0
Office of the Prime Minister's Total Subventions	401,205	401,205	0
MINISTRY OF THE PEOPLE AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT			
Services for Persons with Disabilities			
Autistic Society of Trinidad & Tobago (South Support Group)	69,687	34,844	-34,843
Cheshire Foundation Home	50,000	25,000	-25,000
Goodwill Industries	564,413	564,413	0
International Organisation for Health Care & Human Development	215,000	215,000	0
National Centre for Persons with Disabilities	799,360	799,360	0
Persons Associated with the Visually Impaired (PAVI)	520,500	390,375	-130,125
T&T Association for Hearing Impaired	5,980,470	6,344,200	363,730
T&T Blind Welfare Association	9,253,668	8,000,000	-1,253,668
Trinidad & Tobago Chapter of Disabled People International	133,200	133,200	0
Visionary Learning Centre	83,040	41,520	-41,520
Sub-Total	17,669,338	16,547,912	-1,121,426

ORGANISATION	SUBVENTIONS PAYABLE TT\$ 2012	SUBVENTIONS PAYABLE TT\$ 2013	DIFFERENCE IN SUBVENTIONS PAYABLE IN 2012 FROM 2013 TTD
Socially Displaced			
Audrey Mollineau for Mentally Ill Socially Displaced Women	210,312	102,267	-108,045
Court Shamrock Centre for the Socially Displaced	255,596	255,596	0
International Society for Krishna Consciousness of Trinidad & Tobago	50,000	12,500	-37,500
Oasis Drop in Centre	266,760	0	-266,760
St Vincent De Paul Centre for Socially Displaced Persons	897,600	1,471,112	573,512
St Vincent De Paul Society Nazareth Halfway House	147,600	147,600	0
The Centre of Hope, Hernandez Place Sanctuary	550,000	1,261,755	711,755
Sub-Total	2,377,868	3,250,830	872,962
Family Life and Counselling Service			
Childline*	1,734,198	0	-1,734,198
Families in Action	240,000	367,500	127,500
Family Planning Association	1,000,000	1,000,000	0
Lifeline	46,000	74,244	28,244
Marabella Family Crisis Centre	175,000	232,500	57,500
Rape Crisis Society of Trinidad and Tobago	300,000	300,000	0
TT Innovative Parenting Support*	290,000	290,000	0
Sub-Total	3,785,198	2,264,244	-1,520,954
Substance Abuse Rehabilitation Centres			
HEAL Centre for Drug Prevention, Rehabilitation & Development of Healthy Life-Styles	45,246	45,246	0
Rebirth House	1,399,989	1,399,989	0
Serenity Place Empowerment Centre for Women	179,160	179,160	0
Sub-Total	1,624,395	1,624,395	0
Homes for Senior Citizens			
Chaguanas Senior Citizens Home	144,187	144,187	0
Couva Home for the Aged	148,800	148,800	0
J C Mc Donald Home for the Aged	239,382	239,382	0
La Brea Senior Citizens Home	77,674	77,674	0
Mayaro Home for the Aged	44,194	44,194	0
Point Fortin Senior Citizens Association	200,880	200,880	0

ORGANISATION	SUBVENTIONS PAYABLE TT\$ 2012	SUBVENTIONS PAYABLE TT\$ 2013	DIFFERENCE IN SUBVENTIONS PAYABLE IN 2012 FROM 2013 TTD
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
Sub-Total	1,144,384	1,144,384	0
Senior Citizens Activity Centres			
Barataria Senior Activity Centre (Coterie of Social Workers)	330,399	358,243	27,844
La Horquetta Senior Activity Centre (in partnership with ZOE Foundation)	330,400	330,400	0
Maloney Women's Group Senior Centre	457,000	457,000	0
Margaret Crandahl Senior Activity Centre, Pointe a Pierre (in partnership with the Open Bible School Church)	330,400	330,400	0
Rural Women Development Committee Senior Centre	227,611	227,611	0
Soroptomist of Port-of-Spain Senior Centre	591,807	591,807	0
St. Stephen's Senior Activity Centre, Princes Town	330,400	330,400	0
TTARP Chaguanas Senior Centre	229,488	229,488	0
Voice of Overcomers Senior Centre**	249,811	0	-249,811
Sub-Total	3,077,316	2,855,349	-221,967
Hostels/Halfway Houses			
Madinah House	230,000	230,000	0
Salvation Army Hostel for young women	73,200	73,200	0
Shelter for Women and Children	90,000	67,500	-22,500
The Halfway House	65,600	48,750	-16,850
Sub-Total	458,800	419,450	-3,9350
Rehabilitation of Ex-Prisoners			
Transformed Life Ministries	259,200	0	-259,200
Vision on Mission	1,344,080	1,344,080	0
Sub-Total	1,603,280	1,344,080	-259,200
HIV/AIDS			
Community Action Resource	315,000	141,750	-173,250
South AIDS Support	167,816	0	-167,816
Sub-Total	482,816	141,750	-341,066

ORGANISATION	SUBVENTIONS PAYABLE TT\$ 2012	SUBVENTIONS PAYABLE TT\$ 2013	DIFFERENCE IN SUBVENTIONS PAYABLE IN 2012 FROM 2013 TTD
Other Services			
ASJA Islamic Community Services of T&T	48,000	24,000	-24,000
Chest and Heart Association	12,300	9,225	-3,075
Social Establishment for the Welfare of All	0	0	0
T&T Nursery Association	32,920	24,690	-8,230
T&T Legion British Commonwealth Ex-Services League	15,000	0	-15,000
T&T Red Cross Society	730,000	730,000	0
Sub-Total	838,220	787,915	-50,305
Ministry of the People and Social Development's Total Subventions	33,061,615	30,380,309	-2,681,306
*Institutions re-assigned to MGYCD			
** Erroneously included in Subventions payable for 2012			
MINISTRY OF GENDER YOUTH AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT			
Family Life and Counselling Service			
Child Welfare League of T&T	1,235,556	593,584	-641,972
Child Welfare League (management) of Adolescent Mothers Programme (Estimate - No fixed amount, varies with need)	0	1,110,865	1,110,865
ChildLine	1,121,730	1,734,196	612,466
Families in Action for Management 800-SAVE	240,000	300,000	60,000
Loveuntil Foundation	68,500	0	-68,500
Network of Non-Governmental Organisations of Trinidad and Tobago for the Advancement of Women	0	200,000	200,000
New Life Ministries for the Establishment and Administration of a Treatment and Rehabilitation Centre	0	900,000	900,000
Women Working for Social Progress	0	150,000	150,000
Sub-Total	2,665,786	4,988,645	2,322,859
Youth NGOs			
Girl Guides Association	0	60,000	60,000
President Awards of T&T	0	30,000	30,000
Scout Association of T&T	0	420,000	420,000

ORGANISATION	SUBVENTIONS PAYABLE TT\$ 2012	SUBVENTIONS PAYABLE TT\$ 2013	DIFFERENCE IN SUBVENTIONS PAYABLE IN 2012 FROM 2013 TTD
T&T Heroes Foundation	0	126,000	126,000
Tobago Youth Council	0	84,000	84,000
Trinidad Youth Council	0	36,000	36,000
Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA)	156,000	100,000	56,000
Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA)	0	60,000	60,000
Sub-Total	156,000	916,000	760,000
Children's Homes			
Bridge of Hope	281,640	281,640	0
Casa de Corazon	270,099	270,099	0
Credo Aylward House	200,000	200,000	0
Credo Drop In Centre for Socially Displaced Boys	500,000	500,000	0
Credo Foundation for Justice (Sophia House)	400,000	400,000	0
Ferndean's Place Children's Home	40,000	40,000	0
Hope Centre	25,000	25,000	0
Islamic Home for Children	0	40,000	40,000
Jaya Lakshmi Home	60,000	60,000	0
Mothers' Union Children's Home	150,000	150,000	0
Rainbow Rescue - A Haven of Hope	242,252	242,252	0
The Cyril Ross Nursery	200,000	200,000	0
Trinidad and Tobago Nursery Association	0	32,920	32,920
St. Dominic's Children's Home	9,500,000	11,331,650	1,831,650
St. Mary's Children's Home	10,000,000	11,238,000	1,238,000
Sub-Total	21,868,991	25,011,561	3142570
Industrial Schools			
St. Jude's School for Girls	5,500,000	5,974,870	474,870
St. Michael's School for Boys	8,000,000	8,962,305	962,305
Sub-Total	13,500,000	62,518,386	49,018,386
Ministry of Gender Youth and Child Development's Total Subventions	35,368,991	87,529,947	52,160,956
MINISTRY OF HEALTH			
Aidslife - National AIDS Hotline	181,830	181,830	0
Catholic Marriage Advisory Council	0	0	0

ORGANISATION	SUBVENTIONS PAYABLE TT\$ 2012	SUBVENTIONS PAYABLE TT\$ 2013	DIFFERENCE IN SUBVENTIONS PAYABLE IN 2012 FROM 2013 TTD
Cheshire Homes	50,000	50,000	0
Christ Child Convalescent Home	613,000	613,000	0
Diabetes Association of Trinidad and Tobago	150,000	150,000	0
Friends of the Blood Bank	320,000	320,000	0
Informative Breast Feeding Service	100,000	100,000	0
John Hayes Memorial Kidney Foundation	30,000	30,000	0
Living Water Community	780,000	780,000	0
Lupus Society of Trinidad and Tobago	10,500	10,500	0
New Life Ministries	590,000	590,000	0
Pharmacy of Medical Sciences Department	30,000	30,000	0
Society for Inherited Severe Blood Disorder	60,000	60,000	0
South Cancer Support Society	100,000	100,000	0
T&T National Association for Down's Syndrome	50,000	50,000	0
Trinidad and Tobago Association of Mental Health	834	834	0
Trinidad and Tobago Cancer Society	158,500	158,500	0
Trinidad and Tobago Heart Foundation	25,000	25,000	0
Trinidad and Tobago Leprosy Relief Association	195,000	195,000	0
Trinidad and Tobago National Council on Alcoholism	150,000	150,000	0
UWI Telehealth Programme	180,000	180,000	0
Ministry of Health's Total Subventions	3,774,664	3,774,664	0
MINISTRY OF SPORT			
National Sporting Organisations (NSOs)			
Model Car Association	0	25,967	25,967
National Ballroom Dance Association	0	200,000	200,000
National Kickboxing Council of T&T	0	171,005	171,005
Paralympic Organisation of T&T	750,000	400,000	-350,000
Point Kickboxing Association	0	201,200	201,200
Surfing Association of T&T	300,000	200,000	-100,000
T&T Association of Master Athletes	410,000		-410,000
T&T Badminton Association	0	200,000	200,000
T&T Blind and Visually Impaired Cricket Association	200,000	200,000	0

ORGANISATION	SUBVENTIONS PAYABLE TT\$ 2012	SUBVENTIONS PAYABLE TT\$ 2013	DIFFERENCE IN SUBVENTIONS PAYABLE IN 2012 FROM 2013 TTD
T&T Bodybuilders Federation	0	0	0
T&T Boxing Board of Control	1,500,000	0	-1,500,000
T&T Canoe/Kayak Federation	0	200,000	200,000
T&T Chess Association	0	200,000	200,000
T&T Cue Sport Foundation		200,000	200,000
T&T Equestrian Association	0	200,000	200,000
T&T Game Fishing Association	0	400,000	400,000
T&T Gymnastics Association	0	266,027	266,027
T&T Judo Association	0	0	0
T&T Karate Union	0	200,000	200,000
T&T Power Boat Association	0	400,000	400,000
T&T Powerlifting Federation	245,425	200,000	-45,425
T&T Rally Car Association	0	400,000	400,000
T&T Scrabble Association	0	200,000	200,000
T&T Special Olympics	500,000	500,000	0
T&T Table Tennis Association	258,727	200,000	-58,727
T&T Target Archery Federation	0	200,000	200,000
T&T Triathlon Association	0	153,800	153,800
T&T Windball Cricket Association	0	200,000	200,000
Wushu Association of T&T		200,000	200,000
Sub-Total	4,164,152	5,917,999	1,000,047
SPORTT Company of T&T-Grants to NSOs			
Amateur Swimming Association of Trinidad & Tobago	0	2,177,926	2,177,926
Lawn Tennis Association	0	373,747	373,747
National Amateur Athletics Association	0	1,755,426	1,755,426
National Amateur Boxing Association	0	739,224	739,224
National Basketball Association of Trinidad & Tobago	0	282,160	282,160
T&T Cricket Board	0	3,161,917	3,161,917
T&T Cycling Federation	0	518,234	518,234
T&T Football Federation	0	8,802,999	8,802,999
T&T Football/Rugby Union	0	229,911	229,911
T&T Golf Association	0	453,951	453,951

ORGANISATION	SUBVENTIONS PAYABLE TT\$ 2012	SUBVENTIONS PAYABLE TT\$ 2013	DIFFERENCE IN SUBVENTIONS PAYABLE IN 2012 FROM 2013 TTD
T&T Hockey Board	0	1,962,077	1,962,077
T&T Netball Association	0	288,408	288,408
T&T Rifle Association	0	0	0
T&T Sailing Association	0	410,305	410,305
T&T Volleyball Federation	0	1,224,122	1,224,122
Sub-Total	0	22,380,407	22,380,407
Ministry of Sport's Total Subventions	4,320,152	28,298,406	23,978,254
TOBAGO HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY			
Organisations Receiving Foster Care			
Family First Foundation Group and Syl Phil Home in Love	324,600	0	-324,600
St. Vincent De Paul Home For the Aged	59,000	0	-59,000
TOWERS	33,000	0	-33,000
			0
Tobago House of Assembly's Total Subventions	416,600	0	-416,600
MINISTRY OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT			
T&T Association of Village Councils	12,000	12,000	0
T&T Federation of Women's Institute	8,000	8,000	0
			0
Ministry of Community Development's Total Subventions	20,000	20,000	0
MINISTRY OF NATIONAL SECURITY			
Police Youth Clubs	500,000	0	-500,000
			0
Ministry of National Security's Total Subventions	500,000	0	-500,000
GRAND TOTAL	81,736,227	120,024,222	38,287,995

APPENDIX III:

ALLOCATIONS AND EXPENDITURE FOR SOCIAL PROGRAMMES AND INITIATIVES FOR FISCAL 2013 AND 2014, ACTUAL EXPENDITURE FOR FISCAL 2012 UNDER RECURRENT EXPENDITURE BY MINISTRY

HEAD/SUB ITEMS	ACTUAL EXPENDITURE TTD 2012	BUDGETED ALLOCATION TTD 2013	ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE TTD 2013	BUDGETED ALLOCATION TTD 2014
MINISTRY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT				
Transfers:				
National Commission for Self Help	2,550,000	9,365,000	10,565,000	10,500,000
Total	2,550,000	9,365,000	10,565,000	10,500,000
MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND THE ECONOMY				
Transfers:				
FOOD PRICE SUPPORT PROGRAMME	239,000,000	234,125,000	208,120,000	215,040,000
Support for the Acquisition of Housing	0	187,300,000	0	46,600,000
Government Assistance for Tertiary Expenses (GATE)	650,000,000	650,000,000	650,000,000	650,000,000
Unemployment Relief Programme	423,639,154	452,000,000	452,000,000	452,000,000
Total	1,312,639,154	1,523,425,000	1,310,120,000	1,363,640,000
MINISTRY OF THE PEOPLE AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT				
Non-Profit Institutions (Other Social Programmes)	6,630,208	8,428,500	8,428,500	8,386,000
Non-Profit Institutions (SSD)	18,341,890	16,857,000	16,857,000	16,310,000
Senior Citizens Centres	1,328,971	2,872,000	2,872,000	1,864,000
Social Programmes (Ageing)	0	2,500,000	2,500,000	1,864,000
Transfers:				
Adoption Board Expenses	0	0	0	0
Assistance to National Heroes	1,130,400	1,048,880	1,048,880	1,118,400
Target Conditional Cash Transfer Programme	936,864	2,809,500	2,809,500	2,330,000
The People's Card	0	30,436,250	1,500,000	35,780,000
Disability Grant	359,992,200	397,140,000	397,140,000	371,706,550
Emergency Cases Fund (Probation Services)	87,144	160,000	160,000	149,120

HEAD/SUB ITEMS	ACTUAL EXPENDITURE TTD 2012	BUDGETED ALLOCATION TTD 2013	ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE TTD 2013	BUDGETED ALLOCATION TTD 2014
Foster Care Expenses	0	0	0	0
Payment of Fees for the Registration of Unregistered Births	0	28,095	28,095	46,600
Payments to Registrars of Births and Deaths	1,395	7,580	7,580	7,456
Rehabilitative Programme	1,663,144	2,809,500	2,809,500	3,262,000
S.H.A.R.E.	1,535,000	1,592,050	2,600,000	4,660,000
Senior Citizens' Grant	2,521,376,199	2,434,992,071	2,584,722,121	2,436,617,176
Social Assistance	294,974,200	280,950,000	307,950,000	288,766,400
Urgent Temporary Assistance	39,840,350	23,412,500	25,612,500	27,620,000
Other transfers:				
National Social Development Programme (NSDP)	1,572,115	8,315,400	16,815,000	80,000,000
Transfers to Statutory Boards:				
T'dad & T'go Blind Welfare Association	8,471,207	8,000,000	8,500,000	7,922,000
T'dad Association for the Hearing Impaired	5,881,284	6,344,200	6,344,200	6,927,448
Total	3,263,762,571	3,228,703,526	3,388,704,876	3,295,337,150
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Debit Card System for URP Employees	995,259	3,746,000	2,500,000	3,700,000
Other Transfers:				
Citizen's Initiative Fund	374,256	0	0	0
Commonwealth Ex-Services League	273,472	1,000	1,000	1,000
Non-Profit Institutions- Ecclesiastical Bodies	1,131,442	0	0	0
Response to HIV/AIDS	0	170,000	170,000	170,000
National AIDS Coordinating Unit	0	0	0	0
Total	2,774,429	3,917,000	2,671,000	3,871,000
TOBAGO HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY				
Education, Youth Affairs and Sports:				
Adult Education Extension Services (Adult Classes)	939,642	1,874,100	1,274,100	1,874,100
Assistance to Sporting Organisations	1,941,737	2,000,000	2,000,000	4,000,000
Assistance to Youth Organisations	605,304	700,000	700,000	1,000,000
Basic Grants	11,576,451	11,996,200	11,996,200	15,996,200

HEAD/SUB ITEMS	ACTUAL EXPENDITURE TTD 2012	BUDGETED ALLOCATION TTD 2013	ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE TTD 2013	BUDGETED ALLOCATION TTD 2014
Early Childhood Care	305,925	2,500,000	900,000	25,000,000
Grants to Necessitous Students Attending Public Schools	21,367	100,000	100,000	100,000
Provision for Milk and Biscuits for Schools	0	60,000	60,000	60,000
School Feeding Programme	23,257,887	36,000,000	27,900,000	40,000,000
Special Education Resources Programme	512,508	650,000	650,000	650,000
Student Support Services Unit	305,553	1,500,000	1,500,000	1,500,000
Tobago Council for Handicapped Children (Happy Haven School)	1,491,275	2,461,700	2,461,700	2,461,700
Tobago School for the Deaf, Speech and Language	927,311	1,651,600	1,651,600	1,651,800
Youth Development Programme	451,042	2,000,000	2,000,000	4,000,000
Agriculture, Marine Affairs, Marketing and the Environment				
Agricultural Incentive Programme	1,015,134	1,800,000	1,075,998	1,800,000
Community Development and Culture:				
Assistance to Community Organisations	1,462,469	1,100,000	1,600,000	1,100,000
Assistance to Cultural Groups	1,304,957	2,500,000	2,500,000	2,500,000
Community Action for Revival and Empowerment (CARE)	45,785	1,000,000	100,000	2,000,000
Export Centres	1,959,250	2,000,000	2,500,000	2,000,000
National Days and Festivals	559,538	\$1,000,000	600,000	1,000,000
Regional Complexes	3,246,552	2,000,000	3,600,000	3,500,000
Small Grants	65,992	300,000	200,000	300,000
Special Community Programme	605,002	3,000,000	800,000	3,000,000
Health and Social Services:				
Assistance to the Home for the Aged	174,547	124,250	124,250	124,250
Children's Authority of Trinidad and Tobago	3,155	43,996	43,996	43,996
Emergency Cases Fund	1,462,039	3,000,000	3,000,000	3,000,000
Grants towards Necessitous Patients	1,578,294	2,665,662	2,665,662	3,665,662
Foster Care Services	308,950	284,300	284,300	284,300
National Service	0	0	0	500,000
Special Social Programmes	937,746	2,542,145	2,542,145	4,542,145
Building Grants to Assisted Schools	156,648	250,000	250,000	250,000
Grant-Trinidad & Tobago National Council of Parent Teacher Association Inc	200,000	500,000	500,000	500,000

HEAD/SUB ITEMS	ACTUAL EXPENDITURE TTD 2012	BUDGETED ALLOCATION TTD 2013	ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE TTD 2013	BUDGETED ALLOCATION TTD 2014
Grants for Students attending conferences, seminars and competitions	0	520,000	520,000	520,000
Total	57,422,060	87,123,953	76,099,951	128,924,153
MINISTRY OF NATIONAL SECURITY				
Transfers:				
Civilian Conservation Corps	46,646,318	49,634,500	49,634,500	53,124,000
School Discipline Initiative – Joint Action Plan	0	93,650	0	93,200
Military-Led Academic Training (MILAT)	8,282,939	12,174,500	12,174,500	13,048,000
Monitoring Programme for Youth at Risk	3,847,320	4,086,880	2,086,880	2,905,976
National Youth Service	0	468,250	0	466,000
Military-Led Youth Programme of Apprenticeship and Re-Orientation (MYPART)	2,290,979	0	0	0
Other transfers:				
Crime Stoppers Trinidad & Tobago Limited	3,000,000	2,809,500	2,809,500	2,796,000
HIV/AIDS Coordinating Unit	1,310,748	1,404,750	1,404,750	1,864,000
Office of Disaster Preparedness and Management	33,018,183	45,888,500	55,888,500	60,580,000
National Drug Council	1,657,966	1,873,000	2,723,000	2,796,000
The Morvant/Laventille Initiative	2,918,865	11,144,350	27,444,350	26,096,000
Total	102,973,318	129,577,880	154,165,980	163,769,176
MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND SMALL AND MICRO ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT				
Transfers:				
Non Profit Institutions	1,727,662	2,279,000	2,279,000	2,275,240
Other transfers:				
National Entrepreneurship Development Company (NEDCO)	18,360	20,790,000	20,790,000	16,668,354
Total	1,746,022	23,069,000	23,069,000	18,943,594
MINISTRY OF FOOD PRODUCTION (Formerly Ministry of Food Production, Land and Marine Affairs)				
Subsidies:				
Agricultural Incentive Programme	41,928,025	23,412,500	23,412,500	27,028,000
Relief of Flood Damage	9,670,634	20,134,750	10,000,000	19,040,000

HEAD/SUB ITEMS	ACTUAL EXPENDITURE TTD 2012	BUDGETED ALLOCATION TTD 2013	ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE TTD 2013	BUDGETED ALLOCATION TTD 2014
Non-profit Institutions:				
4H Young Farmers Club	342,499	468,250	468,250	932,000
Rural Women Producers Network	22,000	23,400	28,000	23,350
Other transfers:				
Youth Apprenticeship Programme in Agriculture (YAPA)	2,068,508	3,746,000	3,746,000	3,728,000
Total	54,031,666	47,784,900	37,654,750	50,751,350
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION				
Transfers:				
Early Childhood Care and Education	18,999,996	19,000,000	19,000,000	19,000,000
Early Childhood Care and Education Unit	6,693,274	13,721,599	10,269,022	9,082,240
Grants for Students - Conferences/ Seminars/Competitions	940,397	933,500	933,500	950,000
Proficiency Awards - Pre-tertiary Education	0	280,950	0	200,000
National Schools Dietary Services Limited	248,000,000	252,855,000	252,855,000	237,660,000
School Transportation Services	41,909,460	50,000,000	48,000,000	50,000,000
Servol Junior Life Centres	3,146,400	4,389,563	4,389,563	4,000,000
Special Education Resources Programme	4,980,411	2,256,029	5,156,029	2,796,000
Student Support Services Programme	4,619,114	5,796,935	5,796,935	4,660,000
Textbook Rental/ Management Unit – Primary Schools	45,417,438	14,468,925	27,468,925	12,500,000
Textbook Rental/ Management Unit – Secondary Schools	46,255,633	16,792,382	37,571,254	18,000,000
Grant – Trinidad & Tobago National Council of Parent/Teachers Associations	161,400	140,475	250,000	250,000
UWI-Family Development Centre for Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE)	9,030,000	0	1,500,000	1,500,000
Total	430,153,523	380,635,358	413,190,228	360,598,240
MINISTRY OF HEALTH				
Drugs and Other Related Materials and Supplies	587,455,736	585,312,500	611,312,500	596,480,000
Transfers:				
Medical Treatment of Nationals in Institutions	87,110,181	75,575,550	70,000,000	68,968,000
Non-Profit Institutions	5,795,164	5,000,000	5,000,000	5,414,760

HEAD/SUB ITEMS	ACTUAL EXPENDITURE TTD 2012	BUDGETED ALLOCATION TTD 2013	ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE TTD 2013	BUDGETED ALLOCATION TTD 2014
Transfers to Statutory Boards:				
Princess Elizabeth Home for Handicapped Children	4,789,190	10,885,400	10,586,960	9,748,254
T'dad & T'go Association for Retarded Children (Lady Hochoy Home)	0	0	0	0
Total	685,150,271	676,773,450	696,899,460	680,611,014
MINISTRY OF PUBLIC UTILITIES				
Transfers:				
Utilities Assistance Programme	2,231,270	3,500,000	3,000,000	5,320,000
Other transfers:				
National Social Development Programme (NSDP)	93,069,137	65,555,000	35,000,000	0
Total	95,300,407	69,055,000	38,000,000	5,320,000
MINISTRY OF TERTIARY EDUCATION AND SKILLS TRAINING				
Transfers:				
Higher Education Loan Programme	14,054,562	33,000,000	33,000,000	32,620,000
MIC Craft Programmes	3,086,900	26,400,000	26,400,000	27,960,000
Help Youth Prepare for Employment Programme (HYPE)	15,761,000	45,635,645	45,635,645	42,872,000
Life Skills Unit	69,519	1,919,500	1,919,500	1,864,000
Multi-Sector Skill Training Programme(MuST)	18,145,039	46,825,000	46,825,000	48,464,000
On the Job Training Programme	78,284,919	236,000,000	260,000,000	273,865,430
SERVOL Hi-Tech & Advanced Skills Training Programme	2,295,366	6,703,800	6,703,800	6,692,600
Retraining Programme for Displaced Workers	8,716,707	21,000,000	21,000,000	19,572,000
SERVOL's Human Development and Skills Training	6,965,733	20,965,000	20,965,000	21,132,500
Military-Led Youth Programme of Apprenticeship and Re-orientation (MYPART)	5,156,574	11,238,000	9,838,000	11,184,000
Youth Training and Employment Partnership Programme Ltd (YTEPP)	27,310,390	91,683,350	132,748,650	97,860,000
Metal Industries Co Ltd (National Skills Development Programme)	7,356,000	22,663,300	22,663,300	23,300,000
Other transfers:				
Youth Academic Training	1,264,865	3,277,750	3,277,750	3,054,863
Total	188,467,574	567,311,345	630,976,645	610,441,393

HEAD/SUB ITEMS	ACTUAL EXPENDITURE TTD 2012	BUDGETED ALLOCATION TTD 2013	ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE TTD 2013	BUDGETED ALLOCATION TTD 2014
MINISTRY OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT				
Transfers:				
Adult Education Programme	1,715,976	6,295,100	3,443,000	3,392,480
Community Action for Revival and Empowerment (CARE)	3,638,373	10,301,500	4,320,000	4,660,000
National Commission for Self Help	7,950,000	\$0	0	0
Non-Profit Institutions – Community Development Division	21,095,602	13,860,200	10,000,000	9,320,000
Other Non-Profit Institutions	9,883,252	23,331,025	21,481,075	22,748,300
Other transfers:				
Export Centres	10,000,000	10,000,000	12,000,000	11,184,000
National Service - Geriatric Adolescent Partnership Programme	21,648,553	18,730,000	20,658,000	20,131,200
National Social Development Programme (NSDP)	0	10,000,000	883,000	0
Terminal Malls	0	0	0	0
Total	75,931,756	92,517,825	72,785,075	71,435,980
MINISTRY OF SPORT				
Transfers:				
Non-Profit Institutions	64,638,870	46,825,000	72,514,000	53,000,000
Other transfers:				
Indoor Sporting Arenas/ Hockey Facility	14,747,000	8,734,750	8,934,750	8,388,000
The Sport Company of Trinidad & Tobago	110,000,000	112,380,000	143,380,000	133,000,000
Pathway Programme - Life-Sport	6,647,000	28,095,000	29,095,000	113,502,273
Total	196,032,870	196,034,750	253,923,750	307,890,273
MINISTRY HOUSING, LAND AND MARINE AFFAIRS (formerly Ministry of Housing and the Environment)				
Subsidies:				
Forestry Incentive Programme	73,368	0	0	0
Other transfers:				
Community-based Environment Protection & Enhancement Programme (CEPEP)	494,419,288	468,250,000	564,000,000	536,197,459
Total	494,492,656	468,250,000	564,000,000	536,197,459

HEAD/SUB ITEMS	ACTUAL EXPENDITURE TTD 2012	BUDGETED ALLOCATION TTD 2013	ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE TTD 2013	BUDGETED ALLOCATION TTD 2014
MINISTRY OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND WATER RESOURCES				
Subsidies:				
Forestry Incentive Programme	80,171	469,000	125,000	466,000
Total	80,171	469,000	125,000	466,000
MINISTRY OF NATIONAL DIVERSITY AND SOCIAL INTEGRATION				
Transfers:				
Non-Profit Institutions – Social Programmes	0	2,341,372	1,441,372	1,864,000
Non-Profit Institutions – Ecclesiastical Bodies	103,814	1,330,734	530,734	932,000
Other transfers:				
Citizen's Initiative Fund	28,200	936,500	2,230,150	1,864,000
National Days and Festivals	0	0	4,342,930	6,524,000
Total	132,014	4,608,606	8,545,186	11,184,000
MINISTRY OF ARTS AND MULTICULTURISM				
Transfers:				
Non-Profit Institutions (Culture Division)	29,506,425	25,285,500	33,586,400	31,548,200
Other Non-Profit Institutions	8,526,113	6,227,725	4,727,725	6,058,000
Transfers to Statutory Boards:	372,978,915	212,916,184	213,940,684	186,041,675
Total	411,011,453	244,429,409	252,254,809	223,647,875
MINISTRY OF TOBAGO DEVELOPMENT				
Transfers:				
Contribution to Non-Profit Organisations	1,011,125	749,200	749,200	1,864,000
Total	1,011,125	749,200	749,200	1,864,000
TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO POLICE SERVICE				
Transfers:				
Non-Profit Institutions-Police Youth Clubs	909,865	1,888,300	1,888,300	5,000,000
Total	909,865	1,888,300	1,888,300	5,000,000

HEAD/SUB ITEMS	ACTUAL EXPENDITURE TTD 2012	BUDGETED ALLOCATION TTD 2013	ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE TTD 2013	BUDGETED ALLOCATION TTD 2014
MINISTRY OF GENDER, YOUTH AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT				
National Youth Development and Apprenticeship Centres	21,011,137	28,160,096	28,998,523	26,473,324
Transfers:				
Commonwealth Youth Programme	563,257	282,121	282,121	283,000
Non-Profit Institutions-Youth	1,977,613	2,409,000	1,202,718	1,211,600
Non-Profit Institutions -Children's Homes	3,125,357	3,465,050	2,417,222	2,688,820
Non-Profit Institutions (Gender Affairs)	7,957,309	8,007,208	7,900,000	8,388,000
St Dominic's Children's Home	11,000,000	11,331,650	11,757,136	11,370,400
St Jude's Home for Girls	5,800,000	5,974,870	7,280,986	6,090,000
St Mary's Children's Home	10,900,000	11,238,000	12,003,448	11,184,000
St Michael's School for Boys	8,700,000	8,962,305	10,349,299	9,320,000
Adoption Board Expenses	35,353	87,095	40,947	55,920
Foster Care Expenses	1,022,766	1,404,750	850,000	1,118,400
The Children's Authority	8,000,000	18,730,000	18,730,000	21,436,000
Other transfers:				
Youth Training	130,227	0	0	0
Transfers to Statutory Boards:				
Princess Elizabeth Home for Handicapped Children	5,338,810	0	0	0
T'dad & T'go Association for Retarded Children (Lady Hochoy Home)	14,506,028	12,941,607	12,941,607	13,103,300
Total	100,067,857	112,993,752	114,754,007	112,722,764
MINISTRY OF JUSTICE				
Transfers:				
Emergency Cases Fund (Probation Services)	12,920	0	0	0
Criminal Injuries Compensation	1,318,100	1,404,750	1,200,000	1,118,400
Total	1,331,020	1,404,750	1,200,000	1,118,400
Grand Total	7,477,971,782	7,870,087,004	8,052,342,217	7,964,233,821

APPENDIX IV: STATUS OF NEW PROGRAMMES, POLICIES AND INITIATIVES THAT WERE PLANNED FOR IMPLEMENTATION IN FISCAL 2013

PROGRAMME / POLICY / STRUCTURAL INITIATIVE	MINISTRY	STATUS
Establishment of an Integrated Social Enterprise Management System/ E Pass;	MPSD	Preliminary work at Point Fortin and Sangre Grande completed. Project Proposal reviewed as project did not receive the funding required to execute the initial project proposal.
Implementation of a Biometric SMART Card;	MPSD	The tendering process was completed and the Central Tenders Board has awarded a tender & a contract is expected to be sign with the preferred provider by the end of the fiscal.
Establishment of a Social Services Centre in Point Fortin;	MPSD	Awaiting confirmation of ownership of the property in order to proceed with project activities.
Establishment of an NGO Unit to effectively manage the system of delivery of social services provided by service delivery partners;	MPSD	Unit began operations in May 2013
Establishment of the UWI South Campus, Debe	TEST	Construction works for the UWI South Campus officially commenced in September 2012.
Establishment of the Integrated University Campus (Tobago)	TEST	Establishment of Tobago University Campus put on hold due to funding constraint.
Establishment of the St Augustine Education City – Integrated Centre for Academics Excellence	TEST	The St. Augustine Education City has been established and has launched a Hop-a-Bus service in collaboration with the Ministry of Tertiary Education and Skills Training and the Ministry of Transport.
Implementation of the National Youth Policy	MGYCD	MGYCD has proposed the establishment of the National Youth Commission which will assist with the implementation of the Policy
Construction of state-of-the-art national Multi-purpose sport facilities sporting facilities	MoS	Scheduling of preliminary works on sites on-going.
National Aquatic Centre	MoS	Design works for all multi-purpose sport facilities on-going.
National Tennis Centre	MoS	Approvals from the San Juan/Laventille Regional Corporation for lands in Aranguez Savannah on-going.

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