



# **PUBLIC SECTOR INVESTMENT PROGRAMME 2008**

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## ABBREVIATIONS

<b>AFD</b>	Agence Francaise de Développement
<b>ASRP-TAP</b>	Agriculture Sector Reform Technical Assistance Programme
<b>BDC</b>	Business Development Company Limited
<b>BOLT</b>	Build, Operate, Lease, Transfer
<b>CANTAP</b>	Canadian Technical Cooperation Programme
<b>CARICOM</b>	Caribbean Community
<b>CARIRI</b>	Caribbean Industrial Research Institute
<b>CAT</b>	Computer Aided Transcription
<b>CBO</b>	Community Based Organisation
<b>CBSL</b>	Caribbean Business Services Limited
<b>CCC</b>	Civilian Conservation Corps
<b>CCJ</b>	Caribbean Court of Justice
<b>CDA</b>	Chaguaramas Development Authority
<b>CDB</b>	Caribbean Development Bank
<b>CDF</b>	Community Development Fund
<b>CEC</b>	Certificate of Environmental Clearance
<b>CERP</b>	Community Enhancement and Regeneration Programme
<b>COSTAATT</b>	College of Science, Technology and Applied Arts of Trinidad and Tobago
<b>CSO</b>	Central Statistical Office
<b>EBC</b>	Elections and Boundaries Commission
<b>EC</b>	European Community
<b>ECCE</b>	Early Childhood Care and Education
<b>ECIAF</b>	Eastern Caribbean Institute of Agriculture and Forestry
<b>EDF</b>	European Development Fund
<b>EMA</b>	Environmental Management Authority
<b>EMBD</b>	Estate Management and Business Development Limited
<b>eTeck</b>	Evolving Technologies and Enterprise Development Limited
<b>EU</b>	European Union
<b>EWMSC</b>	Eric Williams Medical Sciences Complex
<b>FAO</b>	Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations
<b>FBEP</b>	Fourth Basic Education Programme
<b>FUNDAID</b>	Trinidad and Tobago Foundation Limited
<b>GIS</b>	Geographic Information System
<b>GDP</b>	Gross Domestic Product
<b>GEF</b>	Global Environmental Facility
<b>GORTT</b>	Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago
<b>HACCP</b>	Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point
<b>HDC</b>	Housing Development Corporation
<b>HIV/AIDS</b>	Human Immunodeficiency Virus/ Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome
<b>HR</b>	Human Resource
<b>HSRP</b>	Health Sector Reform Programme
<b>IAAC</b>	Inter-American Accreditation Cooperation
<b>ICT</b>	Information and Communications Technology
<b>IBRD</b>	International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (World Bank)

<b>IDB</b>	Inter-American Development Bank
<b>IDF</b>	Infrastructure Development Fund
<b>IhRIS</b>	Integrated Human Resource Information System
<b>IMA</b>	Institute of Marine Affairs
<b>ISO</b>	International Organisation for Standardization
<b>ISRP</b>	Investment Sector Reform Programme
<b>LAN</b>	Local Area Network
<b>LSA</b>	Land Settlement Agency
<b>MAFITT</b>	Maritime and Fisheries Institute of Trinidad and Tobago
<b>MIC</b>	Metal Industries Company
<b>MIF</b>	Multilateral Investment Fund
<b>MRF</b>	Medical Research Foundation
<b>MOU</b>	Memorandum of Understanding
<b>NACC</b>	National Aids Coordinating Committee
<b>NALIS</b>	National Library and Information Systems
<b>NAMDEVCO</b>	National Agricultural Marketing Development Company
<b>NCSHL</b>	National Commission for Self Help Limited
<b>NESC</b>	National Energy Skills Centre
<b>NGO</b>	Non-Governmental Organisation
<b>NHP</b>	National Highways Programme
<b>NIHERST</b>	National Institute of Higher Education, Research, Science and Technology
<b>NIPDEC</b>	National Insurance Property Development Company
<b>NSDP</b>	National Skills Development Programme
<b>OAS</b>	Organisation of American States
<b>OSHA</b>	Occupational Safety and Health Act
<b>PAHO</b>	Pan American Health Organisation
<b>PATT</b>	Port Authority of Trinidad and Tobago
<b>PCU</b>	Programme/Project Coordinating Unit
<b>PETF</b>	The Performance Enhancement Task Force
<b>PIDCOTT</b>	Property and Industrial Development Company of Trinidad and Tobago
<b>PLWHA</b>	Persons Living With HIV/AIDS
<b>POSGH</b>	Port-of-Spain General Hospital
<b>PSIP</b>	Public Sector Investment Programme
<b>PTSC</b>	Public Transport Service Corporation
<b>PURE</b>	Programme for Upgrading Road Efficiency
<b>REACH</b>	Realisation of Economic Achievement
<b>RHA</b>	Regional Health Authority
<b>RSHDC</b>	Regional Social and Human Development Council
<b>SEC</b>	Securities Exchange Commission
<b>SEMP</b>	Secondary Education Modernisation Programme
<b>SFC</b>	Sugarcane Feeds Centre
<b>SFGH</b>	San Fernando General Hospital
<b>SILWC</b>	Sugar Industry Labour Welfare Committee
<b>SIP</b>	School Improvement Plan
<b>STP</b>	Sewerage Treatment Plant
<b>SWMCOL</b>	Solid Waste Management Company Limited

<b>T&amp;TEC</b>	Trinidad and Tobago Electricity Commission
<b>TCF</b>	Technical Co-operation Facility
<b>TDC</b>	Tourism Development Company
<b>THA</b>	Tobago House of Assembly
<b>TIDCO</b>	Tourism and Industrial Development Company Limited
<b>TTBS</b>	Trinidad and Tobago Bureau of Standards
<b>TTIT</b>	Trinidad and Tobago Institute of Technology
<b>TTPOST</b>	Trinidad and Tobago Postal Corporation Limited
<b>UDeCOTT</b>	Urban Development Corporation of Trinidad and Tobago
<b>UNECLAC</b>	United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America & Caribbean
<b>UTT</b>	University of Trinidad and Tobago
<b>UWI</b>	University of the West Indies
<b>VMCOTT</b>	Vehicle Maintenance Corporation of Trinidad and Tobago
<b>WAN</b>	Wide Area Network
<b>WASA</b>	Water and Sewerage Authority
<b>WTO</b>	World Trade Organisation
<b>WTP</b>	Water Treatment Plant
<b>YAPA</b>	Youth Apprenticeship Programme in Agriculture
<b>YDAC</b>	Youth Development and Apprenticeship Centre
<b>YTEPP</b>	Youth Training and Employment Partnership Programme

# PUBLIC SECTOR INVESTMENT PROGRAMME 2008

## INTRODUCTION

In fiscal 2007, a new approach to the preparation of the Public Sector Investment Programme (PSIP) was initiated by the Ministry of Planning and Development confirming the Government's commitment to achieving the goals of **Vision 2020**. This new approach entailed the re-structuring of the PSIP to achieve a closer alignment of programmes and projects with the strategic plans of Ministries and Departments and with the policy prescriptions, strategies, goals and objectives outlined in the National Strategic Plan (NSP) under each of the following five development pillars:

- Developing Innovative People
- Nurturing a Caring Society
- Governing Effectively
- Enabling Competitive Business
- Investing in Sound Infrastructure and the Environment

2. A major advancement in this regard was the formulation of the Vision 2020 Operational Plan 2007-2010, in November 2006. This document established the medium term policy framework for the implementation of the PSIP. It sought *inter alia*, to identify for implementation, key projects under the five development pillars which are considered pivotal for the measured progress towards achieving developed country status. This programme will be reviewed annually, and will lay the groundwork for the transformation of the planning, implementation and investment processes in the public sector. It is expected that as the Government continues its thrust to institutionalise the new paradigm of managing for results within the public sector, the closer alignment of policy development with programme and project implementation will result in greater development effectiveness.



# OVERVIEW

## Public Sector Investment Programme 2007

3. A total allocation of \$6,392.9 million was initially provided for the implementation of capital projects in 2007. Of this amount, the sum of \$3,400 million was provided under the Consolidated Fund, while \$2,992.9 million or 46.8 percent was allocated under the Infrastructural Development Fund (IDF), for project implementation by the Special Purpose State Enterprises (SPSEs). The SPSEs were established to assist Ministries in implementing large scale physical infrastructure works, particularly in the areas of procurement, designs, construction and project management.

4. In fiscal year 2007, investments placed in the priority areas of Health, Education, Housing, Roads and Bridges, and National Security and Public Safety amounted to \$1,996 million.

5. During the fiscal year, the provision of supplemental funding and transfers from the Recurrent Budget resulted in an upward revision of expenditure under the Consolidated Fund from \$3,400 million to \$3,926.3 million. Drawdown under the IDF was \$3,843.4 million, utilizing the unexpended balances in the Fund from the previous years. Total revised expenditure for the fiscal year therefore amounted to \$7,769.7 million, the highest level recorded thus far. This is reflective of both the significant development activities being undertaken by the Government, as well as the high demand for funding for projects which are at an advanced stage of implementation in such areas as Housing, Education, Health and Road and Bridges.

6. Of the revised total expenditure of \$7,769.7 million for fiscal year 2007, the developmental pillar Caring Society accounted for \$2,367.1 million or 30.5 percent of the total expenditure, followed by Sound Infrastructure and the Environment with expenditure of \$1,908.1 million or 24.5 percent of total expenditure. The budgeted and revised expenditure under the 2007 PSIP by development pillar is presented in Table I.

**Table 1****Expenditure by Development Pillar - 2007****(TT\$ million)**

<b>Pillars</b>	<b>Budgeted Expenditure</b>				<b>Revised Expenditure</b>			
	Consol. Fund	%	IDF	%	Consol. Fund	%	IDF	%
Innovative People	694.3	20.4	182.9	6.1	1018.5	25.9	406.2	10.6
Caring Society	937.8	27.5	906.0	30.3	877.9	22.5	1489.2	38.8
Governing Effectively	683.8	20.2	248.9	8.3	769.8	19.6	430.8	11.2
Competitive Business	326.4	9.6	656.0	21.9	312.8	7.9	556.4	14.5
Sound Infrastructure and the Environment	757.7	22.3	999.1	33.4	947.3	24.1	960.8	24.9
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3400.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2992.9</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3926.3</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3843.4</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**Public Sector Investment Programme 2008**

7. The amount allocated under the Consolidated Fund and the IDF increased marginally from \$7,769.7 million in 2007 to \$7,900 million in 2008 (a 1.7 percent increase). The allocation under the Consolidated Fund for the PSIP decreased from \$3,926.3 million to \$3,900 million in 2008, while the IDF increased from \$3,843.4 million to \$4,000 million.

8. The Government will continue to emphasize key developmental areas within its investment programme, with focus being placed on the areas of Education and Training, Health, Housing and Settlements, Agriculture, Governance and Institutional Structures for Development, National Security and Public Safety, Transport, Water and Sewerage and Roads and Bridges.

9. A comparison of the revised expenditure for 2007 and budgeted expenditure for 2008 is shown below at Table 2.

**Table 2**  
**Comparison of Expenditure by Development Pillar – 2007-2008**  
**(TT\$million)**

<b>Development Pillars</b>	<b>2007</b>		<b>2008</b>	
	<b>Revised Expenditure</b>		<b>Budgeted Expenditure</b>	
	<b>Consolidated Fund</b>	<b>IDF</b>	<b>Consolidated Fund</b>	<b>IDF</b>
Innovative People	1018.5	406.2	824.2	880.0
Caring Society	877.9	1489.2	984.7	1196.0
Governing Effectively	769.8	430.8	915.0	253.0
Competitive Business	312.8	556.4	317.3	1097.0
Sound Infrastructure and the Environment	947.3	960.8	858.8	574.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>3926.3</b>	<b>3843.4</b>	<b>3900.0</b>	<b>4000.0</b>

### **Financing of the 2008 PSIP**

10. For 2008, domestic funding of \$7,465.8 million or 94.5 percent of the capital programme will once again account for the greater part of the investment programme. The Consolidated Fund will continue to be used to finance the various projects and programmes in the PSIP. Reliance will continue to be placed on the IDF for financing the implementation of infrastructure programmes and projects by SPSEs.

11. Funding from external sources will amount to \$434.3 million or 5.5 percent of the total PSIP in 2008. Of this amount, loan financing will amount to \$419.3 million or 5.3 per cent of the PSIP, with the largest source of financing (\$376.7 million or 4.8 percent of the total PSIP), coming from the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB). Areas to benefit from these loan resources will be health, education, housing, roads and bridges, information and communication, trade, public administration and national security.

12. Grant funding will amount to an estimated total of \$14.9 million. As in the past, grant financing for the 2008 PSIP will be sourced mainly from the European Development Fund (EDF) which is expected to provide funding assistance amounting to \$14.4 million, for projects in poverty alleviation, business development, institutional strengthening of the public sector and HIV/AIDS prevention and control. The IDB will also provide grant financing totaling \$0.5 million.

13. Loan resources from the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (World Bank) will amount to \$41.5 million in 2008. This will be used for the continuation of the HIV/AIDS Prevention and Control Project.

14. The Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) will contribute \$1.1 million for the Buccoo Integrated Community Facility and the Institutional Strengthening of the Tobago House of Assembly. Table 3 below outlines the financing plan for the 2008 PSIP.

**Table 3**

**Financing of Capital Expenditure – 2008**

<b>Sources of Financing:</b>	<b>TT\$ Mn</b>	<b>%</b>
<b><u>External</u></b>	<b><u>434.255</u></b>	<b><u>5.50</u></b>
<b>Loans</b>	<b>419.335</b>	<b>5.31</b>
Inter-American Development Bank	376.735	4.77
International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (World Bank)	41.500	0.53
Caribbean Development Bank	1.100	0.01
<b>Grants</b>	<b>14.920</b>	<b>0.19</b>
Inter-American Development Bank	0.520	0.01
European Union	14.400	0.18
<b><u>Domestic</u></b>	<b><u>3,465.745</u></b>	<b><u>94.50</u></b>
<u>General Revenues</u>	<u>3,465.745</u>	<u>94.50</u>
Consolidated Fund	3,465.745	43.87
IDF	4,000,000	50.63
<b><u>Total</u></b>	<b><u>7,900.000</u></b>	<b><u>100.000</u></b>

# **PART I: REVIEW OF THE PUBLIC SECTOR INVESTMENT PROGRAMME 2007**

## **DEVELOPING INNOVATIVE PEOPLE**

### **Pre primary, Primary and Secondary Education**

15. The Government of Trinidad and Tobago in recognition of the critical role which education plays in development was allocated \$618.6 million in fiscal year 2007 for funding projects and programmes aimed at developing and providing a solid foundation for pre-primary, primary and secondary education.

16. The IDB-assisted Secondary Education Modernization Programme (SEMP) was allocated \$20.0 million in fiscal 2007. This program will continue to be implemented over an extended three-year period to fiscal year 2009. Over the seven years of Programme implementation, significant progress was made in the reform and modernization of the secondary education system. The achievements realized under this Programme during fiscal year 2007 include:

- Nationwide Implementation of Level One of the National Certificate of Secondary Education (NCSE) examinations for Form 3 students in all secondary schools in eight core subject areas, inclusive of Visual and Performing Arts and Technology Education.
- continuation of training of teachers in non-traditional areas of visual and performing arts and technology education; with a total of 22 teachers benefiting
- procurement of consultancy services to assist in the development of a master plan for the phasing out of specialized craft Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) from the secondary level and re-positioning it at the tertiary level
- Contracts awarded for the procurement of computers, audio-visual equipment, library equipment, library detection systems, e-beam systems, and a range of multi-media resources to benefit a total of 133 secondary schools

17. The Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) programme which caters for the creation of a positive nurturing environment was allocated \$75.0 million in fiscal 2007. The establishment of Early Childhood Care and Education Centres (ECCE) will assist in equipping pre-schoolers with the necessary academic achievement, values and behavioural patterns to actively participate in formal schooling and hence ease the transition into primary school. An expenditure of \$63.2 million was incurred for the completion of 6 centres in La Romain, Santa Rosa, St. Augustine South, Sangre Grande,

El Socorro South and San Pedro. Another ten (10) centres were under construction in the fiscal year at Mayaro, Valsyn, Tacarigua, Petit Valley Little Gems Pentecostal, El Socorro North, Chinapoo, St. Sylvan's Anglican, Lopinot/La Pastora. The sum of \$0.9 million was utilized for improvement works at various schools for Special Education.

18. The sum of \$36 million was utilized for advanced preparatory work and the commencement of construction works at secondary schools under the De-shifting, Conversion and Technical Upgrade and Rehabilitation Programme. The Programme involves the physical expansion of junior secondary, senior comprehensive, secondary and composite schools, coupled with technical upgrade to meet the requirements of the revised school curricula. The de-shifting of junior secondary schools will facilitate improved educational equity and quality by providing all-day schooling for each student. The conversion of these junior/secondary schools and technical upgrades will provide full five year day, high quality institutions with expanded modernized curricula. Achievements under this programme included:

- completion of working drawings and commencement of tendering for the de-shifting of eighteen (18) secondary schools
- award of tender for construction of five(5) secondary schools

19. A total of \$75 million was utilized in the fiscal year for the Improvement/Refurbishment/Extension to Primary and Secondary Schools. Additional funds were provided at mid-term for improvements under the July/August Vacation Repair Programme. Maintenance and repairs will be carried out on 227 Primary Schools and 54 Secondary schools. General repairs including upgrade of electrical and plumbing systems, repairs to toilets, roof and ceilings and structural repairs.

20. Preparatory works involving an expenditure of \$20.4 million were advanced for the reconstruction and upgrade of primary schools nationwide. The Ministry has continued its negotiations with the Denominational School Boards to define a Memorandum of Agreement which would include the project management issues for the reconstruction and upgrade of the denominational primary and secondary schools. Issues related to the financial management and accounting in respect of government grants to Boards were also addressed. Preparatory and construction works undertaken at both denominational and government primary schools (GPS) included:

- continuation of construction of St Paul's A.C., Icacos Government Primary schools, and commencement of Arima West Primary Government
- invitation of tenders and selection of contractors for Tranquillity Government, St. Mary's Government and Arima New Government Primary Schools
- completion of designs for the construction of Fanny Village and Cap-de-Ville Government Primary Schools
- completion of architectural designs and consultants were invited to submit proposals for completion of drawings and tender documents for Chatham, Manzanilla, New Grant, Penal Quinam and Salybia Government primary Schools

- designs were also completed for several denominational schools including Brasso Seco RC. , St. Barbara's Spiritual Shouter Baptist, Maracas SDA, Lengua Presbyterian, Belomt Boys RC., Harmony Hall Prebyterian, La Seiva RC, Penal Rock Road SDMS, Rose Hill RC.,Rousillac SDMS, St. Stephen's AC, ParaminRC., Mon Repos RC and Point Cumuna RC

21. Furniture and equipment for secondary schools were supplied for language labs, physical education, technology education, technical drawing, agri-science and home economics from an allocation of \$30 million. Security enhancement of primary schools continued with an expenditure of \$1.3 million.

22. The Ministry of Education completed the upgrading of facilities for the computerization of 138 primary schools with an expenditure of \$3.5 million. Refurbishment works of other schools are ongoing.

23. An allocation of \$4.5 million was made for the renovation and extension of buildings to provide improved working environments and additional workspace for staff. Expenditure of \$1 million was incurred on the following:

- completion of QRC Flats and existing buildings, commencement of phase 1 works on ground floor and lobby
- relocation of offices to facilitate refurbishment works
- the supply of furniture, installation of partitioning and storage facilities at Head Office and outfitting the HR building
- internal upgrade of the Head Office-Loinsworth Building including the reception area

## **Tertiary Education**

24. The University of Trinidad and Tobago (UTT) utilised its full allocation of \$80 million which was revised to \$110 million, on the construction, upgrade and expansion of facilities to accommodate a larger intake of students, partial construction of its administrative office; expansion of the range and content of programmes offered and to facilitate key research and development opportunities. In addition funds were utilized to purchase software and other tools and equipment needed to assist with training in Research and Development. Achievements included:

- at the Main Campus at Wallerfield a preferred contractor was selected for the construction of Signature Buildings (main teaching, research and administration block) and plaza
- at the O'Meara Campus a 24,000 sq. ft covered graduation pavilion inclusive of assembly/recreation facilities was completed, external works, including road paving, drainage, fencing, lighting, playfields and landscaping continued and the computer laboratory was also outfitted

- at the Maritime Campus, Chaguaramas Phase 2 was substantially completed, life boat support tower installed and Lifeboat and Lifecraft equipment received; Liquid Cargo Handling and GMDSS Simulators installed and commissioned for training; contracts were awarded for the supply of a Full Mission Ship Handling Simulator, a Full Mission Engine Room Simulator, and the refurbishment of the Pier was completed
- at the Pt. Lisas Campus upgrade works continued with the installation of a closed circuit security camera system, burglar and fire alarms, repair/repaving of carpark, painting and lighting. An Alarm System was installed in Canteen; work stations for new staff members were ordered and delivered. Design brief for student residences is at final stages of preparation
- Tobago Campus lease agreement was signed for seven (7) acres at Battery Point for the construction of a Campus and Conference Facility
- Teachers Colleges at Valsayn and Corinth became full campuses of UTT, offering Teacher Education Programmes and other UTT Degree Courses; work commenced to upgrade and enhance both colleges to University status; furniture and library books were purchased
- accommodation facilities and equipment for the commencement of the Academy of Arts has been established. This is a key operation in enlightening the local population and in developing the commercial and business opportunities in the arts and cultural sector

25. At the existing UTT campuses refurbishment works totalling \$24 million were carried out as follows:

- at the Eastern Caribbean Institute of Agriculture and Forestry (ECIAF) major farm improvements took place with regards to equipment, facilities and the removal and replacement of the asbestos roofings. The Library and laboratories were upgraded and furnished, the electrical, air-conditioning and computer facilities upgraded. Contracts were signed with the UN Food and Agriculture Organisation for the development of a Business Plan for farm training
- at the John S. Donaldson Technical Institute refurbishment and upgrade of safety security systems, washrooms, garbage disposal area, improvement to water supply and distribution system, administration and support services, laboratories, lecture rooms and graphic arts workshop. The location has been upgraded to temporarily house the 2007/2008 class from the Valsayn Teachers' Campus
- San Fernando Technical Institute underwent renovation and expansion of the administration area, upgrade in safety and security, water distribution, washrooms, expansion and upgrade of laboratories, workshop and library. The fencing of 26 acres east of the Institute and the acquiring of equipment is in progress.



26. Development works at UWI utilized \$33.3 million on the following:

- completion of the new Milner Hall Dormitory building at a cost of \$21.3 million
- completion of the Lecture Theatre and Classroom Building, including roof and concrete structure, installation of utilities and finishing, contracts awarded for audio visual/multi media, auditorium seating and office furniture
- evaluation of tenders for the construction of the Teaching and Learning Complex

27. The establishment of the Community College of Trinidad and Tobago earmarked to replace COSTAATT was advanced with expenditure of \$14.35 million on upgrade of Information Technology infrastructure, acquisition of learning resources and an Electronic Integrated Library System.

28. The programme of Financial Aid by way of purchase of text books for loan to the general school population and book awards to meritorious students utilised \$3.35 million of \$5 million allocated. Forty eight (48) students received Book Grants and the Book Loan Programme was expanded to include the Bachelor's Degree Programmes in Water Resource Management, Environmental Studies, Nursing, Social and Behavioural Sciences.

29. The Accreditation Council of Trinidad and Tobago utilised its full allocation of \$2 million in support of staff development and training to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of senior managerial and technical officers, strengthen institutional capacity in post secondary and tertiary institutions to implement, review and improve internal quality assurance systems through training workshops, conferences and seminars for representatives from post secondary and tertiary institutions, and develop standards and criteria for the award of qualifications.

30. An overall 904 scholarships were awarded for fiscal 2007. Of this amount 318 scholarships were awarded based on the 2006 Cambridge GCE A' Level and CAPE Examinations. Three additional scholarships were awarded for librarians to commence study in September 2007. Five (5) persons (3 for PhD Degrees, and 2 for Master's Degree) were nominated for scholarships offered by the Government of the United Kingdom under the Commonwealth Scholarship and Fellowship Programme for post graduate studies to commence in September 2007. The Scholarship and Advanced Training Programme utilized \$91.1 million on tuition and allowances for national scholarship awardees based on the Advanced Level and non-Advanced Level Examinations, teachers on full-pay study leave, and librarians on scholarship overseas.

31. The Libraries Programme Trinidad utilised \$6.8 million of an allocation of \$9.5 million, for the acquisition of books and materials for public libraries, computerisation of library services and upgrade of the following facilities:

- Mayaro Public Library, completion of a new roof with guttering and outer ceiling
- servicing of the air condition unit at Carnegie Library

- water treatment system at Pt. Fortin Library
- electrical upgrade at the Debe Library

## **Skills Development & Training**

32. For the Skills Development Programme, \$102.6 million was expended on the construction of new NSDP/HYPE technology centre at Pleasantville, establishment of a new technology centre at Mayaro, expansion/upgrade of facilities and equipment at Skills and Technology Centres throughout the country and local and foreign training programmes for instructors.

33. The Metal Industries Company Limited (MIC), continued its focus on skills training in Mechanical, Electrical/Electronics, Welding, and Auto Mechanic through the National Skills Development (NSDP) Programme and Carpentry, Masonry, Plumbing, Electrical installation, Pan and Music under the Helping You to Prepare for Employment (HYPE) Programme. Achievements included:

- construction and equipping of the new Pleasantville Technology Centre at a contract cost of \$67.7 million with NSDP/HYPE classes at the Centre to commence this fiscal year with approximately 800 trainees
- commencement of upgrade and expansion of Administrative Offices and Workshop at the Facility at Macoya at a contract cost of \$16.9 million for Phase 1 of three phases. The steel structure, roof framing, sheeting, foundation and first floor slab were completed. Blockwork and plastering was 90% completed. Construction of classrooms and engineering labs is in progress. A contract was awarded for electrical, plumbing and air-conditioning services
- acquisition of equipment for workshops at Macoya including mill lathes, injected moulding machine for research and development, welding and milling machines
- completion of upgrade works at the Pointe a Pierre Technology Centre including replacement of roof, repairs to ceiling and general upgrades
- training of forty five (45) technical/vocational instructors for nine (9) months in the Master Craftsman Programme in Mechanical, Electrical/Instrumentation, Industrial Maintenance and Building Construction Technology in Trinidad and Germany
- training of fifteen (15) instructors and three (3) management personnel in Advanced Management Training and Development and Supervisory Management at Bellingham College, Seattle, USA

34. Plans to construct a new NSDP/HYPE Centre at Diego Martin were stymied by the delay in acquiring a suitable site. A site was located for the new Sangre Grande HYPE Centre and a two year lease agreement signed.

35. A new technology centre was established at Plaisance, Mayaro by the National Energy Skills Centre (NESC) at a cost of \$8.7 million. Based on the needs of the energy and related companies operating in the area, the Centre offers industry specific programmes in such areas as Welding (Carbon Steel and Advanced), Building Construction Technology, Pipefitting/Fabrication, Roustabout, Roughneck, Rig Electrician, Rig Mechanic, Derreckman and Computer Literacy. Classes commenced in February 2007 with an enrolment of eighteen (18) trainees in the Rig Electrician programme and ten (10) in the Carbon Steel Welding programme.

36. The NESC also carried out refurbishment work on several buildings on the site in Couva (formerly the Caroni (1975) Ltd Transport and Field Engineering Compound) earmarked for the establishment of the new Head Office and Pt. Lisas Skills and Technology Centre. Works on the buildings to house the Welding and Fabrication, and the Industrial Mechanical Maintenance workshops as well as the Library/Computer room were completed and continued on the Heavy Equipment Maintenance Workshop and the Canteen and Conference buildings. Evaluation of tenders for a project management consultancy for design and construction of NESC Head Office is in progress.

37. At NESC Pt. Fortin Technology Centre, work on the building to house the electrical workshop, electronics laboratory and classroom was completed and tenders invited and awarded for supply of equipment.

## **Science, Technology and Innovation**

38. The sum of \$11.3 million was allocated to NIHERST to continue programmes of public education and support to innovation and research in the area of human resource development. Major achievements for fiscal 2007 were:

- conduct of the fourth biennial Sci-TechKnoFest 2006 held at the NIHERST/NGC National Science Centre in D'Abadie from September 27th to October 15th 2006 which attracted 60,000 visitors. The theme of this event was "The Environment – Our Space, Our Place"
- hosting of a community science week in Moruga and Tobago involving a display of interactive exhibits, conduct of seminars and workshops and lectures. 7,692 students from schools in Moruga and outlying districts and 3,200 visitors in Tobago including SEA and secondary school students attended. The topics of interest were HIV/AIDS, Career Guidance and the Environment
- hosting of a Science Whiz Competition for persons 12 to 17 years and over involving the delivery of 7 to 10 minute presentations demonstrating a scientific or mathematical principle. This competition attracted 131 entries from which 24 finalists were selected

- hosting science vacation camps during the July/August vacation period
- hosting of the Caribbean Youth Science Forum (CYSF) in July 2007, a regional event that attracted over two hundred (200) Sixth Form Science students from Jamaica, St. Kitts-Nevis, Grenada, St. Lucia, Dominica, Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados and Trinidad and Tobago for a full week of educational, social and cultural activities

39. Support for innovation in fiscal 2007 included the Prime Minister's Award for Innovation and Invention. The sum of \$3.8 million was allocated to commence updates on the "Go Creative" Exhibit with modules on cultural innovations and biomimicry. Plans were also finalised for the regional meeting of OAS/CCST "Go Creative" coordinators and the modification of the "Go Creative" exhibit for Grenada. Adjustments were made to the rules of the PM Awards for Innovation and Invention in order to introduce a regional young inventors and innovators competition.

40. Nominations for the NIHERST Awards in Science & Technology (S&T) for 2006 have been closed and the distribution of awards will be made before the end of 2007. A Foresighting Workshop was held for CDB and Caribbean researchers.

## **Culture**

41. The sum of \$51.6 million or 70.1 % was expended out of an allocation of \$358.7 million for upgrade works and the commencement of construction of cultural centres aimed at expanding our existing cultural infrastructure.

42. Work commenced on the construction of an Academy for the Performing Arts at Port of Spain which is estimated to cost \$360.0 million. Designs have been completed for the Academy for the Performing Arts at San Fernando which is estimated to cost \$250 million. The contract for design/build has been awarded to the Shanghai Construction (Group) General Company at a cost of \$675.4 million financed by a loan of RMB 812.0 million from the Export Import Bank of China.

43. Site preparation for the construction of the National Carnival and Entertainment Centre was initiated with the dismantling of the Grand Stand at the Queen's Park Savannah. However, construction was delayed pending a decision to proceed either with a revised construction cost of \$788.0 million or scale down the scope of works to maintain the original budget of \$450.0 million. The entire \$15.0 million allocated was expended on a partial payment for designs and for works to the Queen's Park Savannah to facilitate the 2007 Carnival Season.

44. The reconstruction of the Naparima Bowl did not commence as planned with the \$10.0 million allocation, as the preparation of designs for the reconstruction of the facility was delayed pending the acquisition of adjacent properties. In an effort to keep the existing facility functional, tenders were invited for the repair of the stage and the installation of lighting and air condition units at an estimated cost of \$0.8 million.

45. Refurbishment of Queen's Hall was advanced with the sum of \$3.8 million expended from a \$5.5 million allocation for designs costing \$0.7 million and the

commencement of construction of an Administrative Building and a Maintenance/Storage Facility estimated to cost \$9.1 million.

46. Expansion and conversion of the Little Carib Theatre to a “Black Box” at an estimated cost \$12.0 million did not commence as planned since the adjacent property was no longer available for purchase. As a result, the revised allocation of \$2.5 million was utilized to upgrade the existing facility including installation of air conditioning units in the stage lighting room, a sound system in the auditorium and stage repair.

47. The sum of \$1.2 million was expended on initiatives that focused on the preservation of our rich and diverse cultural heritage which included:

- identification and collection of artifacts for the Sugar Museum and Community Museums at Mayaro and Laventille
- electrical and air conditioning upgrade at the National Museum
- purchase of computer equipment for Naipaul House

48. However, works on the San Fernando Museum and the National Heritage Site were delayed pending the hiring of an architect to prepare designs for the museum/exhibits and the engagement of a Project Coordinator respectively.

49. In light of protracted delays in the implementation of projects aimed at improving the livelihood of artistes and the development of the national instrument, the Ministry of Community Development, Culture and Gender Affairs engaged UDeCOTT to manage the following:

- construction of a 3-storey TUCO convalescence/geriatric home for which architecture, civil and structural engineering and quantity surveying were completed at a cost of \$1.4 million
- construction and outfitting of a Pan Chroming Factory which was relocated from Trincity to Union, Marabella
- completion of Pan Trinbago Headquarters following contract termination due to a dispute for payment

## **NURTURING A CARING SOCIETY**

### **Health**

50. A revised allocation of \$412.6 million was provided to address the health needs of the population and improve the delivery of health care services in Trinidad and Tobago. Of this amount, \$145.4 million was provided for the implementation of the IDB-assisted Health Sector Reform Programme (HSRP) while approximately \$267.2 million was allocated for other priority projects and programmes.

51. The physical investments component of the Health Sector Reform Programme focused primarily on the construction and upgrade of health facilities. The following upgrades were undertaken at a cost of \$70.0 million:

- continuation of construction of District Health Facilities in St James and Siparia (17% and 20% completed respectively)
- purchase of Medical Equipment and Furniture for Health Centres
- continuation of construction of Health Centres in San Juan and Barataria, where overall completion reached sixty-five percent
- continuation of construction of Health Centres in Ste Madeline, Debe and La Romaine where completion reached forty percent
- completion of the replacement of the PABX Telephone System at the EWMSC
- continuation of construction of the St Joseph Enhanced Health Centre and Oxford Street Enhanced Health Centre (37% and 50% completed respectively)
- installation and commissioning of the incinerator at POSGH (75% completed)
- replacement of 4 elevators at the EWMSC
- replacement of the Air Condition Chiller at the EWMSC
- the substantial completion of designs for the Pharmacy, Laboratory, Mortuary and Medical Archives at the SFGH.

52. The other components under the Health Sector Reform Programme that advanced included:

- technical assistance, where a contract was awarded in the sum of \$13.4 million for the Change Management consultancy in the Ministry of Health
- human resource strategy, the consultant was re-engaged to expedite the planning, negotiation and implementation of the transfer of public officers to the RHAs. The first Phase of VSEP letters were issued and VSEP was accepted by approximately 1200 officers
- improvement in information technology capability in the Health Sector where an updated Health Technology Information Technology Strategic Plan was developed

53. A revised allocation of \$17.0 million was provided to reduce the waiting list for surgical procedures performed in 2007. During the period under review, a total of 1027 surgical procedures were performed. These included 393 Cataract surgeries, 116 Fibroid

embolization procedures, 231 Gynaecology surgeries, and 171 Urological procedures. The sum of \$17.0 million was utilized to fund these activities.

54. Under the Special Programme for the treatment of Adult Cardiac Disease a total of 501 Angiogram procedures, 60 Angioplasty procedures and 160 Open heart surgeries were performed during this fiscal year. The sum of \$16.0 million was utilized to fund these activities.

55. With an allocation of \$5.0 million, five (5) Kidney transplants and eight (8) Fistulae procedures were performed. Additionally, the Ministry of Health launched the National Organ Donor Programme and the first cadaver kidney transplant was successfully performed. The launch of the deceased donor programme will assist in making more kidneys available for transplant procedures. The sum of \$3.5 million was utilized to fund these activities.

56. A revised provision of \$5.0 million was provided for the Chronic Disease Assistance Programme. The number of patients accessing CDAP surpassed 300,000. The “Smart Card” was launched by the Ministry of Health in conjunction with the National Insurance Property Development Co. Ltd (NIPDEC). The “Smart Card” will now facilitate easier patient verification and CDAP information retrieval. The sum of \$4.0 million was utilized to fund these activities.

57. The Renal Dialysis Programme also advanced and 75 patients received dialysis treatment at John Hayes Memorial Kidney Foundation, Health Net, Community Hospital, and Kavanagh Dialysis Centre at subsidised rates. The sum of \$5.5 million was utilized out of an allocation of \$16.0 million.

58. The National Oncology Programme was advanced with the completion of designs for the National Oncology Centre at a cost of \$20.1 million. An international firm was selected to provide construction management services for the construction of the National Oncology Centre. Additionally site preparation and foundation works commenced. The sum of \$28.0 million was utilized to fund these activities.

59. An allocation of \$1.2 million was provided in fiscal year 2007, for the Community Outreach Family Medicine Programme to improve rural community access to health education and basic medical services. Ten mobile units were purchased by the Ministry of Health and were commissioned.

## **HIV/AIDS**

60. Government continued its initiatives to contain the HIV/AIDS epidemic in Trinidad and Tobago and provide care and support to those affected. There was a notable reduction in the number of new HIV/AIDS infections and deaths in Trinidad during the period under review. An allocation of \$58.8 million was provided for the National HIV/AIDS Programmes in fiscal year 2007.

61. A number of initiatives continued under the World Bank-assisted Prevention and Control Project implemented by the NACC, geared towards prevention, treatment, care and support and reducing the stigma and discrimination against persons living with HIV/AIDS. During the period under review, the sum of \$25.0 million was utilized to facilitate the following activities:

- the promotion of healthy sexual behaviour among the general population through educational, cultural and communication projects
- development of the NACC HIV/AIDS website, where 10,000 FAQ's were received and production commenced on HIV/AIDS related advertisements and videos
- continuation of media campaigns such as “What’s Your Position”, “Be Faithful”, “Do the test” and “Educate Yourself”
- production and distribution of literature on HIV/AIDS
- provision of financial assistance to Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) working with High Risk Groups
- development of the HIV/AIDS Sexually Transmitted Infection Surveillance System
- completion of the HIV/AIDS Knowledge, Attitudes, Perceptions and Beliefs survey conducted by the University of the West Indies
- provision of a grant in the sum of \$0.4 million to the Living Waters Community to assist with the operational costs of the HIV/AIDS Mercy House
- refurbishment of the Sangre Grande Health facility to provide VCT services

62. The Special Programme for HIV/AIDS under the Ministry of Health also contributed significantly in the fight against HIV/AIDS. A total of 6,727 persons received treatment and health care services at five centres. In order to sustain this effort additional Anti Retro Viral Drugs were purchased during the fiscal year. Additionally, the Medical Research Foundation conducted 1,260 CD4 tests, and 1,094 Viral Load tests. The sum of \$14.0 million was utilized to facilitate these activities.

63. Additionally, \$8.0 million was disbursed to the Medical Research Foundation under the World Bank Funded Loan for HIV/AIDS, to undertake an expanded programme of treatment of HIV/AIDS patients, research and training of the staff of the Ministry of Health.

64. Several Ministries and Agencies partnered with the Ministry of Health in the fight against the HIV/AIDS epidemic. The HIV/AIDS Support Programme implemented by the Ministry of Tourism, conducted HIV/AIDS Sensitization Workshops for Tour Guides and staff of the Piarco Airport Taxi Cooperative Society Ltd. The sum of \$0.1 million was utilized to fund these activities. The Ministry of Labour and Small and Micro Enterprise Development conducted training for staff of the Occupational Safety and Health Unit and work commenced on the preparation of the HIV/AIDS workplace policy. The sum of \$0.2 million was utilized to facilitate these activities.



## Housing

65. There was an overall investment of \$1,383.7 million in the housing sector. The Ministry of Housing and its Agencies, the Housing Development Corporation (HDC), the Land Settlement Agency (LSA) and the Sugar Industry Labour Welfare Committee (SILWC) utilized \$1,314.2 while expenditure by the THA amounted to \$69.5 million.

66. The IDB-Assisted Second Settlement Programme originally scheduled to end in June, 2007 was extended by one year to June 2008 to complete the remaining activities. The objectives of the programme are to improve housing conditions for lower-income groups; make public expenditure for housing more efficient and equitable; and provide incentives and assist institutions, both public and private, in making a transition to new more market-driven roles. The Programme was reconfigured to provide an increase in funding for the Squatter Regularisation component in light of the increased cost of infrastructure development. A total of \$64.8 million was expended under the Programme with expenditure on Squatter Regularization accounting for 72 percent.

67. The LSA continued to discharge its responsibility for management and implementation of the Squatter Upgrade Programme recording the following achievements:

- completion of physical infrastructure including road, water, sewerage and drainage works on sites yielding approx. 231 lots at Jacob Hill, Wallerfield; Samaroo Village, Arima; Ackbarali Trace, Arima; and John Boodoo Road, Brazil Village
- advancement of construction at three sites expected to yield approx. 1526 lots at Pine Settlement, Sangre Grande; Race Course Lands, Arima; and Bon Air North, Arouca
- completion of engineering designs for infrastructure works on 400 lots at Milton Village, Couva and Macaulay Road, Squatterville at Claxton Bay
- conduct of topographic surveys and land-use planning activities on approximately 1,700 lots at River Estate, Diego Martin at sites in Mahogany Trace and the Savannah/Tomato Trace neighbourhood
- selection of third cycle sites to yield 1,500 lots including two (2) sites in Pt. Fortin

68. Under the IDB Assisted Programme, subsidies for home improvement amounting to \$12.8 million were provided to 756 low income home owners to undertake general internal and external refurbishment works including roof repairs, extensions to existing structures – bedrooms, kitchens, bathroom and toilet facilities, burglar proofing and redesign of rooms to accommodate the aged and physically handicapped. No subsidies for new housing were distributed however, due to delays in finalizing agreements for the issue of mortgages to acquire new homes. A Memorandum of Agreement was signed between the Ministry of Housing and the Trinidad and Tobago Mortgage Finance Company (TTMF) to implement this programme. Currently, thirty-two applications are being processed under the Beneficiary Owned Land component.

69. An important area of institutional development in the housing sector, implemented under the IDB-assisted Programme, was the conduct of studies aimed at the regularisation of squatters in Port of Spain. The outcome of one such study was a decision by Government to commence Phase 2 of the project under the programme “Regularization/Regeneration of Communities in the Greater POS Region”. This new Phase includes the upgrade of housing communities at Fondes Amandes, East Upper Gonzales/Sogren Trace and Dundonald Hill/ Belle Vue. An 18-month contract for \$13.4 million was awarded for the conduct of land use surveys, engineering designs and provision of project management services for early and emergency works. During the course of the fiscal year a decision was taken to include Scorpion Alley, Carenage where social and topographic surveys were undertaken. Eleven small contracts were awarded and early works for improved access including drainage and erection of retaining walls commenced at Sogren Trace, Upper Gonzales, Dundonald Hill, Debe and Scorpion Alley, Carenage.

70. In 2007 the Government introduced the policy whereby financing is made available for the total purchase price of residential homes, thereby eliminating the requirement for a down-payment. This is in addition to partial subsidy on the infrastructure costs of these houses. In addition, beneficiaries of Government housing also enjoy a subsidised interest rate of 2 %, where the purchase price of these residential properties are less than \$450,000 and for household incomes up to \$8,000 per month.

71. In keeping with Government’s policy to maintain the country’s housing stock, the MOH also provides assistance to persons with household incomes of less than \$36,000 per annum, with a housing grant in order to effect repairs and improvements to their homes. In Trinidad and Tobago, approximately 936 grants were disbursed in the sum of \$9.2 million.

72. In pursuit of the mandate to provide affordable housing for all citizens, the major focus continued to be the Accelerated High Density Housing Programme which received a revised allocation of \$1,033.7 million from the IDF. This was fully utilized to advance works under the Joint Venture and Infill components resulting in the construction of approximately 7,226 houses in various stages of completion. These units are located at over 100 sites including Pleasantville, Rio Claro, Palo Seco, Malabar, Boys Lane, D’Abadie, Barataria, Ramgoolie Trace, Tarouba North, Carlsen Field, Ojoe Road, Mayaro, Buen Intento, Mount Hope, East Grove, Valsayn and Phase 1B Arouca. Through the Joint Venture arrangement with private sector contractors, the HDC with the assistance of UDeCOTT also undertook construction of housing units at a cost of \$222.8 million. The sites for these units include Beverly Hills, Roy Joseph, Lady Young Rd., Mendez Drive, Coconut Grove, Oleara Heights and River Runs Through It. From the inception of the Programme, the Joint Venture arrangement has been successful in realizing the distribution of 8,200 housing units, and a further 3,000 units as scheduled for distribution by September 30, 2007.

73. Significant progress was made on the implementation of the Urban Renewal component of the Accelerated Housing Programme as follows:

- completion of designs for re-development of Clifton Hill, Laventille and East POS

- demolition works at South Quay and environs
- award of contract for design works at Malick
- commencement of planning for activities related to urban renewal at Ramdial Mahabir St., Alexis St., Dorata St., Almond Court, Paradise Heights, Observatory Street and in the towns of Chaguanas and San Fernando

74. The HDC carried out its responsibility for the implementation of several projects in the sector utilizing the revised allocation of \$202.2 million from the consolidated fund to relocate squatters, refurbish/upgrade apartments/houses, build commercial complexes and construct new houses. The projects included significant remedial infrastructure works at all HDC housing estates and apartment complexes in POS and environs. A total of \$94.2 million was spent on the following:

- replacement of windows at 70 duplexes at Beetham Estate and 21 buildings located at Waterhole, Cocorite; Troumacaque, Laventille; Almond Drive and Mango Rose, Morvant; and at St. Francois Valley Rd., Belmont
- completion of electrical rewiring of 17 buildings at Harpe Place and St. Francois Valley Rd., Belmont; and Mango Rose, Morvant; and 22 apartments at Foster Quevado, Port-of Spain
- complete refurbishment of 203 apartments at Couva
- installation of security railings at 8 buildings and complete refurbishment of 75 apartments in Maloney Gardens
- replacement of roof at 7 Pensioners' Quarters, drainage and plumbing works and repainting of 107 units at Beetham Gardens
- construction of drains at 8 buildings along St. Joseph Road, erection of fence and retaining wall at Powder Magazine – Phase 1, Cocorite and roof replacement at 4 buildings at Paradise Heights, Morvant

75. In its effort to create integrated sustainable communities aimed at improving the quality of life of its residents and arrest the mushrooming illegal small business structures in communities, the HDC in the fiscal year 2007 invested \$34.8 million to undertake works at the following multi-purpose complexes:

- construction including landscaping, installation of storage tanks and pumps, and security lighting at the mall complex at Pleasantville
- completion of electrical works, replacement of awnings and installation of exhaust fans at the Maloney Multi-Purpose Complex

- advanced construction works at the Edinburgh 500, Bon Air and Couva Multi-Purpose complexes
- commencement of Phase II construction and furnishing of units at the La Horquetta Multi-Purpose Complex

76. The Ministry of Housing continued efforts, through the HDC, to relocate squatters. Relocation activities were carried out at Tarouba, Ramgoolie Trace, St. James, Paradise Heights, Dunderhill, Corinth and the Marabella Train Line at a cost of \$46.5 million under the Relocation of Squatters programme.

77. The Sugar Industry Labour Welfare Committee in fiscal year 2007 utilized a revised allocation of \$7.9 million. A total of \$6.4 million in contracts was awarded to continue the development of infrastructure for establishment of housing settlements as follows:

- at Orange Field (42 lots), contract of \$0.6 million awarded for construction of pump house and installation of lift pumps
- at Golconda Housing Settlement (10 lots), the original contract was terminated due to non-performance of the contractor and new contract awarded for \$0.7 million for completion of Land Development works including construction of drainage
- at Cedar Hill (28 lots), new contract was awarded for \$2.9 million and infrastructure works advanced to 80% for construction of roads and drains and installation of water mains
- at Tarouba Central Housing Development (45 lots), a contract was awarded for \$2.3 million and construction works commenced but was subsequently stalled to resolve social issues
- at La Fortune Housing Settlement, a retaining wall was constructed to secure a resident's house and approval granted by WASA for replacement of water mains along Boodhai St., to enable distribution of water to the area that encompasses 18 lots

78. The THA utilized its full allocation of \$69.5 million to finance construction of houses, undertake infrastructure works including roads and drains, and engage consultancy services for designs and surveys under its housing and settlements programme. Achievements included:

- construction of houses at Castara, Roxborough and Blenheim by the HDC on behalf of the THA
- construction of box drains at Signal Hill, Belle Garden Phase I and Calder Hall Housing Estates

- engagement of consultants for designs and surveys at Adelphi Estate, Charlotteville and Speyside
- continued development works at Adventure Estate Plymouth Rd.; Belle Garden Phase II and Courland Estate
- commencement of infrastructure works at Windward Tobago

## **Youth, Sport and Recreation**

79. The sum of \$422.5 million was expended for the continuation of the delivery of programmes and the provision of infrastructure to support the development of youth and sport in Trinidad and Tobago.

80. Work on the Development of a Multipurpose Sporting Complex at Tarouba continued in fiscal year 2007 with the completion of site preparation and physical infrastructure works on Phase 1 construction of the Brian Lara Cricket Stadium. The budget for this phase was revised from \$275.0 to \$425.0 million due principally to increased excavation and preparation costs related to site relocation, increased materials and labour prices and an expanded scope of works. Expenditure for the fiscal year amounted to \$148.5 million.

81. Trinidad and Tobago successfully hosted warm-up matches and six Group Stage matches in March and April 2007 during the 2007 Cricket World Cup. The sum of \$39.0 million out of \$47.5 million allocation was utilized by the Local Organising Committee which had the responsibility for preparatory works for the hosting of matches/events as follows:

- venue development in accordance with International Cricket Council (ICC) Standards at the Queen's Park Oval, UWI Sport and Physical Education Centre, St. Mary's College Ground and the National Cricket Centre at Balmain Couva
- operational support including accommodation, transportation, health and safety, medical services, and security for the four (4) teams
- provision of financial contribution for the Opening Ceremony
- city dressing at match venues to meet ICC standards
- operational costs including marketing, public relations and education and traffic management

82. Designs for the development of Yolande Pompey Recreation Ground at Princes Town were completed during the fiscal year. The Sports Company of Trinidad and Tobago was assigned responsibility for constructing the facility at an estimated cost of \$22.0 million.

83. One of the main areas of focus continued to be the upgrading and enhancement of Stadia and ancillary facilities in Trinidad and Tobago. Works were carried out at four (4) of the five (5) Stadia at an overall cost of \$9.2 million as follows:

- at the Hasely Crawford Stadium (HCS)/Jean Pierre Complex (JPC) the allocation of \$6.5 million was expended for the purchase and installation of a cover for the Main Court at the JPC and \$0.08 million was utilized for the installation of air condition units at the HCS Boxing Facility
- at the Mannie Ramjohn Stadium erection of a security fence, construction of bleachers and repairs to the high mast lighting were completed at a cost of \$0.4 million
- at the Ato Boldon Stadium the sum of \$0.1 million was utilized for the erection of a security fence and construction of bleachers for the training field
- at the Dwight Yorke Stadium a \$0.5 million contract was awarded for repairs to the fire alarm system, floodlighting, air-conditioning and public address system

84. Improvement works at a cost of \$0.7 million were also carried out at other sporting venues including:

- installation of lighting and resurfacing of the Toco Hard Court
- installation of a Louvre System at Pt Fortin and Pleasantville Indoor Sporting Arenas and a Point of Entry for electrical supply at the Tacarigua facility
- construction of a 3 level bleacher, replacement of sand and upgrading of the drainage system at the Beach Volleyball Sand Court in Pleasantville

85. The entire \$1.3 million allocation for the Upgrading of Swimming Pool Facilities was expended on the following:

- at La Horquetta, the steel structure of the pavilion was refurbished and the facility repainted
- at Diego Martin the pool basin was resurfaced, and pool pumps were installed
- at Sangre Grande a chlorine room was constructed and the deck of the pool was paved
- at Couva air condition and pool pumps units were installed
- at Siparia the facility was repainted

86. Resources totalling \$127.8 million were provided under the IDF to finance the construction and upgrading of several sport and recreation facilities as follows:

- commencement of Refurbishment Works at Hockey Facility, Tacarigua estimated to cost \$7.0 million. Funds were spent on the purchase and installation of the Turf at a cost of \$6.3 million, the award of contract for the provision of Project Management Services and the certification of the Facility from the International Hockey Federation
- commencement of construction of Sport/Youth Facilities at Northern Recreation Ground, Diego Martin; India Road Recreation Ground, Arima; and Ojoe Rd Recreation Ground, Sangre Grande at an estimated cost of \$17.0 million each
- completion of designs and commencement of construction of recreational grounds, parks and spaces at Diego Martin, Plesantville, Toco, Santa Cruz and Pt. Fortin at a cost of \$12.0 million per facility
- award of a contract for the construction of Recreation Grounds including jogging area, lighting, pavilion to seat 150 persons, covered bleachers to seat 500 persons and toilet facilities at an estimated cost of \$1.5 million each at Maracas, Carenage, Cumana, Damarie Hill, Africa, Mahogany Avenue, Woodford Lodge, Plaisance Park, Gilbert Park, Paramin, Balmain, Grande Riviere, La Fillette and Las Lomas No. 2
- award of contracts for the construction of Hard Courts at Chinapoo, Postman Drive, Cocorite, River Estate, Spring Vale, Sugren Trace, Malabar, Simeon Road, Bayshore and Wharf Trace which will include lighting and covered bleachers with seating for 400 persons at an estimated cost of \$.9 million each
- commencement of upgrade works at 28 Corporation Grounds as follows: Avidesh Samaroo, Cacandee Felicity, Dehli Road, Du Bisson Park, Gran Chemin, Henry St, Lower Barrackpore, Lucky St, Macaulay, Malick, Maracas St Joseph, Plaisance Park, Point D'Or, Salazar Trace, Sforzata, St. Joseph's Village, St Mary's Tarouba, Union Claxton Bay, Vistabella, Wharton St, Valencia and L'anse Noire

87. The Government recognises that investing in youth enables them, as individuals to fulfil their lifetime potential and contribute towards building the nation's stock of human capital and capacity for growth in the next generation. Investments were made in advancing policies, programmes and infrastructure developments geared to provide youths with opportunities to participate fully in economic and social development.

88. From an allocation of \$5.0 million, the following activities were continued with respect to the Refurbishment of Youth Training facilities:

- pigeon proofing and repainting of the Malick facility and the award of contract for the construction of a security fence
- award of a contract for the repainting and refurbishing of the Woodbrook facility

- purchase and installation of computer equipment and an air condition unit at Laventille
- preparation of tender documents for designs and construction of Indoor Recreation room/auditorium at Los Bajos

89. The sum of \$4.0 million was utilized out of \$5.8 revised allocation on the Refurbishment of National Youth Development and Apprenticeship Centres. Major highlights include:

- refurbishment of student dormitories, improvement of road ways and commencement of designs for upgrade of the recreation ground at Chatham
- refurbishment of the Plumbing and Auto and Mechanical classrooms at Persto Praesto

90. Initiatives focusing on youth development were advanced as follows:

- invitation of requests for proposals for the conduct of a needs assessment for the communities in Manzanilla, second Caledonia, Morvant, Datsunville, Enterprise and Gun-hill, Cap-de-Ville under the project “Save the Youth in Marginalized Communities”
- conduct of twenty (20) Edivans/Caravans and hosting of a sensitisation programme on HIV/AIDS under the Youth Health Programme of the National Strategic Plan for HIV/AIDS
- provision of financial assistance to the Girl Guides Association for the development of a campsite in Toco, The National Scout Association for the construction of an administration building and The President's Award Programme for the rebuilding of headquarters at Curepe
- establishment of a National Youth Council to lobby and advocate for youth at the national, regional and international levels, recruitment of staff for the Project Implementation Unit (PIU) and expansion of the database and conversion into SQL (Web based) format for the institutional strengthening of the PIU

## **Poverty Alleviation and Social Services**

91. Several initiatives are being pursued by the Government as part of a comprehensive effort towards poverty alleviation and eradication. An overall expenditure of \$75.6 million was incurred in advancing these initiatives.

92. The EU-sponsored Poverty Alleviation Programme continued its efforts towards assisting the Government in formulating and implementing a National Poverty Reduction Strategy. The entire \$7.0 million allocation was expended on the following major initiatives:



- completion of the 2005 Survey of Living Conditions and the commencement of the review process by the relevant stakeholders
- approval of eighty eight (88) projects under the micro-credit fund in the communities of Penal/Debe, Tunapuna, Piarcó, San Fernando, Tobago, Chaguanas and Arima
- launch of a website for the programme
- hosting of a consultation to advocate the Regional Micro Project Fund (RMPF) to Non Governmental Organizations and Community Based Organizations among fifty (50) organizations
- promotion of the RMPF via posters, brochures, outreach meetings of the Regional Social and Human Development Councils and advertisements on radio stations

93. The National Community Self-Help Programme utilised its entire revised allocation of \$45.0 million to provide materials and technical support to communities nationwide for the development of local infrastructure as well as for general project management support. The Commission undertook eight hundred and seventy two (872) projects in response to the needs of disadvantaged community groups resulting in improvements in the supply of water, electricity, roads, drainage, social facilities, bridges and walkways, recreational facilities, community centres, schools and cultural facilities. Disbursements were also made to needy individuals under the Minor Repairs Reconstruction Grant.

94. Several Social Services Programmes were advanced. The Scholarship Programme targeting students residing in institutions commenced with the evaluation of applications. The Community Outreach Programme utilized the \$1.0 million allocated on the following initiatives:

- hosting of three (3) outreach programmes in Carenage, Enterprise and Beetham/Sealots
- distribution of information pamphlets and promotional items regarding literacy, parenting, child development and violence
- advertising via thirty 30-second radio and television commercials for the Enterprise Outreach
- invitation of tenders for video production services issued to three (3) video production companies for the filming of the 2007 outreach events

95. Projects aimed at upgrading facilities for the disadvantaged in order to provide a safe and comfortable environment were advanced as follows:

- invitation of tenders for the refurbishment of the kitchen at St Michael School for Boys estimated to cost \$1.0 million
- procurement of gym equipment for the Substance Abuse Rehabilitation Facility at Piparo in the sum of \$0.6 million
- installation of electrical and plumbing systems, construction of a new roof, walls and windows at St Jude's Wing
- award of a design contract for the Establishment of a Remand Home for Young Female Offenders estimated to cost \$60.0 million
- installation of a new floor, windows, doors, plumbing and electrical systems as well as the construction of a new ceiling, walls and painting at Salvation Army Hostel- Josephine Shaw House for Women in the sum of \$1.2 million
- repair of the roof and ceiling, installation of a concrete floor, doors, windows and cupboards, upgrade of the plumbing, drainage and electrical systems, termite treatment and painting works at St. Dominic's Home at a cost of \$1.0 million
- preparation of tender documents for the Establishment of a Telecentre in Penal/Debe

96. Several important projects did not proceed as planned for various reasons as indicated:

- establishment of a Children's Authority was awaiting Presidential assent of the Children's Authority Act
- establishment of a Halfway House for Ex-prisoners was delayed pending the review and recommendations by a Cabinet Sub-Committee of the Comprehensive Report on Ex-Prisoners
- establishment of Social Services Centres in Rio Claro and Point Fortin was affected by protracted negotiations for the acquisition of properties
- establishment of a Meal Centre at La Caille Street, San Fernando necessitated approval for financial assistance to be given to the Coterie of Social Workers to construct a two (2) level facility for the elderly

97. The 2007/2008 Household Budgetary Survey (HBS) is being undertaken by the Central Statistical Office in order to gather extensive information on the incomes and expenditures of individual household which can set the framework for future analyses and social research activities to inform policy formulation. An allocation of \$2.0 million was provided to implement activities for this project. An HBS Unit was set up to

coordinate the exercise and a HBS Committee to provide technical support to the Unit. Specifications were developed for the purchase of essential IT equipment, household and individual questionnaires were completed and the HSB expenditure classification comprising 2000 expenditure items was developed. A total of 1920 Enumeration Districts was selected.

## **Sustainable Communities**

98. An allocation of \$160 million was provided under the IDF to continue the upgrade of the physical infrastructure of several rural communities in Trinidad. These works included construction of paved drains, kerb and slipper drains, driveways and sidewalks; rehabilitation of main and secondary roads and asphalt paving; and the general improvement of the physical aesthetics of the communities. Some of the achievements were:

- Activities geared towards the development of areas in east Port-of-Spain to improve the economic, social and physical environment was allocated an amount of \$15.0 million. As a first phase, an environmental enhancement programme in the Beetham Gardens area at a cost of \$0.231 million was completed. Other programmes are to be implemented as part of the Beetham Urban Village Development Plan at an estimated cost of \$22.3 million. These include: Sports programme – Play, Learn and Unite through Sport (PLUS); programme for achieving Cultural Excellence (PACE); and the establishment of a Homework Centre and Training Facility.
- The sum of \$90.0 million was provided to continue infrastructure upgrade works and to fund the start of new projects as follows:
  - drainage improvement works, construction of box drains and the rehabilitation and repaving of roads in 15 communities at an estimated cost of \$63.9 million
  - design and construction of a bridge over the Tumpuna River at El Quemado Road, Talparo at a cost of \$7.9 million
  - contracts were awarded for the commencement of sixty-two infrastructure projects at an estimated cost of \$79.2 million, Preparation of designs for these projects were completed and mobilization of these projects are underway
  - evaluation of proposals for the preparation of master plans for the general development of fifteen communities and the phasing of projects were completed. Approval was received for the award of contracts for the preparation of master plans for ten of the fifteen communities at a total cost of \$9.4 million.
- continuation of works that began in 2006 and the commencement of new projects in North Cocoyea.

- Commencement of sixty- three projects for infrastructural upgrade works in South Trinidad of which eighteen have been completed.

## **GOVERNING EFFECTIVELY**

### **National Security and Public Safety**

99. In the fiscal year 2007, the Protective Services intensified efforts to provide citizens with improved levels of public safety and security through the maintenance of law and order. A total of \$253.4 million was provided for this area of which \$223.6 million was utilized.

100. The Citizen Security Programme, which is being assisted by IDB, utilised \$3.8 million for the continuation of its programme and objectives. The programme components include primarily institutional strengthening of the Ministry of National Security, development of community preventative strategies and public relations. A number of studies were undertaken which included the Community Victimization Survey, the Community Level Planning for Prevention and Intervention Services Study, Institutional Strengthening of Youth, Family and Community Based NGOs, the Design of Specialized Youth Services Programmes Study and the Police Crime Information Study.

101. The Police Service utilized \$59 million to promote safety, security and stability to the citizenry of Trinidad and Tobago through several initiatives.

102. The Transformation of the Police Service Project is one of most important projects geared towards improving service, management and delivery of the Service. This project was provided an allocation of \$28.4 million for the continuation of several activities. Activities implemented included: training of officers in police supervision and management; development of a merit-based system for assessing the performance of officers; commencement of the Model Stations Initiative which involves the reconfiguration of Police stations to enhance their functionality; expansion of the Crime and Problem Analysis Unit; implementation of new systems for homicide investigations and crime reporting through development and monitoring of plans in the investigation of cases.

103. The sum of \$19 million was expended for improvement works to several Police Stations and buildings including Scarborough Police Station, St. Clair Police Station, the Police Administration Building and the Telecommunications Unit. Refurbishment of other buildings includes the Homicide Divisions located at Arouca and South, the Police Hospital at St. James, San Raphael Police Station and the Facilities Management Unit. Works undertaken included upgrading of the sewerage and waste disposal systems and general repairs to buildings. In addition, reconfiguration works under the Model Stations Initiative were carried out at five police stations: Arouca, Morvant, San Fernando, Chaguanas and West End. Works at the Police Training College, St. James Barracks continued with the upgrade of the electrical and plumbing systems and reconstruction of the steel roof for the Multipurpose Hall. Development of designs for the cafeteria continued.

104. Furniture and furnishings were also procured at a cost of \$0.9 million for police stations at Toco, Mayaro, Gasparillo, Belmont Tunapuna, Chaguanas, Scarborough, San Raphael, Guapo, and Mounted Branch.

105. The construction of new police stations continued in fiscal year 2007. Funding in the sum of \$286.2 million is provided by a consortium of local commercial banks (not including the PSIP) and management of the projects by NIPDEC. The stations under construction included Toco at a cost of \$8.2 million, Tunapuna at a cost of \$7.7 million, Belmont at a cost of \$11.8 million, Gasparillo at a cost of \$8.8 million, and Mayaro at a cost of \$11.9 million. Construction was advanced on all five stations in this fiscal year. Construction and upgrade of police stations were provided through a revised allocation under IDF of \$44.0 million. Expenditure in the amount of \$10 million was incurred for preliminary plans for the construction of a Telecommunications facility in Tobago. However, the development of schematic designs of police stations was not finalized pending a decision by the Ministry of National Security on the engagement of NIPDEC as project manager.

106. In its efforts to provide improved maritime protection and security, the Coast Guard of Trinidad and Tobago utilized \$74.2 million for several initiatives. Tenders were invited for the procurement and refurbishment of vessels, vehicles and aircrafts and three interceptor vessels. Refurbishment of the CG6 patrol boat was initiated at a cost of \$29 million. The vessels will assist in patrolling the sea borders in the war against illegal drug trafficking. In addition, the CG215 aircraft was refurbished at a cost of \$7.4 million and an ambulance was procured. Further technical specifications were developed and tenders invited for a Marine Travel Lift which is to be used for accommodating the fleet of vessels.

107. The construction of the new jetty at Staubles Bay was completed and reconstruction of the existing jetty was substantially completed in this fiscal year at the contract cost of \$82.6 million. Works undertaken on the second jetty included test piling and electrical upgrade.

108. As part of the Institutional Strengthening of the Coast Guard Project, eight (8) officers were trained in leadership skills at a cost of \$0.1 million. In addition, three officers proceeded to Britannia Royal Naval College in United Kingdom for naval training for a period of one year and one officer was sent to Royal Naval Academy for training in basic seamanship skills at a cost of \$1.5 million.

109. Construction and upgrade of Coast Guard facilities were given an allocation of \$27 million under the IDF. Some of the major achievements include:

- completion of Operations Building at Staubles Bay
- continuation of electrical upgrade of facilities
- commencement of preliminary plans for construction of dormitories and messes at Tobago and Piarco

110. The Defence Force of Trinidad and Tobago was provided \$29.8 million for several activities including:

- continuation of reconstruction works at the Air Guard Base at Piarco, focusing on the sewer system and electrical upgrade, refurbishment of the kitchen, dormitories and hangers
- continuation of refurbishment of facilities at the Defence Force Headquarters including offices, a Tank Farm, renovation of the old gymnasium and improvement works to the Junior Leaders Club and the Chief of Defence Staff Office
- continuation of construction of a cookhouse and a dining facility in Tobago
- continuation of construction works on the Men's Barrack at Camp Cumuto including plumbing and electrical work and refurbishment work on the dispatch office, the Corporals' Club and the Officers' Mess Lounge
- continuation of construction works at Teteron Bay including the Administration Building, Other Ranks Facility, the Command Row and the Officers' Mess; and designs for the electrical system and the construction of the Corporal Club were also completed
- continuation of internal and external works at the barracks at Camp Omega; and continuation of construction of a Military Obstacle course
- twelve (12) officers were trained in leadership skills at a cost of \$0.1 million

111. The Fire Service of Trinidad and Tobago was provided an original allocation of \$37.4 million to assist in providing an efficient fire fighting emergency service to the citizens of Trinidad and Tobago. A total of \$25.4 million was expended for several initiatives including:

- the Upgrade of the Water Distribution system including the drilling of a well, commissioning of relief valves and preparation of tender documents for the procurement of two hundred and eighty-eight (288) additional water hydrants
- specifications were finalized for several vehicles under the Fire Service Division which included a Double Cab Light Truck, an Aerial Ladder Platform, a 4x6 Water Tanker, a 4x2 Water Tender, a Chemical and Industrial Tender, an Emergency Tender and a Hazardous Material Vehicle, and the refurbishment of a Major Airport Vehicle, Water Tankers, a Rapid Intervention Vehicle and Crash Tenders
- the construction of the Couva South Fire Station continued in this fiscal year. Expenditure in the sum of \$11.2 million was incurred for electrical works, painting, and paving. This project is 98 percent completed. This fire station is expected to service the community of Couva and environs. In addition, construction works continued at the Sangre Grande Fire Station. Major

external and internal works continued. The project is practically completed with minor construction works to be completed

112. In its efforts to improve safety and security for the citizenry and improving the reintegration of offenders into the society, the Prison Services expended \$8.2 million for several initiatives including:

- completion of construction works on the Administration Building at Golden Grove at a cost of \$5.5 million. Some of the works undertaken included installation of an elevator, electrical works, installations of doors, glasses and air-conditioning units, internal ceiling and floor finishing. In addition, Phase II of the electrical upgrade of the Prison compound was also completed at Golden Grove including repairs to the underground ducting system and commencement of Phase III; the construction of kiosk and procurement of a generator. In addition, the construction of a switch room was completed. Refurbishment of the Sewerage Treatment Plant was substantially completed. Foundation works were completed at the Senior Officers' Mess, and materials were procured for the construction of the Facility
- completion of the cradle and fattening pen and continuation of the slaughter bay and the zero grazing pen
- reconstruction of the Workshop at Golden Grove which entailed fabrication and installation of structural steel frames, casting of first floor, and roof works. Works continued on the electrical and plumbing systems
- completion of refurbishment works at Carrera Convict Prison, on the Supervisor's Quarters facility and refurbishment works continued on the infirmary and the labour shed. Minor reconstruction works were undertaken to the sea wall

113. Institutional strengthening of the Forensic Science Centre was provided an original allocation of \$5.0million of which \$4.5 million was expended for:

- engagement of a Forensic pathologist through UNDP
- final payment for the Integrated Ballistics Identification System, which allowed for an increase in the casework database by two hundred entries per month
- engagement of Firearm and Toolmark Examiners who have worked on a total of 1,682 cases since their recruitment with effect from October, 2006
- development of specifications for a microscope and other laboratory equipment

114. Administrative Services under institutional strengthening of the Ministry of National Security utilised an allocation of \$14.8 million for various initiatives including:

- completion of Phase I of the Anti-Crime Communications Support Plan under the Strategic Communication Programme for Public Education Project. Phase I entailed the development of public relation activities to sensitize the public on the crime situation in Trinidad and Tobago
- conduct of meetings, seminars and workshops throughout the Caribbean region to address issues of regional security under the Management for Regional Security Project
- staff members were trained in Microsoft Project and Project Management Professional

115. The Establishment of Mediation Centres Project was provided a revised allocation of \$2.0 million. No expenditure was incurred under this project as the scope of works was still being developed. However, proposals were prepared for improvement of Mediation Centres including the procurement and installation of metal detectors and soundproofing of one centre in Port-of-Spain.

## **Law Administration and Legal Affairs**

116. Revision and Printing of the Laws of Trinidad and Tobago was provided a revised allocation of \$26.0 million, which was expended. In April 2007, a contract was awarded. Ten bounded copies, 2,500 CDs, 300 keys and one master copy as well as six thousand loose leaf volumes and ten bounded volumes of the INDEX were delivered.

## **Governance and Institutional Structures for Development**

117. Implementation of the IDB/GORTT funded Public Sector Reform Initiation Programme (PSRIP) was adversely affected by problems related to the procurement of consultants. A major achievement in fiscal year 2007 was the completion of the consultancy for the restructuring of the Central Statistical Office (CSO). The consultant has submitted the final report.

118. Contracts amounting to \$3.5 million and \$3 million were awarded for the startup of consultancies for the Development of a Communication Strategy and Development and Implementation of a National Dialogue Strategy respectively. Consultancies commenced in March 2007 and Inception Reports were submitted.

119. The Programme is to be reviewed with a view to restructuring to enhance programme implementation.

120. Several important initiatives were undertaken in the area of building capacity within the public sector. Among the achievements were:

- commencement of a consultancy to develop the Employee Assistance Programme (EAP) with a view to establishing EAP's in all Ministries



- finalization of TORs for the conduct of a Diagnostic Study under the Review of the Classification and Compensation System and the development of a Competency-Based Management Policy
- completion of a Diagnostic Report and the development of a Human Resource Planning Model and training of human resource practitioners in the use of the Model

121. Under the aegis of the Ministry of Public Administration and Information, Permanent Secretaries, Deputy Permanent Secretaries and Senior Managers of the Public Service benefited from participation in an Executive Development Programme, and the Leadership Development Programme hosted by the Commonwealth Association of Public Administrators and Management (CAPAM).

122. The Public Sector Reform Computerization Programme received an allocation of \$221.3 million of which approximately \$204 million was utilised in 2007. The aim of the Programme is the further development and modernization of information and communications infrastructure in the public sector. The commencement of activities for the enhancement and expansion of the Communications Backbone Phase II was delayed due to procurement issues. These delays impacted negatively on a number of government wide initiatives including the Integrated Human Resource Information System (IhRIS) and the Electronic Document Management System (EDMS). As a result, a decision was taken to change the arrangements for procurement of goods and services for this project.

123. The Ministry of National Security continued strengthening its internal systems to address more adequately national security issues. The issuance of new Machine Readable Passports commenced in January, 2007. A total of 37,000 applications for new passports were processed and 27,000 passports issued. Plans were also finalised for a Comprehensive Media Campaign to build public awareness in this important area. The Immigration Offices at Port of Spain were reconfigured and upgraded and work continued at San Fernando, Piarco and Tobago offices.

124. The Police Service continued its Computerization programme focusing on increasing its capacity in the areas of surveillance and detection. Among the major highlights were:

- signing of a contract in the sum of \$2.6 million for the supply, delivery and installation of mobile units in 15 vehicles out of a targeted 100; geared towards providing greater inter-connectivity among vehicles, foot patrols, police stations and police buildings, and for training and servicing
- initiation of activities for the procurement of the Matcher and the Livescan Systems for expansion of the Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS) and Mugshots

- conduct of a pilot programme related to the rollout of the Decentralization of Fleet Management to remote garages.

125. Implementation of Phase I of the establishment of a new Integrated Tax Processing System (ITPS) was advanced. The activities were undertaken in 2007 through an investment of approximately \$25 million. Under the ITPS, Stakeholder and Change Agents were identified, current and proposed business processes along with User Procedures documented, a Communication and Change Management Strategy and a Study of the Current Taxation System completed. Work continued on the development of a Data Conversion Plan, a Fall Back Plan and a Test Plan. The training of Trainers, Testers and End Users also commenced.

126. Other achievements in the area of Public Sector Computerization included:

- networking of Case Management and Video Conferencing rooms under the transformation of the Court Recording System. When fully operational this system will obviate the need for the transport of prisoners to and from the jurisdictional courts, and will facilitate the implementation of all-night operation of the Courts as well as international linkups, for research and consultation
- development of a WAN and the Home Application and Fulfillment System (HAFS) by the Ministry of Housing and Settlement, the implementation of the FISERV Mortgage System to better administer the sale of housing units, and the Yardi Voyager Property Management System to facilitate the administration of rents and facilities maintenance at the HDC's housing estates
- rollout of project IhRIS among the Divisions of the THA utilized \$0.7 million and continued implementation of a GIS in the Division of Community Development and Culture, the establishment of an Integrated Financial Management System and networking of the Division of Finance and Planning

127. The Upgrade of the Electronic Voter Registration and Election Management System (EVREMS) was expected to be completed in time for the 2007 General Elections. However, delays were experienced in the expansion of the Wide Area Network (WAN), the data verification exercise and the approval of security measures.

128. In pursuance of Government's Vision 2020 goal of achieving developed country status and for providing safe and healthy work environment to increase public servants efficiency, the sum of \$240.9 million was allocated for the construction and rehabilitation of public buildings. Expenditure amounted to \$210.1 million.

129. Construction of the official residence for the Prime Minister and the Diplomatic Centre commenced in November 2006 with an allocation of \$60 million. Despite some delays with the finalization of the project design, work progressed towards completion of all buildings. The allocation was revised to \$122.2 million at the mid term review to facilitate project completion, including outfitting of the buildings with furniture and fixtures. The residence will include buildings to accommodate administrative, household and security staff and facilities; while the Diplomatic Centre will be used for the hosting

of foreign and other dignitaries at State and official functions. The facilities are designed in keeping with acceptable international standards, embracing a multi-functional approach in order to accommodate as great a diversity of indoor and outdoor, small, medium and large events for the people of Trinidad and Tobago. The estimated total cost is \$148.1 million.

130. In pursuit of Government's mandate to provide a comfortable and an Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA) compliant work environment for public sector employees, work continued on the upgrade of physical infrastructure at the Eric Williams Finance Building which accommodates some eight hundred and fifty officers. \$15.3 million was allocated to this project and \$7.5 million expended. The following upgrades were undertaken:

- completion of painting of the basement and refurbishment of the Gym ceiling
- installation of new PA system throughout the building and completion of a security turnstile for staff at the western entrance
- installation of 4 new elevators, as well as an elevator for the cafeteria and resurfacing of the Courtyard
- refurbishment of 3 Air Handlers
- completion of computer and telephone networking on Level 7 and the replacement of furniture and installation of partitions on levels 8 and 11

131. Infrastructural improvement works at Cipriani Labour College were significantly advanced. The project is intended to facilitate the increase in students intake from 1,774 to over 3,000. This is in keeping with Government's objective of increased access to tertiary level education. The main activities undertaken were:

- completion of the upper West Wing to house an additional 5 classrooms as well as 2 administrative offices and completion of a prefabricated flat to house eight additional classrooms and administrative offices
- completion of the Auditorium Superstructure which would also house two additional classrooms
- completion of the Cafeteria and a cricket pitch, football field and pavilion at a cost of \$430,000
- completion of steel and blockwork and glass installation on the central core of the superstructure boardroom

An expenditure of \$10.9 million was incurred on these activities.

132. Slow progress was made on the upgrade of the offices at Riverside Plaza resulting in expenditure of \$0.4 million of the \$5.1 million allocated. Progress was hampered by the delay in making the IDC Building OSHA compliant to accommodate the staff of the Plaza during refurbishment work. The project is intended to provide a comfortable OSHA compliant environment for the approximately five hundred staff who occupies the building as well as members of the public served by the Ministries housed in the building. A contract in the sum of \$0.5 million was awarded for the refurbishment of level 4.

133. In keeping with Government's thrust to foster the development of entrepreneurship at all levels of the society, the sum of \$4 million was allocated to the Ministry of Local Government for the provision of the support for small scale enterprises.

134. The \$1 million allocated for upgrade of the East Side Plaza was increased to \$2.3 million at the PSIP mid term review in order to facilitate an increase in the number of booths to be constructed to benefit one hundred and fifty-six small business owners. Sixteen new booths were completed with an additional twelve under construction. A security system with sixteen cameras was installed and work commenced on upgrading the AC system. An expenditure of \$0.9 million was incurred for the period under review.

135. Upgrade and expansion works to New City Mall (formerly Tent City) was allocated the sum of \$3 million. When completed the project will benefit 121 small business tenants. An expenditure of \$0.5 million was incurred. Works undertaken included the completion of upgrades to electrical and plumbing systems on both floors. Consultations were initiated with tenants on the designs for further upgrades.

136. The extension and modification of facilities at the Forensic Science Centre was allocated \$4 million. One of the main activities to be undertaken is the construction of a new DNA Lab at Federation Park. When operational, the facility will be internationally accredited and will facilitate, inter alia, a greater use of forensic evidence in court prosecution. Preliminary conceptual design indicated an increase in cost from \$15 to \$25 million. As an interim measure, pending completion of the new facility, a temporary modular DNA Lab was purchased. The Lab became operational in May 2007 incurring an expenditure of \$0.2 million.

137. Work on the construction of new facilities for the Institute of Marine Affairs (IMA) advanced seventy percent. Overall completion on the headquarters will have state of the art Laboratory facilities, an Information Centre Building, Marine Education Centre and Operations Centre. Delays were experienced in securing approval for increased furniture and equipment cost and procuring building materials. The infrastructure was completed and installation work on services (Air condition, plumbing etc) commenced. There was no expenditure out of an allocation of \$10 million.

## **Administration of Justice**

138. A key initiative of the Government in the area of the Administration of Justice is the establishment of the Family Court which was allocated a revised sum of \$18.0 million. Expenditure totalling \$17.5 million was incurred. Among the activities undertaken were the development and implementation of a Performance Appraisal

System for staff members and preparation of tender documents for the engagement of a consultant to assist in extending the operations of the Court to Tobago and San Fernando; recruitment of persons for managerial and professional positions at the Family Court; and hosting of an Open-day to sensitize members of the public about the day-to-day operations.

139. Improvement/Refurbishment to Court Facilities was provided with a revised allocation of \$26.9 million. Total funds were expended. A contract was awarded in the sum of \$3.5 million for the implementation of an Integrated Security Management System at the Hall of Justice in Trinidad. The installation of cables and networking infrastructure have commenced. In addition, a contract in the sum of \$0.3 million was awarded for the manufacture and installment of external wall panels. Remedial works were completed by the contractor and 50 percent of the outrigger shoes were installed. One chiller was installed and work commenced on the installation of a second chiller. Bills of quantities were also prepared for the construction of access ramps for handicapped persons.

140. At the San Fernando Magistrates' Court, two elevators were installed at the Madinah building. These elevators are fully operational. In addition, customization works continued on the two buildings-Madinah and Credit Union. Activities undertaken included plumbing, electrical and masonry works; partitioning; joinery; floor and wall finishes; and construction of a perimeter fence. The Madinah building is substantially completed and the Credit Union building is fifty-five percent completed.

141. Activities undertaken at other Magistrate's Courts included:

- at the Couva Magistrates' Court, and the Midnah building of the San Fernando Magistrates' Court, Closed Circuit Television System (CCTV) were installed
- at the Couva Magistrates' Court, external works were completed including paving, flooring works, painting, roof works, procurement and installation of furniture, reconstruction of cell blocks and partitioning. Underutilized space reconfigured for additional courtrooms, including a petty civil court, a criminal court, a waiting room, a training room, a witness room, and an Attorney/ Client room
- at the Point Fortin Magistrates' Court, construction works continued including demolition works, fencing and cabling to facilitate computerization of the court, and installation of Audio Digital Systems
- at the Rio Claro Magistrates' Court, scope of works and designs were completed for the expansion of courtrooms

142. At the Hall of Justice, Tobago refurbishment works on the main library were completed including flooring, plumbing and electrical work. Refurbishment works on the Chief Justice's Chamber, Judges' Chamber, Video Conference and Case Management rooms were also completed. These works included installment of static furniture, roof works, painting works, partitioning, air-conditioning works and floor works.

143. A consultant was hired for the development of architectural and structural designs for the Siparia Magistrates' Court. Architectural and structural designs were also completed for the Chaguanas Magistrates' Court. These projects are being managed by the Palo Seco Agricultural Company, a special purpose state enterprise.

144. In addition, a committee was established to steer the construction of the Arima and Sangre Grande Magistrates' Courts. The Committee consists of representatives from the Judiciary, the Prison Service, the Probation Office, the Police Service, and staff of the project unit of the Ministry of Attorney General. A Project Brief was developed, and an area identified and approved for the Arima Magistrates' court. Preliminary surveys were conducted.

## **ENABLING COMPETITIVE BUSINESS**

### **Macroeconomy and Finance**

145. During the fiscal year, activities under the IDB assisted Trade Sector Support Programme focused primarily on the preparation of reports. Several draft reports on T&T Trade Negotiation position in Different Negotiating Fora, Trade Policy Strategy and Trade Policy 2006-2010 and Implications of Trade Liberalization at the Sectoral and Industry Levels in T&T were prepared and are being reviewed. The consultancy on the Competitiveness of the Services and non-oil Manufacturing Sectors in T&T was completed and the implementation of recommendations has been initiated. Plans for reorganization of the Ministry were also reviewed and the plan for Specialized Technical Training was completed and implementation commenced. Approximately fifteen persons benefited from training in seminars/workshops and courses on trade negotiations and policy. The total allocation of \$15 million was expended to carry out these activities.

146. The Secretariat for the Implementation of Spanish (SIS) continued implementation of the project "Creation of a Bilingual Society" with an allocation of \$2.5 million in fiscal 2007. The mandate of SIS is to teach and conduct promotional activities related to assisting the nation to become proficient in Spanish within the next ten to fifteen years, so as to facilitate the promotion of trade and business with Latin America. The Secretariat was recognised by the Prime Minister's Service in Excellence Award Programme. From the allocation of \$2.5 million, \$1.5 million was expended on the following activities:

- successful completion of Phase IV of the Spanish Language Acquisition Programme in 11 communities with 99 graduates – 34 at Basic level and 65 at Intermediate level and continuation of the Spanish Language Programme at 23 ministries, all fourteen municipal corporations, the THA and five private companies
- conduct of the public awareness and education programme including a pen pal promotion with Spanish speaking countries; provision of translation services for Ministries and hosting of the first Latin American Film Festival

- conduct of national research into the Spanish influence on local towns and villages

147. As an integral part of the thrust to enhance local food production capacity the Support to Agri-business project continued to facilitate improvements to the regulatory, institutional and competitive environment of the food and beverage, fish and fish processing industries. Several activities were undertaken in this area including:

- hosting of a Research, Innovation, Development workshop for the Food and Beverage Sector
- development and execution of a National Food Safety Awareness Programme
- hosting of a market intelligence workshop for the Food and Beverage Industry and completion of a technology foresighting exercise
- continuation of a consultancy for the establishment of a National Food Safety Agency
- training of twenty-two fisher folk with certification in basic computer literacy and media coverage on the Seafood and Industry Company (SIDC)
- employment of a General Manager for the SIDC and development and testing of the company's Training Database
- evaluation of proposals for an assessment of the impact of transshipment activity on the domestic fishing industry

The sum of \$2.5 million was expended out of an allocation of \$5 million to carry out these activities.

148. The EU-grant funded project, Support for Caribbean Business Services Limited, came to a close in March 2007. Over the period of implementation the project was successful in providing technical assistance to small and medium-sized companies in the non-oil manufacturing sector to increase their international competitiveness. The project was undertaken under two main components, the Competitiveness Building Service programme and the Awareness Building programme. The main accomplishments were:

- under the Competitiveness Building Service programme six companies benefited from training in Food Processing, eighteen companies in Quality Management and System interventions and Health/Safety/Environmental Systems
- fifty-four companies from the Food, Construction, Printing, Transport, Quarrying, Services and Manufacturing Sectors benefitted from Diagnostics (Health and Safety) training.

- fifty-nine companies from the Printing, Manufacturing, Food, Furniture, Services and Consulting Sectors benefited from training in Lean Production, one element of modern production management.
- training in Quarry Operations was undertaken by seven companies from the Quarrying Industry and twenty-one companies from the wood/furniture industry benefited from Training in Product Design.
- nineteen companies from the Food/Catering Services underwent training in Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point (HACCP)
- six companies were trained in Food Safety Management, and twenty-six were trained in Health/Safety/Environmental Systems (HSE) and Occupational Health and Safety (OSHA).

149. The sum of \$4.0 million was utilized to continue activities under the Inward Investment Non-Petroleum Initiatives Programme for the development of industries in the non-oil sector in pursuit of achieving the twin goals of economic diversification and sustainable development in the country. Towards this end, the Maritime Legislation was updated and second draft of the Shipping Act was completed. Contracts were awarded for creation of a database of Maritime personnel, conduct of Human Resource Needs Analysis and development of Business Plans for key maritime clusters. Terms of Reference (TORs) were drafted for a consultant to develop and execute a mentorship programme and proposals were received from Media Houses for the creation of a Maritime Awareness Video. In the Printing and Packaging Industry (PPI), proposals were invited for consultancy services for the assessment of New and Emerging Technologies, an evaluation was completed for the consultancy for the development and implementation of the Training plan for PPI that was considered inadequate; and proposals for the development of a Website for the PPI were evaluated. A Technology Fore-sighting Workshop was held, the PPI Council was launched and a representative participated in a Mission to the Far East to advance the development of the linkage Programme for Alliances.

150. The CARICOM Trade Support (CTS) Programme commenced in 2007 with an allocation of \$5 million. The purpose of the project is to reduce the imbalance of intra-regional trade which stands in favour of Trinidad and Tobago and to create a growing cadre of entrepreneurs in Pan-Caribbean companies which would foster the increased creation of wealth. This is to be accomplished by providing interest free technical loan assistance to large, medium and small firms as well as rendering assistance for business development and project improvement in CARICOM member states. A decision was taken during the fiscal year to also include loans for capital expenditure. The Programme was promoted by advertisements in twelve CARICOM countries and there are plans for region-wide coverage.

151. Despite the protracted delay in securing approval for funds to be drawn down from the Caricom Trade Support (CTS) Fund Account deposited in the Central Bank, 7 loans were approved for the following companies:



- Gale force Windows & Doors Inc., Antigua - \$100,000
- City of Kingston Credit Union, Grace Food Processors Ltd. and Pulse Investments Ltd of Jamaica - \$60,000, \$100,000 and \$79,050 respectively
- Suriname Postal Corporation (SURPOST) – Suriname - \$100,000
- Arnwil Ltd – Grenada - \$85,000
- Construction Technologies Ltd (CONTEC) – St. Kitts - \$100,000

There was an expenditure of \$4 million for fiscal 2007.

## **Business Development**

### **Investment Promotion**

152. The Investment Promotion project inclusive of the Development of Collateral Investment Material, expended \$2.7 million out of an allocation of \$4 million in the fiscal year. The project, being implemented by eTeck, is geared to the development and implementation of a comprehensive strategy for investment promotion using internationally benchmarked strategies, implementation methods and tools in order to promote the country as a location for foreign direct investment opportunities. Implementation focused on the following:

- completion and reproduction of an investment DVD *T&T at a Glance* magazine and an advertorial for Business Week Magazine
- translation of Investment Booklet into Spanish, German and French and updating of *The 2007 Guide to Investing in T&T* as well as *The Cost of Doing Business in T&T* magazine.
- completion of conduct of Trade & Investment Missions to South Korea, India and China
- ongoing is the development of a Trinidad and Tobago investment website, [www.investtt.com](http://www.investtt.com)
- continuation of T&T Brand Identity exercise for the launch of a media campaign
- preparation for the development of the Trinidad and Tobago Business Information Centre (TTBIC)

153. The sum of \$8.1 million was allocated for the development of small businesses and to assist entrepreneurs in Tobago. Implementation continued on the development of the Cove Eco-Industrial and Business Park. The objective of this project is to provide the

infrastructural base for the development of small industries in Tobago thereby diversifying away from the established but volatile tourism industry. The Eco-Industrial and Business Park is being developed by eTeck on 140 acres of the Cove Estate in the Lowlands area. The sum of \$3.7 million was expended out of an allocation of \$5 million on clearing the site of trees and vegetation and start up of work on the construction of the roads and a drainage network. The project was launched with a sod turning ceremony in February 2007.

## **Industry and Entrepreneurship**

154. Resources totalling \$149.3 were utilised out of \$413.9 million allocated in fiscal year 2007 for the enhancement of the country's ability to operate in a globally competitive environment and promote the further development of a diversified economy.

155. An allocation of \$200.0 million was provided under the IDF for the development of the Tamana InTech Park in Wallerfield which is being implemented by eTecK (Evolving Technologies and Enterprise Development Limited). Work commenced under the \$177.7 million contract for infrastructural development works, including grubbing and clearing and installation of reinforced concrete culvert pipe drain crossings. Work continued simultaneously on locating and possible removing explosive devices at the site, and on the Flagship Building, with the installation of reinforced steel and the concrete pour to the basement, link and elevator shaft and car park areas. The schematic design of the Linear Park was completed and proposals for detailed designs were submitted by the Consultant. Activities commenced on the Social Skills Programme for residents of the site and environs which is aimed at enhancing their ability to gain employment. The sum of \$100.0 million was utilised to fund these activities.

156. Work continued on the development of Industrial Estates at several sites. Designs for new Industrial Parks at Factory Road, Dow Village, Reform Village and Preysal were completed. Expansion works at the existing industrial parks at Debe, Point Fortin and Beetham were eighty-two percent, thirty percent and seventy percent completed respectively. A total of 110 additional acres will be developed at these Industrial Estates to provide accommodation for businesses involved in the manufacture of tyres and other products from natural or synthetic rubbers, distillery operations and processing and bottling of drinking water. The parks are intended to provide industrial space for manufacturers.

157. The Business Investment project of the Ministry of Trade and Industry is intended to develop and implement new business projects in the manufacturing and service sectors. During the fiscal year, officers of eTeck attended a conference in France on Business Clusters and held discussions with a venture capital firm, a seafood processing company, aluminium manufacturing company, and potential investors in call centre operations. eTeck also continued work on the creation of a logo, tag line, promotional items, branding and a media campaign for the Tamana InTech Park. The sum of \$30.0 million was utilized to fund these activities.

158. During the fiscal year, the Caribbean Industrial Research Institute purchased major equipment and upgraded several laboratories to meet international accreditation

and certification standards and OSHA requirements. The Herbal Research Project and the Alternative Binder Study were completed. The Alternative Binder Study will assist in enhancing the quality of materials available for road paving. Sum of \$14.0 million was utilised to fund these activities.

159. In support of the development of the local film industry, \$6.0 million was provided for the Trinidad and Tobago Film Co. Ltd. to fund various activities including the hosting of the Latin American Film Festival, Animae Caribe festival, participation in the Cineposium Film Conference in Los Angeles, film facilitation support for a photo assignment for Question Mark Entertainment, and the review of the Production Assistance and Script Development Programme for 2004-2006 projects. The Company also sponsored two (2) bursaries and cash prizes totaling \$76,000 to the B.A film programme at the UWI and participated in the Broadcast Production Show from June 19<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> 2007 in the UK. The sum of \$6.0 million was utilized to facilitate these activities.

## **Energy**

160. Continuing its drive to improve the quality of services provided to the travelling public, the National Petroleum Marketing Company Limited was allocated \$76 million under the Consolidated Fund to upgrade and construct Service Stations

161. The upgrade of Service Stations continued as planned in both rural and urban area involving expenditure of \$20 million. Achievements during the fiscal year included:

- completion of upgrade of the Service Station in Penal at a cost of \$1.4 million. including the installation of four double walled tanks to increase storage capacity
- continuation of extensive remediation work at the Wrightson Road service station to treat with extensive contamination exacerbated by a high water table which delayed the construction schedule
- continuation of the construction of the St. Augustine, Beetham and Carousel stations

162. In addition, the NPMC concentrated on the replacement of obsolete road wagons, the acquisition of tanks for Piarco and upgrade of the gantry at Sea Lots.

163. The National Energy Corporation (NEC) a subsidiary of the National Gas Corporation has been engaged by the Government of Trinidad and Tobago to establish new port facilities and develop industrial sites to accommodate the new industrial estates to be constructed in the south-west. In fiscal year 2007, the allocations for development of Industrial Sites and the Development of Port Facilities respectively were 100 million and \$450 million. Achievements during the fiscal year were:

- at Point Lisas, a contract in the sum of \$3.8 million was awarded for the preparation of designs, and a \$49 million contract was awarded for dredging of the area

- terms of reference for an EIA for a project at Cap-de-ville were submitted for consideration by the Environmental Management Authority
- a contract in the sum of \$11 million was awarded for the preparation of preliminary designs for the Galeota Port project, and terms of reference for the conduct of an EIA were submitted to the Environmental Management Authority for its consideration.
- preliminary designs for the petrochemical pier at Brighton were completed at a cost of \$6.5 million, a contract was awarded for the dredging works at a cost of \$81 million, and the EIA commenced at a cost of \$3 million
- dredging works commenced at Alutrint under an \$81 million contract

164. The development of other industrial sites was initiated with the earmarking of a 200 hectare site for Essar and Westlake Industries at Point Lisas South and East Port, and identification of 250 hectares for the development. Preliminary infrastructural designs were completed, and a contract awarded for the conduct of an EIA. Tenders for the design and an EIA of a 1400 ha site to be reclaimed at Oropouche Bank were re-invited, as the scope was modified to include field work and full engineering designs. Plans for land acquisition and studies at Cap-de-ville were discontinued.

## **Tourism**

165. The Ministry of Tourism and its Agencies, the Tourism Development Company and the Zoological Society of Trinidad and Tobago, along with the Tobago House of Assembly continued implementation of programmes aimed at achieving the goal of sustainable development of the tourism sector. Towards that end approximately \$28.7 million was spent.

166. The TDC utilized resources of \$9.7 million to continue programmes geared towards further development of the tourism product and spearhead tourism awareness programmes. In recognition of the necessity to upgrade and maintain the tourism facilities the full allocation of \$4.5 million was used for extensive refurbishment works at beach facilities in Maracas, La Brea, Las Cuevas, Grande Riviere, Manzanilla and Vessigny. Activities undertaken included plumbing and electrical systems upgrades; renovations to public change rooms, lifeguard quarters and security booths; provision of access for the physically challenged; quarterly testing of the sea water quality; and beach user surveys.

167. The Tourism Development Support Programme focused on development activities, including support for the OAS/USAID Caribbean Small Enterprise Projects (STEP) as follows:

- training of 21 small hotel representatives in Revenue and Distribution Management & the Art and Science of Basic Forecasting
- Tour Guiding training for 25 members of the general public; Customized Hosting and Dining Training for 43 B&B owners; and FCCA Customer Service Training for 165 taxi drivers and cruise ship employees
- customer service and team building workshops for 31 tour guides; and e-start and e-marketing workshops for a total of 59 Tour and B&B Operators
- purchase of training material including audio visual and books on entrepreneurial development and food and beverage management for the benefit of small tourism operators

168. In pursuit of its quality control function, the TDC undertook the following:

- development of the Hotel and Guesthouse Standard and the Recreational Diving Standard that was made available to the public
- training of 17 auditors from TTBS and TDC in standards for tour guiding, tour operating and in auditing practices
- start-up of a pilot project, through a Gap Analysis of seven properties, with respect to the Green Globe 21 Company Standard
- conduct of three (3) Green Globe Environmental Workshops on Energy Management and Conservation, Water Conservation and Wastewater Management and Low Impact Grounds Maintenance Practices for hoteliers

169. Priority attention was also given to safety and security for visitors, (there were 71,713 passengers from 46 cruise ships during the 2007 cruise ship season - October 2006 – April 2007). Activities involved:

- reprinting and distribution of approximately 15,000 safety and security brochures
- training from CAREC in Food Safety for seventeen (17) representatives of various food establishments
- recruitment of fourteen (14) visitor guides from the UWI to assist visitors to our shores

170. The Maracas Beach Re-development Project continued with the utilization of \$3.0 million out of an original allocation of \$10.0 million provided under the IDF. The Consultants completed the Conceptual Design Proposal in December 2006 and the GORTT approved the master plan layout and conceptual design for the re-design and restoration of the Maracas Bay Beach Facility and environs.

171. The tourism sector benefited from the following activities:

- support for our 1<sup>st</sup> placed Culinary Team at the annual culinary event at the “Taste of the Caribbean Competition” held in Miami
- conduct of local tourism awareness activities including the National Geographic Photo Contest, the FCCA Poster Contest; and the Conde Nast Essay Contest
- hosting of career and recruitment fairs for students

172. The Ministry of Tourism recorded relative success in implementing activities under the Community Facilities and Tourism Awareness Programme, Strategic Planning for the Tourism Sector and the Tourism Industry Education and Training Programme with an expenditure of \$3.1 million. Achievements included:

- award of a contract for the conduct of Customer Satisfaction survey on the quality of service and performance of hotels within the tourism sector
- construction of lifeguard towers and purchase of a utility vehicle for lifeguards at Salybia to service approximately 5,000 beach users on weekends
- hosting of radio and television programmes on beach and water safety
- hosting of tourism awareness programmes for approximately 400 participants between the ages of 10 and 18 years
- conduct of courses in Spanish for approximately 50 persons from the hotel industry and 30 staff members of the Ministry of Tourism
- provision of technical assistance to the Diego Martin, Siparia and Princes Town Municipal Corporations in facility management, customer service, event management and marketing
- provision of professional training for 52 persons in the Tourism Industry – chefs, waiters, bartenders and food service hoteliers
- provision of customer service training for 30 staff members from the Airport Authority of T&T

173. A Master Plan for the development and enhancement of the Emperor Valley Zoo was developed by a consultant at a cost of \$0.3 million. The Plan involves schematic designs and a range of improvement and expansion works, including car park facilities, visitor information centre and children’s play area. At the existing zoo the sum of \$0.3 million was spent on upgrade of the electrical system and the administrative offices and installation of security monitoring systems.

174. In Tobago, the THA utilized its full allocation of \$12.2 million to continue its own tourism product development and marketing through:

- refurbishment of the TTHTI and installation of equipment
- development works at Fort King George Heritage Park and Bloody Bay Nature Park
- construction works at Scarborough Beautification Project
- upgrade of beach facilities at Storebay, Buccoo and Mt. Irvine
- rehabilitation of the Mt. St. George Sugar Mill, the Aqueduct and Fort James
- construction of lay-bye at Roxborough

175. The Chaguaramas Development Authority (CDA) continued major refurbishment works to its Administration Building. A Health Safety and Environment Department was established and training for the tenants of the area in the use of chemicals and fire safety commenced in an effort to promote safety and disaster preparedness. To provide for the needs of tenants and local visitors and the marketing of the peninsula as a major tourist attraction, other projects were undertaken including:

- update of the 1998 Development Plan for Chaguaramas and preparation of land use proposals
- upgrade of 15 hotel rooms at the Chaguaramas Hotel and Convention Centre for public use/rental, and refurbishment of the air conditioning and electrical systems
- Chagville Beach improvements including the re-sanding of the beach area, installation of seating and the commencement of the construction of a performance stage all geared to providing members of the general public that frequently visit the area with quality recreational facilities
- purchase of safety vests and four security vehicles to boost overall safety and security for visitors and tenants of the peninsular
- acquisition of the Base Night Club for establishment of a the Welcome Centre and Information Facility, an important and integral part of the National Heritage Park
- preparation of designs for the extension of the existing Chaguaramas Golf Course to 18-hole PGA standard, and conduct of three public consultations on the project

## **Agriculture**

176. In response to the growing demand for food and rising food prices, the Government of Trinidad and Tobago invested \$413.5 million in programmes and projects aimed at increasing production in the Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry sector. Funds were expended for infrastructure development, enhancement of research capabilities and the development of agricultural settlements throughout Trinidad and Tobago. The

Ministries involved in these efforts are the Ministry of Agriculture, Land and Marine Resources, the Ministry of Public Utilities and the Environment and the Ministry of Local Government.

177. The IDB-assisted Land Adjudication and Registration Project (LARP), which was developed under the ASRP-TAP, was initiated in fiscal 2006 and continued in 2007 with a revised allocation of \$1.3 million with the hiring of a consultant to prepare operating guidelines for the Land Registry and Draft Operational Guidelines for Land Adjudication. The objective of LARP is to improve the reliability of the real property rights system, and to allow for more efficient use of land resources consistent with land use policy.

178. An allocation of \$35 million was provided for the construction/rehabilitation of access roads with the aim of improving efficiency in the agriculture sector by making existing and virgin agricultural lands more accessible to farmers, encouraging the use of these lands and consequently increasing agricultural production. The allocation was increased by \$57.1 million to \$92.1 million under the Infrastructure Development Fund to meet outstanding payments for works completed in late fiscal 2006. The 2007 rehabilitation works focused on deteriorated rural access roads in Cunupia, Rio Claro, Cumuto, Wallerfield, Maracas, Mac Nair and Caigual. Thirty two (32) km of roads were constructed at an estimated cost of \$91.4 million, including the replacement of bridges and culverts, benefiting 876 farmers in a total area of 1,395 hectares. An additional 17 roads were also sealed with oil sand to benefit 425 farmers within an area of 2,125 hectares. These works were required to maintain or enhance the efficiency of farming where access roads were needed, to open up new agricultural land and to make farming more viable.

179. A total of \$17 million was provided for the construction of new farm ponds and related infrastructure, to assist in alleviating flooding in the rainy season and to provide a sufficient source of water during the dry season. In the Kernaham Food Crop Project six (6) farmers' crossings, two (2) box culverts and the installation of six (6) sluice gates were undertaken at a total cost of \$2.2 million. For the R.E. Los Iros Phase I Project, forty (40) new ponds were constructed and eighteen (18) existing ponds were rehabilitated. During the period under review, a total of 300 metres of drains and one (1) cylinder crossing were constructed at a total cost of \$2.02 million benefiting 50 farmers on 70 hectares of agriculture land. Desilting works aimed at two (2) regions North and South, also continued in a total area of 1,086 hectares, with 420 farmers benefiting.

180. The Youth Apprenticeship Programme in Agriculture (YAPA) continued with an allocation of \$3 million, of which \$1.3 million was spent. This program is an initiative of the MALMR, aimed at bringing young farmers into the sector, given the advanced age of the nation's farmers. The objective is to attract the youth (17-25 years) to engage in farming by exposure to farm work alongside established farmers, utilising efficient farming techniques through an apprenticeship system. The long term goal of the Programme is to strengthen the country's food security and reverse rising food prices. Approximately 239 students in the counties of Caroni, St. George East, St. George, West and St. Andrew/St. David benefited from YAPA in 2007.

181. A project for the development of fifteen (15) large commercial farms was introduced at the mid-year review of the PSIP with funding of \$98 million provided under the IDF. The farms are to be located in Jerningham, Edinburgh, Caroni, Orange



Grove, La Gloria, Mon Jaloux and Picton Estate. The aim is to boost agricultural productivity to increase food production. The Rural Development Company (RDC) was engaged to carry out land surveys and sub division, to provide access roads and utilities. The enterprise will address the production of commodities identified by the National Agribusiness Programme, including root crops (cassava and sweet potatoes), vegetables (pumpkin and hot peppers), fruits (pawpaw and coconut), herbs, tilapia and rabbits.

182. The Estate Management and Business Development Company Limited (EMBDC) was provided the sum of \$592.5 million to undertake its programme of infrastructure development works on residential lands for distribution to the former employees of Caroni (1975) Limited. The development works are due for completion by April 2008 and the allocation of these residential lots to the 5,019 qualified former employees has been completed. An amount of \$598.1 million was provided for the development of 18,575 acres of agricultural lands which are subdivided into two (2) acre plots. These plots have been developed for distribution to the eligible former employees. To date 522 acres of these agricultural lands are under cultivation.

183. The project for the establishment of agricultural settlements in Trinidad utilized an allocation of \$6 million in continuing infrastructural works, with the focus on provision of roads, drains, and essential utilities. The areas benefiting from these settlements were Wallerfield, Felicity, Barataria, Manzanilla, Cunupia, Fishing Pond, Piparo and Poole. Training courses in farming were also provided for approximately 300 farmers in these communities.

184. A total allocation of \$10.7 million was made for the enhancement of research and development capabilities in the sector, of which \$6.3 million was expended. It is expected that investment in research would contribute to the expansion of agriculture through the harnessing of innovative ideas in food production and food sustainability. Some research initiatives undertaken in fiscal 2007 were:

- At the Central Experimental station, development of innovative packaging to preserve locally grown crops for resale
- continuation of the Animal Production Strategies through artificial insemination aimed at producing viable buffalypso, cattle and small ruminants free from diseases such as rabies, tuberculosis, brucellosis and Johnes disease thereby increasing meat and milk production from these animals
- conduct of training courses by the Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory for 8 Veterinary Officers in diagnostic procedures for ensuring food safety particularly in respect of fish diseases
- refurbishment of one (1) glasshouse at St Augustine to provide protection for the development of nursery crops, completion of a water tank and installation of an irrigation system

185. Activities in the fisheries sub sector centred on the construction of the Moruga Fishing Complex, under a project managed by the RDC. The project which commenced in fiscal 2006, is being undertaken in two phases. Phase I, the design phase, estimated to cost of \$15 million, involves a study of the off-shore fishing at Moruga and the design of

a fishing port and associated facilities. Phase II involves the construction phase at an estimated cost of \$75 million. In fiscal year 2007 designs were completed and proposals were re-invited for the conduct of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA). This fishing centre is expected to create employment for rural families of Moruga as well as contribute to the long term stability of the surrounding communities.

186. The slipway at the Chaguaramas jetty of Caribbean Fisheries Training and Development Institute (CFTDI) was reconstructed and the immediate coastline was reinforced.

187. Efforts to promote the sustainable development and conservation of fisheries resources were continued by the Fisheries Division. Data collection activities, indexing and cataloguing of systems and expansion of library collection expended its total allocation of \$1.4 million.

## **Labour and Cooperatives**

188. Funding in the sum of \$7.3 million was allocated in fiscal year 2007 for the continued implementation of initiatives aimed at building capacity within the labour and cooperative sector. Of this amount, the sum of \$4.2 million was utilized.

189. The most significant initiative undertaken in 2007 was the establishment of an Agency to support the Occupational Safety and Health (OSHA) Act, the members of which were appointed in October 2006, following the proclamation of the Act in February 2006. The Agency's responsibility includes, ensuring the creation of healthy and safe working environments within the 27,000 establishments currently listed throughout the nation, and ensuring that the introduction of new equipment, systems and accident prevention programs would result in long-term benefits for the nation as a whole, especially in a reduction in the cost of accidents. The Executive Director was hired in May 2007, and temporary accommodation was provided for the Agency at the IDC Building, pending provision of permanent housing. With the repeal this fiscal year of the Factories Ordinance, the OSH Act came fully into effect, at which time thirty-two Inspectors were engaged on transfer from the Factories Inspectorate.

190. The Ministry of Labour and Small and Micro Enterprise Development also undertook the following activities:

- training and retraining of the staff of the Cooperatives Division, upgrade of accommodation, and rehabilitation and expansion of Aqua-culture facilities of Point Coco Agricultural Cooperative Society
- launch of a public Relations Campaign to build awareness among stakeholders (job seekers, potential employers, researchers and human resource professionals) of the services offered by the National Employment Service (NES) especially in the areas of job counselling, placement, career planning and business advisory services

- development by the Conciliation Division of a handbook on Industrial Relations In Trinidad and Tobago
- conduct of training for Friendly Societies in conflict management, and hosting of a national conference aimed at building awareness and support for Friendly Societies especially among
- the youth, in the areas of finance and investment.

## **INVESTING IN SOUND INFRASTRUCTURE & ENVIRONMENT**

### **Drainage & Irrigation**

191. In fiscal year 2007, the sum of \$136.3 million was provided to facilitate improvements in the drainage and irrigation infrastructure and control flooding in low lying areas in Trinidad and Tobago. Overall expenditure amounted to \$57.1 million.

192. The Vistabella River Improvement project, one of several being implemented under the Infrastructure Rehabilitation and Flood Mitigation Programme, was completed at a cost of \$16.9 million. The project involved the construction of approximately 1,240 metres of reinforced concrete wall and invert paving downstream of the San Fernando Bye Pass Road and 300 metres upstream of the Bye Pass Road. The structure is expected to alleviate flooding and provide relief to residents, commercial enterprises and commuters in the Vistabella area. The Cipero River Improvement project was also completed at a cost of \$13.7 million. The project is expected to provide relief to residents and the business sector located between the San Fernando Interchange and Gulf View Link Road.

193. Improvement works also continued on the New Cut Channel in the South Oropouche River Basin, which involves the construction of an embankment and the installation of gates and a pump station. Construction of the embankment for a total distance of 4.2km upstream and 2.8km downstream on the south and north bank of the Sudama -Teerah New Cut Channel at Pluck Road was completed in an effort to alleviate flooding and to provide relief to residents in the affected area. Overall completion of the project reached sixty-five percent. The sum of \$17.0 million was utilized for projects under the Infrastructure Rehabilitation and Flood Mitigation Programme.

194. Work continued as scheduled on the Manzanilla Coastal Protection project, one of the projects under the Major River Clearing Programme. The project is intended to provide protection from erosion and flooding along the coastline between Manzanilla Point in the north and Point Radix in the south for a distance of 2.3 km. Excavation works for a distance of 230 metres, laying of geotextile material and the construction of 230 metres of revetment wall were completed at a cost of \$2.7 million. Excavation works for a distance of 2000 metres and construction of 2000 metres of revetment walling have been completed so far on this project. Work was delayed on the Alley's Creek project as the project had to be re-tendered by the National Infrastructure Development Company Limited (NIDCO) due to unsatisfactory tenders.

195. No work commenced on the Mamoral Dam project as tenders received for the construction of bridges, roads and drains under Package 2 were deemed unsatisfactory by the NIDCO and the project was re-tendered.

196. The Comprehensive Drainage Development Study received an allocation of \$6.0 million from which no expenditure was recorded. During the fiscal year, tenders were invited for the conduct of feasibility studies and detailed designs for the Caroni River Basin, North Oropouche River Basin, South Oropouche River Basin and Coastal Protection Works at Matelot.

197. An allocation of \$10.5 million was provided for the continuation of drainage and irrigation programmes implemented by the Regional Corporations. The sum of \$9.4 million was utilized for the continuation of drainage improvement programmes. The major activities included the construction of box drains at selected streets in Debe/Penal, Chaguanas, San Fernando, Port of Spain, Point Fortin and Siparia.

198. A revised allocation of \$3.2million was provided for the Town and Country Planning Division of the Ministry of Planning and Development. An evaluation of the statutory National Physical Development Plan (NSPD) was completed. This initiative has been deemed necessary to address rapid changes in the physical landscape and development patterns that have occurred over time. Information brochures were completed for distribution to the public to inform of the role of the Division, its mandate, procedures regarding applications for land use and the appropriate manner and purposes for which all land should be utilized.

199. An on-going function of the Town and Country Planning Division relates to the preparation of Planning Studies and Land Use Surveys. The Division continued preparation of new Local Area Plans for Woodbrook and St Helena and the finalization of the Scarborough Central Business District Standards. The Division is also revisiting the policy reviews for Lady Chancellor and Trincity with a view to finalizing. Meetings commenced with community groups to review the Local Area Plan for Rousillac.

200. A draft Hillside Policy for Trinidad and Tobago has been finalized. This will allow for more effective analysis and management of hillsides and facilitate future policy review and plan preparation exercises.

## **Roads & Bridges**

201. Resources totalling \$1,077.3 million were utilised for the expansion and improvement of roads and bridges infrastructure throughout Trinidad and Tobago.

202. Expenditure on the IDB-assisted National Highway Programme, which comprises improvements to the national network of main roads, amounted to \$295.5 million. Achievements under the programme for fiscal 2007 were as follows:

- completion of two (2) segments of roads totalling 9.6 km (Caura Royal Road, Trinidad and Spring Garden Road, Tobago) and thirteen (13) bridges located at Caura Royal Road, Toco Main Road, Claxton Bay, Debe, Cipero Road, St.

Mary's, and Paria Main Road in Trinidad, and Windward Road and Goldsborough in Tobago under the Roads and Bridges Rehabilitation component

- completion of feasibility studies and designs for the extension of the Solomon Hochoy Highway from Golconda to Pt. Fortin, San Fernando to Princes Town and Princes Town to Mayaro Highways and the continuation of designs for the Churchill Roosevelt Highway extension to Manzanilla under the Trunk Road Expansion component
- completion of the technical consultancy contract for the implementation of the Routine Road Management System (RMMS) for road maintenance in Tobago under the Institutional Strengthening component

203. Plans for the dualling and upgrading of the Churchill Roosevelt Highway from O'Meara Road, Arima to Wallerfield, to be undertaken in two phases under the Trunk Road Expansion component, experienced major difficulties resulting in the termination of contracts for both phases. This led to the closure of the associated bridgeworks contract and the issue of a new tender for all outstanding works under the new contracts for Phases 1 and 2.

204. The Port of Spain East/West Corridor Transportation project continued with Phase 2 works for the construction of an Interchange at the intersection of the Churchill Roosevelt and Uriah Butler Highways. A contract was awarded for \$312 million by the National Infrastructure Development Company Limited (NIDCO) for construction of west to south directional ramps, an overpass 45 metres high and 600 metres long, extending from the San Juan River Bridge to the Grand Bazaar over the Churchill Roosevelt and Uriah Butler Highways, and service roads at the Bamboo Intersection. Site preparation works commenced in March 2007 and the project is to be implemented over a period of 18 months. When completed, this phase will allow for the free flow of traffic from west to south and a reduction of traffic congestion at this intersection.

205. The Road Construction/Major Road Rehabilitation Programme (formerly PURE), provided urgent road rehabilitation works, as well as landslip stabilization and bridge reconstruction throughout Trinidad and Tobago for which \$600 million was expended. The following were achieved:

- implementation of traffic management measures in selected areas aimed at reducing traffic congestion and improving safety, including commencement of construction of an additional lane and shoulder from UWI to Macoya, widening to three lanes from Jerningham Junction to Chaguanas Overpass on the Uriah Butler Highway, widening Wrightson Road to three lanes from St. Vincent Street to Colville Street and construction of walkovers at Spring Village, Don Miguel Road San Juan, Powder Magazine and West Mall
- commencement of a three-phase programme of improvement works at Maraval Access, Saddle Road from Rapsey Street to Valleton Avenue. The completed works involved the creation of additional lanes to improve the overall infrastructure and reduce traffic congestion from Anderson Terrace to Gittens Avenue at a cost of \$15 million

- stabilisation of major landslips in the counties of Caroni, St. George East, St. George West, St. Andrew/St. David, Victoria East, Nariva Mayaro, Victoria West and St. Patrick
- commencement of rehabilitation works on roads, bridges, landslips, drainage at Mundo Nuevo, Arima Old Road, Little Coora and Cumuto Road

206. The Ministry of Local Government utilised \$33 million for rehabilitative works on selected streets in Port of Spain, San Fernando, Chaguanas, Couva/Tabaquite/Talparo, Diego Martin, Sangre Grande, Siparia, Pt. Fortin, Rio Claro/Mayaro, Debe/Penal and Princes Town Regional Corporations. Tender procedures were initiated for one (1) front loader costing \$1.4 million and three (3) 10- ton dump trucks at \$0.4 million each for the Tapania Quarry, and for two (2) Bailey Bridges at a cost of \$3.0 million.

## **Electricity**

207. The Electricity Programme received an allocation of \$90.5 million for street lighting, the lighting of Parks and Recreational grounds and the supply of electricity to rural areas. The allocation was increased to \$100.5 million at the mid term review.

208. The National Street Lighting Programme continued with the aim of illuminating the entire country. The focus in fiscal 2007 was on targeted communities, highways and major roadways including areas identified as prone to criminal activities identified by Municipal Corporations and the Tobago House of Assembly. The programme received an allocation of \$80 million which was revised to \$90 million at the midterm review for new installations and upgrades.

209. Under the Programme approximately 15,886 new units were installed in Trinidad and 1,577 new units in Tobago. A total of 17,506 units upgraded from 70W to 150W in Trinidad and 1,579 in Tobago with 3,655 new poles erected. On main roads and highways 2,641 units were installed with 250W high plasma sodium lights for more illumination and safer driving at nights. The geographic spread of the programme was as follows:

- North 4,547 new units installed and 5,580 upgraded
- East 4,902 new units installed and 2,925 upgraded
- Central 2,302 new units installed and 3,165 upgraded
- South 4,135 new units installed and 5,645 upgraded
- Tobago 1,577 new units installed and 1,579 upgraded.

## **Water & Sewerage**

210. The sum of \$270 million was utilized in 2007 in expanding and upgrading the water production and distribution systems as well as improving the sewerage handling capacity of the Water and Sewerage Authority (WASA).

211. An initiative of fundamental significance to the development of the sector was launched in the fiscal year with the signing in May 2007 of a \$45 million contract for the development of a Water and Waste Water Master Plan. The project has a duration of 18 months and is expected to chart the development path for the sector to the year 2035.

212. The Water Sector Modernization Programme (WSMP), WASA's flagship project, is geared primarily at facilitating the growth and expansion of the industrial sector, with spin-off benefits to new institutional and residential developments in both Trinidad and Tobago. The original allocation of \$75 million was supplemented by an additional \$20 million to enable WASA to undertake several projects related to development of major water resources, expansion of the distribution system, reduction of wastage due to leakage, and improvement of water quality. The overall expenditure on the WSMP was approximately \$95 million. The development of major water resources progressed as follows:

- commencement of drilling of Cumuto #1 well and equipping and commissioning of a well at Freeport
- award of contracts totalling \$4.9 million for the construction of wells at Wallerfield, Carlsen Field, St. Clair and Diego Martin
- completion of terms of reference for the development of a well in Caparo
- award of a contract in the sum of \$0.4 million for the construction of a water treatment plant at Ortoire to deliver a throughput of 2.0 million gallons per day to Mayaro, Plaisance, St. Joseph, Radix, Mafeking and environs
- evaluation of bids for the drilling and equipping of five new wells at Mayaro (#1 and #7), Fyzabad (#7), Carapal (#2) and Las Lomas (#9), aimed at improving the supply of water to underserved areas

213. Activities related to the expansion of the distribution system were also undertaken with progress noted as follows:

- completion of designs and award of contracts valued at \$3.9 million for the construction of booster pumping stations at Brieves Road, Long Circular, Port of Spain
- completion of civil and mechanical works and continued installation of instrumentation for a booster pumping station at upper Sangre Grande
- completion of designs for the reconfiguration of pipes and invitation of bids for the upgrade the San Fernando Booster Pumping Station, to increase the volume

of water to be transmitted so as to service LABIDCO and the Union Industrial Park, Point Fortin

- award of a contract for the installation of 20 km of 500 mm transmission lines from Rio Claro to Mayaro

214. The sum of \$3.5 million out of the \$5.5 million which was allocated, was disbursed for the laying of pipelines to introduce a water supply service to unserved areas and improve the supply to underserved areas as follows:

- 1,500m of 300 mm Ductile Iron Pipe along the Guaracara Tabaquite Road from Reform Village to Union Road;
- 2,800m of 200 mm PVC Mains along Lothians Road in Princes Town from the Naparima-Mayaro Road to Hope Road
- 1,550m of 200 mm PVC Mains along St. Johns Road from Avocat Vedic School to Ackbar Trace.

215. The project for the replacement of the Navet Trunk Main and related infrastructural upgrades were introduced into the 2007 PSIP with startup funding of \$15 million. The main was laid in 1962 and its replacement is estimated to cost \$567 million. The project when completed will significantly improve the supply of water to communities in the southern region of the island which have been experiencing severe water shortages due to major leakage from the distribution system. The replacement will restore capacity to transmit up to 20 million gallons per day, as the leakage rate is expected to fall below 5 percent from the current level of 25 percent. Communities which will benefit from the project include New Grant, Tableland, Moruga, Princes Town, Williamsville, Piparo, Barrackpore, Cocoyea, and St. Charles. The project entails the following scope of works:

- upgrade of critical segments of the transmission and distribution networks, including 100 km of pipelines, 5 service reservoirs and installation of bulk meters
- installation of approximately 193 km of new pipelines in unserved areas
- installation of 56,000 domestic meters

216. In fiscal year 2007, orders were finalised for the purchase of pipelines for the Trunk Main and associated network.

217. Other initiatives taken by WASA in its drive to bring about a reduction in losses and other unaccounted for water included:

- purchase, installation and deployment of a variety of equipment including Telemetric Data Loggers, Metallic Main Tracers, Leak Noise Detectors, Multi-point Correlators, and Portable Ultrasonic Flow Meters, to aid in the early



detection of leakages and the consequent reduction of unaccounted-for water. Staff was also trained in the use of these equipment

- the commencement of an Update Study on Bulk Metering which will inform the strategy for implementing this initiative
- award of a contract in the sum of \$1.4 million for the design of a Bulk Metering System and Operational Control Centre

218. Several initiatives were taken in fiscal year 2007 to improve water quality. Contracts amounting to \$3.4 million were awarded for the redesign of the sedimentation process; the refurbishment of filters; the reassessment of chemical dosing regimens; and undertaking repairs to equipment at the Water Treatment Plants (WTPs) at Caroni, Las Lomas, Penal and Courland. The scope of works included the following:

- refurbishment of Allum and Chlorination systems and the installation of utility pumps, color meters, turbidity meters and flow meters, at the Caroni, North Oropouche, Navet and Hollis Dams
- commencement of preliminary works including site investigations, tender evaluations for the refurbishment of ten Water Treatment Facilities, including the facilities at North Oropouche, Hollis Dam, Aripo, Guanaco, Penal, Guayaguayare and Navet

219. Work continued to be delayed by site acquisition issues on a \$2.2 million contract which was awarded in fiscal 2006 for the rehabilitation of the Service Reservoir at Herreira Hill, and a new site was being pursued.

220. The Tobago House of Assembly was allocated \$10.5 million of which \$10.5 million was disbursed for the following:

- completion of the extension of mains to key facilities in Signal Hill, Scarborough Fire Station and the Calder Hall Housing Project for which a six-month contract was awarded to Alpha Engineering for \$1.0 million
- continuation of work at the Scarborough Waste Water Treatment Plant for which a six-month contract for \$1.3 million was awarded
- refurbishment of Buccoo and Bon Accord Sewage Treatment Plants, a three-month contract was awarded in the sum of \$0.6 million for the conduct of a Conditional Assessment of the two plants which will inform the scope of an operation and maintenance contract

## Transport

221. An aggregate allocation of \$332.3 million was made to support improvements to transportation services provided by land, sea and air. Total expenditure amounted to \$150.7 million.

222. The Public Transport Service Corporation utilized a revised allocation of \$47.2 million for fleet expansion, facilities upgrade and improvement the quality of public transport services. Activities undertaken included:

- acquisition of fifty (50) 40-seater buses for the provision of improved services to areas in Port of Spain including Morvant, San Juan/Santa Cruz, St. James and Maraval; in the San Fernando area including Tarouba; Guayaguayare; Erin; Barrackpore, Buenos Ayres and Icacos
- opening of a new Central Bus Terminal facility at Chaguanas
- upgrading of bus shelters along bus routes throughout the country
- invitation of tenders for upgrade of the bus terminus at Sangre Grande and upgrade of facilities at the Point Fortin bus terminus
- upgrade of the fire alarm systems at Port of Spain and San Fernando offices to create and maintain a high level of safety for employees in keeping with the OSH Act

223. Measures geared to improve efficiency in sea transport and port operations were instituted by the Port Authority of Trinidad and Tobago with expenditure of \$34.1 million. Construction of a new passenger terminal facility for the Government Shipping Service was completed at a contract cost of \$17.2 million. The two storey structure and ancillary infrastructure provides improved spacious accommodation and quality of service for passengers using the inter island ferry service between Trinidad and Tobago.

224. Other related activities included:

- acquisition of two (2) rubber tyred gantry (RTG) cranes to improve the efficiency of cargo handling operations at the Port of Port of Spain
- continued implementation of the International Ship and Port Facility Security Code with the purchase of a Smart Card Security System to improve safety and security at the Ports
- refurbishment of Sheds 3 and 4 at the port of Port of Spain and purchase of navigation aids

225. The Airports Authority of Trinidad and Tobago continued upgrade works on facilities at Piarco and Crown Point International Airports in its continuous drive to improve passenger safety and security. The Authority utilized the sum of \$5.3 million on the under mentioned projects:

- commencement of construction of a new administration office building at Piarco at a contract cost of \$25 million
- commencement of construction of an administration office building at Crown Point International Airport
- initiation of tendering for the construction of a Local Food Court at the Piarco International Airport
- commencement of taxiway repairs at Piarco to achieve the required international standard
- installation of electrical power supply for the Terminal at Landside East and West at Piarco with a view to improving airport security
- continuation of repair works to the perimeter roadway and fenceline at Piarco
- commencement of design works for the rehabilitation of the south terminal and apron and ramp at Piarco

226. Improvement of road safety and traffic management continued to be a priority focus of the MWT. Measures implemented included the installation of New Jersey safety barriers on the medians of the Beetham and Churchill Roosevelt Highways, installation of bilingual (English/Spanish) signage on the major highways from Port of Spain to the Piarco intersection. Tenders were initiated for the award of contract for the provision of backup electrical power at the following eight signalized traffic intersections along the Churchill Roosevelt Highway at Aranguez, Pasea, Valsayn, Macoya, Bamboo #2, Orange Grove Road, UWI and Trincity. The sum of \$1 million was expended.

227. Two major initiatives were advanced in fiscal year 2007 to reduce traffic congestion and provide alternative means of transportation for the travelling public. Progress on the provision of a water taxi service between Port of Spain and San Fernando was made with the completion of infrastructural works for berthing facilities at San Fernando. The service is to be introduced at a cost of \$252 million. Tenders were evaluated for the development of rapid rail system under a Design Build Operate and Maintain (DBOM) arrangement. When operational, the system will provide an efficient mass transport service for the travelling public along the east/west and north/south corridors during peak periods.

228. Phases I and II of the Comprehensive National Transportation Study and Mass Transit System Study continued with expenditure of \$6.7 million incurred.

## **Social and Cultural Infrastructure**

229. A total sum of \$31.9 million was allocated to support the implementation of Community Development programmes of various state institutions and community groups, including the construction and upgrade of community facilities throughout Trinidad and Tobago. Aggregate expenditure amounted to \$15.6 million.

230. The Community Development Fund (CDF) Programme, which is being implemented in partnership with communities throughout the country, utilised \$8.1 million out of \$10 million allocated for activities related to poverty alleviation and eradication. These included the Basket of Funding Products initiative, the Organizational Development Programme, and the Community Enhancement and Regeneration Programme (CERP). Several sporting facilities were upgraded including basketball courts at Sea Lots, Enterprise, Mayaro, Chandernagore and Betsy's Hope in Tobago. Funding was provided for the implementation of 18 community projects in Trinidad and Tobago and to support capacity building initiatives of several Community-based organisations. This included the provision of training in Leadership, Establishing Micro Enterprises, and Events Management.

231. The refurbishment of Export Centres which was allocated \$5 million in 2007 did not progress as planned, as tenders had to be re-invited for works at Textile Centres in Fyzabad, Piarco and La Brea, following the expiration of the bid validity period. While designs for the refurbishment of the Head Office at Mt. Hope were completed, other events militated against progress as follows:

- review of the overall development programme by the new Board of Directors. This resulted inter alia in the closure of the Maraval Training Centre and conversion of the Tunapuna Centre from a warehouse to a training facility
- the assignment of the site for the Bon Air Centre to the Housing Development Corporation (HDC) for the construction of a shopping mall; an alternative site is to be provided

232. Construction of new Community Centres at Morvant Central, Beetham, Pelican Extension Morvant, Maracas St. Joseph, Thick Village, Siparia and Preysal, Couva. The project, which is being managed by NIPDEC, experienced delays as a result of changes in the scope of works. Additionally, progress on the construction of new centres at Beetham and Morvant Central was delayed as a result of the need to undertake consultation with stakeholders.

233. The Government has also embarked on a comprehensive programme of construction of 100 modern community centres throughout Trinidad at an estimated cost of \$342 million. The programme will employ the combined management services of Evolving Technologies and Enterprises Co. Ltd (eTecK), the National Commission for Self Hel (NCSH), National Maintenance and Training and Security (MTS). Architectural designs and bills of quantities were prepared for 7 prototypes for the first phase of 25 centres which are estimated to cost \$148 million. Sites were identified for the location of centres including those at Salybia, Cocorite, Carapo, Enterprise, Borde Narve, Ecclesville and Guapo.

234. The Tobago House of Assembly and Local Government Bodies utilised \$5.1 million of \$8.5 million allocated in fiscal year 2007 for the continuation of the upgrade and construction of community facilities. The focus by the THA was on completion of the Centre at Glamorgan, upgrade of community centres at Mt. St. George, Lambeau, Whim and Glen Road, and commencement of construction of the Canaan/Bon Accord Centre, the Women's Federation Headquarters and the Pembroke Heritage Park. Local Government Authorities at Port of Spain, Chaguanas, Point Fortin, Couva/Tabaquite/Talparo, Sangre Grande and Princes Town utilized \$1.6 million for the upgrade of cemeteries and cremation facilities within their respective jurisdictions.

## **Information & Communication Infrastructure**

235. Government in fiscal 2007 continued its efforts to upgrade and modernise the country's information and communication Infrastructure, in keeping with its vision to make Trinidad and Tobago a knowledge-based society. Expenditure incurred was \$50 million.

236. The IDB assisted Information and Communications Technology Support Programme expended \$19 million. A US\$25 million loan was signed with the IDB in March 2007 to fund the programme designated the e-Government and Knowledge Brokering Programme. The objective of the programme is to increase the effectiveness and efficiency of public services through the development and implementation of e-government solutions, and the transfer of knowledge on international best practices (Knowledge Brokering). During the fiscal year, the following were achieved:

- the Community Connection Project Strategic and Roll-Out Plans were completed
- tenders were evaluated for the procurement of equipment for full portal solution, building content and policy framework under the e-Government Portal
- the SME B2B Marketplace Enterprise NeTT website became operational, providing a secure electronic doorway to the global e-marketplace, and for organizations business opportunities and the tools for doing business on the web
- a contract at a cost of US\$0.4 million was awarded for the implementation of a Promotion and Public Awareness Programme to a Marketing Communication firm

237. On the project for the Liberalization of the Telecom Sector \$12 million was spent on the following:

- purchase of computer equipment and related software for development of IT support systems for the Telecommunications Authority and upgraded software for Human Resource, Finance and Payroll

- issue of a Request For Proposal (RFP) for the development of a Telecommunication Universality Strategy, Policy and Implementation Plan for Trinidad and Tobago, and award of a start of a Digital Divide Survey at a contract sum of US\$0.9 million.
- award of a US\$2.3 million contract for the development of an Advanced Automated Spectrum Management System, with mobile monitoring stations ordered and purchase orders placed with suppliers for Monitoring Equipment for Broadcasting

238. Under the Modernization of the Telecommunications Sector, a 1 year contract was awarded to a consultancy firm at a retainer fee of US\$9,000 per month to provide technical advisory services to strengthen the policy making capacity of the MPAI in telecom matters. Drafting of regulations to govern the Telecom Act was completed and a draft Broadband Action Plan was developed by the MPAI.

### **Postal Sector Reform Programme**

239. Activities were directed at improving service delivery and standards established under the World Bank assisted Postal Sector Reform Programme. Approximately \$15 million was used for effecting system upgrades in the Processing, Transport and Courier Delivery Operations of the Postal Corporation, as well as the Retail Infrastructure and Human Resource Information System. The following activities were undertaken:

- rehabilitation and equipping of three Post Offices in Diego Martin, Williamsville and Santa Flora
- acquisition of twenty five delivery scooters, four industrial scales and 24 roll cages
- improvement to security systems at Tabaquite, San Juan and Diego Martin

240. Overall, the notable improvements in the sector include:

- an increase in coverage of mail delivery from 50 percent to 96.8 percent under the Universal Service Obligation
- improvement in delivery time of mail from between 5-7 days to a next day delivery of 82.3 percent and a day-plus-two delivery of 93 percent
- growth in revenue of 25.6 percent, 70 percent of which was derived from new revenue streams
- an increase in customer satisfaction from less than 50 percent to 81 percent.

241. In seeking to strategize and plan for continued development in the sector, the Postal Corporation procured the services of a consultant to guide the development of a Postal Sector Policy. A series of public consultations on the draft Postal Sector Policy were held in March 2007 throughout the country.

## **Environment**

242. The Environmental Management Authority (EMA) continued implementation of its development programme under the strategic priority areas of Clean Air, Clean Water, Waste Management, Noise Management and Health Ecosystems. The overall object is to raise awareness of environmental issues, regulate and monitor development, promote wise use of natural areas, flora and fauna, and establish linkages locally, regionally and internationally. Overall \$6.3 million was expended out of \$8 million allocated. The main achievements for the fiscal year were:

- award of a contract for the conduct of a review of the ambient air quality standards and stack emission standards for selected air pollutants
- excavation work of the Pepper Village, Gran Couva site to be remediated was completed
- signing of a contract to execute water quality testing over a three month period
- water pollution legislation came into effect May, 2007
- remediation of Lead Contaminated Sites at La Chance Trace Arima, commenced with the installation of a reinforced concrete slab over the area which serves to minimize infiltration, wind entrainments and direct contact to safeguard human health and the environment.
- commencement of remediation works at the Demerara Road site in Arima

243. Other activities were undertaken as follows:

- terms of reference were finalized and approved for Noise Management, including the formulation of a locally appropriate code of practice for the operators of garages and auto body shops
- approval was granted for Main Ridge, Tobago to be designated an environmentally sensitive area, the ocelot, stony corals and golden tree frog as environmentally sensitive species, and technical instructions concerning Healthy Eco-Systems were reviewed by the Legal Department
- a contract was executed for the development of a Cumulative Impact Assessment Practitioners' Guide for Environmental Impact Assessment Guidelines and Procedures

- The EMA's Legal Department re-drafted Air Pollution Rules and is currently drafting the Hazardous Waste Rules
- flooding and chemical spills brochures were printed, Green Leaf Awards were held in June 2007 and exhibitions held on endangered species throughout the nation.

244. The Forestry Regeneration Programme is meant to regain lost forest cover and sustain the existing forest cover in order to prevent landslides, flooding and maintain a favourable eco-system. It is basically a cyclical programme of nurturing seedlings and forestry plantations. For fiscal year 2007, the Forestry Division was allocated a total of \$14 million with an expenditure amounting to \$5.6 million

245. Activities undertaken included maintenance of a total of 148.6 hectares of forested land in all five regions (North East, North Central, South East, South Central and South West); preparation of 77.1 hectares; or 2007 plantations; thinning of approximately 5 hectares of rotation teak in South Central. Other accomplishments were the plantation of 8.7ha of land and the purchase of one four wheel drive vehicle for the South East region. Other activities included:

- the production of 13,000 seedlings at the Melajo Pine Nursery and the distribution of 38,035 mixed seedlings
- felling and lopping of mature overgrown trees on 261ha of land
- conduct of three field workshops on private forestry, one field workshop for farmers
- award of contracts to four community personnel for the monitoring of blue and gold macaws
- substantial completion of the refurbishment of Quinam National Park, Cleaver Woods Recreational Park, Matura National Park, Aripo Savannah and Nariva National Park
- rehabilitation of 4000 sq ft of riverfront

246. This Establishment of a National Parks and Wildlife Conservation Authority will develop the human resource and infrastructure necessary for Trinidad and Tobago to initially establish "three model national parks" and a modern conservation programme. This project was allocated \$0.1 million to enable the signing of a contract between CANARI and the Ministry of Public Utilities and the Environment in April 2007.

247. In the area of Solid Waste Management, for the fiscal year 2007, the Company has been allocated \$3 million of which \$0.1 million was expended to implement the following programmes:



- SWMCOL has identified a site in Caroni for the establishment of a Biomedical Waste Collection facility
- the inception report in respect of a study on Monitoring of the Impact of Leachates, (rain and solid waste) on the water table was completed and a drilling exercise was undertaken
- the pre-qualification exercise for the engagement of a consultant to undertake closure and rehabilitation of landfills was completed

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- Biomedical Waste Collection System: SWMCOL has land in Caroni to be surveyed as a possible site for establishment of a facility for the efficient and safe disposal of biomedical waste
- the inception report and drilling exercise were completed in July in respect of Monitoring of the Impact of Leachates, a study that aimed at determining the effect of Leachates (rain and solid waste) on the water table
- the pre-qualification exercise for the engagement of a consultant to undertake Closure and Rehabilitation of Landfills was completed.

## **PART II:**

### **THE PUBLIC SECTOR INVESTMENT PROGRAMME 2008**

#### **DEVELOPING INNOVATIVE PEOPLE**

##### **Pre primary, Primary and Secondary Education**

250. In recognition of the importance of Education as a contributing factor for the development of an innovative people, \$755.4 million has been allocated to this sector in fiscal 2008. These funds will be utilised for improving the quality of education and physical infrastructure for increased access to Education.

251. Implementation of primary and secondary education projects and programmes in Trinidad and Tobago will be facilitated with an overall allocation of \$170.7 million. Approximately \$155.5 million of the allocated sum will be available for the Ministry of Education and \$7.2 million for the Tobago House of Assembly (THA).

252. The sum of \$66.2 million has been allocated for the implementation of a re-prioritized and re-profiled IDB-assisted Secondary Education Modernization Programme (SEMP). The Programme will continue to seek to universalize five-year secondary schools through the completion of initiatives already started. Activities to be implemented in fiscal year 2008 include:

- completion of the revision of curricula for Forms 1 to 5 including continuation of consultations with the principals of all secondary schools and publication of the necessary support materials and guidelines
- piloting of the Level 2 National Certificate of Secondary Education (NCSE) examinations, creation of a Standardized Testing Unit to support the administration of the examinations including student registration, timetabling of examinations, data capture and reporting,
- hiring of a consultant to conduct site-based training workshop on continuous assessment and testing in secondary schools
- provision of teaching and learning aids to secondary schools including multi-media facilities, library and computer equipment and textbooks, and production of instructional books and materials
- continuation of training programmes for Principals, Vice Principals, Heads of Departments and Ministry of Education staff in Educational Leadership, Technology, Reading, Physical Education and Education Technology

- conduct of a consultancy to evaluate and make recommendations on the state of customer satisfaction with the performance of the Ministry of Education

253. The sum of \$30.0 million has been provided for improvement works and refurbishment of approximately 90 secondary schools are scheduled to continue throughout Trinidad and Tobago in fiscal year 2008. Works to be completed include roof and ceiling repairs, electrical and plumbing upgrades, refurbishment of science laboratories and staffroom upgrades.

254. An allocation of \$8.0 million will facilitate the furnishing and equipping of pre-engineered classrooms at primary schools including, Icacos Government, Brasso Seco RC, Kanhai Presbyterian, Elswick Presbyterian, Lengua Presbyterian, Harmony Hall, St Paul's Anglican, Paramin RC, Pt Cumana RC, Rosehill RC, Maracas SDA, Penal Rock Hindu and Rousillac SDMS. Funds are allocated for:-

- installation of pre-engineered temporary buildings to house additional classrooms and teaching facilities at 12 secondary schools
- construction of an additional blocks at Chaguanas Senior Comprehensive
- provision of furniture and equipment at Matura High and Coryal High
- continuation of implementation of school intervention strategies including peer mediation, student councils, homework centres and pre-Carnival programme, to enhance school discipline

255. The primary schools construction programme will continue with an allocation of \$76.9 million. Approximately 40 primary schools are targeted for reconstruction works including:

- continuation of construction of St. Paul's A.C, Icacos Government, Brasso Seco R.C., Maracas SDA, Lengua Presbyterian, Arima West, Arima New Government Schools
- commencement of construction of Phase II of Caroni Village SDMA Boys' Secondary
- preparation of designs for the reconstruction of Government Schools at Egypt Village, New Grant, Enterprise, Buenos Ayres, Chatham, Guapo, Palo Seco, La Pastora, Lower Morvant, Manzanilla, Penal Quinam, Tunapuna, and Monte Video.
- closure of construction and related activities at Charlieville ASJA Boys Secondary, Charlieville ASJA Girls' Secondary and Barrackpore ASJA Girls' College

256. Under the IDF a further \$148.0 million has been provided for development works at primary schools.

257. The programme of works at the Ministry of Education will continue in relation to the enhancement of primary schools including:

- continuation of the improvement and refurbishment programme at over 50 primary schools nationwide with an allocation of \$25 million
- conduct of surveys of new sites for the North Oropouche R.C. and La Pastora GPS and additional land for Las Cuevas GPS
- continuation of facilities upgrade for the computerization of primary schools including improvements to lighting and electrical supply, acquisition and installation of workstations and seating, and supply of computer equipment
- construction of guard booths in 130 primary schools

258. Under the IDF the programme of construction of Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) centres will be continued with an allocation of \$50.0 million. At least 16 centres are scheduled to be completed in fiscal year 2008 and the construction of new centres is scheduled to commence. Centres are scheduled for completion at Little Gems, Santa Cruz, St. Augustine South, El Socorro South and La Romain.

259. An allocation of \$5.0 million has been provided for the renovation, extension and outfitting of buildings and offices at the Head Office of the Ministry of Education and QRC Flats.

260. The sum of \$10.95 million has been provided to the Tobago House of Assembly to continue its secondary schools programme. The Beauty Culture room at Roxborough Composite and the Chemistry and Biology Laboratories at Signal Hill Senior Comprehensive will be upgraded. Construction of a technical vocational and skills training centre will commence at the Tobago Education Complex. Rehabilitation works are also planned for Bishop's High and Scarborough Secondary. In addition, the THA will commence the development of new teaching strategies in education and a new system for testing and assessment.

261. The THA's primary schools programme has been allocated the sum of \$7.2 million. Funds have been provided for repairs to the roof at Scarborough R.C., electrical repairs at Scarborough Methodist, upgrade of floor and sanitary facilities at Bon Accord Government, and completion of a multi-purpose hall at Plymouth Anglican. Several new initiatives include the establishment of a Primary School Maintenance Grant Programme, upgrade of the infrastructure of primary schools to accommodate computer labs, and establishment of a school health programme.

262. The sum of \$2.6 million has been allocated for the establishment of an ECCE Unit in Tobago. Two centres at Signal Hill and Buccoo are also planned for completion and new centres are to be developed at Castara, Delaford, Whim, Patience Hill and Bon Accord.

## **Tertiary Education**

263. Overall investments of \$527.6 million are to be made in the promotion of tertiary education. A total of \$388.5 million has been allocated to the University of Trinidad and Tobago (UTT) to accelerate the development of the nation's human resources. Projects to be undertaken for fiscal 2008 include:

- purchase of computer hardware and essential software for Student Services, Internal Audit, Learning Solutions, Content Management, and Security as well as modelling simulation software to undertake teaching and research with respect to alternative energy sources and strategies, carbon dioxide emissions in the atmosphere, reserve management of wells and the application of energy econometrics to decision making in the sector
- the Trinidad and Tobago Health Sciences Initiative (TTHSI), the purpose being to provide a blueprint for advancing medicine and health sciences in Trinidad and Tobago and the Caribbean through the development of proposals for specialty and clinical programmes, academic and research programmes, and infrastructure and management programmes
- continuation of expansion and upgrading of facilities at Corinth and Valsayn Teachers' Colleges to include the following:
  - establishing, furnishing and equipping a Music facility at Valsayn Campus for the B.Ed programme
  - commencement and construction and furnishing of two 36,000 sq. closed circuit camera system, fire alarm, and burglar alarms
  - continuation of equipping and upgrading of O'Meara Campus, UTT Maritime Campus and completion of design for the UTT Tobago Campus

264. The sum of \$20.0 has been allocated to continue major refurbishment works at the John S. Donaldson and San Fernando Technical Institutes to accommodate UTT Diploma and Bachelor of Engineering programmes. Works to be completed include installation of security and alarm systems; installation of fire suppression systems; upgrade of electrical, plumbing and drainage systems, and upgrade of library and IT systems.

265. Development works at the University of the West Indies (UWI) will continue with an allocation of \$18.0 million for the completion of the Lecture Theatre and Classroom Building, construction of Halls of Residence to house four hundred and eighty-seven (487) students at St. John's Road and start of construction of the Teaching and Learning Complex.

266. The Scholarship and Advanced Training Programme under the Ministry of Public Administration and Information, has been provided \$92.2 million for the President's Medal recipients based on non-Advanced Level Examinations at Junior and Senior Secondary Schools, Technical and Vocational Institutions and Teacher's Colleges;

Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Education Degree programmes at UTT and other learning institutions, local and foreign; recipients of national/additional scholarships based on advanced level and CAPE examinations; beneficiaries under the Annual Scholarship and Technical Assistance Programme, and the Programme of Development Scholarships.

267. The National Library and Information System (NALIS) has been allocated the sum of \$14.0 million for purchase of books and materials, computerization of library services, equipping of the laboratory at the National Library, upgrade of public library facilities and procurement of mobile libraries. The sum of \$5.2 million has been provided for the training of librarians through the granting of an increased number of scholarships intended to alleviate the current shortage of qualified librarians.

268. The Community College of Trinidad and Tobago (CCTT) will receive \$0.5 million for its Institutional Financial Aid programme. The book loan programme will be expanded through the acquisition of textbooks for new and continuing programmes in all areas of study. Book grants will be awarded to students attaining the highest grade point average (GPA) per semester, and those achieving the most academic progress each semester at the City and Trincity campuses, South Learning and Tobago Learning Centres. Through the work study programme students placed into industry for practicum/internships for a 6 month period will be given a stipend.

269. Funding of \$12.0 million has been provided to CCTT for the expansion of the Nursing Programme; outfitting of the Radiation Therapy Laboratory and for Support Services; completion of Bretton Hall; outfitting, acquisition of accommodation for City Campus and Central Administration Services; upgrade of North Learning Centre Facility, a programme of expansion in Tobago; completion of WAN Project Phase I, Library Collection, additional works and equipment acquisition at South Campus at Corinth; and electronic course reserves facilities in all its Libraries.

270. In 2008, CCTT will continue with its Faculty and Administrative Staff Training and Development. The main areas of focus will be broadening access, curriculum reform and quality of graduates, quality of teaching, strategic programme, quality of academic support services, and quality of leadership management.

271. The National Accreditation Council has been provided with \$1.5 million for Building capacity, staff development training, development of tertiary qualifications framework, pilot project, outfitting of offices and extension of IT infrastructure.

## **Skills Development & Training**

272. The Ministry of Science, Technology and Tertiary Education has been provided with \$61.2 million for the Skills Development Programme. The focus will continue to be on expansion and upgrade of existing technology centres, construction of additional facilities, procurement and installation of equipment and tools, accessories and equipment. Refurbishment works will continue at the Pt. Fortin, Laventille, Pointe a Pierre, Pt. Lisas and Macoya Technology Centres. A new block will be constructed at the

Pleasantville Technology Centre for craft training and two 15-seater buses to transport trainees will be purchased for the Moruga Building Technology Centre.

273. The Youth Training and Employment Partnership Programme (YTEPP) has been provided with \$6.0 million for the purchase of tools and equipment and the refurbishment of Centres throughout the country. The Company has also been allocated \$5.0 million to facilitate the commencement of construction of a new training centre at Milford Road, Canaan, Tobago. The estimated cost of construction is \$15.8 million and furnishing and equipping is estimated to cost an additional \$1.5 million. Construction is projected to be completed in 9 months.

## **Science, Technology and Innovation**

274. The sum of \$5.6 million has been provided to the National Institute of Higher Education, Research, Science and Technology (NIHERST) for the staging of various activities centred around science, technology and innovation (STI). The main activities to be pursued are:

- hosting of Sci-TechKnoFest 2008, highlighting special purpose exhibits, science kits and teaching models on health, wellness and healthy lifestyles
- hosting of travelling exhibitions on the environment, involving research and production of educational materials on disasters such as floods, landslides, forests fires, hurricanes and their causes, mitigation and preventative measures and preparedness
- completion of research for the President's Award for Excellence related to women in science, promising young scientists and extra-ordinary senior scientists (T&T icons) and awards to achievers in medicine, life sciences, earth sciences, engineering, math and teaching
- hosting of the National Innovators Award/Prime Minister's Award for Innovation and Invention, camps and workshops for teachers and students aimed at developing capabilities in creativity, innovation and invention, public awareness and understanding of Intellectual Property Rights (IPRs) issues and their importance in promoting innovation and invention; and extension of the "Go Creative" exhibit to other Caribbean countries
- introduction of a new initiative, Community-centred Design and Innovation, aimed at developing problem-solving capabilities in tertiary and secondary students and design and innovation to meet the needs in local communities, based on the Engineering Projects in Community Service (EPICS) Programme of leading US universities

## Culture

275. Funding of \$269 million has been allocated for the continued construction and upgrade of cultural facilities aimed at showcasing the country's multi-cultural heritage and providing modern state of the art venues that are essential for ensuring quality performances and generating income.

276. Under the IDF a provision of \$190 million is made for the continuation of construction of the two (2) Academies of the Performing Arts at Port of Spain and San Fernando. The Academies will facilitate performances and teaching and professional training relating to the country's art heritage. Each facility will encompass one main theatre, a performing studio and recital hall, a performing academy, shopping area, hotel, administrative offices and classrooms.

277. Construction of the National Carnival Entertainment Centre to replace the Grand Stand at the Queen's Park Savannah will commence with an allocation of \$50 million in the fiscal year. The facility will cater for major carnival celebrations and other cultural events on a year round basis including 'Pan Festival'.

278. The Administration Building and Maintenance and Storage Facility at Queen's Hall will be completed with an allocation of \$4.3 million. Upgrade works to the main building will also be undertaken in the fiscal year including construction of covering for the outdoor VIP area and bathroom facility back stage for physically challenged performers, installation of an auto lift for stage theatrics and upgrading of lighting and audio infrastructure.

279. The Naparima Bowl Reconstruction project, will commence with an allocation of \$5 million for the preparation of designs. The project aims to transform the facility and its operations to a state of the art cultural centre that will facilitate the widening and deepening of cultural excellence at the individual, community and national levels.

280. The Little Carib Theatre will receive \$1.0 million to commence the conversion of the existing facility into a Black Box Theatre with seating capacity for 250 persons for the hosting of theatrical events.

281. As part of the Government's thrust to further promote the steelpan the national musical instrument, an allocation of \$10 million will be provided for the following:

- establishment and outfitting of a Pan Chroming Factory at Union, Marabella geared towards increasing the production of high quality steel pans as well as fostering and nurturing the art of pan chroming
- completion of Pan Trinbago Headquarters involving construction of roof and walls, installation of utilities and landscaping

282. The sum of \$7.1 million will be provided for the upgrade and establishment of several museums and other cultural venues as well as undertaking related activities aimed at preserving our cultural heritage as follows:



- conduct of research, collection of artifacts, preparation of facility/exhibit designs and upgrade works for the Sugar Museum, Museum City of San Fernando and Community Museum projects
- conduct of a feasibility study for the extension of the Royal Victoria Institute which houses the National Museum and the preparation of design works
- establishment of the Virtual Museum of Trinidad and Tobago, including research, digitization of museum objects and purchase of equipment
- refurbishment of the Military Museum and establishment of a Steelpan Museum, and Carnival Museum of the Americas, Cultural Industries
- conduct of a dilapidation survey, material testing, historical research, and preparation of designs for the Establishment of a National Heritage Site at Nelson Island
- installation of fittings and furnishings at Naipaul House of Mr. Biswas to be transformed as a Museum and an International Study Library

## **NURTURING A CARING SOCIETY**

### **Health**

283. Government will continue to place a high priority on addressing the health needs of the country and effecting the transformation of the health care delivery system. Resources totalling \$427.4 million have been provided in fiscal year 2008.

284. An allocation of \$183.3 million has been provided for the IDB-assisted Health Sector Reform Programme. The physical investments component will focus primarily on the construction and upgrade of health facilities. The sum allocated is \$80.0 million for the following:

- continuation of construction of Health Centres in San Juan, Barataria, Carenage, Ste Madeline, Debe and La Romaine
- District Health Facilities in St James, Siparia, Chaguanas and Carenage
- installation and commissioning of an incinerator at the Port of Spain General Hospital and replacement of elevators at the EWMSC
- expansion of the Mayaro District Health Facility
- purchase of Medical Equipment and Furniture for Health Centres
- commencement of the construction of the Laboratory, Pharmacy, Mortuary and Medical Archives at the SFGH.

285. An overall allocation of \$54.0 million has also been provided for the continuation of implementation of the institutional components of the Health Sector Reform Programme as follows:

- transfer of the remaining public officers to the RHAs under the human resource strategy component of the HSRP
- completion of the change management consultancy for the Ministry of Health
- training of medical and technical personnel in the areas of oncology, and nursing
- establishment of an information network throughout the health system including the purchase of hardware and software

286. An allocation of \$8.0 million has been provided under the National Community Care Programme to facilitate the deinstitutionalization of persons who are inappropriately housed at hospitals and transfer of these persons to contracted homes.

287. The sum of \$15.0 million has been allocated for undertaking measures to reduce the waiting list for surgeries for cataracts, fibroid embolisations and joint replacements, while the sum of \$16.0 million has been provided for the Special Programme for the Treatment of Adult Cardiac Disease to facilitate an increase in the number of Cardiac surgeries.

288. The Community Outreach Family Medicine Programme has been provided with an allocation of \$1.0 million for the purchase of 10 additional mobile units, aimed at improving the access of rural communities to health education and basic medical services.

289. An allocation of \$50.0 million has been made in fiscal year 2008 under the Hospital Enhancement and Development Programme, to undertake major upgrade and refurbishment at the Port of Spain General Hospital, St James Medical Complex and St Ann's Hospital. The sum of \$7.0 million has been provided for the continuation of construction of the Scarborough Hospital under the IDB-assisted Health Sector Reform Programme and \$15.0 million for the construction of the Charlotteville Health Centre and purchase of equipment. Other activities to be undertaken in Tobago include:

- upgrade of the Dialysis Service Department
- establishment of an integrated data network to link health facilities in Tobago
- upgrade of local health facilities at Signal Hill as well as the Studley Park Integrated Waste Facility
- undertaking a health needs assessment for Tobago

## **HIV/AIDS**

290. In fiscal year 2008, Government will continue its initiatives to contain the HIV/AIDS epidemic in Trinidad and Tobago and provide treatment, care and support to those affected. An allocation of \$80.2 million has been provided for implementation of the national programmes to be implemented by state and non-governmental agencies.

291. The World Bank-assisted HIV/AIDS Prevention and Control Project in conjunction with the EU-funded programme of support for implementation of the National Strategic Plan will continue in fiscal 2008 to be the main thrust. The NACC will continue its programme initiatives in prevention, treatment care and support, advocacy and surveillance and research. In fiscal year 2008, the NACC will undertake the following initiatives:

- implementation of national and cultural HIV/AIDS-related events to promote safe and healthy sexual behaviour including seminars, workshops and conferences
- training of health care staff in the treatment and care of persons living with HIV/AIDS
- purchase of laboratory equipment, a mobile clinic and anti-retro viral drugs and procurement of condom vending machine
- development of a monitoring and evaluation plan for the prevention of mother-to-child transmission
- commencement of a public relations campaign aimed at reducing the stigmatisation of pregnant women infected with HIV/AIDS
- procurement of bio-medical waste management equipment and development and implementation of the HIV/AIDS STI Surveillance System
- training of laboratory staff at hospitals in blood transfusion and laboratory control
- provision of financial assistance to NGO's

292. The sum of \$9.0 million has been provided for the Special Programme for HIV/AIDS, implemented by the Ministry of Health. In fiscal year 2008, the Ministry will continue to provide treatment and care to persons infected with HIV/AIDS in Trinidad and Tobago.

293. In fiscal year 2008 an allocation of \$5.0 million has been provided to support the World Bank funded loan for HIV/AIDS to enable the Medical Research Foundation of Trinidad and Tobago to continue its expanded programme of treatment of HIV/AIDS patients and for continuation of research and staff training at the Ministry of Health.

294. An allocation of \$0.2 million has also been provided for the HIV/AIDS Support Programme under the Ministry of Tourism. The Ministry will conduct sensitization workshops and provide training for members of staff to increase the number of persons in the tourism sector with accurate information on HIV/AIDS and mitigate the discrimination against persons living with HIV/AIDS.

295. The Ministry of Labour and Small and Micro Enterprise Development will receive an allocation of \$1.0 million to continue work on the establishment of an HIV/AIDS Coordinating Unit. In fiscal year 2008, the Ministry will continue work on the development of an HIV/AIDS workplace policy and develop a Behaviour Change Communication Strategy.

296. The sum of \$8.0 million has been made available to the THA to continue its work on HIV/AIDS and substance abuse. The HIV/AIDS and Substance Abuse Programme will continue with the provision of testing and treatment services and the programme of awareness throughout various communities in Tobago.

## **Housing**

297. An allocation of \$1,054.3 million has been provided under housing to enable the Government to pursue its policy of providing adequate and affordable housing for low and middle income citizens who will all live in sustainable communities by the year 2020.

298. The IDB-Assisted Second National Settlements Programme will come to a close in 2008. The sum \$99.4 million has been provided to assist in completing all activities under the Programme. The LSA will receive \$60.0 million to complete the following under the Squatter Regularization component:

- provision of consultancy services for land use planning, land surveying, engineering design, construction supervision and environmental studies for all projects
- installation of electrical infrastructure and water connection on squatter sites
- construction works at second cycle sites at Pine Settlement, Sangre Grande; Race Course Lands, Arima; Bon Air North, Arouca; Milton Road, Couva; Macaulay; Claxton Bay; River Estate, Diego Martin and Pt. Fortin

299. The following will also be undertaken under the Programme:-

- payment of housing subsidies under the beneficiary-owned land module, the new home module and the home improvement module estimated at \$34.8 million
- implementation of the Solomon/Fiserv Software in the MOH and the SILWC under the Sector and Institutional Development Sub-Programme estimated at \$2.0 million

- payment of related expenses

300. The programme of Regularization and Regeneration of Communities in the Greater POS Region has been allocated \$7.0 million to continue the Interplan Consultancy for the LSA. Construction works and sub-division and engineering designs will continue at the pilot sites at Fondes Amandes, East Upper Gonzales/Sogren Trace, Dundonald Hill/Belle Vue and Scorpion Alley.

301. The Accelerated Housing Programme of the HDC will continue to add to the nation's housing stock to attain the planned target of 100,000 houses by 2020. The Programme will be continued with funding of \$700.0 million from the IDF, specifically, to meet contractual obligations for development works and housing construction under the urban renewal, new towns, infill and the joint venture components.

302. The Government recognizes that there is a need not only to increase the housing stock but to maintain it as well. In this regard, \$45.1 million has been provided to continue remedial infrastructure works at all government housing estates including those at Morvant, La Romaine, Couva, Buen Intento, Debe, Beetham, Ibis Gardens and Graham Trace, and undertake repairs to structural defects to houses affected by soil movements at Pleasantville 200.

303. Funding of \$7.5 million has also been provided for refurbishment/remedial works to apartment complexes in POS and surrounding areas. Including refurbishment of electrical systems and remedial works to roofs, plumbing, etc.

304. An amount of \$22.3 million has been provided for the completion of multi-purpose complexes at La Horquetta, Pleasantville, Maloney, Bon Air, Edinburgh and Couva.

305. The High Density Housing Programme has been allocated \$50.0 million for construction of decanting centres including Phase I at Morvant, Clifton Hill and Observatory Street to enable the relocation of residents to make the sites available for infrastructural work to commence on the Urban Renewal Programme.

306. The relocation of squatters at various locations including KP Lands, Tarouba South; Ramgoolie and Dookie Streets, St. Augustine; Golconda; Corinth and the Marabella Train Line will continue. An allocation of \$35 million has been provided for this purpose.

307. Expenditure under other programmes amounting to \$10.7 million will facilitate:

- construction and expansion of the greater Couva STP to facilitate implementation of Phase I, Roystonia including underground electrical works estimated at \$7.0 million
- construction of a box drain, STP upgrades and connection and extension of an 8" sewer main at Union Hall, San Fernando estimated at \$1.5 million
- upgrade of infrastructure and remedial works at Harmony Hall, Marabella estimated at \$1.2 million

- provision of \$1.0 million for the Shelter Construction Financing Facility

308. A total allocation of \$11.0 million has been provided for programmes implemented by the Head Office of the Ministry of Housing to undertake the following:

- disbursement of \$10.0 million in grants to a maximum of \$15,000 to approved applicants/beneficiaries for home improvements under the Housing Grants Programme
- provision of financial assistance to the needy to repair homes severely affected by landslides, hurricanes, earthquake and fires through the Emergency Shelter Relief Fund estimated at \$1.0 million

309. The SILWC has been allocated the sum of \$4.3 million to continue infrastructural development works at Tarouba Central and Cedar Hill Housing Developments, and complete water connections at Orange Field Housing Development and La Fortune Housing Settlement; and drainage works at Golconda Housing Settlement. SILWC has been provided with initial funding of \$2.0 million to develop an additional 39 lots at Frederick Settlement, Caroni. The lots are under multiple occupancy and sub-division into smaller sizes will aid in regularizing the tenancy of the occupants.

310. The THA has been allocated \$10.0 million to implement the Home Improvement Grant and Subsidy Programmes of financial assistance to needy persons for house repairs. Other programmes under the THA will continue with funding of \$49.4 million as follows:

- construction of houses at Castara, Roxborough and Blenheim Housing Estates
- construction of box drains and undertaking infrastructural works at Signal Hill Housing Estate
- continuation of infrastructural works at Adventure Estate, Plymouth Rd. and Belle Garden Estate Phases I and II
- construction of interlocking drain at Calder Hall and retaining wall at Castara Development
- provision of consultancy services for projects at Courland, Adelphi Estate, Speyside, Mt. Irvine and the Special Land Development Programme in Windward Tobago

## **Youth, Sport and Recreation**

311. A provision of \$281.2 million has been made for the continuation of programmes and projects in these areas.

312. Development of a Multi-purpose Sporting Complex at Tarouba will receive an allocation of \$95 million specifically for the completion of the Brian Lara Cricket Stadium. The facility would include approximately 10,000 permanent seats with the potential to add 5,000 more, a 3-story media tower, a club level with a lounge and exclusive seating as well as four pitches and multiple parking areas.

313. Participation in sport will be encouraged as a mechanism for curbing anti-social behaviour through the provision of modern user-friendly facilities. Towards this end an allocation of \$79.5 million has been provided for the following:

- development and upgrading of recreational grounds in each Administrative Area and commencement of construction of 28 hard courts and 47 recreation grounds nationwide by the Ministry of Sport and Youth Affairs
- commencement of construction works at the Yolande Pompey Recreation Ground, Princes Town including a 25-metre swimming pool, a football field and pavilion, 3 hard surface courts with bleachers and a cricket field with pavilion
- commencement of Phase II construction of recreation grounds at Sangre Grande, Santa Cruz, Pleasantville, Mahaica Oval and Toco

314. The sum of \$22 million has been provided for the commencement of construction of the Youth Facility at Mayaro at an estimated cost of \$23.9 million, and the completion of construction of Sport/Youth Facilities at Sangre Grande, Arima and Diego Martin. These facilities will include an indoor hall for netball, basketball, lawn tennis, volleyball, hockey, badminton and gymnastics as well as a gym, change rooms, and seating capacity for approximately 1,000 persons.

315. The Ministry of Sport will continue to facilitate the development of aquatic skills with an allocation of \$1.0 million for developmental works at the Sangre Grande, La Horquetta and Diego Martin swimming pools.

316. An allocation of \$8.7 million will be provided for the advancement of developmental works at the country's five stadia as follows:

- replacement of the indoor flooring and repaving of the outdoor courts at the Jean Pierre Complex and refurbishment of the staff and VIP washrooms and structural testing and remedial works to the construction joints at Hasely Crawford Stadium
- construction of guard booths at the Dwight Yorke and Larry Gomes Stadia

- erection of a security fence, construction of bleachers, upgrade to the car park and drainage system at the Ato Boldon Stadium
- backfilling/paving under the stands and water connection to the training field at the Mannie Ramjohn Stadium

317. Other activities in the sum of \$2.6 million aimed at providing and upgrading sporting infrastructure will include the following:

- replacement of the gym floor at the Pleasantville, Chaguanas and Pt. Fortin Indoor Sporting Arenas, refurbishment of the cafeteria, construction of a media room at the St. Paul Street facility and supply and installation of 180 seats at Tacarigua
- construction of a Multipurpose Hard Court with fencing and floodlighting at the Diego Martin Swimming Pool

318. Programmes and facilities aimed at developing the full potential of the nation's youth will continue with overall funding of \$32.9 million. Towards this end, the Youth Health Programme will receive an allocation of \$6.0 million for the hosting of Health Caravans and Sensitisation Programmes on HIV/AIDS, conduct a Workplace Survey and commencement of the Peer Education Programme.

319. The Non-Governmental Organizations are in the process of strengthening their infrastructural base, in order to improve the services that they offer. Funding in the sum of \$2.0 million will be provided to assist the Girl Guides Association with the construction of its campsite at Toco, the National Scout Association with the construction of its Administration Building and the President's Award Programme with the rebuilding of its headquarters at Curepe.

320. An overall allocation of \$10.0 million has been provided for supporting youth organisation, creation of a restructured youth service delivery system, a block-leadership initiative and youth councils.

321. The sum of \$0.5 million will be allocated for the National Youth Council (NYC), funds will also be devoted to Capacity Building and institutional strengthening of the NYC. The Council's role is to plan and co-ordinate activities of the youth organizations.

322. An allocation of \$2.8 million will be provided to the Save the Youth in Marginalised Communities project for the following:

- continuation of Community Youth Needs Assessments in Manzanilla, Laventille, Morvant and Covigne Road, Diego Martin
- implementation of a Bridging Training Programme, Steel Sign Fabrication and Installation Project and Leadership Development and Institutional Strengthening at 2nd Caledonia, Morvant



- commencement of construction of a Multi-Purpose Court at Datsunville, Enterprise

323. The Youth RISE (Youth Resources for Implementing Successful Enterprises) project will receive \$1.0 million for Marketing and Promotion activities, Management Services, a Two-Day Training Workshop for Officers, as well as Business Development Training for participants.

324. Youth Training Facilities are geared towards providing training and implementing programmes aimed at fostering positive attitudes. In fiscal 2008, the sum of \$3.3 million will fund the following infrastructural works to support these programmes:

- preparation of designs and commencement of construction of an Indoor Recreation Room/Auditorium at Los Bajos
- preparation of designs and commencement of construction of an Information Centre and Computer Room at Woodbrook
- conversion of an existing room for welding at Laventille
- replacement of doors and the ceiling in the auditorium and installation of aluminium louvers at Malick

325. Refurbishment works at Chatham, El Dorado and Persto Praesto Youth Development and Apprenticeship Centres (YDAC) will continue with an allocation of \$7.3 million. The following works are planned:

- construction of security fencing at the El Dorado Girls YDAC, upgrade of the electrical system and provision of new equipment for classrooms, the kitchen, office and gymnasium
- refurbishment of the kitchen, eight classrooms for trades and , living quarters, completion of construction of the recreation ground and new equipment for all trade classrooms, kitchen, office and gym at Chatham YDAC

326. The Youth Division of the Ministry of Sport and Youth Affairs with an allocation of \$4 million under the IDF will also continue its programme of reconstruction of Youth Centres as a means of increasing participation in 'Youth Centre' activities in areas experiencing high unemployment and family life issues. The targeted projects include completion of construction of the St James Youth Centre and equipping of the Facility with a computer laboratory and classrooms and preparation of designs for the California Youth Facility. Courses in electrical installation, plumbing and industrial welding, food preparation, hairdressing and garment construction is also expected to commence in the fiscal year.

## **Poverty Alleviation and Social Services**

327. The sum of \$83.5 million will be provided for the implementation of social projects and programmes aimed at reducing poverty and decentralizing the delivery of social services.

328. In fiscal year 2008, the EU-sponsored Poverty Alleviation Programme will receive an allocation of \$5.6 million for operational expenses, institutional strengthening for the Project Management Unit, Regional Social Human Development Councils, Information Resource Centres and for the funding of Micro Projects.

329. The National Commission for Self-Help Programme will utilise the sum of \$30 million under the IDF for undertaking minor repairs and rehabilitation and infrastructure works including drainage, electrification, water supply road repairs and construction of retaining walls in targeted communities. The disaster response component of the programme will focus on the following initiatives:

- a reconstruction programme to address the needs of persons affected by floods, fires, hurricanes and earthquakes
- an intervention programme to provide support for persons in life threatening situations

330. Social Services Programmes aim to build strong and resilient communities by equipping them with social skills and capabilities. The sum of \$1.9 million has been allocated to support the following initiatives:

- continuation of the Community Outreach Programme through the purchase of equipment, preparation of advertising campaign, video production, script development on topical social issues, and purchase of an Outreach Panel Van
- award of scholarships to residents of Government-sanctioned homes and orphanages
- establishment of a Communications Programme for Behaviour and Social Change

331. The sum of \$4.8 million has been provided for the continuation of projects aimed at improving the social infrastructure for the disadvantaged and displaced persons to support their development and rehabilitation:

- commencement of construction of Social Services Centres at Rio Claro and Point Fortin; a Remand Home for Young Female Offenders; and Social Displacement Centres at Aripo, Queen Street, Port of Spain, and Piparo
- upgrade of the Remand Home for Young Male Offenders involving the installation of a security fence and utilities, renovation of the basketball court, car park, drainage system and security fencing

- acquisition of property for the construction of an Ex-prisoner In-Transit Facility at Chickland, Freeport
- completion of the kitchen and procurement of kitchen equipment for the St Michael's School for Boys
- procurement of equipment and furnishings for the Multi-Purpose Substance Abuse Rehabilitation Facility at Piparo
- reconstruction of dormitory of the Salvation Army Hostel- Josephine Shaw House for Women and refurbishment of the Boys Unit of the St. Dominic's Home
- provision of financial assistance to the Coterie of Social Workers for the construction of a 2-storey meal centre at La Caille Street, San Fernando
- upgrade of a Social Services Centre at Couva to a waiting room area and construction of a public washroom and garage.

332. The sum of \$7.0 million has been allocated for the continuation of activities in the 2008 Household Budgetary Survey with focus on the completion of fieldwork, editing and coding of questionnaires, completion of processing and analysis of data collected and the commencement of the preparation of HBS Reports and Research Papers. Various Stakeholder meetings and HBS data dissemination Seminars are also scheduled for the fiscal year.

## **Sustainable Communities**

### **Community Development**

333. An allocation of \$188 million has been provided to facilitate the continuation of infrastructure works that commenced in the previous fiscal year in addition to the commencement of new projects aimed at improving the aesthetic conditions and physical infrastructure in rural communities located in the northern, central and eastern areas of Trinidad. New areas such as St Joseph Village, Mamoral, Diamond Village, Oropune, Fishing Pond and Couva will benefit from projects being executed by private contractors. These include increasing the capacity of existing roadside drains within the drainage network and construction of new drains to adequately ensure complete and effective flow paths from typical rainfall event; construction of walkways and driveways to provide safe access by residents to their properties and the reconstruction and repaving of roads to provide safer driving access for all users. Attention will also focus on the economic and social challenges facing the areas of east Port-of-Spain. In this connection, a range of physical infrastructure projects together with social and economic development projects have been identified for implementation.

## **GOVERNING EFFECTIVELY**

### **National Security and Public Safety**

334. One of the major goals of this Government is to ensure that citizens of Trinidad and Tobago are provided with a safe and secure environment in which to carry out their daily duties. In fiscal year 2008, the sum of f \$268.0 million has been provided to facilitate the undertaking of several initiatives by the Protective Agencies.

335. In order to develop community-based preventative strategies and provide institutional support to the Ministry of National Security, the Citizen Security programme, which is being assisted by IDB, has been allocated \$4.0 million to undertake several initiatives including:

- consultation meetings with communities
- development of the Youth and Crime Prevention Fund
- conduct of the Community Victimization survey
- undertaking the Community Level Planning for Prevention and Intervention Services study
- undertaking the Institutional strengthening for Youth, Family and Community-based NGOs study
- preparation of the design of the Specialized Youth Service Programmes study
- development of the Police Crime Information system

336. The Police Service Division has been allocated \$53.2 million to pursue the following activities:

- i. The development of initiatives and programmes under the Transformation of the Police Service project. This project has been allocated \$16 million to provide specialised training to improve crime control capacity, to develop structures and systems that increase professionalism, to improve police supervision and management and continue the development of the Model Stations Initiative. As a result of the project, management of staff is expected to be improved and police facilities refurbished. The ultimate goal is to increase public confidence in the Police Service and reduce the crime situation.
- ii. Improvement works to Police stations. The main aim of this project is to provide adequate and appropriate working accommodation for officers to carry out their duties. In the fiscal year 2008, the sum of \$14 million has been allocated to undertake refurbishment works at stations including those of the Mounted Branch, Traffic Branch, Transport and Telecom Branch, Police Hospital and K9-Tobago Division. Works to be conducted include

painting, electrical work, plumbing and air-conditioning repairs and installation. In addition, reconstruction works are to be undertaken at the Police Training College in St. James. Reconstruction works include plumbing, electrical work, casting floors and walls. The sum of \$1.5 million has also been allocated for the procurement of furniture and furnishings for these stations.

337. The Police Service will be able to provide stability and security to the citizens of Trinidad and Tobago through these other initiatives:

- procurement of vehicles and equipment which include the procurement and installation of cameras in twenty five (25) Police buildings
- development of the Homicide Prevention Units which entails the procurement of furniture and furnishings, the Incident Coordinating Centre which entails the procurement of equipment and furniture and the development of a Anti-terrorism unit which entails the procurement of equipment
- development of the Telecommunication Network Unit which entails upgrading of the network system, development of the GIS system, and procurement of equipment

338. Under IDF, in the fiscal year 2008 an allocation of \$8 million has been provided for the construction of a Telecommunications facility in Tobago. This facility will assist in expanding the network system between Trinidad and Tobago.

339. In an effort to support measures aimed at maritime protection, the Coast Guard of Trinidad and Tobago has been provided with an allocation of \$72.1 million for the following:

- refurbishment of the TTS Cascadura: works to be undertaken include installation of rudders, engines and rope guards at a cost of \$29.0 million
- procurement of three (3) interceptor vessels at a cost of \$7.0 million
- improvement of facilities at Point Galeota entailing the construction of a Women's dormitory, construction of a security fence and lighting
- establishment of a Marine Ship Safety and Port Facility Security Unit involving the construction of a building and commencement of customization works
- refurbishment works to facilities at Staubles Bay which entails upgrading of the All Ranks Facility, procurement and installation of an elevator and construction of a security fence
- institutional strengthening of Coast Guard personnel through training in seaman ship skills

340. Under IDF, the Coast Guard of Trinidad and Tobago has been allocated a total of \$46 million to undertake several activities including:

- commencement of construction of Operations Buildings at Piarco and Tobago
- continuation of electrical upgrade of facilities at Staubles Bay
- construction of a Multipurpose Facility at Hart's Cut in Chaguaramas

341. Activities to be undertaken by the Defence Force of Trinidad and Tobago with an allocation of \$69.2 million include:

- continuation of upgrade of Air Guard Base at Piarco, which includes refurbishment of living accommodation, hangers, kitchen, dormitories; electrical upgrade and procurement of communication equipment
- continued refurbishment works of the Defence Force Headquarters including repair works to office facilities; construction of a security fence, a warehouse; procurement of vehicles; and repairs to the old gymnasium
- construction/upgrade of facilities at various camps including construction of a perimeter fence and a retaining wall at Camp Ogden; construction of a Barrack Accommodation at Camp Cumuto; construction of a Command Row, an Officer's mess and the northern wing of the Administration Building at Teteron Bay. In addition, camp facilities are to be constructed at La Romain, Felicity, and Forres Park. Vehicles are also to be procured which including panel vans, a motorcycle and a HIAB Truck
- construction of a cookhouse, a dining facility, and a dormitory and continuation of electrical works for the Defence Force in Tobago
- Institutional strengthening of the Regiment entailing training of officers in leadership skills

342. In fiscal year 2008, the Fire Services Division has been provided with \$70.5 million to improve efficiency in the fire-fighting service. The following activities are to be undertaken:

- completion of construction works on the Couva Fire station and continuation of construction of the Sangre Grande Fire Station
- procurement of vehicles and equipment including ambulances, an emergency tender, water tankers, and tenders and portable pumps
- refurbishment of vehicles including of a water tender, a water tanker, an emergency Tender and other vehicles
- improvement of fire service buildings at Chaguanas, Port-of-Spain Headquarters, Arima and Couva North Stations

- training of the Fire Service personnel in fire prevention measures and management

343. The Prison Service has been allocated \$17.3 million to undertake several activities including:

- outfitting of the Administration Building, continued construction of the Senior Officer's mess, and the expansion of the officers' dormitory at Golden Grove
- procurement of vehicles and equipment including pickup vans and standby generators
- continuation of the reconstruction of the workshop at Golden Grove
- upgrading of the Animal Husbandry at Golden Grove which includes construction of a slaughter bay, a milk parlour, and a sheep pen
- upgrade of buildings at the Carrera Convict Prison which entails refurbishment of a ration room, a sewer treatment plant, the Main Prison and docking facilities
- construction of a building for the Emergency Response Unit at Golden Grove equipped with a Closed Circuit Television Surveillance system, and a gym
- development of designs for a Training College at Golden Grove

344. Institutional Strengthening activities at the Ministry of National Security to be carried out with an allocation of \$21.8 million include:

- accreditation of laboratory service, and procurement of equipment for examining Firearms and other weaponry
- continuation of Phase II of the Anti-Crime Communications Support Plan under the Strategic Communication Programme for Public Education which involves the development of initiatives on crime prevention
- continuation of workshops and seminars under the Management for Regional Security project with an aim of developing relevant regional projects
- training of personnel in project management

345. An allocation of \$0.3 million has been provided for the upgrade of mediation centres located at Port-of-Spain and San Fernando, which entails customization works and procurement of equipment and furniture.

## **Law Administration and Legal Affairs**

346. In fiscal year 2008, funding in the amount of \$3.0 million has been provided for activities in this area. The sum of \$2.0 million has been allocated for the Project: Revision and Printing of Laws.

## **Governance and Institutional Structures for Development**

347. In light of delays experienced in implementation of the Public Sector Reform Initiation Programme attention will be given in 2008 to re-profiling the existing IDB-Loan funded programme with a view to reducing both scope and cost. In the interim, the ongoing consultancies with Adam Smith International for the development of a Communication Strategy and for the Development and Implementation of a National Dialogue Strategy in the sums of \$3.5 million and \$3.1 million respectively, will be completed.

348. Several important initiatives for building institutional capacity within the public sector in Trinidad and Tobago, will be continued in 2008 with a total allocation of \$96.8 million. These activities include being undertaken those by the Personnel Department as follows:

- completion of the Employee Assistance Programme (EAP) for the public sector, including Action Plan, and Policy and Procedures Manual
- conduct of a Diagnostic Study to inform the Review of the Classification and Compensation System and the development of Competency-based Management Policy and Implementation Strategy for the Public Sector

349. The Public Sector Reform Computerization Programme will receive an allocation of \$225 million in 2008 to continue the development and modernization of information and communications infrastructure in the public sector. For the commencement of the communications backbone Phase II, the sum of \$30 million has been allocated to bring into the Government's Communication Network agencies such as Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Health and Ministry of Education.

350. The Project for the preparation of new automated machine readable passports which was commissioned in January 2007, will continue to address the replacement backlog. The sum of \$16 million has been allocated for meeting the annual payment for the supply and delivery of MRPs and installation of border controls and permit issuing systems, E-passport reading system, an AFIS system and Eagle Reader Upgrade.

351. Computerisation of the Judiciary will be continued with the networking of Case Management and the establishment of Video Conferencing facilities. Staff training will continue in the area of Computer-Aided Transcription (CAT).



352. The Computerization of the Police Service will continue in 2008 with an initial allocation of \$10.7 million which will be used for the procurement of specialized computer-ware aimed at building the capacity of the Service to efficiently and effectively discharge its surveillance and detection capabilities. The following activities are anticipated:

- completion of the upgrade of the Electronic Voter Registration and Election Management System (EVREMS) with the purchase of hardware to equip the Head Office and outlying offices to complement software to be rolled out.
- the continued rollout of project IhRIS among the Divisions of the THA, the networking initiatives in the Division of Community Development and Culture and Finance and Planning of the THA, and the establishment of an Integrated Financial Management System.
- implementation of a Records Registry and Management System and a Housing Data Warehouse, continued deployment of FISERV Mortgage Application Modules and establishment of an offsite Data Centre through the Information and Communication Technology Programme estimated at \$4.0 million.

353. In continuing the pursuit of providing a safe and healthy work environment for public servants, the sum of \$321.8 million has been provided for the construction and rehabilitation of public buildings.

354. The Upgrade of the Physical Infrastructure of the Eric Williams Finance Building will continue in 2008 with an allocation of \$4 million to make the building more comfortable and OSHA compliant by undertaking the following:-

- refurbishment of levels 9 and 10 with partitioning and furniture acquisition
- complete revamping of the potable water system
- refurbishment of glass seals
- Completion of cafeteria on Level 3 and upgrade of all washrooms
- upgrade of electrical systems and refurbishment of the ground floor
- replacement of the fiberglass insulation
- procurement of window washing equipment and refurbishment of the air handlers for the aircondition

355. An allocation of \$18.0 million has been provided for the continuation of improvements at Cipriani Labour College. Work will include:

- outfitting of the auditorium including acoustics and lighting
- refurbishment of car park and the completion of construction of the superstructure
- construction commencement on the upper East Wing for additional classrooms, an archives and storage facility, a perimeter wall and a waste water treatment plant. Expansion of perimeter lighting will be increased
- procurement and installation of a standby generator, furniture, fixtures and equipment
- preparation of drawings and preconstruction plans for the College new dormitories

356. An allocation of \$4 million has been provided for the continuation of renovation works at the New City Mall, (formerly Tent City). The works stand to benefit approximately 121 tenants and customers by providing a safe and comfortable environment in which to conduct business. The renovations include replacement of the roof and air condition units, and installation of security measures, an escalator and a standby generator.

357. The sum of \$3 million is provided to continue the Upgrade of the East Side Plaza in Port of Spain. This is intended to provide a safe, comfortable and attractive environment for its 156 tenants who are small business owners and customers. Work to be done includes:

- construction and tiling of the rear façade, upper and ground floors
- construction of upper floor shops
- upgrade of toilet facilities
- development of booths on the ground floor for a conference room and construction of offices
- installation of electronic signs

358. A provision of \$10 million has been made for the completion of Phase 1 and commencement of Phase 2 of the project for the constructing of new facilities for the IMA. Works include building and outfitting state of the art Laboratory facilities to enhance the Institute's ability to carry out its functions related to monitoring of fisheries and the marine environment. Completion of an Information Centre building, Marine Education Centre and Operations Centre are also planned for the 2008 fiscal year.

359. Funding of \$16 million is provided for the construction and renovation of Administrative Complexes for Municipal Corporations. Whose role in the community has increased over the years with the need for the Corporations to effectively discharge their

duties. Furthermore, this project would create a comfortable OSHA compliant environment for both staff and members of the public to interact. Designs are to be undertaken for new buildings for the San Juan/Laventille, Mayaro/Rio Claro, Penal/Debe, Sangre Grande and Siparia Regional Corporations and for the upgrading of existing buildings for the Point Fortin Borough Corporation, and San Fernando and Port of Spain City Corporations and Couva/Tabaquite/Talparo Regional Corporation.

## **Administration of Justice**

360. An allocation of \$40.6 million has been provided for continued improvement of physical accommodations of Magistrates' Courts and other related facilities. The major activities scheduled to be continued in the fiscal year 2008 are the following:

- refurbishment of several Magistrates' Courts including Couva, Point Fortin, Cedros, La Brea, St. George West and Princes Town
- refurbishment works at the Hall of Justice, Trinidad involving installation of outrigger panels, procurement and installment of elevators, improved access to the building for physically handicapped persons, refurbishment of walls and railings and replacement of a generator.
- refurbishment works at the Hall of Justice in Tobago involving expansion of the lobby area, upgrade of the compound access, installation of a lighting system and renovation of the perimeter fence
- renovation works at the Anti-Corruption Investigations Bureau building involving plumbing and electrical work
- installation of security systems in Magistrates Courts at Scarborough, San Fernando, Sangre Grande, Chaguanas, Point Fortin, Siparia, and the Special Criminal Court. These systems include the closed circuit television, an Integrated Management Security system and Walk through Baggage Scanners. In addition, training of security court personnel in general security operations and the procurement of tools and equipment will be initiated.
- refurbishment works on the Rio Claro Magistrates' Court, involving extension of the court building to facilitate additional courtrooms and upgrading of the perimeter fence
- restoration works at the San Fernando Supreme Court involving replacement of judges' elevator, internal painting, refurbishment of the courtroom. A water infiltration study will also be undertaken

361. Activities scheduled to commence are:

- construction of four (4) duplex housing units for Judges and Magistrates in Tobago
- preparation of designs for the construction of the Arima and Sangre Grande Magistrates' Courts
- establishment of a Law Museum at the Cabildo building involving preparation of designs as well as joinery work, plumbing, electrical work, and painting

362. Funds are also allocated preparation of designs for the Special Criminal Court. The Court will give priority to issues that deal with drug-trafficking and other related matters. A conceptual brief is to be developed.

363. In the fiscal year 2008, \$18.0million has been allocated for the expansion of the Family court in Port-of-Spain and the establishment of similar courts in the San Fernando and Tobago. Funds are also allocated for the continued operations of the existing court.

## **ENABLING COMPETITIVE BUSINESS**

### **Macroeconomy and Finance**

364. The sum of \$6 million is allocated to the IDB-assisted Trade Sector Support Programme for continuing Institutional Strengthening and Restructuring Support to the Ministry of Trade and Industry. Activities are planned for workshops and Technical Training, and implementation of the Specialised Technical Studies Component. The Trade Assistance component will be continued through promotion of participation of local companies in the Non oil sector at Trade Fairs and Expos the Integrated Information Systems component will be completed and implemented. This involves modernisation of the internal information system of the Ministry and linking of the information database of the MTI with Customs and Excise Division, Ministry of Legal Affairs and Central Statistical Office.

365. The Society for the Implementation of Spanish (SIS) will continue efforts to coordinate, support and facilitate the implementation of Spanish as a second language in Trinidad and Tobago. The sum of \$1.5 million is provided for media and public awareness programmes, conduct of Spanish classes in Government Ministries, private companies and communities, and the promotion of dual signage.

366. The Government's vision for Agriculture includes enhancing the marketability of agri-based products through development of marketing initiatives and infrastructure. The project Support to Agribusiness will continue with an allocation of \$5 million to provide assistance in effecting improvements to the regulatory, institutional and competitive environment of the food and beverage and fish and fish processing industries and hosting training programmes and workshops on food safety and market intelligence capability among stakeholders.

367. The CARICOM Trade Programme which aims to assist member states in production and trade capacity will continue its operations with an allocation of \$7 million. The total amount budgeted for the Fund is \$30 million. A larger number of member states will be invited to apply screened for the new joint technical assistance/capital procurement loans to facilitate access to consultancy services as well as acquisition of machinery and equipment.

368. An allocation of \$2.0 million has been provided to continue the development of the three sub-sectors namely the Merchant Marine, Printing and Packaging and the Yachting Industries. This is to be achieved through development of necessary institutional, regulatory and commercial framework. Activities to be undertaken in fiscal 2008 will include:

- projects to be developed by the Maritime, Research Council, a Marine mentorship programme, and establishment of a public-private sector scholarship fund for training in key fields in the maritime sector
- conduct of a Buoyage Feasibility Study and Demarkation Programme for the Yachting Industry, including an economic impact assessment and competitive analysis
- conduct of market development; workshops for the Printing and Packaging Industry, establishment of a technical services lab, and training for industry personnel

## **Industry and Entrepreneurship**

369. In fiscal year 2008, the Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago will continue its initiatives to diversify the non-oil manufacturing and service sectors and create a business climate that attracts investors and support competitive business.

370. Under the IDF an investment of \$200.0 million has been provided to continue infrastructural development works and construction works on the Flagship Complex at the Tamana InTech Park. The Park will contain academic research, and development facilities geared to assist in the diversification of the country's non-energy export base and establish a platform for a knowledge driven economy. Work will also continue on the preparation of designs for the Linear Park, which will contain recreational facilities and historical centers.

371. The programme of Development Works on Industrial Estates, work will continue through the expansion of the existing industrial parks at Debe, Beetham Estate, Point Fortin, Fredrick Settlement and Movant. Work will also commence on the new industrial parks at Dow Village, Presal, Reform Village and Endeavour Road. The Parks are intended to provide light industrial space to manufacturers and assist in the diversification of the economy. An allocation of \$40.0 million has been provided to facilitate these activities in fiscal year 2008.

372. An allocation of \$8.0 million has been provided for the Business Investment project implemented by eTecK. This project aims to source, analyse, develop and implement new businesses in the manufacturing and service sectors. In fiscal year 2008, eTecK will seek to source, develop and implement new businesses in the manufacturing and service sectors and develop a Business Information Centre.

373. Government will continue to provide support to the local film industry in fiscal year 2008, with funding in the sum of \$6.0 million for the Trinidad and Tobago Film Co. Ltd. The company will conduct training workshops, host and participate in Film festivals, provide film scholarships, film incentives and assist local film makers in developing film and television production.

374. The Caribbean Industrial Research Institute (CARIRI) will receive an allocation of \$8.0 million in fiscal year 2008 to purchase equipment for the laboratories at the Institute and upgrade infrastructure to enhance its operational capacity and meet OSHA requirements.

375. An allocation of \$1 million has been provided for the Central Services project implemented by the TTBS for the modernization of the Printing Department including the purchase of equipment, training of staff and the renovation of the facility.

376. The establishment of a Women's Entrepreneurship Resources Centre (WERC) is a new initiative of the MLC. It is geared towards increasing opportunities for employment and self-employment for women and girls, through the creation and development of micro and small enterprises, thereby empowering them to make a greater contribution to economic and social development. It is also expected to impact positively on poverty alleviation. An initial sum of \$1 million has been allocated for fiscal year 2008 for start up activities. The programme will involve creation and commercialization of women-owned pilot companies in the area of food and agriculture, construction, home and family care services and art and craft, provision of business development and support services, and hosting of a Regional Forum on Women in Small and Micro Enterprises.

377. Another new initiative of the MLC for fiscal year 2008 is related to implementation of Government's Fair Share Policy and Programme. The programme is geared towards promoting the development of Small and Micro Enterprises and assisting their growth into larger businesses, by setting aside up to 10 percent of public sector contracts up to the sum of \$1 million for qualifying Small and Micro Enterprises (SMEs) and Co-operatives contracts. The Programme will be initiated with an allocation of \$0.8 million to be expended on the following activities:

- development and maintenance of a list of available opportunities up to \$1 million
- provision of sub-contracting opportunities through large contractors
- maintenance of a regularly updated Register of Small and Micro Enterprises (Small Business Register) that facilitates the easy identification of possible contractors

- development and maintenance of a monitoring and information system
- development of a Complaints and Disputes Resolution Mechanism
- continuous training for small and micro entrepreneurs to facilitate their successful participation in the programme.

## **Business Development**

378. In order to attract and facilitate increased levels of Foreign and Domestic Investment the Investment Promotion and Facilitation Initiatives programme has received an allocation of \$4 million to continue to support the implementation of a comprehensive Strategy for Direct Foreign Investment Promotion in Trinidad and Tobago. Activities for implementation include a Public Relations Campaign of advertising in foreign publications and production of promotional materials. International marketing missions will be undertaken as well as inward (investor) missions. There would be institutional capacity building and the promotion of signature events.

379. Resources of \$13.5 million have been allocated to continue the development of small businesses, assist entrepreneurs and promote the development of industry and manufacturing.

380. The THA will continue infrastructural works and the construction of factory shells at the Cove Eco- Industrial Park which is being developed on 148 acres of the Cove Estate. The Park development entails 73 lots on sizes from half acre to two and one half acres and a five acre archaeological site. Infrastructure works will be on-going with the provision of access roads, the laying of waterlines, a drainage system, communication lines and the supply of electricity.

381. Programmes related to Enterprise Development and the Business Incubator received allocations for continuing the development of the Small Business Sector in Tobago. CARIRI will continue to promote and render assistance to the private small and medium enterprises engaged in industrial and other business activity in Agriculture, Pre-school, Fishing, Computer Services, Restaurants, Furniture Manufacturing, Transportation Services, and Retail (mini marts) with an allocation of \$4 million.. The Business Incubator Programme will also continue with the provision of assistance for the development of entrepreneurs in Tobago with an allocation of \$1 million.

## **Energy**

382. Under the Consolidated Fund, The National Petroleum Company will continue to upgrade its Service Stations throughout Trinidad and Tobago in order to provide its citizens with the optimum service. The upgrade is aligned with the Competitive Business aspect of VISION 2020. For the fiscal year 2008, \$46.9 million will be provided for the following activities:

- upgrade of five gasoline service stations
- tank replacement at nine gas stations
- purchase of ten new road tank wagons
- construction of an LPG storage facility in Tobago
- remediation of sites throughout the country

383. The National Energy Corporation (NEC) was incorporated in the year 1979 to facilitate and promote the hydrocarbon resources of Trinidad and Tobago, operate world class ports and marine infrastructure and provide marine support services. In fiscal year 2008, the National Energy Corporation (NEC) will expand and build ports at Point Lisas south and east, Cap-de-ville, Galeota, Brighton Pier and Wharf, Oropouche and Tobago.

384. There will be an allocation for a Port in Point Lisas meant for the Essar Steel Complex in fiscal year 2008. The \$260 million allocation for 2008 will finance construction of the Galeota Port which will serve the offshore gas and oil exploration and production. The allocation will provide for the construction of a temporary limestone road base in order to perform an Auger Pile Test.

385. The sum of \$40 million has been allocated for the laying of a fifty four kilometre 10 inch sub sea pipeline. The pipeline will run from BHP Biliton Kariri Central processing platform in the Angostura field to Cove Point, Tobago. The project is estimated to be complete by the end of the fiscal year.

386. The National Gas Company Multifuel pipeline has been allocated \$50 million for the installation of a 10 inch Multifuel pipeline from Pointe-a-Pierre to the Blue River Interchange, Caroni. The project involves construction of an 8 inch pipeline from the new facility to Piarco, and also involves construction of a loading rack south of the Caroni River into the Blue Water Interchange. At present, all liquid fuels are transported from the Petrotrin Refinery at Pointe-a-Pierre to Sea Lots via ocean tanker. The fuel loading gantries at Sea Lots and Point-a-Pierre are aged and require replacement to ensure continued efficient operations. The entire scope of works are scheduled to be completed at the end of 2008.

## **Tourism**

387. Resources totalling \$34.9 million have been allocated to facilitate the continued development of the tourism sector.

388. The TDC has been allocated \$8.7 million to continue programmes and projects that would influence the design and improvement of tourist attraction facilities. The benefits to be derived include cleaner, safer more enjoyable beach experiences for visitors, increase in commercial opportunities and tourism awareness, and participation by locals and visitors.



389. Under the IDF, an allocation of \$5.0 million for the TDC will advance works toward the redevelopment of the Maracas Bay Beach Facility. Demolition works will continue and construction of temporary facilities are scheduled.

390. A new initiative of the Ministry of Tourism will be a Turtle Village Awareness Programme to be implemented over a three (3) year period in partnership with CBO's and NGO's. The aim of the programme is to raise the national level of understanding and awareness of the need to protect the Turtle Fauna of Trinidad and Tobago including the endangered Leather Back. The programme will also improve the tourism potential for income generation in the participating communities of the North East Coast and promote community-based nature and heritage tourism and environmental education; and improve the conservation of island ecosystems. Implementation of the first phase will commence with an allocation of \$0.6 million in this fiscal year for capacity training of Nature Eco-Tour Guides; the formulation and implementation of awareness programmes; and erection of initial signage for Nature Trails.

391. With funding of \$8.2 million, the MoT will continue tourism development programmes facilitating improvements in the tourism sector, provision of equipment for lifeguards, tourism awareness programmes, tourism sites and attractions in the Municipal Corporations; and conduct education and training in the tourism industry.

392. The THA will receive \$13.1 million to construct a new Beach Facility at King's Bay and continue upgrades at the Storebay and Mt. Irvine Beach Facilities, Fort King George, Bloody Bay Parks, historical sites at Plymouth, Mt. St. George Sugar Mill and Pembroke Cocoa Fermentary, construction of Lay-Bys at Roxborough and Speyside; accommodation for lifeguard quarters at Pigeon Point Resort; and installation of islandwide signage. Re-construction works on the Scarborough Beautification project and the Tobago Hospitality & Tourism Institute will be undertaken.

## **Agriculture**

393. In the pursuit of the development of a productive and self-sufficient agriculture sector \$561.0 million is allocated in fiscal year 2008 for the implementation of projects and programmes. Special emphasis will be placed on steady improvements in irrigation, technology, application of modern agricultural practices and provision of agricultural credit and subsidies.

394. The IDB-assisted Land Adjudication and Registration Programme (LARP) will continue in fiscal 2008 with an allocation of \$1.5 million. The objective of this program is to improve the real property rights system, clarify land tenure, develop a dynamic land market and support the efficient use of land resources. Ongoing preparatory activities will be continued with the hired consultant.

395. Phase II of the Agricultural Access Roads Programme will continue with an allocation of \$40 million. Rehabilitative maintenance of approximately 88.4 km of access roads will be done in the counties of Nariva/Mayaro, St. David and St. Andrew. It is expected that the rehabilitated roads will provide easier access to markets by farmers, hence boosting agriculture production in these communities.

396. Government in continuing its focus on attracting more youths into agriculture has provided \$3 million for the continuation of the Youth Apprenticeship Programme in Agriculture (YAPA). The program targets youth in the 17–25 age group to become more involved in agriculture through exposure to good farming techniques and hands-on experience. Trainees are exposed to practices in land preparation, weed control, hydroponics, vegetable production, harvesting, transplanting of plants, aqua culture, and fish and livestock production.

397. The Water Management and Flood Control Project will be continued with an allocation of \$15 million for construction of farm ponds and associated infrastructure at the Moruga Food Crop Project Phase III. Farm ponds will provide farmers with ready access to water for irrigation purposes during the dry season. Desilted channels and installed irrigation channels will be constructed to reduce flooding in agricultural settlements and to reducing losses of crops and livestock.

398. Funding in the sum of \$12.8 million is provided for strengthening research and development activities in the agriculture sector. One area of focus is the expansion of exports by production of innovative products using locally grown fruits, vegetables and meats which meet the approved quality standards. Ongoing research and development activities under the auspices of the MALMR will continue. These include:

- upgrading of research facilities at the St. Augustine Nurseries, La Reunion Facility, Aripo Livestock Station and Sugarcane Feed Centre
- research on rabbits as a source of food, management of imported dairy breeds to increase milk production, analysis of water buffalos for meat quality and growth performance and assessment of thirty-five (35) cocoa varieties for flavour
- expansion of the Sanitary, Phytosanitary and Food Safety capabilities of Trinidad and Tobago to ensure the quality and safety of agricultural products

399. Under the IDF \$20 million is provided for the construction of the Moruga Fishing Complex which is intended to support fishermen in Moruga and surrounding communities. The sum of \$5 million is provided for the construction of a jetty at San Fernando. An allocation of \$9.8 million is provided for the development and upgrade of fishing centres at Las Cuevas, Brickfield and Salybia is allocated and for the designation of landing sites, provision of infrastructure consistent with international food safety standards and quality and upgrade of landing sites around Trinidad.

## **Labour and Co-operatives**

400. An allocation of \$15.7 Million has been provided in fiscal 2008 for the continued implementation of capacity building initiatives in this sector. Some of the key initiatives to be continued are:

- intensive training for Labour Inspectors and a Public Awareness Programme

- staff training in project management, Parliamentary procedures, dispute resolution and mediation, effective business writing, becoming a dynamic speaker, labour market forecasting and labour laws and conventions
- establishment of the Occupational Safety and Health Authority including the hiring of staff, the provision and outfitting of permanent accommodation for the OSH Authority, the procurement of technical consultancies and the conduct of a public awareness campaign
- restructuring of the Cooperatives Division and building awareness among primary and secondary students
- conduct of a National Youth Survey
- conduct of a Public Relations campaign and relevant training programmes and Friendly Societies

401. A new initiative of the Ministry of Labour, Small and Micro Enterprises Development the establishment of a National Productivity Centre (NPC) in Trinidad and Tobago. The purpose of the NPC is to promote the importance of productivity. In the fiscal year 2008 a tripartite project team will be established to make recommendations for the National Productivity Centre (NPC) and to initiate a number of projects, which will seek to engender higher levels of productivity throughout the economy. To this end the team will devise a campaign to build productivity awareness throughout the country, focusing on educational institutions, work places, and public entities.

## **INVESTING IN SOUND INFRASTRUCTURE & ENVIRONMENT**

### **Drainage & Irrigation**

402. In fiscal year 2008, the sum of \$142.7 million has been provided for the upgrade the country's drainage and irrigation infrastructure in an effort to control flooding in low-lying areas in Trinidad and Tobago. The activities to be undertaken include the construction and rehabilitation of water channels, coastal protection works and undertaking a Comprehensive National Drainage Development Study.

403. Under the IDF an allocation of \$35.0 million has been provided for commencement of construction works on the Mamoral dam and flood detention reservoir to be located at the immediate downstream confluence of the Mamoral and Caparo Rivers, 1 km upstream of the Caparo River. During the fiscal year, construction will commence on the dam embankment, confining dikes, chute channel, surface spillway and reinforced concrete coping. The Mamoral dam and reservoir are intended to alleviate flooding and erosion in the Caparo River Basin and surrounding areas thereby reducing damage to private and public property.

404. The sum of \$23.0 million has been provided for the continuation of projects under the Major River Clearing Programme. The construction of revetment walling, laying of geotextile material and excavation works are scheduled for completion under the Manzanilla Coastal Protection Project, which is intended to address erosion and flooding along the coastline between Manzanilla Point in the north and Point Radix in the south for a distance of 2.3km.

405. The Ministry of Works and Transport will also commence construction of reinforced concrete walling and paving at Alley's Creek in Bamboo Village, La Romaine. The structure is intended to reduce flooding and damage to residential properties in Palmiste, Bamboo Village and Gulf View. Other activities to be undertaken under the Major River Clearing Programme in fiscal year 2008 include:

- commencement of Phase II of the Marabella River Improvement Project
- construction of an embankment and desilting works on the Ortoire River
- commencement of walling and paving works on the Tunapuna River

406. The Infrastructure Rehabilitation and Flood Mitigation Programme will also continue with an allocation of \$18.0 million for the following activities:

- completion of the construction of an embankment and installation of a pump station at the New Cut Channel
- construction of an embankment and desilting works on the Nariva River
- commencement of walling and paving works on Blackman Ravine, Curepe

407. Under the IDF funding in the sum of \$8.0 million has also been provided for commencement of the Comprehensive National Drainage Study. The project will entail a comprehensive island wide survey to be subdivided into eight consultancies related to the major catchment areas and sub-areas of the coastline. The project is estimated to cost \$39.0 million and due for completion in one year.

408. The continuation of drainage and irrigation programmes implemented by the Regional Corporations will be facilitated by funding of \$31.9 million. These programmes will involve the construction of box drains and retaining walls, culverts and other rehabilitative works in local communities throughout Trinidad.

## **Roads & Bridges**

409. An overall allocation of \$640.3 million has been made for the upgrading and improvement of the road network and upgrading/construction of bridges throughout Trinidad and Tobago.

410. The IDB-assisted National Highways Programme will continue with an allocation of \$194 million to focus on improving the road network throughout Trinidad and Tobago. The activities scheduled for fiscal year 2008 are:

- continuation of rehabilitation of 10km of roads and 13 bridges throughout Trinidad and Tobago
- completion of the four lane widening of the Churchill Roosevelt Highway from O'Meara Road to the Pillars (4.2km), and rehabilitative works between the Pillars and Antigua Road, Wallerfield (4.4km)
- completion of the pedestrian overpass west of the Tumpuna intersection
- completion of designs for the new San Fernando to Princes Town Highway, Princes Town to Mayaro Highway and the Churchill Roosevelt Highway extension to Manzanilla
- completion of the Institutional Strengthening Technical Management Contract for Tobago with the implementation of the Routine Maintenance Management System (RMMS) in two (2) districts in Tobago
- commencement of construction of two permanent weigh stations, one at Couva and the other at Wallerfield
- establishment of the Road Authority to replace the Highways Division

411. The sum of \$70 million has been provided under the IDF for continuation of Phase II construction of the Interchange at the intersection of the Churchill Roosevelt and Uriah Butler Highways. This phase will involve construction of West to South and South to West directional ramps, elevated structures and all associated works to allow for free traffic flows. Construction will also commence on two segments of the Solomon Hochoy Highway Extension to Pt. Fortin: Golconda to Debe and Dumfries Road to Paria Suites on the South Trunk Road.

412. Under the IDF the sum of \$157 million has been allocated for a programme of road construction and major road rehabilitation, formerly known as the PURE programme. Some of the major projects targeted are as follows:

- expansion to three (3) lanes on CRH from Macoya to Trincity East & West bound; UBH north bound from Munroe Road to Radio Beacon
- expansion to three (3) lanes off Beetham Highway west bound from Beetham Market to Wrightson Rd, St. Vincent Street
- provision of alternate access routes on the M2 Corinth Connector Road, Off M2 Ring Road, Daisey Road, Off M1 Tasker Road
- reconstruction and repairs to Bridges B1/4 Freeport Mission Road, and B1/4 Manuel Congo

413. The Ministry of Local Government has been allocated \$58.5 million to continue its programme of roads and bridges rehabilitation and stabilisation of landslips in the 14 Regional Corporations. Three (3) bailey bridges will be made available to the Ministry to provide temporary access while permanent structures are built. Rehabilitative works on local roads and bridges will be continued by all regional corporations.

414. The Tobago House of Assembly has been allocated \$47.9 million to continue to carry out major improvements on secondary roads throughout the island, including construction of bridges and retaining walls and drainage. Roads targeted include Claude Noel Highway, Orange Hill Northside and feeder roads.

## **Electricity**

415. The National Streetlighting Programme will continue the installation of 20,000 additional streetlights, the upgrade of 24,000 streetlights from 70 W to 150 W and the installation of 3,000 new poles throughout the country. There will also be the upgrade of 10,000 streetlights to 250W on the nation's main roads and highways. Plans are in place to illuminate 100 taxi stands and transport hubs and discussions will continue with Municipal Corporations and THA to ensure that areas prone to criminal activities are adequately lit. An allocation of \$90 million is provided for this project.

416. The supply of electricity to rural areas under the National Street Lighting Programme will continue in Tobago in fiscal 2008, by providing a more illuminated environment to targeted communities, highways and major roadways including areas identified as prone to criminal activities. The targeted areas for new lights and upgrade of lights to 150 W include Bon Accord, Scarborough, Signal Hill, Mt. Plaisant and Mt. St. George. Main roads and highways to be lit with 250W high pressure sodium lights for more illumination and safer driving at night include Arnos Vale via Moriah to Castara, Parlatuvier into Bloody Bay and Charlotteville to L'anse Fourmi. The Claude Noel Highway from Crown Point to Auschenskeogh will have an upgrade from 150W to the 250W high pressure sodium lights. The Plymouth Recreational Ground at Fort James and Canaan/Bon Accord Recreational Ground at Guy Street, Canaan will be illuminated.

## **Water & Sewerage**

417. The government will continue its drive towards improving the national supply and distribution system to achieve a 24/7 water supply. In fiscal year 2008, the Water Sector Modernization Programme (WSMP), will continue to be the Water and Sewerage Authority's vanguard initiative, in both Trinidad and Tobago. Activities will be geared towards meeting the growing demands of the industrial sector, as well as bringing benefits of improved quality and frequency to all other sectors and residential areas. The sum of \$41.2 million has been allocated for expansion of the distribution system as follows:

- expansion of the distribution system at Richplain, Dades Trace and Tortuga
- purchase and laying of pipelines in the Mayaro and Blanchisseuse areas
- procurement of leakage detection equipment, the replacement of pipelines and the commencement of the installation of Bulk Metering and with the construction of additional wells at Wallerfield, Carlsen Field, St. Clair and Diego Martin
- repairs to equipment at the installations at Caroni Water Treatment Plant, Las Lomas, Penal and Courland to effect improvements in water quality.

418. The Short Term Investment Programme has been allocated \$3.0 million, for the completion of pipe laying activities to improve the water supply in the following underserved areas along the Guaracara Tabaquite Road: Williamsville, from Reform Village to Union Road, Lothians Road from Naparima Mayaro to Hope Road; and St. Johns Road from Avocat Vedic School to Ackbar Trace.

419. The drilling and equipping of new wells is allocated \$4 million for the completion of five new wells at Mayaro (#1 and #7), Fyzabad (#7), Carapal (#2) and Las Lomas (#9), while the Upgrade of Water Distribution Systems Programme, with an allocation of \$23 million, will focus on the following:

- completion of the refurbishment of allum and chlorination systems and the installation of utility pumps, color meters, turbidity meters and flow meters, at the Caroni, North Oropouche, Navet and Hollis Dams
- commencement of the refurbishment of ten water treatment facilities in North Trinidad and five facilities in the South including those at Oropouche, Hollis Dam, Aripo, Guanaco, Penal, Guayaguayare and Navet
- commencement of rehabilitation of the Service Reservoir at Herreira Hill and works geared to improving the Moruga water supply

420. The initial sum of \$44 million has been provided for continuation of work under the replacement of the Navet Trunk Main. It is expected that delivery will be taken of 35 km of mains which were ordered in 2007, and the laying of the pipelines for the Trunk Main will commence in 2008. Orders are expected to be placed for an additional 293 Km of pipelines, consisting of 100 km of replacement mains and 193 km of new mains for the network. Tenders for the design of five new reservoirs are also expected to be awarded in 2008. Communities which will benefit from the project upon completion will include New Grant, Tableland, Moruga, Princes Town, Williamsville, Piparo, Barrackpore, Cocoyea, and St. Charles.

421. The Tobago House of Assembly has been allocated \$5.5 million for the following activities:

- completion of the extension of mains to Dutch Fort
- completion of refurbishment work at the Scarborough Waste Water Treatment Plant
- completion of the refurbishment of Buccoo and Bon Accord Sewerage Treatment Plants

## **Transport**

422. For fiscal year 2008, the sum of \$255.9 million has been allocated for improvements in air, land and sea transport.

423. The Airports Authority of Trinidad and Tobago will utilize the sum of \$25 million for the continuation of construction of administration offices at both Piarco and Crown Point International Airports, acquisition of computerised maintenance management and security systems; and electrification works and development of an airport transit mall at Piarco.

424. The Public Transport Services Corporation will utilized the sum of \$36.3 million on the acquisition of additional buses to improve the frequency of service delivery on all routes, the refurbishment of the Sangre Grande Terminal and the garage at the Port of Spain Maxi Taxi Facility.

425. A sum of \$9.4 million has been allocated to continue the installation of New Jersey type safety barriers on highway medians, replacement of existing informative signs with bilingual informative signs on the major highways, provision of back-up power supply at signalized traffic intersections and installation of overhead gantry directional signs on highways.

426. In the area of sea transport, the sum of \$20 million has been provided for continuation of construction of gear repair facilities at the Maritime and Fisheries Institute of Trinidad and Tobago; upgrading of facilities at the Port of Port of Spain to satisfy the security requirements under the ISPS Code; construction of fast ferry ramps at Port of Spain and Scarborough; refurbishment of beacons at Galeota, La Lune and Las Cuevas; replacement of navigational aid structure at Teteron Rock, Chaguaramas and upgrading of lighthouse lanterns at Fort George, Tobago and Galera Point, Toco.

## **Social and Cultural Infrastructure**

427. In 2008, development of the nation's social and cultural infrastructure will continue through several initiatives.

428. The Community Development Fund (CDF) Programme will be refocused in 2008 as it responds to the changing dynamics impacting upon poverty alleviation. The decentralization of the outreach programme will be a key variation of the original approach in an effort to reach the most remote and needy areas. The utilization of the sum of \$14 million will therefore be guided *inter alia* by the need to establish new priorities



and identify new ways of supporting organizations involved in poverty alleviation by assisting in developing their institutional capacity, supporting their entrepreneurship, skills training and job creation efforts, while fostering the development of meaningful partnerships between public and private sector stakeholders.

429. The programme of refurbishment of existing community facilities and construction of new facilities will continue with an allocation of \$20 million in 2008. Work will include:

- refurbishment of twenty six community centres throughout Trinidad on a phased basis including Centres at Techier Village, La Brea, Siparia, Rio Claro, Tabaquite, Mondesir, Lopinot and Malabar
- refurbishment of existing export centres at Maraval, Laventille and Diego Martin and the construction of new Centres at Mayaro, Chaguanas and Tobago
- refurbishment of four civic centres and regional complexes at Barrackpore, La Horquetta, St. Augustine, and Barataria
- completion of five new community centres, at Morvant Central, Pelican Extension, Maracas, Thick Village and Preysal, marking the start of a comprehensive community facilities construction programme to be managed by National Insurance Property Development Co. Ltd. (NIPDEC), eTecK, the National Commission for Self Help (NCSH), and National Maintenance and Training Services (MTS)

430. The Tobago House of Assembly will be allocated the sum of \$6 million to continue the upgrade and construction of community facilities throughout the sister island. Among the works to be undertaken are the completion of the centre at Glamorgan; upgrade of community centres at Mt. St. George, Lambeau, Whim and Glen Road; and continuation of construction of the Canaan/Bon Accord Centre, the Women's Federation Headquarters Building and the Pembroke Heritage Park.

## **Information & Communication Infrastructure**

431. The Government's vision of developed nation status for Trinidad and Tobago by 2020 recognises that developments in the information and communication sector are critical to its realisation. Towards that end, resources totalling \$53.1 million have been provided for several key projects and programmes.

432. The IDB-grant-assisted project for Modernization of the Telecommunication Sector will continue with an allocation of \$1 million to be used for the promotion of broadband nationwide in order to encourage the private sector to offer this service and to sensitise the public. The project for the liberalisation of the telecommunications sector has been allocated \$7.1 million for IT support systems for the Telecommunications Authority, and the development of a universal service strategy and implementation plan, and an advanced automated spectrum management system.

433. The IDB-financed E-government and Knowledge Brokering Programme has been allocated \$40 million to commence implementation of all three components: implementation of e-projects to be proposed by government agencies, institutional strengthening, and promotion and public awareness. The programme aims at the expansion and more effective development and implementation of e-government solutions, facilitation of knowledge brokering or the transfer of knowledge on international best practices.

434. In fiscal year 2008, the Government will seek to finalise the Postal Sector Policy and subsequent passage of the appropriate legislation to support the continuing development of the sector. Guided by its vision “to be a world leader in the provision of postal and related services, facilitating social and economic linkages between the people of Trinidad and Tobago and the rest of the world”, TTPost in its role as national operator, is mandated to achieve the following objectives:

- delivery of high quality products and services that fully satisfy the demands of its customers
- maintain an annual universal service coverage of 96% access to mail throughout Trinidad and Tobago
- achieve and maintain an on-time delivery of ordinary domestic letter mail at a minimum of 95% for day-plus two delivery
- maintain customer satisfaction levels at a minimum of 85%

435. In keeping with these objectives, efforts will be made to expand the National Mail Centre while continuing the upgrade of systems within all departments including processing, courier/transport, delivery, retail, security, health and safety, communications and information technology.

## **Environment**

436. The Environmental Management Authority will be allocated \$11 million to continue its work on the strategic areas of clean water, clean air, waste management, noise management and healthy ecosystems in fiscal year 2008. The following initiatives will be pursued:

- establishment of air monitoring stations in Point Fortin, La Brea, San Fernando, Port of Spain and Tobago, with the procurement of equipment valued at \$1.750 million and addition, and training of personnel
- launch of a campaign to promote the use of alternative fuels
- development of a comprehensive non-point source pollution programme to support the enforcement of water pollution rules

- launching of public awareness documentaries on clean water and magnifying the importance of clean water by highlighting each citizen's responsibilities
- efforts to minimise E-waste in Trinidad and Tobago in conformity with 1994 Basel Convention, activities including a pilot test survey and design of database
- continuation of remediation of lead contaminated sites in St. James and Guayaguayare
- conduct of a blood lead sampling and analysis on school children and an education campaign emphasizing proper waste management
- production of a report on the sound pressure level over daytime and night-time periods for selected areas in Trinidad and Tobago
- implement a public awareness programme in noise management
- designate the proposed Maracas National Park and the Speyside Marine Protected Area as environmentally sensitive areas and conduct of stakeholder education programmes on vanishing species in Trinidad and Tobago
- enhancement of the efficiency of the CEC application process with clearer guidelines to applicants for the preparation of the ERA
- establishment of a CEC database and drafting of legislation for noise pollution rules and damages assessment policies

437. In fiscal year 2008, the Forestry Regeneration Programme will continue with projects centred on the nurturing of seedlings planted in previous years, preparation for the 2008 plantation, and the provision of support to forest farmers with seminars on forest fires, community tree planting and related activities. The programme also includes:

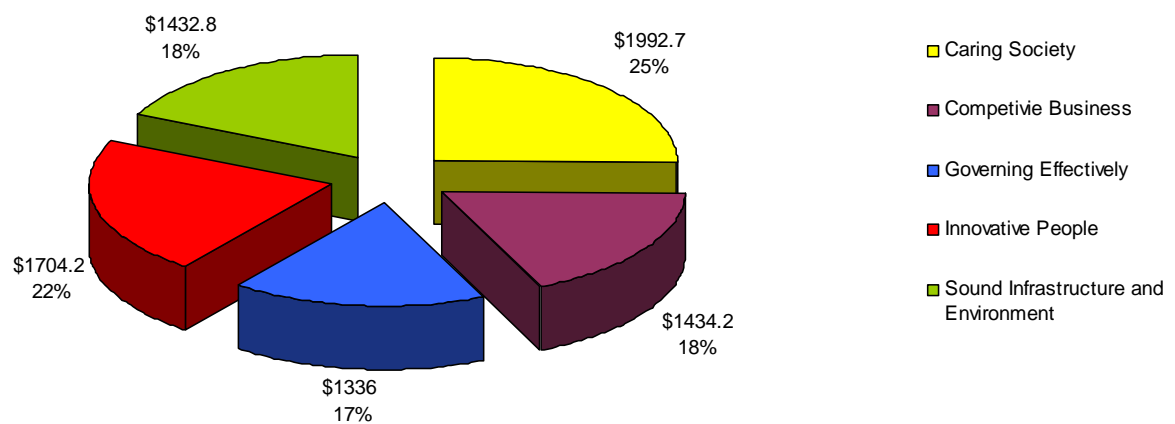
- continuation of strength testing on Sandbox trees at Rio Claro West
- provision of training and workshops for private farmers
- rehabilitation of access roads
- management of eleven national parks located in Matura, Siparia, Aripo, Cleaver Woods, Caroni, Fort George, Fort Picton, Waterwheel Museum, Nariva, Quinam and San Fernando
- rehabilitation of the Caura River Facilities and construction of an administration building at the site
- conduct of surveys of wildlife and habitats and hydrological research on soil and water conservation

438. In the area of waste management, the Solid Waste Management Company Limited has been allocated \$5.7 million to complete the study on monitoring of the impact of leachates at the landfills in Beetham and Guanapo; acquire lands for the establishment of biomedical waste destruction unit for the efficient disposal of contaminated waste; and the purchase of an additional waste collection vehicle for Tobago. Provision is also made for the establishment of a collection/storage/recycling facility to treat with E-waste, mainly computers, an evaluative study of hazardous chemicals use in school laboratories and their disposal.

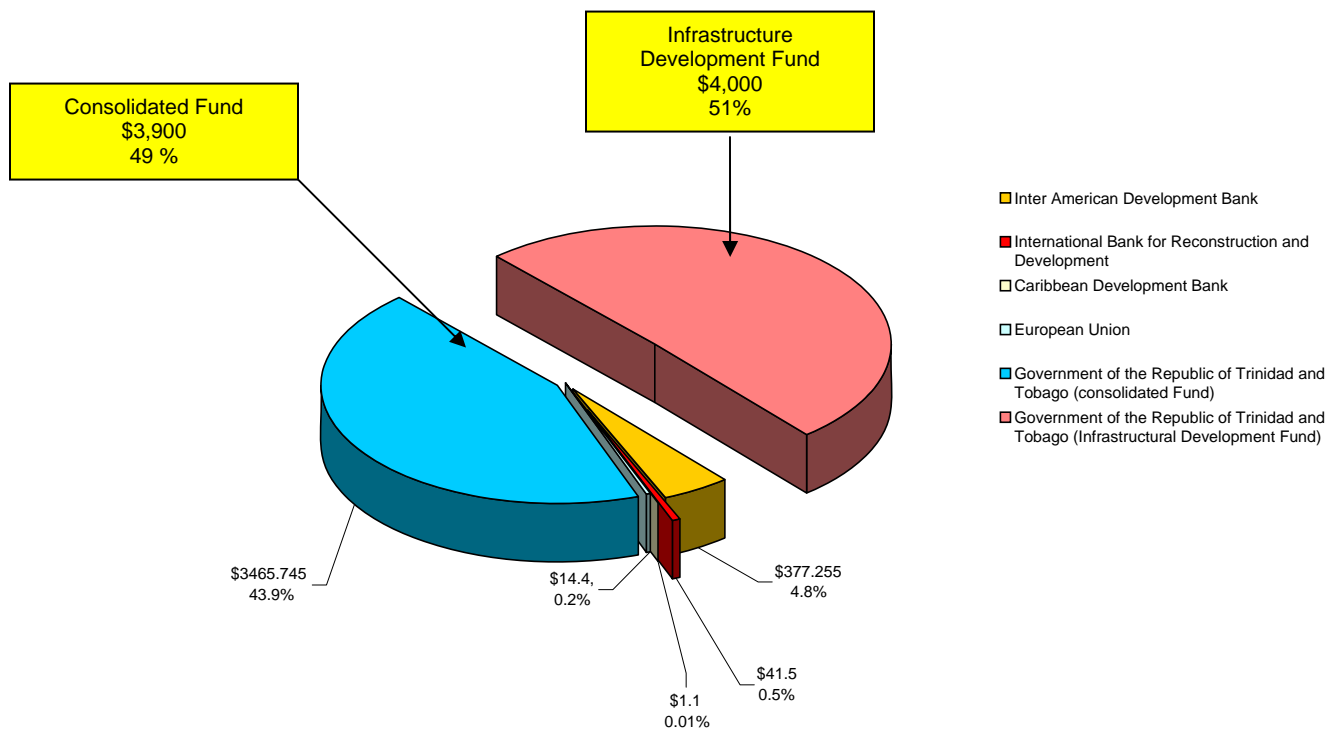
439. In fiscal year 2008, the Town and Country Planning Division will utilize the sum of \$3.4 million to hire additional contract personnel to assist in carrying out functions related to the proposed NPDP. The Division will also hold exhibitions related to the Division's role and plan and undertake public consultations to address policy issues related to planning studies and land use surveys.

440. The new local area plans for Woodbrook and St Helena are scheduled for completion. The continuation of the policy reviews for Lady Chancellor Road and Trincity, in addition to the commencement of the review of the local area plan for Rousillac is also scheduled for this fiscal year. It is expected that several technical working groups will be established to take these projects forward. Training will be provided for support staff of the Division to enable the Division to discharge its functions.

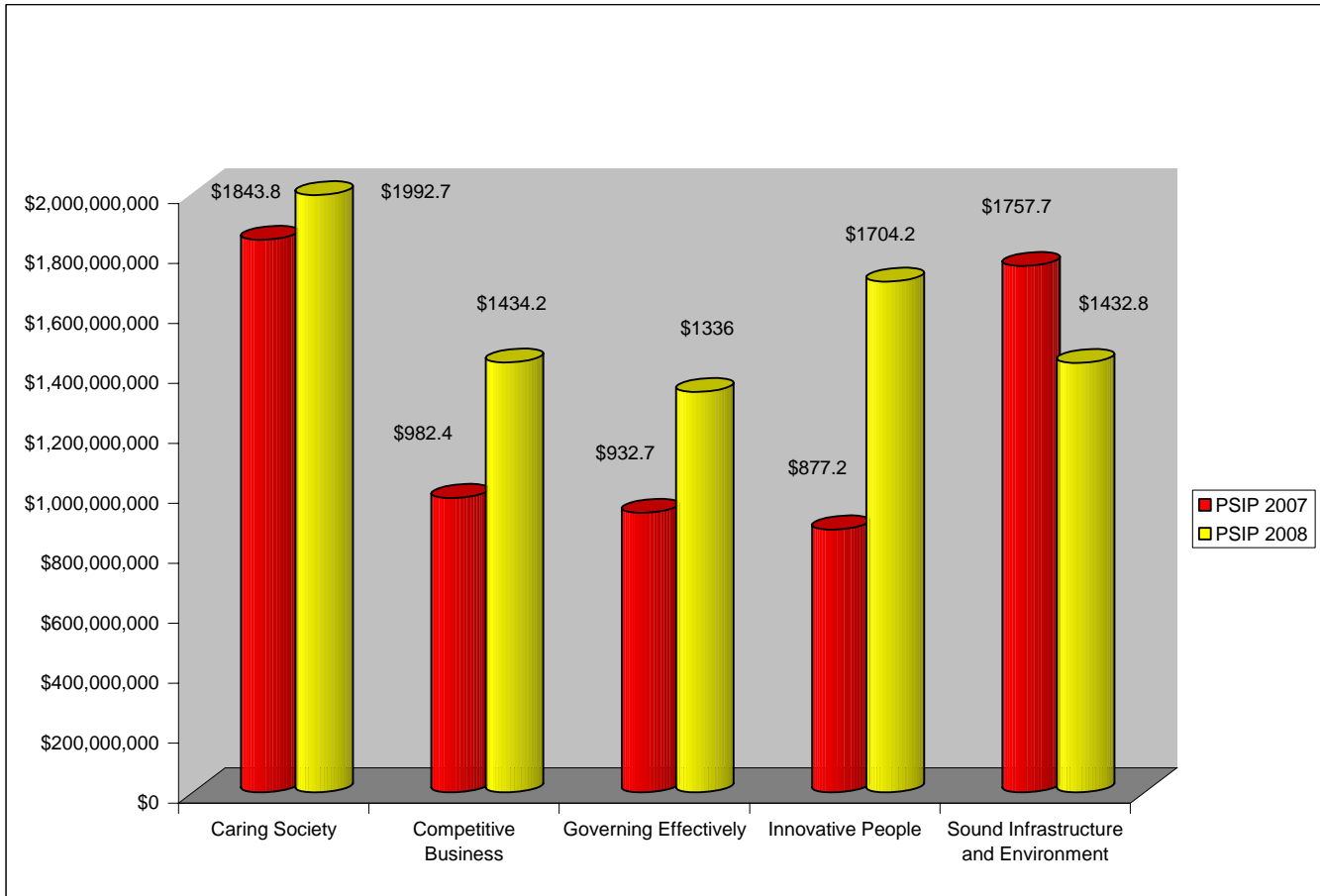
**Chart 1**  
**Public Sector Investment Programme 2008**  
**By Development Pillar**  
**(TT\$ millions)**



**Chart 2**  
**Capital Programme 2008 by Source of Financing**  
**(TT\$ millions)**



**Chart 3**  
**Comparison of Development Pillar Allocations 2007-2008**  
**(TT\$ millions)**



**APPENDIX 1**  
**PUBLIC SECTOR INVESTMENT PROGRAMME (PSIP) 2007**  
**ALLOCATION BY DEVELOPMENT PILLAR**

<b>PILLAR</b>	<b>Budgeted Expenditure Consolidated Fund</b>	<b>Revised Expenditure Consolidated Fund</b>	<b>Budgeted Expenditure IDF</b>	<b>Revised Expenditure IDF</b>
<b>CARING SOCIETY</b>	<b>936.900</b>	<b>877.900</b>	<b>507.000</b>	<b>1489.300</b>
Health	308.100	291.500	95.000	95.000
HIV/AIDS	58.800	60.400	0.000	0.000
Housing	354.100	354.200	320.000	1078.700
Poverty Alleviation & Social Services	40.500	30.700	0.000	0.000
Sustainable Communities	58.000	49.700	5.000	2.600
Youth, Sport & Recreation	117.400	91.400	87.000	313.000
<b>COMPETITIVE BUSINESS</b>	<b>326.400</b>	<b>312.800</b>	<b>656.000</b>	<b>556.500</b>
Agriculture	127.600	118.600	286.000	383.500
Energy	76.000	76.000	0.000	0.000
Financial Services	0.300	0.300	0.000	0.000
Industry & Entrepreneurship	53.600	53.600	360.000	170.000
Labour & Co-operatives	2.700	4.700	0.000	0.000
Macroeconomy & Finance	27.100	22.900	0.000	0.000
Tourism	39.100	36.700	10.000	3.000
<b>GOVERNING EFFECTIVELY</b>	<b>684.600</b>	<b>769.800</b>	<b>348.900</b>	<b>431.300</b>
Administration of Justice	42.800	45.500	0.000	2.000
Governance & Institutional Structures for Development	417.500	491.100	108.900	226.700
Law Administration & Legal Affairs	29.500	27.000	0.000	0.000
National Security & Public Safety	173.400	186.600	80.000	37.000
Regional Development	21.400	19.600	160.000	165.600
<b>INNOVATIVE PEOPLE</b>	<b>694.300</b>	<b>1018.500</b>	<b>423.000</b>	<b>399.200</b>
Culture	38.200	24.400	275.000	251.200
Pre Primary, Primary & Secondary Education	311.700	586.900	148.000	148.000
Science, Technology & Innovation	11.300	10.200	0.000	0.000
Skills Development & Training	87.700	105.700	0.000	0.000
Tertiary Education	245.400	291.300	0.000	0.000
<b>SOUND INFRASTRUCTURE</b>	<b>757.800</b>	<b>947.300</b>	<b>1058.000</b>	<b>967.100</b>
Drainage & Irrigation	48.300	32.400	88.000	24.700
Electricity	90.500	115.000	0.000	0.000
Environment	18.300	17.000	0.000	0.000
Information & Communication	44.800	49.900	0.000	0.000
Institutional Structures for Development	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Roads & Bridges	266.900	391.300	460.000	717.500
Social & Cultural Infrastructure	22.000	15.300	0.000	0.000
Transport	132.300	127.000	450.000	154.900
Water & Sewerage	134.700	199.400	60.000	70.000
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>3400.000</b>	<b>3926.300</b>	<b>2992.900</b>	<b>3843.400</b>



**APPENDIX II**  
**PUBLIC SECTOR INVESTMENT PROGRAMME 2008**

**APPENDIX III**  
**PUBLIC SECTOR INVESTMENT PROGRAMME (PSIP) 2008**  
**ALLOCATION BY DEVELOPMENT PILLAR**

<b>PILLAR</b>	<b>Consolidated Fund (1)</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>Infrastructure Development Fund (2)</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>CARING SOCIETY</b>	<b>984.721</b>	<b>25.2</b>	<b>1008.000</b>	<b>25.2</b>
Health	358.400	9.2	69.000	1.7
HIV/AIDS	73.200	1.9	-	-
Housing	363.280	9.3	700.000	17.5
Institutional Structures for Development	4.811	0.1	-	-
Poverty Alleviation & Social Services	46.500	1.2	30.000	0.8
Sustainable Communities	71.315	1.8	20.000	0.5
Youth, Sport & Recreation	67.215	1.7	189.000	4.7
<b>COMPETITIVE BUSINESS</b>	<b>317.248</b>	<b>8.1</b>	<b>1117.000</b>	<b>27.9</b>
Agriculture	143.457	3.7	407.000	10.2
Construction, Upgrade & Rehabilitation of Buildings	7.500	0.2	-	-
Energy	46.900	1.2	450.000	11.3
Financial Services	0.000	0.0	-	-
Industry & Entrepreneurship	47.006	1.2	255.000	6.4
Institutional Structures for Development	3.100	0.1	-	-
Macroeconomy & Finance	26.530	0.7	-	-
Tourism	42.755	1.1	5.000	0.1
<b>GOVERNING EFFECTIVELY</b>	<b>915.025</b>	<b>23.5</b>	<b>421.000</b>	<b>10.5</b>
Administration of Justice	40.670	1.0	14.000	0.4
Governance & Institutional Structures for Development	574.957	14.7	164.000	4.1
Law Administration & Legal Affairs	3.000	0.1	-	-
National Security & Public Safety	268.028	6.9	55.000	1.4
Regional Development	28.370	0.7	188.000	4.7
<b>INNOVATIVE PEOPLE</b>	<b>824.190</b>	<b>21.1</b>	<b>880.000</b>	<b>22.0</b>
Construction, Upgrade & Rehabilitation of Buildings	31.100	0.8	50.000	1.3
Culture	12.400	0.3	255.000	6.4
Institutional Structures for Development	4.000	0.1	-	-
Pre Primary, Primary & Secondary Education	340.390	8.7	415.000	10.4
Science, Technology & Innovation	7.500	0.2	-	-
Skills Development & Training	61.200	1.6	-	-
Tertiary Education	367.600	9.4	160.000	4.0
<b>SOUND INFRASTRUCTURE</b>	<b>858.816</b>	<b>22.0</b>	<b>574.000</b>	<b>14.4</b>
Construction, Upgrade & Rehabilitation of Buildings	50.350	1.3	-	-
Drainage & Irrigation	84.700	2.2	58.000	1.5
Electricity	115.200	3.0	-	-
Environment	19.526	0.5	-	-
Information & Communication	59.300	1.5	-	-
Institutional Structures for Development	5.500	0.1	-	-
Roads & Bridges	298.350	7.7	342.000	8.6
Transport	125.900	3.2	130.000	3.3
Water & Sewerage	99.990	2.6	44.000	1.1
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>3900.000</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>4000.000</b>	<b>100.0</b>

## TRANCHE I

PUBLIC SECTOR INVESTMENT PROGRAMME - 2008  
CONSOLIDATED FUND

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PROJECTS WITH FUNDING FROM MULTILATERAL AND BILATERAL EXTERNAL SOURCES	ESTIMATED TOTAL COST OF PROJECT TT\$ Mn.	YEAR OF COMMENCE- MENT	FINANCING ARRANGEMENTS	PROJECTED EXPENDITURE 2008 TT\$ Mn.	GOVERNMENT FUNDING REQUIREMENTS 2008 TT\$ Mn.	LOAN/GRANT DRAWDOWNS 2008 TT\$ Mn.	DETAILS OF ACTIVITY 2008
<b>Caring Society</b>							
<u>Health</u> Health Sector Reform Programme	1,253.165	1991	IDB Grant -US\$5.19 Mn; IDB Loan - US\$134.0 Mn; GORTT- US\$59.725 Mn	212.600 205.600	92.300 92.300	120.300 113.300	Upgrading, construction and refurbishment works at hospitals, health facilities and health centres nationwide; institutional strengthening of the Ministry of Health; continuation of training of medical personnel; development of the National Health Information System.
Support for the HIV/AIDS Strategic Plan	162.000	2006	EU Grant- Euro 7.130 Mn	7.000	0.000	7.000	Support to the NACC for the implementation of the National HIV/AIDS Strategic Plan including implementation of initiatives related to Prevention, Treatment, Care and Support and Advocacy.
<u>HIV/AIDS</u> HIV/AIDS Prevention and Control Project	992.250	2003	IBRD: US\$20.0 Mn; GORTT:US\$5.0 Mn	50.000 50.000	8.500 8.500	41.500 41.500	Continuation of initiatives related to Prevention, Treatment, Care and Support Advocacy, Surveillance and Research and the continued operation of the National AIDS Coordinating Committee.
<u>Housing</u> Second Settlements Programme	252.000	2002	IDB Loan -US\$32.0 Mn; GORTT- US\$8.0 Mn	99.404 99.404	16.244 16.244	83.160 83.160	Improvement of existing housing stock; provision of legal title to low-income earners of serviced lots; provision of housing subsidies to low income earners for procurement of new homes and strengthening the institutional capacity of the Ministry of Housing.

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<b><u>Poverty Alleviation &amp; Social Services</u></b>  Poverty Alleviation Programme	42.000	2001	EU Grant - Euro 6.0 Mn	5.600 5.600	0.000 0.000	5.600 5.600	Decentralisation of the social services delivery system through the operationalization of Regional Social and Human Development Councils, implementation of Micro-Project and Micro-Credit fund, establishment of a Network of Information and Resource Centres to support entities in the delivery of social services to the poorest segments of the population.
<b><u>Sustainable Communities</u></b>  Buccoo Integrated Community Development Programme	5.319	2005	CDB Loan - US\$0.506 Mn; GORTT/THA - US\$0.338 Mn	0.300 0.300	0.200 0.200	0.100 0.100	Commencement of feasibility studies for the construction of an integrated facility for goat racing, beach and fishing facilities and recreational jetties at Buccoo.
<b>Competitive Business</b>  <b><u>Macroeconomy &amp; Finance</u></b>  Trade Sector Support Programme	44.730	2003	IDB Loan - US\$5.0 mn GORTT - US\$2.1 MN	6.000 6.000	1.800 1.800	4.200 4.200	Institutional strengthening of the Ministry of Trade and Industry, establishment of an Integrated Information System, provision of specialized technical training, trade assistance programme and continuation of technical studies.
<b>Governing Effectively</b>  <b><u>Governance &amp; Institutional Structures</u></b>  Institutional Strengthening Programme of the THA	5.405	2005	CDB Loan - US\$0.600 Mn; GORTT/THA - US\$0.258 Mn	9.800 1.500	2.465 0.500	7.335 1.000	Commencement of consultancies to improve the project cycle management framework, facilitate the establishment of a Treasury Management Unit to manage financial affairs; and enhance operational and institutional capabilities in the areas of procurement and contract negotiations. The overriding objective is to build capacity within the THA

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Land Adjudication and Registration Programme	44.093	2006	IDB Loan - US\$5.6 Mn GORTT - US\$1.4 Mn. (To be arranged)	1.500	1.000	0.500	Establishment of the Project Implementation and Monitoring Unit to facilitate the Land Adjudication and Registration Programme
Institutional Strengthening of the Ministry of Planning and Development - Technical Co-operation Facility	3.808	1996	EU Grant - Euro 0.544 Mn	1.800	0.000	1.800	Provision of technical assistance for short and medium term studies, conferences, seminars and staff training to support the formulation and implementation of the EDF funded projects
Public Sector Reform Initiation Programme	39.060	2003	IDB - US\$5 Mn. GORTT- US\$1.2 Mn.	5.000	0.965	4.035	Continuation of technical assistance geared towards assisting in the identification of Public Sector transformation issues and national strategic dialogue, preparation of a transformation plan; and development of basic management instruments and capacity to steer the reform process.
<b><u>National Security &amp; Public Safety</u></b>  Citizen Security Programme	126.000	2005	IDB - US\$ 14.0 Mn; GORTT - \$US\$6.0 Mn PPF - US\$0.75Mn	<b>4.000</b> 4.000	<b>1.500</b> 1.500	<b>2.500</b> 2.500	Institutional strengthening of the Ministry of National Security and co- ordination and implementation of community-based proactive and restorative strategies.
<b>Innovative People</b>  <b><u>Pre Primary, Primary &amp; Secondary Ed</u></b>  Secondary Education Modernisation Programme	945.000	1998	IDB Loan - US\$105.0 Mn; GORTT - US\$45.0 Mn	<b>66.200</b> 66.200	<b>5.000</b> 5.000	<b>61.200</b> 61.200	Continuation of projects/programmes in the areas of curriculum development, teaching and learning strategies including the Textbook Rental Programme, testing and assessment, professional development and institutional strengthening.

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PROJECTS WITH FUNDING FROM MULTILATERAL AND BILATERAL EXTERNAL SOURCES	ESTIMATED TOTAL COST OF PROJECT TT\$ Mn.	YEAR OF COMMENCE- MENT	FINANCING ARRANGEMENTS	PROJECTED EXPENDITURE 2008 TT\$ Mn.	GOVERNMENT FUNDING REQUIREMENTS 2008 TT\$ Mn.	LOAN/GRANT DRAWDOWNS 2008 TT\$ Mn.	DETAILS OF ACTIVITY 2008
<b>Sound Infrastructure &amp; Environment</b> <u>Information &amp; Communication Infrastr</u> Information and Communications Technology Support Programme	492.000	2003	PPF Loan - US\$1.5 mn; GORTT - US\$2.2 mn; IDB Loan - US\$28 mn; GORTT - US\$7 mn	41.000 40.000	23.280 22.800	17.720 17.200	Implementation of projects that use information and communication technologies to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of government services; technical assistance to line ministries to build human capacities and management skills in order to improve performance and service delivery and to facilitate their use of ICT.
Modernisation of Telecommunications Project	19.795	2001	IDB Grant - US\$0.99 Mn; GORTT - US\$2.152 Mn	1.000	0.480	0.520	Completion of Regulations to give effect to the Telecommunications Act; continuation of the training for the Telecommunications Services Policy Division; and continuation of payments to the Senior Technical Adviser.
<u>Roads &amp; Bridges</u> National Highway Programme	1,935.549	1996	IDB Loan - US\$120.0 Mn; JSFGrant - US\$0.68 Mn; IDB Grant - US\$0.15 Mn; GORTT - US\$ 186.4 Mn	194.000	103.360 103.360	90.640 90.640	Continuation of roads and bridges rehabilitation; continuation of stabilization of failed slopes in north-east Trinidad, dualing and upgrading of the Churchill Roosevelt Highway from O'Meara Road to Demerara Road, completion of feasibility studies and designs for new trunk roads
<b>Sub-Total for Tranche</b>				<b>688.904</b>	<b>254.649</b>	<b>434.255</b>	

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<b>Caring Society</b>						
<b><u>Housing</u></b>				<b>195.476</b>	<b>195.476</b>	
Wastewater Facilities on Housing Estates (HDC)	7.000	Annual	General Revenue	7.000	7.000	Refurbishment of sewerage treatment plants at Edinburgh 500 and Couva North.
Accelerated High Density Housing Programme	131.000	2002	General Revenue	50.000	50.000	Construction of decanting centres at Mallick, Morvant, Clifton Hill and Observatory Street
HDC Settlement Programme	56.700	1987	General Revenue	56.700	56.700	Continuation of the housing grants programme for low income earners; ongoing construction works; acquisition of additional state lands; and continuation of Shelter Construction Financing and Emergency Relief Programmes.
Sugar Industry Labour Welfare Committee, Housing Development Programme	6.336	Annual	General Revenue	6.336	6.336	Completion of infrastructure works including roads, drainage, water, sewerage and electricity at the Orange Field, Tarouba Central and Cedar Hill Housing Developments and the Golconda and La Fortune Housing Settlement.

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Community Facilities on Housing Estates	100.000	Annual	General Revenue	75.440	75.440	Continuation of construction of boundary fence around the Savannah Villas Complex; replacement of meter banks; completion of the Maloney, Pleasantville and La Horquetta Multi Purpose Complexes and commencement of construction on Complexes at Bon Air, Edinburgh 500 and Couva; and general infrastructural works at various housing estates.
<b><u>Sustainable Communities</u></b>				<b>14.000</b>	<b>14.000</b>	
Community Development Fund Programme	14.000	Annual	General Revenue	14.000	14.000	Continued implementation of the Community Enhancement and Regeneration Programme; assistance to the Basket of Funding initiative; and implementation of infrastructure projects for poverty alleviation.
<b><u>Competitive Business</u></b>						
<b><u>Agriculture</u></b>				<b>29.450</b>	<b>29.450</b>	
Fisheries Development Programme, Tobago	4.700	Annual	General Revenue	4.700	4.700	Upgrading of beach and landing facilities in Tobago along with fishing centres at Delaford, Pigeon Point and Belle Garden according to HACCP standards including improvements to reefs at Buccoo and Speyside and the establishment of the Buccoo Reef Management and Ecological Monitoring Unit.
Upgrade of Fishing Facilities, Trinidad	9.750	Annual	General Revenue	9.750	9.750	The upgrade of infrastructure at Blanchisseuse, Moruga, Morne Diablo, Cedros, Erin, San Fernando and Port of Spain.



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Water Management and Flood Control Programme	15.000	Annual	General Revenue	15.000	15.000	Construction of new farm ponds at Moruga Food Crop Project Phase 3 and the provision of Water Management Infrastructure for the Ministry of Agriculture, Land and Marine Resources statelands projects.
<b><u>Macroeconomy &amp; Finance</u></b> Investment Sector Reform Programme	3.500	Annual	General Revenue	<b>5.630</b> 3.500	<b>5.630</b> 3.500	Outfitting of the Securities Exchange Building to accommodate additional staff, Workstations, Storage cabinets, Partitions, office furniture , IT infrastructure and installation of a Records Management System
Household and Population Census	24.600	1999	General Revenue	2.130	2.130	continuation of the revision of the Domestic Production and Producer Prices Indices, Conduct of an Occupational Wage Survey, Implementation of Selected Pre Census Activities Restratisation of the Sampling Frame, Enumeration Strategy for Special Listing and Redrawing/Delineation and Revision of the Food Crop Survey by the Central Statistical Office.
<b><u>Governing Effectively</u></b>  <b><u>Administration of Justice</u></b> Establishment of a Family Court	  235.266	  2003	  General Revenue	  <b>18.000</b> 18.000	  <b>18.000</b> 18.000	  Continuation of the Family Court Programme.

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<b><u>Governance &amp; Institutional Structures</u></b>				<b>15.650</b>	<b>15.650</b>	
Review of the Classification and Compensation System in the Civil Service and Statutory Authorities	4.000	2000	General Revenue	4.000	4.000	Completion of the Diagnostic Study that will eventually inform the development of the Classification and Compensation System.
National Surveys	7.000	Annual	General Revenue	7.000	7.000	Conduct and analysis of the Household Budgetary Survey
Implementation of a New Payroll System for the Public Service	26.000	2001	General Revenue	1.500	1.500	Roll out of a new Payroll Application to Ministries and Departments.
Aerial Survey and Mapping	0.700	1994	General Revenue	0.050	0.050	Acquisition of aerial photography and digital data for Town and Country Planning; and production of medium-scale mapping from large scale digital data for Land and Surveys Division.
Implementation of the National Strategic Development Plan - Vision 2020	4.000	2004	General Revenue	3.100	3.100	Continued monitoring of the implementation of the Operational Plan and continuation of the Project Management office within the Ministry of Planning and Development.

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<b><u>National Security &amp; Public Safety</u></b>				<b>95.600</b>	<b>95.600</b>	
Construction of Facilities for T&T Regiment	4.000	Annual	General Revenue	4.000	4.000	Purchase of vehicles and equipment for Regiment.
Improvement to Defence Force Facilities	14.200	Annual	General Revenue	14.200	14.200	Continuation of upgrading of Facilities at Camp Omega; commencement of improvement works for Defence Force at Granwood ; upgrade of drainage at Teteron and purchase of vehicles , equipment for Engineering Corps and refurbishment works to Regiment Headquarters.
Equipping of Coast Guard	63.400	Annual	General Revenue	63.400	63.400	Procurement of three interceptor vessels refurbishment of CG6 Vessel , purchase of vehicles and equipment , Purchase of a Marine Travel Lift ;procurement of furniture and furnishings, and refurbishment of the C26 Aircraft.
Construction of Police Stations	14.000	Annual	General Revenue	14.000	14.000	Development of the Telecommunication Network Unit , Establishment of a Transit Police Unit
<b><u>Regional Development</u></b>				<b>0.400</b>	<b>0.400</b>	
Urban Redevelopment Programme	1.000	1996	General Revenue	0.400	0.400	The development and implementation of the Local Area and Regional Development Plans, development of a Municipal Social and Physical Infrastructure Database with Geographic Information System capacity, development of policy on local infrastructure provision, management, operations and access by users.

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<b>Innovative People</b>  <u>Tertiary Education</u>  Scholarship and Advanced Training Programme	92.200	Annual	General Revenue	92.200 92.200	92.200 92.200	Continuation of the President's Medal and national scholarship awards based on Advanced Level Examinations, and continuation of the Annual Scholarship and Technical Assistance Programme to continue the development of the human resource potential of the country.
<b>Sound Infrastructure &amp; Environment</b>  <u>Drainage &amp; Irrigation</u>  Major Drainage Works, Trinidad	1.000	2006	General Revenue	0.500 0.500	0.500 0.500	Conduct of studies, including an environmental impact assessment, on the Mayaro Coastline between Point Radix and Galeota Point.
<u>Information &amp; Communication Infrastr</u>  Postal Sector Reform Project	93.555	1998	General Revenue	6.000 6.000	6.000 6.000	Conduct of Equipment and System Upgrades in the areas of Processing, Courier Services, Retail Network, Communication and Information Technology.
<u>Transport</u>  Upgrading & Modernization of Navigational Aids	5.800	1995	General Revenue	15.300 0.500	15.300 0.500	Continued refurbishment of three (3) major beacons at Galeota Point, Galeota; La Lune Point, Moruga; Chupara Point, Las Cuevas; replacement of navigational aid structure at Teteron Rock, Chaguaramas; upgrading of lighthouse lanterns at Fort George, Tobago and Galeota Point, Toco

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Construction of Jetties, Tobago	5.200	1994	General Revenue	5.200	5.200	Continuation of refurbishment of landing jetties at Scarborough; Kings's Bay, Delaford; Studley Park and Charlotteville.
Development of Marine Industry Infrastructure	218.000	1999	General Revenue	9.600	9.600	Continuation of construction of a gear repair facility at the Maritime and Fisheries Institute of Trinidad and Tobago; continued implementation of International Ship and Port Facility Security code and upgrade of Government Shipping Facilities at the Port of Port of Spain
<b>Sub-Total for Tranche</b>				<b>488.206</b>	<b>488.206</b>	

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<b>Caring Society</b>						
<u>Health</u> Medical Facilities Upgrading Programme, Tobago	10.100	Annual	General Revenue	145.800 10.100	145.800 10.100	Procurement and installation of medical equipment at the Hospital and establishment of an integrated data network to link health facilities.
Public Health Facilities, Tobago	9.300	Annual	General Revenue	9.300	9.300	Upgrading of Waste Facility at Studley Park and improvement works at other priority projects.
Infrastructure Improvements at Regional Health Authorities	50.000	Annual	General Revenue	50.000	50.000	Refurbishment and purchase of equipment for major hospitals in all four Regional Health Authorities.
Establishment of National Oncology Programme/Centre	143.090	2002	General Revenue	35.000	35.000	Continuation of the construction of the National Oncology Centre and continuation of institutional strengthening initiatives.

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Community Medicine Programme	31.222	2006	General Revenue	1.000	1.000	Purchase of 10 additional Mobile Units for the Community Medicine Programme.
Special Programmes for Chronic Diseases	59.000	2001	General Revenue	40.400	40.400	Continuation of comprehensive treatment programmes for Renal Dialysis, Adult Cardiac Disease, and other Chronic Diseases and the provision of Tissue Transplants and reduction of waiting list for surgeries.
<b>HIV/AIDS</b> Implementation of HIV/AIDS Programmes	500.000	2003	General Revenue	<b>23.200</b> 23.200	<b>23.200</b> 23.200	Upgrade of laboratory facilities throughout the country and the purchase of Anti-Retro Viral (ARV) Drugs for use in the treatment of HIV/AIDS patients.
<b>Housing</b> Construction of Public Buildings, Trinidad	9.000	Annual	General Revenue	<b>68.400</b> 9.000	<b>68.400</b> 9.000	Construction of Judges and Magistrates' Housing in Tobago; construction of Head Office, Ministry of Housing and HDC; Construction of Works South Regional Head Office, San Fernando and Furniture Branch, Laventille.
Housing and Settlements Expansion Programme, Tobago	59.400	Annual	General Revenue	59.400	59.400	Survey and design works at the Charlotteville, Courland, Belle Garden Phase II, Adelphi and Speyside Estates; consultancy services at Mt. Irvine Housing Development; and disbursement of Home Improvement Grant and Subsidy.

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<b><u>Institutional Structures for Developm</u></b>				<b>4.811</b>	<b>4.811</b>	
Institutional Strengthening of Ministries and Departments	4.811	2006	General Revenue	4.811	4.811	Institutional Strengthening of the Ministries of Works and Transport ,Sports and Youth Affairs, Labour and Small and Micro Enterprises Development, the Attorney General and Planning and Development
<b><u>Poverty Alleviation &amp; Social Services</u></b>				<b>40.900</b>	<b>40.900</b>	
Establishment of Facilities for the Socially Displaced	32.100	Annual	General Revenue	32.100	32.100	Upgrade works for the Remand Homes for Female and Male Offenders, St. Michael's School for Boys, St. Dominic's Home and Josephine Shaw House for Women and construction of a Halfway House for Ex-prisoners and Social Displacement Centres at Aripo, Port of Spain and Piparo.
Social Services Programme, Tobago	5.500	Annual	General Revenue	5.500	5.500	Continuation of community-based home care services for the elderly and training of adolescents in geriatric care under the Golden Apple/Adolescents Partnership programme; provision of training and assistance in acquiring education and technical skills for Adolescent Mothers; provision of training and assistance for clients of the Social Services Department to enable them to become economically independent under the Project for the Realization of Economic Achievement (REACH); establishment of four Senior Citizens Centres in the advancement of the Tobago Elderly Housing and Rehabilitation Centre project and provision of assistance under the Social services and Prison Integrated
Social Services Programmes, Trinidad	57.550	2006	General Revenue	3.300	3.300	Continuation of the Community Outreach and Scholarship Programmes, Establishment of a Children's Authority.



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<b><u>Sustainable Communities</u></b>				<b>57.015</b>	<b>57.015</b>	
Public Health Facilities, Trinidad	12.300	Annual	General Revenue	12.300	12.300	Procurement of heavy equipment and vehicles by local government authorities for waste collection and disposal.
Construction and Upgrade of Community Facilities	2.000	Annual	General Revenue	2.000	2.000	Relocation of the Community Education Training, Information and Resource Centre
Construction and Upgrading of Community Facilities, Tobago	5.400	Annual	General Revenue	5.400	5.400	Continuation of improvement works on community centres including Scarborough, Belle Garden, and Speyside; and construction works on community centres including Hope, Glamorgan, Jubilee Park, and Parlatuvier.
Consultancy Services	0.200	2005	General Revenue	0.200	0.200	Commencement of procurement of a feasibility study for the Penal Debe Region
Improvement to Community Facilities, Trinidad	6.395	2005	General Revenue	6.395	6.395	Improvement of Export Centres and Civic Centres and Complexes in communities throughout the country.

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Development of Recreational Facilities	25.520	Annual	General Revenue	25.520	25.520	Continuation of improvement works on recreational facilities throughout Trinidad by Local Government Authorities; commencement of development of a Policy and Programme of Action; and upgrade works to the Botanic Gardens, Cocoyea Recreational Facility and Queen's Park Savannah.
Cultural Programmes and Facilities, Tobago	2.350	2002	General Revenue	1.600	1.600	Completion of refurbishment works to the Orange Hill Community Workshop and Art Gallery; completion of designs and site preparation for the construction of the Performing Arts Centre and a School for the Performing Arts and continuation of construction of Tobago Heritage Village.
Community Development Programme	200.000	Annual	General Revenue	1.200	1.200	Establishment of Multipurpose Telecentres in municipal regions of Siparia, Chaguanas, San Juan, Rio Claro/Mayaro and Sangre Grande; and continuation of the Micro Enterprise Loan lending programmes.
Public Baths	2.400	2005	General Revenue	2.400	2.400	Continuation of development of a National Policy and Programme of Action with regard to Public Conveniences by Local Government authorities.
<b><u>Youth, Sport &amp; Recreation</u></b>				<b>67.215</b>	<b>67.215</b>	
Construction/Upgrade of Sport and Youth Facilities, Tobago	21.845	Annual	General Revenue	21.845	21.845	Continuation of construction works at Shaw Park Regional Recreation Ground and Cultural Complex, preparation of design works and the commencement of pre-construction activities at Bacolet Aquatic Complex and the Bacolet Cricket Complex, construction of Community Swimming Pools at Tablepiece and Bacolet, continuation of construction of a Regional Indoor Centre and upgrade works to hard courts and recreation grounds island wide as well as continuation of upgrade works to the Youth Empowerment Centre at Castara and site clearance and the conduct of a topographical survey for the construction of a Youth Empowerment Centre at Betsy's Hope; re-engineering and expansion of the

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Construction/Upgrade of Sport and Youth Facilities, Trinidad	22.770	Annual	General Revenue	22.770	22.770	Refurbishment of Youth Development and Apprenticeship Centres and Youth Training Facilities; and upgrade works to the Jean Pierre Complex and Hasely Crawford Stadium, Hard Surface Court Programme, Indoor Sporting Facilities and Multi-purpose Stadia.
Youth Programme, Trinidad	100.000	2003	General Revenue	22.600	22.600	Conduct of Youth Needs Assessments in 4 communities under the Save the Youth in Marginalized Communities project and Youth Health Caravans and under the Youth Health Programme; operational costs of the Project Implementation Unit and implementation of 5 programmes, financial assistance to NGO's, Establishment of a Youth Council and commencement of the Youth RISE project.
<b>Competitive Business</b>						
<u><b>Agriculture</b></u>  Agricultural Youth Apprenticeship Programme	3.000	2003	General Revenue	114.007 3.000	114.007 3.000	Training of 17 - 25 year-old trainees in agri-business.
Agriculture Fisheries and Forestry Development Programme, Tobago	35.484	Annual	General Revenue	24.484	24.484	Continuation of activities including the establishment of an agricultural land information system; sub-division of estates; improvement of Roxborough Market; establishment of processing facilities and an animal quarantine station; development of training centre at Goldsborough; research on local herb teas & culinary products; development of Government Stock Farm, Crops & Livestock Research Unit & Aboriculture Unit; Tobago Heritage Land "Trust", Forest Fire Protection, construction of a Marine Research Centre in Tobago; and a jetty at Roxborough.

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Fisheries Development Programme, Trinidad	3.000	Annual	General Revenue	3.000	3.000	Continuation of the Trinidad and Tobago Marine Fisheries Research Project, Community-based Aquaculture programmes; and research on the inshore/coastal fisheries and the reconstruction of the Slipway at the Caribbean Fisheries, Training and Development Industries..
Agricultural Land Development, Trinidad	6.500	Annual	General Revenue	6.500	6.500	Continuation of survey and subdivision of state lands for distribution; establishment of agricultural settlements; continuation of a national agricultural land information system and inventory of state lands and continuation of development of sustainable management of agricultural water-on farm irrigation.
Land Administration Programme	4.000	1999	General Revenue	4.000	4.000	Continuation of the preservation, restoration and storage activities for cadastral land records and development of electronic protection devices for map products of the Lands and Surveys Division.
Forestry Development Programme	19.223	Annual	General Revenue	19.223	19.223	Continuation of forestry regeneration in all conservancies; reafforestation of the Northern Range; production of pine seedlings & teak nursery; continuation of community-based Forestry & Agro-forestry Programme and community empowerment; wetlands management project; national parks and watershed management; improvement of forest fire protection capability; rehabilitation of access roads; and development of Caura River Facilities.
Agriculture, Fishing and Forestry Development Programme, Trinidad	123.000	2006	General Revenues	40.000	40.000	The upgrade of approximately 88.44km of agriculture access roads in Trinidad, aimed at boosting agricultural production.

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Research and Development Programme	12.800	Annual	General Revenue	12.800	12.800	Continuation of programme of livestock improvement; continuation of research at Sugarcane Feeds Centre, enhancement of artificial breeding service capabilities; management and control of infectious diseases; farmers registration update programme; facilities upgrade including the Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory and integrated pest management strategies and expansion of the Sanitary, Phytosanitary and Food Safety Capabilities of Trinidad & Tobago and strategies for the management of Avian Influenza and re-stratification of the sampling frame and revision of the Food Crop Survey
Cocoa Rehabilitation Programme (Phase I)	1.000	2003	General Revenue	1.000	1.000	Completion of construction of Cocoa Processing Unit, refurbishment of propagation facilities, construction of irrigation ponds, excavation of drainage channels and the paving of access road at La Reunion Estate.
<b><u>Construction, Upgrade &amp; Rehabilitatio</u></b>				<b>7.500</b>	<b>7.500</b>	
Rehabilitation of Public Buildings, Trinidad and Tobago	7.500	Annual	General Revenue	7.500	7.500	Continuation to the upgrade of East Side Plaza on top floors including construction of a rear façade; renovation to New City Mall including roof works; refurbishment to the Business Development Company Offices including structural works and construction of a car park at TTBS.
<b><u>Energy</u></b>				<b>46.900</b>	<b>46.900</b>	
NPMC Infrastructure Upgrade Programme	46.900	2006	General Revenue	46.900	46.900	Upgrading of Service Stations; construction of new service stations; remediation and tank replacement; storage of white oils and W and H Lease Buy-out

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<b><u>Industry &amp; Entrepreneurship</u></b>				<b>47.006</b>	<b>47.006</b>	
Non-Petroleum Sector Development	18.621	2005	General Revenue	2.000	2.000	Updating of legislation, creating and updating institutional structure, development of business plans and building awareness for the new industry sectors.
Development of Standards	0.306	1999	General Revenue	0.306	0.306	Continuation of testing and rating of selected consumer products and services for dissemination to stakeholders. Items include electrical bulbs, Architectural Paint and Corned Beef
CARICOM Trade Support Programme	33.000	2004	General Revenue	7.000	7.000	Provision of Technical Assistance loan funding to be disbursed to qualified large, medium and small firms of Caricom Member States.
Accreditation of Laboratories	0.100	2003	General Revenue	0.100	0.100	Training of Accreditation Body and National Experts; assessment of laboratories; training workshops; engaging of consultants and participating in seminars.
Training for Industrial Development	6.000	Annual	General Revenue	4.000	4.000	Continuation of the programme of industrial training at Metal Industries Company (MIC).

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Development of Industry	105.200	2006	General Revenue	14.000	14.000	Support to the T & T Film Co. for the hosting of film festivals; training workshops; film scholarships and production assistance. Sourcing and analysis of potential new businesses.
Development of Small Business Sector, Tobago	10.000	2002	General Revenue	8.600	8.600	Continuation with CARIRI to promote and render assistance to the private small and medium enterprises engaged in industrial and other business activity in Agriculture, Pre-school, Fishing, Computer Services, Restaurants, Furniture Manufacturing, Transportation Services, and Retail (mini marts); provide assistance for the development of entrepreneurs in Tobago.
Bilingualism Development Programme	1.500	2004	General Revenue	1.500	1.500	Continuation of provision of street signage in 2 languages; and promotional activities via the media and the hosting of competitions; initiate creation of Spanish village/immersion environment; grant and scholarships to primary, secondary and tertiary level students. Conducting of Spanish Classes at various levels in all Ministries and Departments.
Refurbishment of CARIRI	12.000	Annual	General Revenue	8.000	8.000	Continuation of improvement of existing infrastructure and purchase of equipment for laboratories in the following areas: Environment, Chemistry, Petroleum, Industrial Material, Calibration, Bio-Technology Unit, and Computer System Upgrade.
Upgrading and Equipping of TTBS Laboratories	2.200	Annual	General Revenue	1.500	1.500	Training activities and procurement of equipment and materials for the TTBS; modernisation of the Printing Department of the TTBS.

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<b><u>Institutional Structures for Developm</u></b>  Institutional Strengthening of Ministries and Departments	3.100	2006	GORTT	3.100 3.100	3.100 3.100	To strengthen the following Ministries in effectively performing their functions, the following projects are to be undertaken: Skills Development Programme, Institutional Strengthening of the Conciliation under the Ministry of Labour and Expansion of Sanitary, Phytosanitary (SPS) and Food Safety Capabilities of T & T Division under the Ministry of Agriculture.
<b><u>Macroeconomy &amp; Finance</u></b>  Investment Promotion Programme	4.000	Annual	General Revenue	14.900 4.000	14.900 4.000	Continued development of a Country Investment Marketing Plan; development of promotional materials; advertising in international publications, Participation in international marketing missions, shows and conferences, hosting investment missions; Website development and market intelligence gathering.
Support to Industrial Development Initiatives	8.000	Annual	General Revenue	8.000	8.000	Provision of training; conducting of seminars; participation in international trade fairs; production of cultural show and conducting of sector studies for the entertainment industry, creation of website. Funding of training in quality control and assurance; conducting of studies; developing market intelligence capability for the Food and Beverage Industry. Engaging of consultancies for the Fish and Fish Processing Industry. Hosting training programmes and workshops on food safety and building capacity among industry stakeholders. Facility to stimulate and support investment in new and advanced technology.
Trade Promotion Programme	0.700	Annual	General Revenue	0.700	0.700	Continuation of international market development through participation in trade missions, trade and investment events and conferences, publishing of Trade Promotional Materials; creation of a Country Market Guide, Establishment of a Trade Information Centre and Website.
Development of Small Businesses Programme	2.200	2003	General Revenue	2.200	2.200	Continuation of trade assistance projects for development of small businesses. This includes facilitating access to funding; providing training on a cost sharing basis to meet the needs of the industry and initiating benchmarking programme to assist local industries to become internationally competitive. Sectors include : .Food and Beverage ,Printing and Packaging, Construction Leisure marine, Merchant Marine, Information and Communication Technology (ICT), Music and Entertainment, Services . Implementation of a fairshare programme to assist small entrepreneurs.



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<b>Tourism</b>				<b>42.755</b>	<b>42.755</b>	
Chaguaramas Area Development	12.855	Annual	General Revenue	12.855	12.855	Upgrading of vehicle and equipment; rehabilitation of the Peninsula's forest reserves; improvement works to Chagville and Macqueripe Beach facilities; upgrade of Welcome and Williams Bays, improvement of Chaguaramas Golf Course; improvement of nature trails/signage/parks; and renovations to the CDA Administration Building and the Chaguaramas Hotel and Convention Centre.
Tourism Development Programme	13.550	Annual	General Revenue	13.550	13.550	Continuation of tourism development support programmes by TDC, strategic planning for the tourism sector, institutional strengthening; development of facilities, sites and attractions at popular tourist destinations; and implementation of community tourism and public awareness programmes; support for HIV/AIDS and Communications Backbone (fast forward); Local Government Tourism Programme; and Turtle Village Awareness Programme
Tourism Action Programme	3.300	Annual	General Revenue	3.300	3.300	Improvement works at Manzanilla, Las Cuevas and Vessigny Beach Facilities; provision of signage at various sites and attractions; and preparatory works for the establishment of an Interpretive Centre at La Brea.
Improvement in Basic Tourism Infrastructure, Tobago	13.050	Annual	General Revenue	13.050	13.050	Continuation of community awareness programmes, rehabilitation of Tobago campus of TTHTI; continuation of the upgrading of Fort King George, Heritage Park, Storebay, and Mount Irvine Beach Facilities; continuation of assistance to traumatized visitors; restoration of historical sites; preparation of a tourism regulatory and legal framework; designs for the construction of a Diving Equipment Room at Buccoo; and construction of dining room and excavation of car park at King's Bay Beach Facility

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<b>Governing Effectively</b>						
<u>Administration of Justice</u> Construction of Court Facilities	6.000	1995	General Revenue	22.670 6.000	22.670 6.000	Commencement of construction of Magistrates' courts in Arima and Sangre Grande and the provision of accommodation for the Special Criminal Court and the Anti -Corruption Bureau.
Improvement/Refurbishment to Court Facilities	16.670	Annual	General Revenues	16.670	16.670	Work to continue on the rehabilitation of both Halls Of Justice, continue implementation of security systems, refurbishment of Magistrates' Courts, provide accommodation for the existing Arima Magistrates' Court and commence expansion of the Rio Claro Magistrates' Court and Law Museum.
<u>Governance &amp; Institutional Structures</u> Institutional Strengthening of the Ministry of National Security	21.850	Annual	General Revenue	549.507 21.850	549.507 21.850	Continuation of projects that support institutional strengthening of the Ministry of National Security and Acquisition of Close Circuit Television System.
Establishment of a Population Statistical Database	8.000	1997	General Revenue	8.000	8.000	Establishment of an electronic register of the entire population.

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Upgrading of Overseas Missions	43.285	2001	General Revenue	15.500	15.500	Reconstruction of the residence of the High Commissioner in Jamaica; Refurbishment of residence of First Secretary in Jamaica and other GORTT-properties in New York, Washington and Caracas.
Construction of Public Buildings, Tobago	47.132	Annual	General Revenue	47.132	47.132	Commencement of construction of Scarborough Financial Complex and vendors mall, Education Head Office; preparation of designs for Licensing Main Office, Settlements Head Office, Works Main Office and the District Office at Moriah, restoration of Old Administrative Building, construction of Prime Minister's Residence, Tobago Emergency Operation Centre and Botanic Station Administrative Block.
Acquisition of Sites for the Construction of Public Facilities	40.000	Annual	General Revenue	40.000	40.000	Acquisition of Sites to facilitate the construction of Public Facilities.
Rehabilitation of Public Buildings, Trinidad	51.054	Annual	General Revenue	51.054	51.054	Continuation of the renovation and refurbishment of public buildings including Trinidad House, Treasury Building, District Revenue Offices, Finance Building, Offices of MP&D , North and South Forestry Offices, Works offices, PTSC Compound, Licensing Office, San Fernando and King's Wharf building; Customisation of Accommodation for Tax Appeal Board, Upgrade of Physical Amenities of Red House
Institutional Strengthening of the Protective Services	25.060	Annual	General Revenue	25.060	25.060	Continuation of projects that support institutional strengthening of Protective Services.

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Public Sector Reform Computerisation	223.703	Annual	General Revenue	223.703	223.703	Continuation of implementation of several computerization projects throughout the public sector in Trinidad including some significant initiatives such as automation of passports, upgrade of ASCUYDA software by the Customs and Excise Division, the completion of the introduction of the Electronic Voter Registration and Election Management System, and the computerization of the Police Service, the Judiciary and the Inland Revenue Department.
Restoration of Historic Buildings III	9.000	1998	General Revenue	5.500	5.500	Continuation of the restoration of Count de Lopinot Estate House and Knowsley Building.
Purchase of Vehicles and Equipment, Trinidad	27.555	Annual	General Revenue	27.555	27.555	Purchase of Launch & vehicles for Immigration Division; Ministry of Works - Critical Heavy Equipment for Emergency Response and Flood Relief and Emergency Response Vehicles; purchase of vehicles & equipment for Customs & Excise Division
Institutional Strengthening of Ministries and Departments	29.760	Annual	General Revenue	29.760	29.760	Continuation of training and capacity building activities in Ministries/Departments including Service Commissions, Personnel, Planning and Development, Public Administration and Information, Tourism, Labour and Small and Micro Enterprise Development, Local Government and Science, Technology and Tertiary Education; and Operationalisation of the Programme Management Office - MP&D
Computerisation Programme, Tobago	1.650	Annual	General Revenue	1.650	1.650	Continuation of the establishment of an integrated financial management system and networking of various Divisions of the Tobago House of Assembly; purchase of computer hardware and software.

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Improvement/Refurbishment of Public Buildings, Tobago	3.710	Annual	General Revenue	3.710	3.710	Provision of accommodation for the Tobago office of the Industrial Court; and establishment of an office for the Prime Minister in Tobago; Acquisition of Educational Administrative Complex and refurbishment of Windward Meeting and Conference Centre
Institutional Strengthening of Public Sector Administrative Services	39.133	Annual	General Revenue	39.133	39.133	Implementation of Employee Assistance Programmes in Ministries/Departments; continuation of the establishment of Occupational Safety and Health Authority and Water Resources Management Authority; strengthening of records management in the Judiciary; implementation of the Dangerous Dogs Act 2000 and Freedom of Information Act 2001 by Municipal Corporations.
Planning and Pre-Investment Studies, Trinidad and Tobago	3.900	Annual	General Revenue	3.900	3.900	Preparation of National Pre-Investment Support Programme; planning studies and land use surveys; National Survey of Youth Activity; physical planning studies and designs; establishment of a National Land/Geographic Information System.
Construction of Public Buildings, Trinidad	6.000	Annual	General Revenue	6.000	6.000	Preparation of designs for the construction of the Forensic Science Centre DNA LAB, Immigration building San Fernando and for port operations at Chaguaramas; Customisation of Official Residence of the Chief Justice; Construction of Transport Depot, Princes Town; a Central Licensing Division, Chaguanas
<b><u>Law Administration &amp; Legal Affairs</u></b>				<b>3.000</b>	<b>3.000</b>	
Revision and Printing of the Laws of Trinidad and Tobago	26.000	2000	General Revenue	2.000	2.000	Continue printing of the Laws.

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Institutional Strengthening of the Ministry of the Attorney General and Legal Affairs	1.000	Annual	General Revenue	1.000	1.000	The Ministry of Legal Affairs will be Developing New Consumer Legislation while the Ministry of the Attorney General will be Procuring Major Vehicles and Equipment for its Project Management Unit.
<b><u>National Security &amp; Public Safety</u></b>  Improvement/Refurbishment to Police and Fire Stations	82.000	Annual	General Revenues	168.428 82.000	168.428 82.000	Ongoing improvement works to Police Stations - Mounted Branch, Traffic Branch, Police Admin. Building, Central Police Station, San Raphael, Second Division Officers Mess . Ongoing improvement works of Fire Service Buildings-San Fernando and Port-Of-Spain Headquarters; Purchase of Vehicles and equipment for the Police and Fire Services , and Ongoing upgrade of the Water Distribution system
Improvement to Defence Force Facilities	23.000	Annual	General Revenue	23.000	23.000	Continue refurbishment works at Teteron Bay ; Continue refurbishment at Camp Cumuto ; Continue improvement works to the Defence Force Headquarters ;Upgrade of Defence Force Facilities in Tobago , construction of Camps at La Romain , Felicity and Forres Park and refurbishment works of the Second Battalion.
Establishment of Mediation Centres	0.300	Annual	General Revenue	0.300	0.300	Conduct of skills enhancement programmes for mediators and mediation staff; upgrading of the mediation drama/therapy public education project; launch of programmes for restorative justice week; and continuation of social support programmes for clients of mediation centres.
Construction of Fire Stations	6.000	2002	General Revenues	6.000	6.000	Payment for contract costs at the Sangre Grande and Couva South Fire Stations.

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Improvement to Prison Facilities	13.800	Annual	General Revenue	13.800	13.800	Continue Improvement to Prison Buildings throughout the country, Continue refurbishment of the Maximum Security Complex, Continue upgrading of the Carrera Convict Prison , Continue upgrading of Animal Husbandry, Continue reconstruction of the Workshop at Golden Grove ,procurement of vehicles and equipment and refurbishment of facilities at the Youth Training Centre.
Construction of Facilities for T&T Regiment	13.500	Annual	General Revenue	13.500	13.500	Ongoing construction works at Camp Ogden, at Camp Cumuto , Camp Omega and at Teteron Bay , construction of Battalion Headquarters and Dormitory at Camp Signal Hill to cope with increase in ranks and recruitment.
Improvement/Refurbishment to Police and Fire Stations	0.500	Annual	General Revenue	0.500	0.500	Refurbishment of Scarborough Station
Construction of Facilities for the Defence Force	15.700	Annual	General Revenues	15.700	15.700	Ongoing construction of the Jetties at Staubles Bay for the expanded fleet of vessels for the Coast Guard. As well as ongoing construction of Barracks accommodation at Camp Omega. In addition, commencement of construction of Officers' Mess at Teteron Barracks and ongoing construction at Camp Ogden.
Improvements to Customs and Excise Division	0.360	Annual	General Revenue	0.360	0.360	Continuation of acquisition of trained drug detection dogs for drug interdiction.

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Construction of Prison Facilities	2.500	2006	General Revenues	2.500	2.500	Development of an Emergency Response Unit, construction of a Nursery, construction of a Quarters for Senior Officers, and Senior Officers' Mess
Equipping of the Prison Service	1.000	2000	General Revenue	1.000	1.000	Purchase of launches for the Prison Service to and from the prison island of Carrera.
Improvements to Defence Force Facilities	5.500	Annual	General Revenues	5.500	5.500	Establishment of Coast Guard Bases at Carslen Field while at the same time upgrade and improvement works will be undertaken at the Piarco Base.
Refurbishment of Head Office- M/National Security	6.000	2005	General Revenue	2.000	2.000	Refurbishment of BOSS Building- Ministry of National Security
Establishment of Municipal Police Units	2.268	Annual	General Revenue	2.268	2.268	Equipping of the Municipal Police Service of the Local Government Authorities.



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<b><u>Regional Development</u></b>				<b>27.970</b>	<b>27.970</b>	
Improvement in Administrative Services, Tobago	5.600	Annual	General Revenue	5.600	5.600	Provision of scholarships and loans in the academic and vocational fields; and training for staff of THA Works, Labour, Tourism, Agriculture, Finance and Planning Divisions.
Upgrading of Cemeteries and Cremation Facilities	4.150	Annual	General Revenue	4.150	4.150	Development of a national policy and programme of action and the continuation of improvements to cemeteries and cremation sites by Local Government Authorities.
Construction of Markets and Abattoirs	8.000	Annual	General Revenue	8.000	8.000	Continuation of construction of markets and abattoirs by Local Government Authorities at Chaguanas, SanJuan/Laventille, Tunapuna/Piarco and Penal/Debe.
National Rural Development Plan	3.000	2005	General Revenue	0.200	0.200	Preparatory works for the establishment of a Rural Development Unit and Plan for the 14 Municipal Corporations.
Improvements to Markets and Abattoirs, Trinidad	5.020	Annual	General Revenue	5.020	5.020	Upgrading of markets and abattoirs by Local Government Authorities and the continuation of development of a national policy on markets and slaughterhouses.

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Development of Industrial Estate, Tobago	30.000	2006	General Revenue	5.000	5.000	Continuation of infrastructure works at Cove Industrial Estate including the provision of access roads, the laying of waterlines, communication lines and the supply of electricity; construction of ninety factory shells over an area of 140 acres.
<b>Innovative People</b>  <u>Construction, Upgrade &amp; Rehabilitation</u>  Rehabilitation of Public Buildings, Trinidad	13.100	Annual	General Revenue	13.100	13.100	The completion of outfitting and networking of the Ministry of Education Annex Building (ARCON) as well as continuation of refurbishment of the Head Office and QRC flats including the cafeteria and relocation of the Head Office to the Campus; upgrading of Ministry of Agriculture North and South Offices; establishment of a Packing House Facility for fresh produce; continuation of construction of a Citrus Laboratory and establishment of a wholesale market at Macoya
Restoration of Historic Buildings	34.500	2006	General Revenue	18.000	18.000	Restoration of Stollmeyer's Castle, President's Residence, Whitehall, QRC, Mille Fleurs Building, Trinity Cathedral and Fort Picton.
<u>Culture</u>  Construction and Upgrade of Cultural Facilities, Trinidad	19.000	2006	General Revenue	12.400	12.400	Construction of an Administrative and Storage Facility buildings at Queen's Hall; furnishing of Naipaul House - House for Mr. Biswas; acquisition of exhibits for the Sugar, Community, City of San Fernando and National Museums; Establishment of a National Heritage site at Nelson Island, conversion of the Little Carib Theatre to a Black Box and establishment of a Military, Steelpan and Virtual Museums, Carnival Museum of the Americas and Cultural Industries..

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<b><u>Institutional Structures for Developm</u></b>  Institutional Strengthening of Ministries and Departments	4.000	2006	General Revenue	4.000 4.000	4.000 4.000	Hosting of the 15th Inter-American Conference of Ministries of Labour and Meeting of Caribbean Statistician Regional Consensus Coordinating Committee. Implementing a Comprehensive Crop Biodiversity Conservation Programme for Trinidad and Tobago, Reconstruction of Slipway for the Caribbean Fisheries Training and Development Industries and Tech-Packs for New Product Development Using Locally Grown Crops. All of the above projects are to strengthen the Ministry of Labour, CSO and Agriculture.
<b><u>Pre Primary, Primary &amp; Secondary Ed</u></b>  Secondary Schools Programme, Trinidad	81.000	Annual	General Revenue	274.190 81.000	274.190 81.000	Continuation of Improvement/ refurbishment/ extension works; construction of additional blocks; upgrading works for deshifting and conversion of schools; procurement of furniture and equipment.
Early Childhood Education Programme, Tobago	2.550	Annual	General Revenues	2.550	2.550	Completion of centres at Signal Hill and Buccoo; commencement of new centres at Castara, Delaford, Whim, Bon Accord.
Secondary Schools Programme, Tobago	10.950	Annual	General Revenue	10.950	10.950	Continuation of works at Roxborough Composite, Bishop's High, Scarborough Secondary and Signal Hill Senior Comprehensive, construction of technical vocational skill training centre at Tobago Education Complex.
Special Education Programme, Tobago	7.000	Annual	General Revenue	7.000	7.000	Upgrade of the Happy Haven School for the Physically Challenged and the School for the Deaf in Tobago.

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Upgrade of Facilities for Special Education Programmes	10.000	Annual	General Revenue	10.000	10.000	Continuation of comprehensive refurbishment works at 10 schools for Special Education including the Wharton/Patrick School; Princess Elizabeth Home; School for the Blind, Santa Cruz; School for the Deaf, Cascade; Audrey Jeffers School for the Deaf; Lady Hochoy Centres at Cocorite, Gasparillo and Heights of Guanapo.
Primary Schools Programme, Tobago	7.200	Annual	General Revenue	7.200	7.200	Continuation of works at Scarborough R.C., Scarborough Methodist, Bon Accord and Plymouth Anglican; commencement of school grant programme and health and wellness programme.
Primary Schools Programme, Trinidad	155.490	Annual	General Revenue	155.490	155.490	Continuation of construction at St. Paul's A.C. and Icaos GPS; commencement of construction at schools including Tranquility, Arima West, Fanny Village; preparation of designs for the construction of several schools; continuation of improvement and refurbishment programme and security enhancement.
<b><u>Science, Technology &amp; Innovation</u></b> Science and Technology Development	7.500	Annual	General Revenue	7.500	7.500	Popularisation of science and technology through the staging of Sci-TechKnoFest; promotion of the Inventors and Innovators Prime Minister's Award; continuation of the Research and Development Foresighting exercise, continuation of the Exhibitions on the Environment project; presentation of NIHERST's President's Award
<b><u>Skills Development &amp; Training</u></b> Skills Development Programme	61.200	Annual	General Revenue	61.200	61.200	Commencement of designs and construction of Head Office for the NESC; purchase of Macoya Centre; refurbishment of YTEPP Centres and the acquisition of tools and equipment.

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<b><u>Tertiary Education</u></b>				<b>275.400</b>	<b>275.400</b>	
Establishment of a National Accreditation Council	2.000	2004	General Revenue	1.500	1.500	Continuation of staff development and training programmes
Establishment of a National Community College - COSTAATT	16.000	1999	General Revenue	14.000	14.000	Training of Facility and Administrative staff of COSTAATT; continued provision of financial aid to COSTAATT students, expansion of tertiary level training programmes
Refurbishment of Technical Institutes	174.750	Annual	General Revenue	25.000	25.000	Improvement works at ECIAF, John Donaldson and San Fernando Technical Institutes.
Scholarship Programmes	0.500	Annual	General Revenue	0.500	0.500	Provision of scholarships to residents of Government sanctioned homes and orphanages.
Libraries Programme,Trinidad	8.200	Annual	General Revenue	8.200	8.200	Upgrading of public libraries, purchasing of books and materials for the National Library, the RCLRC and other public libraries; the purchase of mobile libraries and computerisation of library services.

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Establishment of the University of Trinidad and Tobago	500.000	2004	General Revenue	203.500	203.500	Expansion and upgrading of UTT Campuses and commencement of construction for UTT Main Campus Tamana E-Teck Park, Wallerfield.
Development Works at the University of the West Indies	214.418	Annual	General Revenue	18.000	18.000	Commencement of construction of Teaching and Learning Complex and completion of St. John's Road Hall of Residence.
Refurbishment of Teachers' Training Colleges	2.000	Annual	General Revenue	2.000	2.000	Continuation of upgrade works, acquisition of furniture and equipment for the Rudranath Capildeo Learning Resource Centre.
Libraries Programme, Tobago	2.700	Annual	General Revenue	2.700	2.700	Completion of repairs to the Roxborough, Scarborough and Charlotteville Libraries.

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<b>Sound Infrastructure &amp; Environment</b> <u>Construction, Upgrade &amp; Rehabilitation</u> Construction of Public Buildings, Trinidad and Tobago	40.861	2006	General Revenues	<b>50.350</b> 21.150	<b>50.350</b> 21.150	Continuation of construction of buildings for the Institute of Marine Affairs; reconstruction of NIHERST Headquarters at #4 Serpentine Place; Construction of an Administrative Complex for the Ministry of Local Government, YTEPP Headquarters, and a new Government printery; Construction of Accreditation Council of T&T Headquarters; Relocation & Outfitting of Divisions of Ministry of Public Administration & Information
Rehabilitation of Public Buildings, Trinidad and Tobago	29.200	2006	General Revenue	29.200	29.200	Continuation of works on Local Government Buildings; T&T Hospitality and Tourism Institute; Registration Offices; relocation of National Information System Centre; NIHERST Office at #8 Serpentine Place; Refurbishment of Building and PTSC Compound
<u>Drainage &amp; Irrigation</u> Drainage improvements, Trinidad	40.000	Annual	General Revenue	<b>84.200</b> 31.900	<b>84.200</b> 31.900	Upgrading of drainage and irrigation systems in local communities throughout Trinidad by Local Government Authorities.
Drainage Works, Tobago	10.000	Annual	General Revenue	8.800	8.800	Continuation of improvements to the drainage and irrigation infrastructure in Tobago in areas including Plymouth, Carnbee, Page Gully-Mason Hall, Moriah, Buccoo, Union Branch and Milford Court.

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Major Drainage Works, Trinidad	41.000	2006	General Revenue	41.000	41.000	Completion of Manzanilla Coastal Protection works and the New Cut Channel - South Oropouche, commencement of Alley's Creek and Mosquito Creek improvement works.
Major Drainage Rehabilitation Works, Tobago	3.000	2006	General Revenue	2.500	2.500	Continuation of phase III of the Milford Coastal Protection Project.
<b><u>Electricity</u></b> Electricity Programme	121.605	2006	General Revenue	<b>115.200</b> 25.200	<b>115.200</b> 25.200	Continuation of infrastructure works to supply electricity to rural areas; Lighting of Parks and recreational grounds in communities; acquisition of equipment for disaster preparedness; electrification Programme-Point Fortin.
National Street Lighting Programme	626.927	2005	General Revenue	90.000	90.000	Continuation of the National Street Lighting Programme which includes the installation of 20,000 new streetlights, upgrade of approximately 10,000 lamps from 70 watts to 150 Watts, illumination of new highways, primary roads and new housing developments throughout the country.
<b><u>Environment</u></b> Development of Infrastructure for installation of Meteorological Equipment	1.500	Annual	General Revenue	<b>19.526</b> 1.500	<b>19.526</b> 1.500	Completion of construction of 100-metre access road and bridge at the Brasso Venado site of the Doppler weather radar.



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Development of an Integrated Waste Management System	0.500	2004	General Revenue	0.100	0.100	Commencement of the development of a Waste Management Plan for Trinidad and Tobago including the description of a landfill and transfer station to be established in Trinidad.
Environmental Conservation & Management Programme	11,726.000	Annual	General Revenue	11.726	11.726	Provision of funding for projects/programmes such as Public Awareness and Education, Legal and Policy, Environmental Resource Management (ERM) and Corporate Communications.
Establishment of Environmental Management System for the Water and Sewerage Sector	0.500	2004	General Revenue	0.500	0.500	Continuation of improvements to Hollis Dam.
Solid Waste Management Programme	5.700	2004	General Revenue	5.700	5.700	Preparation of a programme to assess the groundwater quality within the Beetham, Guanapo, Forres Park and closed dump site areas. In addition, encounter a solution for the growing e-waste problems, evaluate the hazardous chemicals in schools, procure a Sludge Separation Vehicle for Waste Water Collection
<b><u>Information &amp; Communication Infrastr</u></b>				<b>12.300</b>	<b>12.300</b>	
Upgrading of Radio and Tele Communication Systems	5.200	Annual	General Revenue	5.200	5.200	Expansion and upgrade of telecommunications infrastructure at Ministries of Agriculture, Land and Marine Resources, Public Utilities and the Environment, and Community Development..

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Liberalization of the Telecommunications Sector Programme	12.000	2004	General Revenue	7.100	7.100	Continuation of the development of: IT support systems, an Advanced Automated Spectrum Management System, and a Universal Service Policy and implementation plan for the Telecommunications Authority.
<b><u>Institutional Structures for Developm</u></b> Institutional Strengthening of Ministries and Departments	5.500	2006	GORTT	<b>5.500</b> 5.500	<b>5.500</b> 5.500	Institutional Strengthening of the Water Sector to help build capacity and Establishment of a Health and Welfare Centre, Ministry of Housing
<b><u>Roads &amp; Bridges</u></b> Road Infrastructure Improvement Programme, Tobago	15.000	2006	General Revenue	<b>104.350</b> 15.000	<b>104.350</b> 15.000	Continuation of Major Improvement Works on Secondary Roads and the Windward Road Special Development Programme
Roads and Bridges Development, Tobago	22.900	Annual	General Revenue	22.900	22.900	Completion of construction of L'Anse Fourmi/ Charlotteville Road, Milford Road Bridges; continuation of Resurfacing Programme; commencement of construction of Gardenside Street, Scarborough.
Upgrading & Improvement of Local Roads & Bridges, Trinidad	58.500	Annual	General Revenue	58.500	58.500	Upgrading of priority secondary roads, bridges and landslips throughout Trinidad by Local Government Authorities.

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Road Infrastructure Improvement Programme, Trinidad	7.950	Annual	General Revenue	7.950	7.950	Commencement of designs for improvement to Maraval Access Road (Saddle Road from Rapsey Street to Valleton Avenue) and Diego Martin Valley Access; redefinition of Highway Reserves
<b><u>Transport</u></b> VMCOTT Capital Works Programme	15.000	2006	General Revenue	<b>110.600</b> 7.000	<b>110.600</b> 7.000	Continued expansion of facilities at San Fernando and Tobago.
Implementation of Traffic Management Measures	9.400	2001	General Revenue	9.400	9.400	Continued installation of New Jersey Type barriers, bilingual signs, gantry/overhead directional signs, backup power supply for signalized traffic intersections along major highways.
Upgrading of Berths, Port of Spain	10.400	1995	General Revenue	10.400	10.400	Continued upgrade to facilities for PATT, Customs and Plant Quarantine; acquisition of equipment to improve the efficiency of cargo handling operations.
Purchase of Vehicles and Equipment, Tobago	10.000	1997	General Revenue	10.000	10.000	Purchase of Vehicles and Equipment for the Infrastructure and Public Utilities Division, Public Health Division, Public Administration Division and Community Development Division

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Airport Infrastructure Development	25.000	1997	General Revenue	25.000	25.000	Continuation of upgrade works at Piarco and Crown Point International Airports; installation of Computerised Maintenance Management System and Security Systems (CCTV and Access Control Systems).
National Transportation Study	28.000	2003	General Revenue	12.500	12.500	Continuation of study to develop a comprehensive national transportation sectoral policy encompassing the land, sea and air sectors.
Improvement in Public Transportation Services	38.750	1998	General Revenue	36.300	36.300	Commencement of designs and construction of Passenger Facility at Arima; refurbishment of Port of Spain Maxi Taxi Facility; fleet improvement (purchase of passenger buses).
<b><u>Water &amp; Sewerage</u></b>				<b>99.990</b>	<b>99.990</b>	
Short Term Water Investment Programme	551.100	2002	General Revenue	3.000	3.000	Continuation of pipeline replacement, installation and rehabilitation/construction of booster stations throughout Trinidad and Tobago.
Upgrading of Sewer Treatment System, Scarborough - Phase III	2.000	1996	General Revenue	2.000	2.000	Extension of the system to include Dutch Fort and environs and other unserved areas of Scarborough.

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Rehabilitation of South West Tobago Sewer System	1.000	2002	General Revenue	1.000	1.000	Completion of three outstanding studies and commencement of designs for the Wastewater Project for South West Tobago.
Water Supply Improvements, Tobago	2.000	Annual	General Revenue	2.000	2.000	Continuation of mains extension/replacement programme in Tobago.
Water and Sewerage Sector: Administrative Services	1.000	Annual	General Revenue	1.000	1.000	Continuation of the refurbishment of WASA's regional offices at San Fernando.
Upgrading of Water Distribution Systems	30.200	Annual	General Revenue	30.200	30.200	Continuation of rehabilitation of booster pumping stations and service reservoirs; continuation of laying of pipelines in selected areas in north and south Trinidad; the continuation of the Leakage Management Programme; the refurbishment of Water Treatment Facilities; the drilling and equipping of new wells; continuation of the water quality improvement programme in selected areas and the improvement of water supply to Moruga, Mamoral and Caparo.
Improvements to Sewerage Systems, Trinidad	3.000	Annual	General Revenue	3.000	3.000	The continuation of initiatives to rehabilitate the facilities in Greater Port of Spain.

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Water and Sewerage Sector: Research and Development	43.000	2007	General Revenue	15.000	15.000	Completion of development of the Water and Wastewater Master Plan.
Laying of Water Mains Programme	1.090	Annual	General Revenue	1.090	1.090	Continuation of expansion of the water distribution system by the local government authorities at Diego Martin, Chaguanas, Arima, Point Fortin, Princes Town, and Sangre Grande.
Water Sector Modernization Programme	433.700	2006	General Revenue	41.200	41.200	Continuation of Phase I of an accelerated developmental programme focusing on major water sources, distribution expansion, leakage detection, pipeline replacement and institutional strengthening in selected areas in both Trinidad and Tobago.
Water and Sewerage Improvements, Tobago	0.500	Annual	General Revenue	0.500	0.500	Continuation of rehabilitation works at Sewerage Treatment Plants at Buccoo in Tobago.
<b>Sub-Total for Tranche</b>				<b>2,722.890</b>	<b>2,722.890</b>	

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<b>Caring Society</b>						
<u>Health</u> Health Sector Reform Programme T5	0.000	2006	General Revenue	<b>69.000</b> 69.000	<b>69.000</b> 69.000	Continuation of construction of Health Centers in San Juan, Barataria, Ste Madeline, Debe and La Romaine and DHF's in St James and Siparia; Expansion of the Mayaro District Health Facility.
<u>Housing</u> Accelerated High Density Housing Programme T5	1,600.000	2002	General Revenue	<b>700.000</b> 700.000	<b>700.000</b> 700.000	Continuation of construction of single and multiple family units in the housing sector.
<u>Poverty Alleviation &amp; Social Services</u> Implementation of Self Help Programmes	100.000	Annual	General Revenues	<b>30.000</b> 30.000	<b>30.000</b> 30.000	Provision of funding for the implementation of self-help infrastructure projects including construction and refurbishment of community centres, playfields and recreational facilities; pipe borne water distribution, extension of electricity supply, improvement of minor roads, small bridges and drainage projects.
<u>Sustainable Communities</u> Construction and Upgrade of Community Facilities, Trinidad T5	20.000	Annual	General Revenue	<b>20.000</b> 20.000	<b>20.000</b> 20.000	Continuation of construction and rehabilitation of community facilities throughout Trinidad.

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<b><u>Youth, Sport &amp; Recreation</u></b>  Improvements to Recreational, Sport and Youth Facilities, Trinidad T5	1,000.000	Annual	General Revenues	<b>189.000</b> 189.000	<b>189.000</b> 189.000	Continuation of construction of St. James Youth Centre, the Brian Lara Cricket Academy, Tarouba and Sport /Youth Facilities at Mayaro, Arima, Sangre Grande and Diego Martin, upgrading of 153 Corporation Grounds and commencement of the Development of Regional and Sub- Regional Grounds at Yolande Pompey Recreation Ground as well as implementation of phase 1 of a Master Plan for the Emperor Valley Zoo.
<b><u>Competitive Business</u></b>  <b><u>Agriculture</u></b>  Fisheries Development Programme, Trinidad T5	95.000	2006	General Revenue	<b>407.000</b> 37.000	<b>407.000</b> 37.000	Design and commencement of construction of fishing port and complex at Moruga and Jetty at King's Wharf in San Fernando
Caroni Lands Development Programme	350.000	2003	General Revenue	350.000	350.000	Continuation of the development of lands at Caroni and Orange Grove by the Estate Management and Business Development Company Limited.
Agricultural Land Development T5	20.000	2007	General Revenue	20.000	20.000	Establishment of fifteen large commercial farms in Trinidad



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<b><u>Energy</u></b> NEC- Capital Works Programme	500.000	2007	General Revenue	<b>450.000</b> 450.000	<b>450.000</b> 450.000	To develop world -class ports in order to support downstream industries established by Essar and Alutrint, Develop new industrial site.
<b><u>Industry &amp; Entrepreneurship</u></b> Development of Industry T5	1,109.000	2006	General Revenue	<b>255.000</b> 255.000	<b>255.000</b> 255.000	Continuation of construction of the Flagship Complex and infrastructure development at the Tamana InTech Park; construction of new industrial parks and extension of existing parks;
<b><u>Tourism</u></b> Tourism Action Programme T5	25.000	Annual	General Revenue	<b>5.000</b> 5.000	<b>5.000</b> 5.000	Re-development of Maracas Bay Beach Facility
<b><u>Governing Effectively</u></b>  <b><u>Administration of Justice</u></b> Construction of Court Facilities T5	14.000	2005	General Revenue	<b>14.000</b> 14.000	<b>14.000</b> 14.000	Provision of Accommodation for the Chaguanas Magistrates' Court and the Siparia

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<b><u>Governance &amp; Institutional Structures</u></b>				<b>164.000</b>	<b>164.000</b>	
Construction and Rehabilitation of Public Buildings, Trinidad T5	164.000	Annual	General Revenue	164.000	164.000	Completion of the reconstruction of the Prime Minister's Residence; continuation of infrastructural works to Cipriani Labour College; Refurbishment of Units at Flagstaff Hill; commencement of construction of Administrative Complexes for 4 Municipal Corporations; the construction of new north and south offices of the Ministry of the Attorney General as well as establishment of a Tobago office; the Upgrade of Facilities and Construction of a New wing at the Hugh Wooding Law School; Restoration of Stollmeyers Castle; Whitehall Restoration
<b><u>National Security &amp; Public Safety</u></b>				<b>55.000</b>	<b>55.000</b>	
Construction and Upgrade of Coast Guard Facilities T5	46.000	2004	General Revenue	46.000	46.000	Continue improvement works to Coast Guard buildings and construction of a Multipurpose facility at Hart's Cut, Chaguaramas
Construction and Upgrade of Police Stations T5	8.000	Annual	General Revenues	8.000	8.000	Commence construction of a Telecommunications Facility in Tobago
Construction and Upgrade of Prison Facilities T5	1.000	2005	General Revenue	1.000	1.000	Commence designs for the construction of a Training College

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<b><u>Regional Development</u></b> Community Development T5	130.000	2005	General Revenue	188.000 188.000	188.000 188.000	Management and implementation of large-scale rural and urban development projects.
<b><u>Innovative People</u></b> <b><u>Construction, Upgrade &amp; Rehabilitatio</u></b> Restoration of Historic Buildings T5	100.000	2006	General Revenue	50.000 50.000	50.000 50.000	Restoration of the Red House and Mille Fleur Building
<b><u>Culture</u></b> Construction and Upgrade of Cultural Facilities, Trinidad T5	1,550.000	Annual	General Revenue	255.000 255.000	255.000 255.000	Construction of Academies for the Performing Arts North and South and the National Carnival Entertainment Centre, renovations to Naparima Bowl, commencement of construction of the Pan Chroming Factory and completion of Pan Trinbago.
<b><u>Pre Primary, Primary &amp; Secondary Ed</u></b> Early Childhood Education Programme	100.000	Annual	General Revenue	415.000 50.000	415.000 50.000	Continuation of construction programme for early childhood centres throughout Trinidad and Tobago including San Juan, El Socorro, St. Augustine, Diego Martin and La Romain.

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Primary Schools Programme, Trinidad	148.000	Annual	General Revenue	148.000	148.000	Continuation of refurbishment and reconstruction works to Primary Schools.
Secondary Schools Programme, Trinidad	310.000	Annual	General Revenue	217.000	217.000	De-shifting of junior secondary schools, conversion of five-year schools to seven-year schools and general rehabilitation of secondary schools.
<b><u>Tertiary Education</u></b> Establishment of the University of Trinidad and Tobago T5	160.000	2004	General Revenue	<b>160.000</b> 160.000	<b>160.000</b> 160.000	Establishment of the Main Campus of UTT at Tamana
<b><u>Sound Infrastructure &amp; Environment</u></b> <b><u>Drainage &amp; Irrigation</u></b> Major Drainage Works, Trinidad T5	23.000	2006	General Revenue	<b>58.000</b> 23.000	<b>58.000</b> 23.000	Commencement of the National Programme for the Upgrade of Drainage Channels and Comprehensive Drainage Development Study.

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PROJECTS AND PROGRAMMES OF STATE ENTERPRISES	ESTIMATED TOTAL COST OF PROJECT TT Mn.	YEAR OF COMMENCE- MENT	FINANCING ARRANGEMENTS	PROJECTED EXPENDITURE 2008 TT Mn.	GOVERNMENT FUNDING REQUIREMENTS 2008 TT\$ Mn.	DETAILS OF ACTIVITY 2008
Comprehensive Drainage Development Programme	137.000	1994	General Revenue	35.000	35.000	Commencement of the Mamoral Dam and Flood Detention Reservoir including the construction of embankment, dikes and chute channel.
<b><u>Roads &amp; Bridges</u></b>				<b>342.000</b>	<b>342.000</b>	
Road Infrastructure Improvement Programme	127.000	2006	General Revenue	185.000	185.000	Implementation of road infrastructure projects by NIDCO including UBH-CRH Interchange; commencement of construction of new highways - SHH to Pt. Fortin (Golconda to Debe and widening of South Trunk Road between Dumfries Road and Paria Suites; construction of an additional lane from CRH to Chaguanas.
Road Infrastructure Improvement Programme	0.000	Annual	General Revenue	157.000	157.000	Continued rehabilitation of roads and bridges, implementation of traffic management measures and alternative access routes.
<b><u>Transport</u></b>				<b>130.000</b>	<b>130.000</b>	
Rail Transport	373.234	2007	General Revenue	80.000	80.000	Commencement of construction of Rapid Rail System
Sea Transport	408.127	2007	General Revenue	50.000	50.000	Upgrade of existing facilities to accommodate water taxis at Port of Spain, San Fernando and Pt. Fortin

**TRANCHE V**
**PUBLIC SECTOR INVESTMENT PROGRAMME - 2008  
INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT FUND**

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PROJECTS AND PROGRAMMES OF STATE ENTERPRISES	ESTIMATED TOTAL COST OF PROJECT \$TT Mn.	YEAR OF COMMENCE- MENT	FINANCING ARRANGEMENTS	PROJECTED EXPENDITURE 2008 \$TT Mn.	GOVERNMENT FUNDING REQUIREMENTS 2008 TT\$ Mn.	DETAILS OF ACTIVITY 2008
<u>Water &amp; Sewerage</u> Water Supply Projects	7.500	2006	General Revenue	44.000 44.000	44.000 44.000	Replacement of defective wells, the provision of standby facilities at Freeport, Mayaro, and Four Roads, and the upgrade of booster stations and storage tanks at Paramin.
<b>Total for Tranche</b>				<b>4,000.000</b>	<b>4,000.000</b>	