

# SPOTLIGHT ON THE BUDGET 2020 (Social Services)

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Services



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## SHORT-TERM GOALS

1-5 Years; 2016-2020

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**1** Our society will be grounded in the principles of social justice

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**2** Social Services Delivery will be improved to better serve the needs of vulnerable groups

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**3** Citizens will have access to adequate and affordable housing

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**4** The healthcare system will be sustainable and modern and deliver higher standards of healthcare

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**5** Citizens will be empowered to lead healthy lifestyles

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**6** The family will be protected and supported

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**7** Trinidad and Tobago will have a modern, relevant and accessible education and training system

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## SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

2015-2030



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## SHORT-TERM GOALS

*1-5 Years; 2016-2020*

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**1** Our governance approach will be based on principles of participation and inclusion

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**2** The public service will have modern, effective and efficient public management systems

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**3** Public service delivery will be customer focused

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**4** Trinidad and Tobago will have modern, legal, regulatory and law enforcement systems

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## SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

*2015-2030*

**10** REDUCED INEQUALITIES



**11** SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES



**16** PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS



**17** PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS

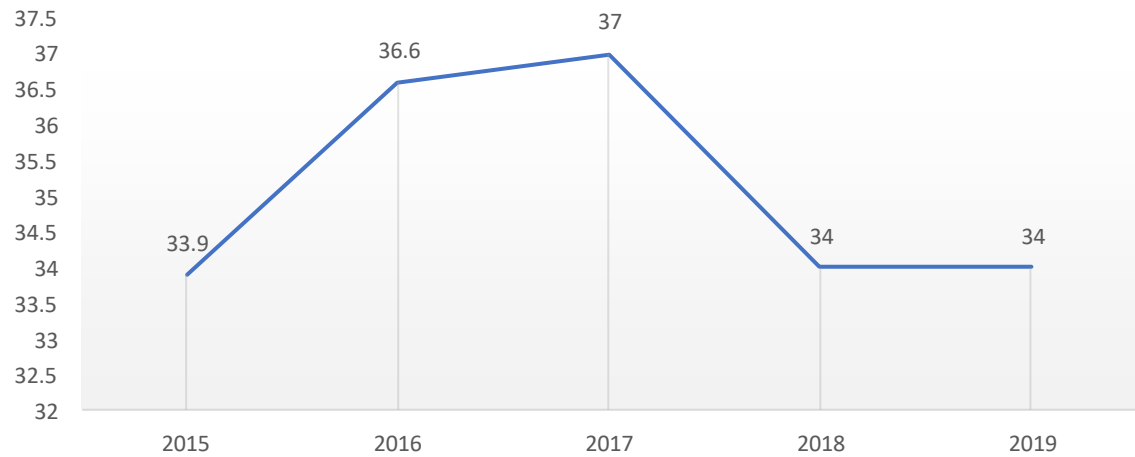


## Fiscal 2020 Allocations Key Social Sector Ministries

- Education and Training \$7.548 billion
- Health \$6.084 billion
- Housing \$1.007 billion
- Social Development \$4.969 billion
- Community Development \$496.5 million
- Sport and Youth Affairs \$392.1 million

## Fiscal 2020 Social Sector Allocations

**Figure 5.III: Percentage of Budgeted Allocations to the Key Social Sector Ministries in Trinidad and the Social Services Divisions of the THA for the Period 2015-2019**

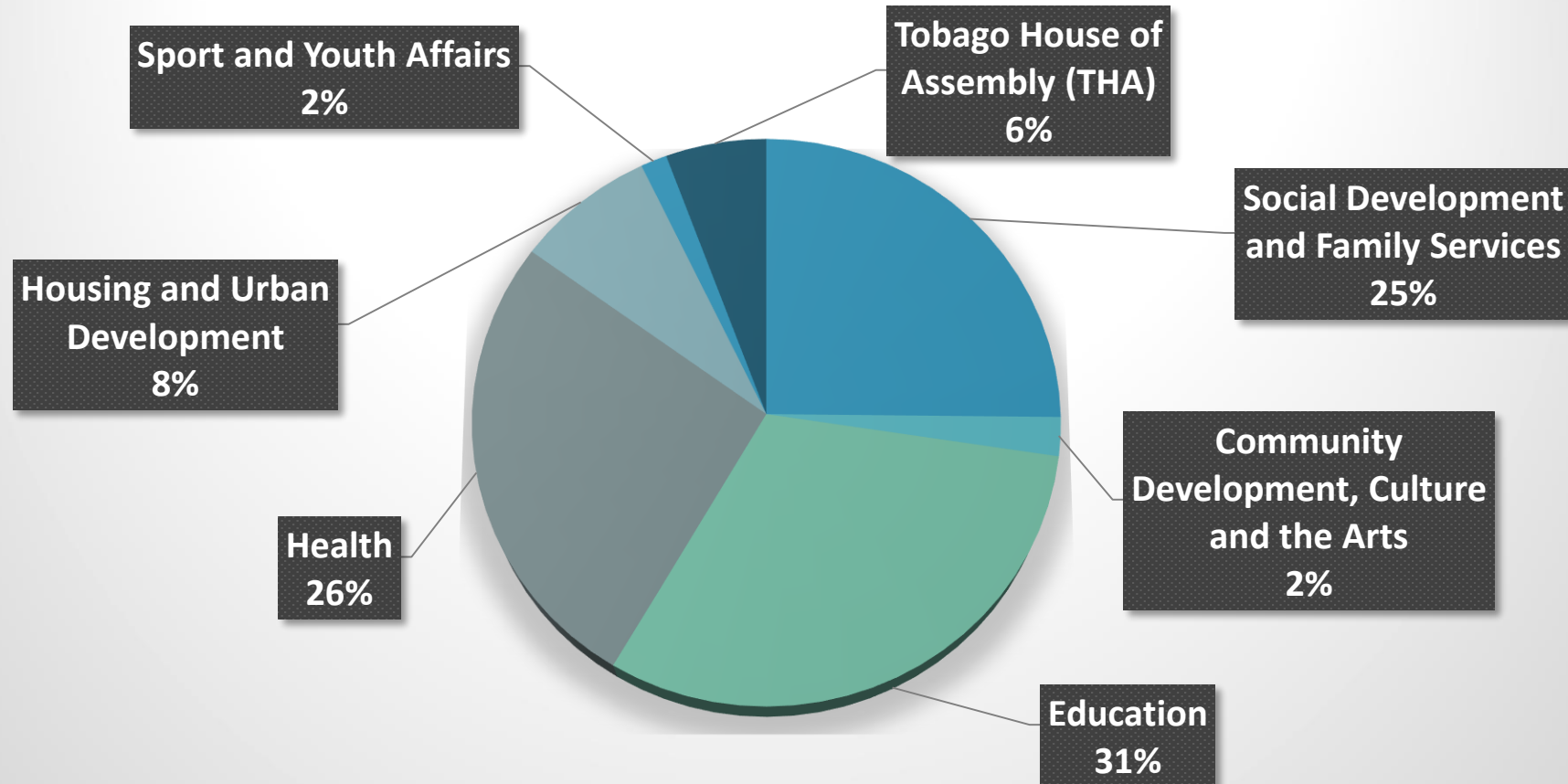


**Table 5.III: Budgeted Allocations for Social Infrastructure and Programming for Fiscal Period 2015–2019**

Year	Social Infrastructure* TT\$	Social Programming TT\$	Total TT\$
2015	3,585,377,000	8,997,769,044	12,583,146,044
2016	2,369,145,000	9,891,660,141	12,260,805,141
2017	2,250,180,000	8,660,937,562	10,911,117,562
2018	2,008,378,000	8,117,055,000	10,125,433,000
2019	2,008,378,000	8,735,315,057	10,743,693,057

## Overview of the Social Sector 2015-2019

# Budget Allocations for Key Social Sector Ministries and Social Sector Divisions of the THA for Fiscal 2019

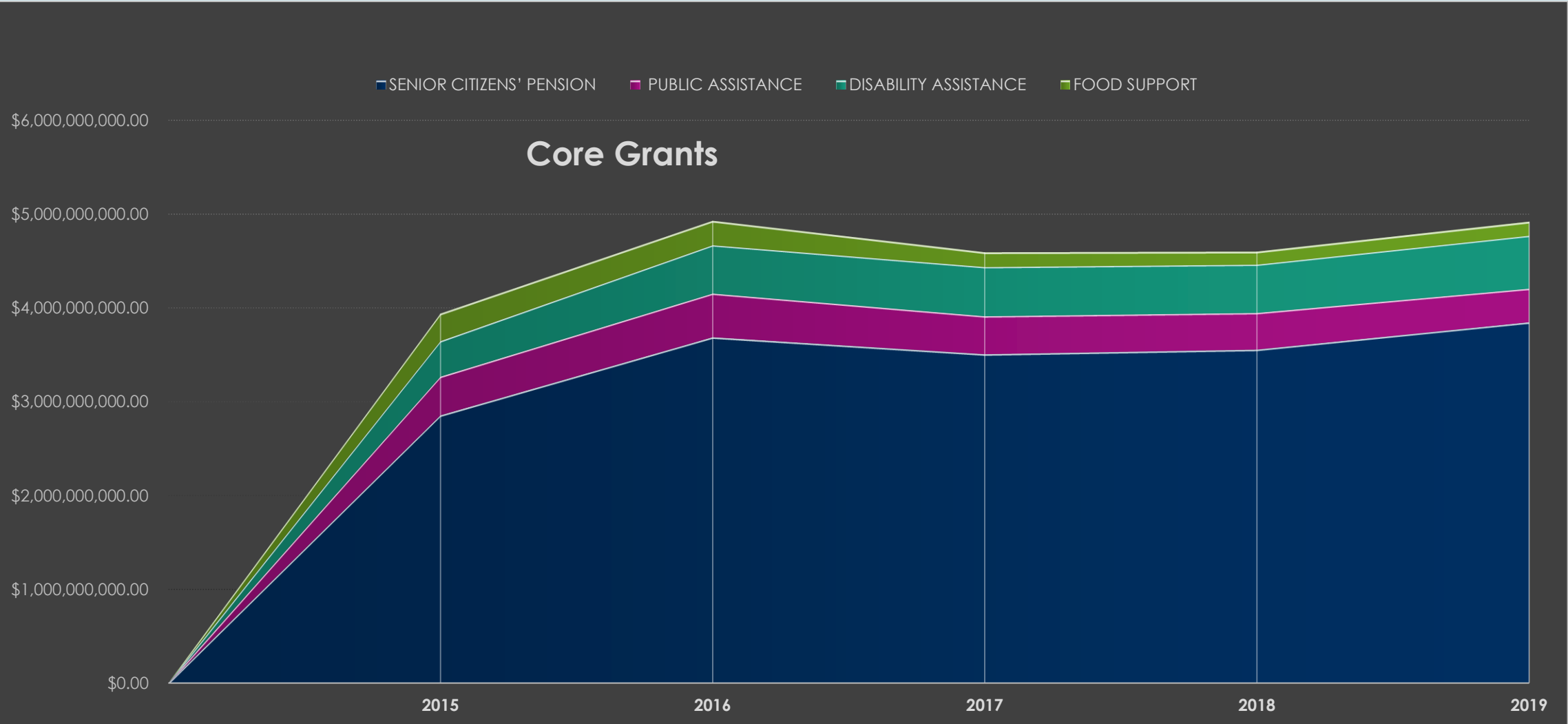


Actual Expenditure for Selected Programmes for  
the years 2014-2018 and Revised estimates of  
Expenditure for 2019

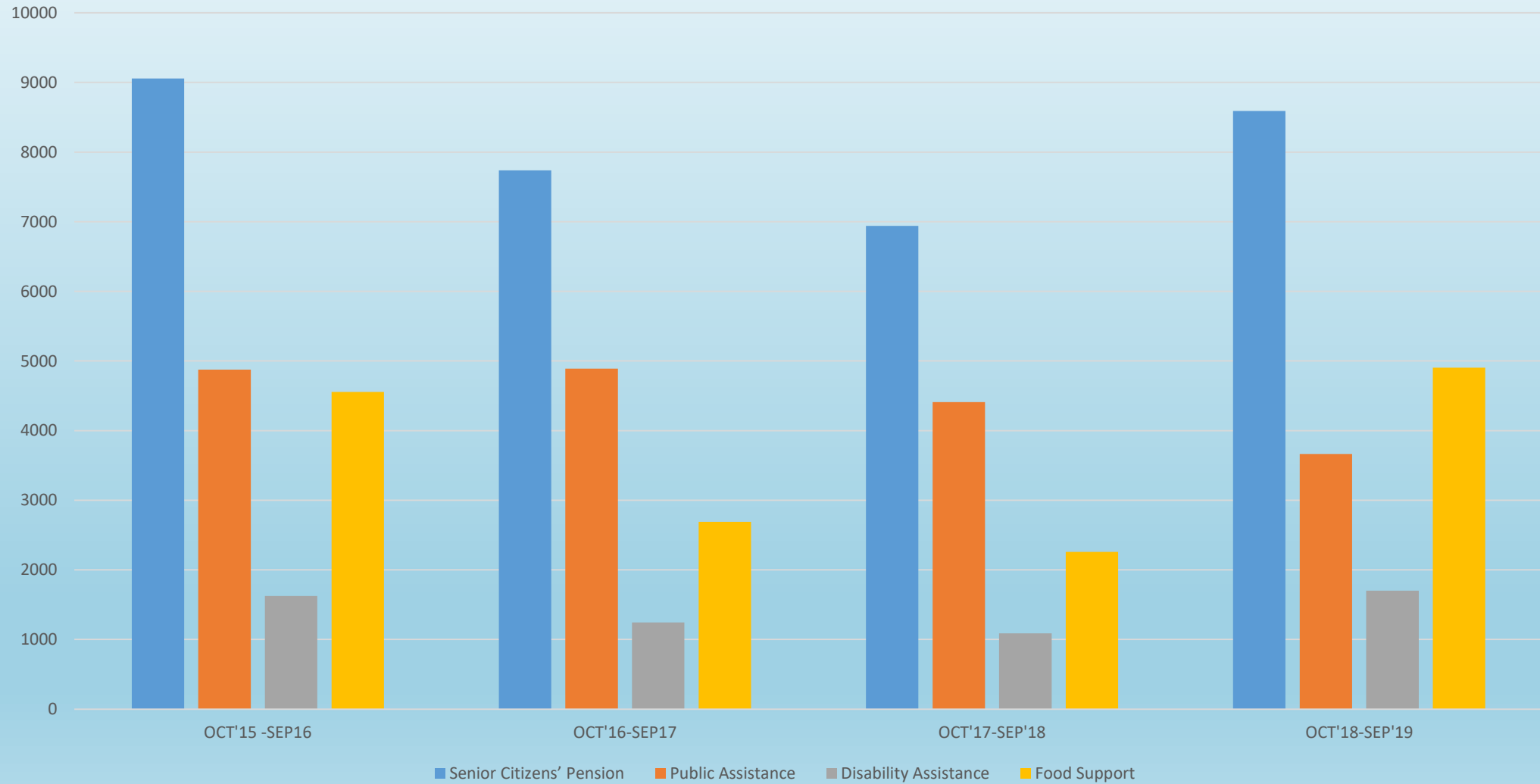
<b>PROGRAMME</b>	<b>Actual Expenditure 2014</b>	<b>Actual Expenditure 2015</b>	<b>Actual Expenditure 2016</b>	<b>Actual Expenditure 2017</b>	<b>Actual Expenditure 2018</b>	<b>Revised Estimates of Expenditure for 2019</b>
Community-based Environment Protection & Enhancement Programme (CEPEP)	532,557,459	606,200,000	531,587,765	450,000,000	447,997,789	369,613,280
Disability Assistance Grant (DAG)	371,682,763	379,506,550	516,847,841	523,754,942	513,471,887	566,190,000
Government Assistance for Tertiary Expenses (GATE)	635,678,144	712,000,000	650,000,000	504,940,251	434,300,000	435,000,000
National Schools Dietary Services Limited (Trinidad) (formerly School Nutrition Programme)	258,660,000	250,000,000	235,500,000	200,000,000	203,301,570	224,200,000
On the Job Training (OJT) Programme	307,025,030	308,000,000	347,820,000	228,083,000	175,895,662	243,984,726
Public Assistance Grant (PAG)	288,743,006	409,500,000	463,991,114	404,253,153	391,385,916	361,500,000
Senior Citizens' Pension (SCP)	2,434,803,838	2,861,470,500	3,688,326,325	3,506,374,482	3,553,245,345	3,853,000,000
Food Support Programme (formerly Targeted Conditional Cash Transfer Programme)	270,486,521	294,000,000	260,000,000	158,103,630	139,930,450	153,125,200
Unemployment Relief Programme (URP)	572,518,625	717,500,000	349,840,805	299,901,474	272,154,782	289,216,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5,672,155,386</b>	<b>6,538,177,050</b>	<b>7,043,913,850</b>	<b>6,275,410,932</b>	<b>6,131,683,401</b>	<b>6,495,829,206</b>



# EXPENDITURE ON GRANTS



# NEW BENEFICIARIES



Service	Number of Persons Impacted in 2019	Expenditure	New Persons added in 2019	September 2019 Active clients	Service	Number of Persons Impacted in 2019	Expenditure
Public Assistance Grant	25,502	\$356,877,829	3663	18,699	Public Assistance Grant	25,502	\$356,877,829
Senior Citizens' Pension	103,457	\$3,847,283,901	8590	99,322	Senior Citizens' Pension	103,457	\$3,847,283,901
Disability Assistance Grant	24,720	\$565,712,682	1703	23,309	Disability Assistance Grant	24,720	\$565,712,682
Food Support	29,166	\$150,749,120	4904	22,395	Food Support	29,166	\$150,749,120
General Assistance Grant	1,330	\$5,228,970			General Assistance Grant	1,330	\$5,228,970
Disaster Relief	10,679	\$138,429,500			Disaster Relief	10,679	\$138,429,500
<b>Total</b>	<b>194,854</b>	<b>\$5,064,282,002</b>			<b>Total</b>	<b>194,854</b>	<b>\$5,064,282,002</b>

## Grants Performance in Fiscal 2019

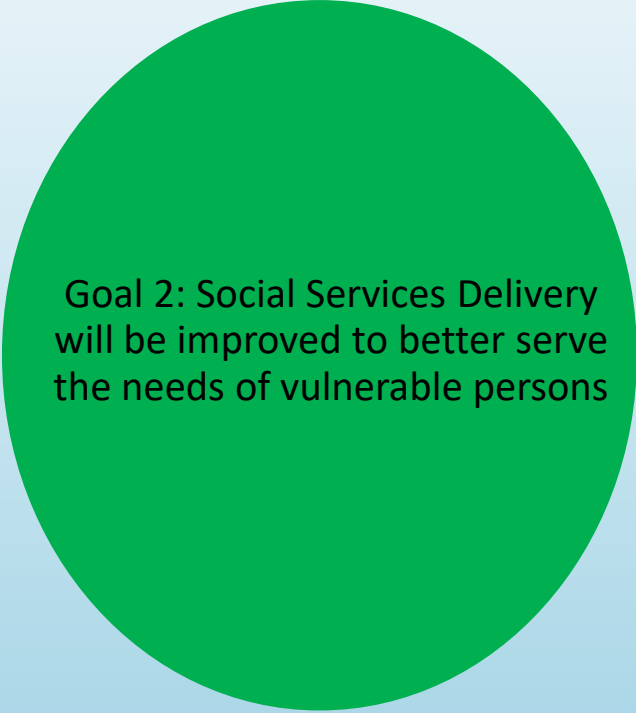
- Housing Construction Programme for small and medium sized contractors at a fixed price of approximately \$500,000.
- Housing Loan Initiative providing low interest loans up to \$300,000.
- Day Care Centres to cater for children under three years old
- Shelters for homeless females to be established by the HDC with support from the business community
- Establishment of the Cure Violence Programme with pilots in sixteen (16) communities in East Port-of-Spain targetting those highest at risk of being perpetrators and victims of violent crimes.

## Fiscal 2020 Snapshot (New Initiatives)

- Removal of the life certificate process for senior citizens
- Increase in the OJT Programme stipends by 10% and increase in the intake for the Programme to 8000 trainees
- Increase in the minimum wage from \$15. to \$17.50
- Increase in the wages of CEPEP and URP workers by 15%
- Eligibility of daily-paid workers for the minimum public service pension of \$3500

## Fiscal 2020 Snapshot (New Initiatives)


- A National Social Mitigation Plan
- Review of the Standard Means Test
- Recertification of Food Support clients
- Social Welfare Diagnostic Assessment and Service Improvement Project



Goal 2: Social Services Delivery will be improved to better serve the needs of vulnerable persons

## MSDFS Initiatives during fiscal 2019 – Vision 2030 Thematic Areas

- Strengthening social protection for older persons  
– Senior Citizens Pension
- Integration Measures for Persons With Disabilities – DAG for Children; National Policy for Persons with Disabilities, NEC
- Interventions for the socially displaced
- Support to the family



Goal 6: The Family will  
be protected and  
supported

MSDFS Initiatives during fiscal 2019 – Vision 2030  
Thematic Areas

- Expansion of the GAPP Programme
- Innovative interventions for the socially displaced
- Community Therapeutic Services
- Values, Attitudes and Behaviours Campaign
- Removal of the Life Certificate
- NSMP: Establishment of two pilot Health and Wellness Centres
- Enhancement and Extensive implementation of the STEP-UP Development Model for Social Programmes
- Development of a National Resilience Framework
- Finalization of the National Family, Parenting and Social Housing Policies

## MSDFS Plans for fiscal 2020



- Hosting of a Caribbean Youth Science Forum
- Establishment of a Technical and Vocational Education and Training Research Council
- Establishment of the Trinidad and Tobago National Apprenticeship System
- Expansion of the Housing and Village Improvement Programme
- Conduct of the Survey of Living Conditions
- Rationalisation of social programming
- Additional shelter facilities for women and children

## Other Ministries' Plans for fiscal 2020

The End – Thank you!!!