

GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO
MINISTRY OF FINANCE

Budget Interaction

Civil Society

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CIVIL SOCIETY INVESTMENT PROGRAM

- ❖ CSIP (Civil Society Investment Program)
 - Centers for creating employment
- ❖ Heritage villages
 - Destination Management



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- ❖ The ICT revolution should be accelerated and broadened to include a database of vendors, small business people and thus increase the tax base
 - ❖ Foster neighbourhood community based security systems
 - ❖ Training, security, infrastructure software, health related issues, good governance, monitoring, life centers and information flow and sharing.
 - ❖ ICT centers bridging the digital divide in communities

PILLAR 1

- ❖ Because of death of the Golden Age
 - 2010 The Year of Memory
 - Project memory
 - Guilds of Masters
 - Senior Citizens to be seen as an indigenous source of knowledge and experience.
- ❖ Senior citizen pension should be less cash and more value added= rent, amenities etc
- ❖ Toys of yesteryear and activities
- ❖ Industrial academies at UTT for indigenous invention

PILLAR 1

- ✘ Spiritual and Cultural representation to the World
 - + Revamping best village .e.g. Bamboo bursting competitions etc.



PILLAR 1

Indigenous religions

- ❖ Creating spiritual tourism e.g. spiritual Baptist and other religions
 - Confluence of faith expressions and uniqueness of peaceful co-existence
 - Contributing to peace and security
 - Develop infrastructure to allow development of faith based tourism
 - An economic driver

PILLAR 2

❖ Village and community councils

- Participatory democracy
- Culture, heritage
- Institutional memory- Historical and civilization
- Provides an environment for the facilitation of social capital and social enterprise

❖ Redesign Community centres..open 24 hours

Example

Woodbrook Youth facility as the hub for NGOs and main base for library systems, conferences and creative facilities.

PILLAR 3

1. Revisit the idea of Community centres

- ❖ Redefine: Architecture
Programmes
Function
Administration

2. Emphasis on Trade and Cultural Co-operation

3. National heritage as a form of cultural security

- ❖ 365 national heritage sites as cultural and economic units
- ❖ Cultural infrastructure and institutions

PILLAR 3

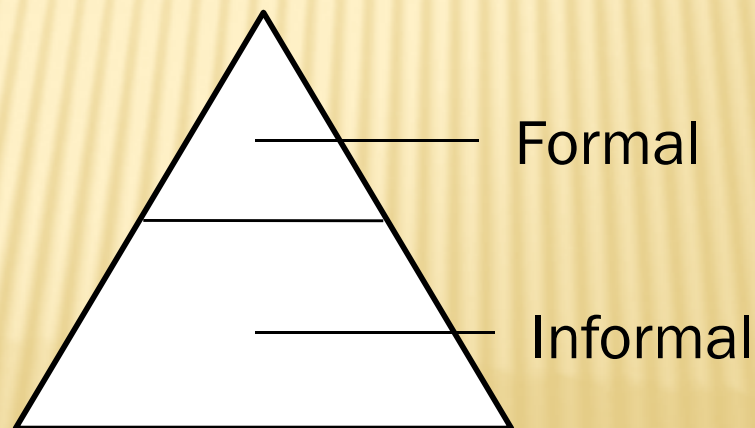
Women's contribution to the economy

6.a. Social capital and investment

b. Investment in reproductive and care

Dual role of Women in society

Pillars 1,2 and 3



PILLAR 3

Child care solutions

- 7.a. Income tax section 11 in 2–7 provides incentives for established businesses to establish child care facilities in government businesses (model in Attorney general Office) and communities
 - b. Law already exist but needs to be publicized
 - c. Requires monitoring of implementation

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- ❖ Civil Society Information system (CSIS) similar to PSIP
 - ❖ Information centers- Digital virtual offices for services
 - ❖ Ideal agency for monitoring the impact of government initiatives as a contributor to the MDG Monitor in fulfillment of government MDGs
 - ❖ The need for accurate and current statistics

PILLAR 5

Counting women's unpaid work

- ❖ Subsistence economy
- ❖ Unpaid work produces the labour force for the market and state activities
- ❖ Social budget to identify value and contribution of the care economy.
- ❖ Develop hybrid of development paradigm

(GNP vs. GHI)

Gross National Product

vs.

Gross Happiness Index

Investment in women in SME

- ❖ NAMDEVCO as model (collection centers)

SECTOR SPECIFIC LEGISLATION

Civil Society

- ❖ Contribution to economy has not been measured (quantification)- volunteerism (Re GDP)
- ❖ Sector specific framework and legislation for NGOs and CBOs
- ❖ Contracting NGOs to partner with government in the implementation, monitoring and evaluation of interventions for beneficiaries in the social safety net.
- ❖ Conscious capital

PILLAR 7

New perspectives

- ❖ Gender budgeting Analysis
 - Technical support available from IADB, World Bank and Commonwealth Secretariat

CIVIL SOCIETY INFORMATION SYSTEM

- ❖ Civil Society Information System and Investment
 - Programmes for institutional strengthening, strategic planning etc. in empowering people to manage and lead their own programmes.

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- ❖ Continue people's participation in governance to increase the Gross Happiness Index (GHI), empowering people and giving greater sense of community and individual self determination.
 - ❖ Need to identify tremendous assets to quantify, harness and monetize those which can be for the maximum benefit of the nation/society/T&T.

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- ❖ Government to invest and facilitate serious recycling industry for conservation, environmental protection and integrity and to create new business and employment.
 - ❖ Carbon restriction investment to involve people and fund community
 - ❖ Quantify the cost of waste, water and energy
 - ❖ Presentation on the Budget and how it is formulated should be shown to the general population