PEOPLE'S PARTNERSHIP

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SUCCESS FOR OUR PEOPLE

LOCAL GOVERNMENT MANIFESTO 2013

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FOREWORD BY

THE PRIME MINISTER OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO, THE HONOURABLE KAMLA PERSAD-BISSESSAR

I cut my political wisdom teeth in Local Government. From 1987 to 1991 I was an Alderman in the St Patrick County Council and it is there I realized and understood that all politics is local. We can talk about Governance, Transparency, Objectivity, Foreign Affairs and the macro issues in Cabinet and Parliament and we do at great length and even greater effect for our national development. But from my experience in the Siparia County Council, the Local Government authorities are our ground forces. They are closest to our people. They are with you from womb to tomb.

Local Government deals with the mundane but meaningful matters so vital to comfort and contentment. Local Government is about neighbours and neighbourhoods, communities and communal problems, building and land development, public health and sanitation, garbage disposal, roads, drains, bridges, playgrounds and sites for burial and cremation. All of these matter to us and in some ways we take for granted that our Local Government authorities will provide the services that we need.

Local Government is simultaneously the grassroots, the foundation and the crossroads of governance and good government. We of the People's Partnership are aware of how important Local Government is to our political system and the vital role it plays in the lives of our citizens. It is why we revived and reinstated Local Government after it was ignored and left languishing for many years by our predecessors in Government.

As we head to the polls on October 21, 2013, just a few days from now, we have once more put our principles, policies, programmes, priorities and projects on the line. The one thing we are sure about is that we can stand on our record of achievements over the three years of our Government and our control of the majority of Local Government Authorities.

In this Manifesto, we will demonstrate convincingly, categorically and comprehensively how thoroughly, how thoughtfully and how totally we have served you, our people, and the benefits, opportunities and advantages that we have made available to you at all levels of government, and to every race, creed, class and region.

We have delivered, even on the promises of our predecessors. We have delivered much of what we promised in our 2010 Manifesto and more will be done over the two years ahead. In fact, we do not promise – we guarantee. Whatever we say we will do is done, done well and done as quickly as possible.

We will continue to deliver but at even more rapid pace at both the national and local levels. As we move closer and closer to our goal of sustainable development, you will see the pace of change accelerating. The time we spent on the front end of the process, making sure the infrastructure and mechanisms are in place, will now be reduced in the implementation phase. The next 500 days will see an unprecedented rise in project delivery. This country will work as it has never worked before; we will produce more goods and services than we have ever produced before; and we will generate more wealth, more opportunities, more benefits and more employment than any other time in our history.

We urge you to support our Partnership in the Local Government Elections.

With our Members of Parliament, our Cabinet and our Local Government representatives and Councils working hand in hand, we will be able to harmonise our efforts to create synergy, sustainability and success. We will build on the foundation of solid achievements of the past three years a Government that is citizen-centric, one in which any citizen regardless of region, race or religion will have continuous access to goods and services of the highest quality, at the lowest cost, and with the minimum of inconvenience.

In the pages that follow you will get the opportunity to see for yourselves the extent to which we have delivered on our guarantees to you that were made in our 2010 Manifesto. We urge you to look at what we have done as a work in progress. It is a never ending journey to peace and prosperity. Most of all, it is our bond with you, our people of Trinidad and Tobago, based on our mantra, our mission and our mandate, ***"Serve the People. Serve the People. Serve the People."***

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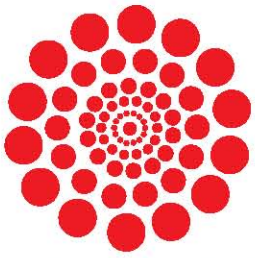

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DELIVERY AND COMPARATIVE STATISTICS – THE FIGURES SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES. WE DELIVERED!

2010 - 2011
PERFORMANCE statistics of PEOPLE'S PARTNERSHIP vs PNM for 2010-2011 (Average per Region)

PEOPLE'S PARTNERSHIP

- **Average # of Projects per region = 85**
- **Average # of complete projects = 81**
- **Average # of incomplete projects = 4**
- **Average Completion rate of 96%**
- **Average Budget = $10,655,665.69**

PNM

- Average # of Projects per region = 42
- Average # of complete projects = 28
- Average # of incomplete projects = 14
- Average Completion rate of 67%
- Average Budget = **$11,388,616.40**

The PNM got more money per region and delivered much less than the People's Partnership!

- The People's Partnership budgeted an average of $732,960.71 less per region than the PNM on average
- The People's Partnership completed 81 projects per region compared to 28 projects per region for the PNM on average per region
- The People's Partnership completed 96% of its projects compared to 67% completed by the PNM per average per region (People's Partnership completed 29% more of its projects than the PNM)
- The People's Partnership has only 4% incomplete projects compared to 33% for the PNM per average per region. (People's Partnership had 29% fewer incomplete projects than the PNM).

Take a look at the PNM performance in Point Fortin. See how they wasted the money!

Point Fortin

- Out of just 40 projects for the year, 33% or about 13 have NOT been completed
- Only 415 metres of drainage constructed on just 6 roads
- Two thirds of projects to upgrade public recreational and transport hubs have not been started, including basic water and lighting for dark maxi taxi hubs at night. No concern for the safety of people who have to take maxis to Cedros, Cap de Ville, Granville etc.

2011-2012
PERFORMANCE statistics of PEOPLE'S PARTNERSHIP vs PNM for 2011-2012 (Average per Region)

PEOPLE'S PARTNERSHIP

Average # of projects per region = 59

Average budget = $12,389,420.78

PNM

Average # of projects per region = 54

Average budget = **$13,283,788.04**

- The People's Partnership budgeted an average of $894,367.26 less per region than the PNM on average

PNM NON-PERFORMANCE: 2011 - 2012

Port of Spain

- Out of 53 total projects, 25 or almost half never started and another 10 or about one-fifth remained incomplete with considerable work still be done
- With only 18 tasks finished, 67% of projects were never done
- Only 464 metres of roads were repaved for the entire year
- Only 1500 metres of drainage was done and 60% or more than half remained incomplete

Point Fortin

- 34 out of the total 52 projects were completed
- Only one third of the proposed projects were delivered
- More money was budgeted on PFRC building upgrades, vehicles, computers and electronic items than on anything else that would benefit the region as a whole

2012-2013:
PERFORMANCE statistics of PEOPLE'S PARTNERSHIP vs PNM for 2012-2013 (Average per Region)

PEOPLE'S PARTNERSHIP

Average # of projects per region = 62
Average # of complete projects = 19
Average completion rate of 30%

PNM

Average # of projects per region = 61
Average # of complete projects = 9
Average completion rate of 15%

- The People's Partnership completed 19 projects per region compared to 9 projects per region for the PNM on average per region
- The People's Partnership completed 30% of its projects compared to 15% completed by the PNM per average per region (People's Partnership completed 15% more of its projects than the PNM, double the average amount completed by the PNM)
- The People's Partnership had a lower number of incomplete projects than the PNM on average.
- People's Partnership had 15% fewer incomplete projects than the PNM

PNM NON-PERFORMANC

Port of Spain

- $4,864,000 budgeted, 0% projects completed
- No plans to improve recreation areas or parks
- No plans to upgrade or procure equipment needed by the corporation to maintain and develop the area
- Completed 0 metres of road surfacing
- Completed 0 metres of new drainage
- No plans to develop the region other than paving and drainage, of which none have been delivered for the period

San Juan - Laventille

- Of 66 total projects, only 9 have been completed, and no work has been done for 72% of the projects
- Completed only 540 metres of road surfacing
- Completed only 320 metres of drainage
- Plan to spend $500,000 on 2 cemeteries to restore the driveway on one and pave the driveway of another with expensive decorative concrete pavers
- Propose spending $2,350,000 just for the drawings of the proposed addition to the San Juan Abbatoir, not whole market designs

Point Fortin

- Only completed 35% of projects for the year
- Plan to build box drains on only 10 streets for the whole year
- Half the drainage projects have not been completed, even though there are so few planned

PERFORMANCE of the Average Region 2010-2013

- The People's Partnership had 49 more projects on average per region than the PNM
- The People's Partnership completed 62 more projects on average per region than the PNM
- The People's Partnership had 13 fewer incomplete projects on average per region than the PNM
- The People's Partnership completed 29% more projects per region than the PNM
- The People's Partnership had 21% fewer incomplete than PNM

PERFORMANCE of All Regions 2010-2013

The People's Partnership have 11 regions to manage, the PNM only had 3 and yet they never managed those 3 properly. The people were right to keep them away from the money.

- The People's Partnership undertook 1,871 projects while the PNM started 332 total
- The total completed projects for the People's Partnership is 979 while the PNM have 96 total
- Overall, the People's Partnership completed 52 % of its total projects while the PNM completed only 29% of its total projects for the years 2010-2013
- The People's Partnership completed 23% more of its projects than the PNM overall. The PNM did not complete 71% of its projects

People's Partnership TOP PERFORMING Regions (2010-2013)

- PEOPLE'S PARTNERSHIP

Complete	Incomplete	Place	Region
82%	21%	1st	Chaguanas
73%	27%	2nd	Diego Martin
63%	37%	3rd	Tunapuna
59%	41%	4th	Penal
58%	42%	5th	Siparia

PNM

Complete	Incomplete	Place	Region
46%	54%	1st	Point Fortin
20%	80%	2nd	POS
14%	86%	3rd	San Juan-Laventille

- The best performing region in the country, and best People's Partnership region is Chaguanas, completing 82% of their projects with 18% in progress
- The 2nd best performing region in the country, and best 2nd best People's Partnership region is Diego Martin with 73% of their projects with 27% in progress
- The 3rd best performing region in the country, and 3rd best People's Partnership region is Tunapuna completing 63% of their projects with 37% in progress

Compare with:

- The top PNM region in the country is Point Fortin with just 46% of their projects completed and the majority of 54% of projects incomplete or with no work done
- The 2nd best PNM performing region in the country is Port of Spain with just 20% of their projects completed and a majority of 80% of projects incomplete or with no work done
- The 3rd best performing PNM region in the country is San Juan-Laventille with only 14% of their projects completed and a majority of 86% of projects incomplete or with no work done
- The best performing People's Partnership region (Chaguanas) completed 82% of their projects while the best performing PNM region (Point Fortin) completed only 46% of their projects. The best performing People's Partnership region completed 36% more projects than the best performing region of the PNM and has 33% fewer incomplete projects than the best PNM region.
- The 2nd best performing People's Partnership region (Diego Martin) completed 73% of their projects while the 2nd best performing PNM region (Port of Spain) completed only 20% of their projects. The 2nd best performing People's Partnership region completed 53% more projects than the best performing region of the PNM and has 53% fewer incomplete projects than the 2nd best PNM region.
- The 3rd best performing People's Partnership region (Tunapuna) completed 63% of their projects while the 3rd best performing PNM region (San Juan) completed only 14% of their projects. The best performing People's Partnership region completed 49% more projects than the best performing region of the PNM and has 49% fewer incomplete projects than the best PNM region.

MINISTER COUDRAY

Senator Marlene Coudray, Minister of Local Government (excerpts from her Budget Presentation on September 25, 2013) Perspectives of the Minister of Local Government

LOCAL GOVERNMENT CLOSEST THING TO PEOPLE

- The Corporations provide the essential services and as we say, they are the first respondent in any issue involving communities and therefore local government is essential and it is the de jure and de facto, the closest thing to the people of Trinidad, in terms of the municipal corporations.

INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS TO PEOPLE PROBLEMS

- The Ministry of Local Government,its core values has been to commit its time and talents to creating innovative solutions that meet and exceed customers' needs with respect to municipalities in Trinidad.

EQUITY BETWEEN PORT-OF-SPAIN AND ALL OTHER COUNCILS

- I think the Member for Port of Spain South was complaining that not enough money is given to Corporations, or PNM MPs and PNM Corporations, and I refute this very strongly, in terms of the equity with which this Government has been providing funding for local government bodies.

PEOPLE'S PARTNERSHIP GOVERNMENT DOUBLED THE BUDGET FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT

- I pulled some figures from the draft estimates for the year 2007-2009 and over that triennial—that was under the last administration, under the PNM—the 14 local government bodies got a total of $395,490,480 to run their operations for that three-year period. That was under the PNM Government—$395,490,480. When the People's Partnership Government came in from 2010, comparing three-year periods from 2010—2012, the issues to the 14 municipalities, $646,682,851.

- In 2007—and I am just pulling the first and the last—the allocation to the Port of Spain Corporation was $10 million to do its PSIP. Under this People's Partnership Government, in 2013, the Port of Spain Corporation is allocated $20,600,000.

SERVING THE NEEDS OF THE ORDINARY PEOPLE

- I just want to say that this Government is very mindful of the concerns of ordinary citizens within communities, and in terms of the local government function. We were talking about structure in terms of we have "all kinda nice words" and everything in terms of putting

structures in place to deal with the functions and all that, but we have to service people, ordinary people, in communities and we have taken on board the concerns of the ordinary citizens, the things that affect their everyday life.

- We intend to handle a lot of the bigger things, but we will not neglect the people issues and the things that affect people, the everyday people, to give them a better life. And this is when we say we are bringing Government to the people, we are addressing the needs of people in communities in terms of the local government system.

MAKING LOCAL GOVERNMENT TRULY LOCAL

- Local government services will be truly local under this Government

WHERE WE ARE HEADED

Local Government:

1. Devolution of authority and resources from many central government ministries including Community Development, Ministry of the People and Social Development, Sport, Planning and Sustainable Development and Tertiary Education and Skills Training.

2. Equitable financial allocations to regions

3. A much more decentralised model for regional development planning will be enhanced and strengthened

4. Collaborative governance procedures, between central government, local government and community

5. Regional coordination of the delivery of water, electricity, telephones and other basic infrastructure and services

6. Community-based security and rehabilitation arrangements

7. Expanded responsibilities and increased compensation for local representatives

8. Established mechanisms to ensure high performance and accountability to bring local government in the modern age.

9. Local government to be facilitated to generate funding from taxes, bonds and public/private partnerships.

10. Local Government to be supported by local economic development strategies that link to community economic development and growth poles development. Currently (4) pilots involving four (4) Local Government Corporations are being pursued.

MINISTRY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACHIEVEMENTS 2010 – 2013

Over the past three years the performance of the Ministry of Local Government has been excellent and its project completion rate unprecedented.

- The Government spent $310,000,000.00 on construction and repairs of Local Government roads
- As part of our community bridges rehabilitation programme, the Ministry constructed or reconstructed bridges in the following communities:

Murray Branch Trace
Kelly Street
Katwaroo Trace
Soomai Trace
Coora Extension Road
Duff Trace, Hard Bargain, Princes Town
Warwell Road, Robert Village, Princes Town
Rampersad Trace, Penal
Ravine Road, Petit Valley
Bunsee Trace, Penal
Grant Trace, Rousillac
San Boucaud (sink hole)
Chaitar Trace and
Gowrie Sankar (box culvert)

Some Local Government ACHIEVEMENTS per Region

ARIMA

- Upgrades to 9 recreational facilities with installation at different venues of new recreational and sports lighting, surface restoration, basketball court paving, repairs to fencing, installation of children's playground with a fenced play area, exercise equipment and furniture. Purchases of additional equipment for the Parks and Recreation Department. More upgrades are planned to keep improving the premises and spectator facilities.

- Purchase of new equipment like a street sweeper, pressure washer, brush-cutters, chain saws and a backhoe to keep the region clean and well-maintained. Additional equipment was procured to upgrade the Corporation office.

- Installation of CCTV cameras in the town square area and upgrades to computer facilities to heighten the security for the public in areas of heavy traffic. New equipment was also purchased for the Disaster Preparedness unit.

- Completed 2693 metres of new drains, culverts, walkways and retaining walls with another 75% of planned work in progress.

- In addition to all the roads already resurfaced since 2010, the paving of 68% of planned road resurfacing for this year is already taking place, the other 32% are in the tendering stage and are set to begin soon.

2,693

metres of new drains, culverts, walkways and retaining walls with another 75% of planned work

- Continued addition of car parks around the town centre, additional tents for the market and the establishment of suitable sites for night vending.
- Completed projects to provide a water supply to an additional 78 households. A feasibility study is being conducted by WASA to provide more households with water.
- Construction of over 1,900m of drain.
- Paving 10 roads totalling approximately 10,000m.
- Constructed approximately 1400m of footpath and road crossings.
- Provided approximately 90 water connections in six areas.
- Publication of a book detailing the history of Arima.
- Hosted numerous dinners honouring the senior citizens in the respective areas.
- Distribution of hampers and clothing and
- Open Market Upgrade (fencing and resurfacing).

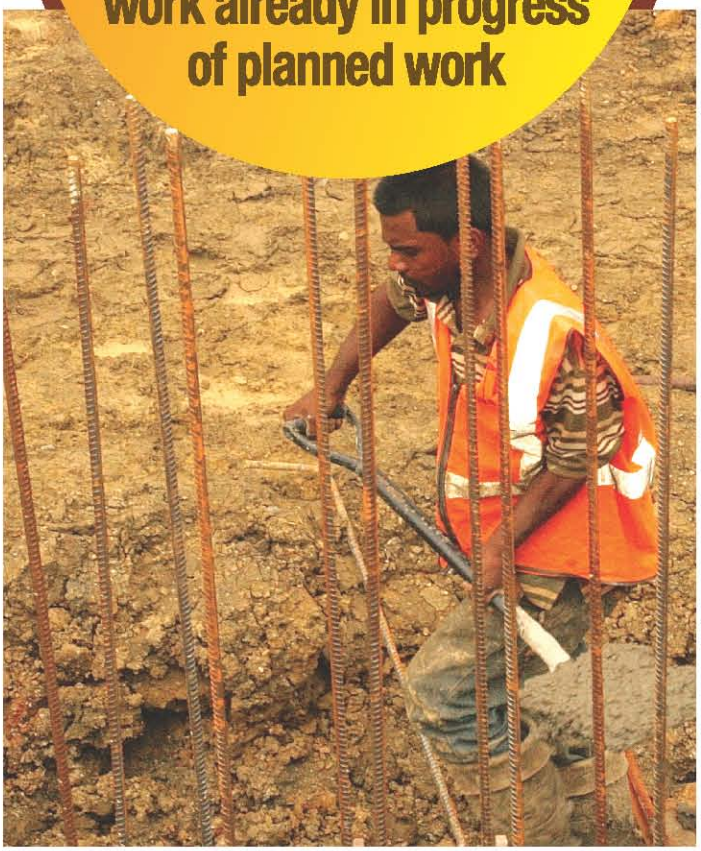
Some Local Government ACHIEVEMENTS per Region

CHAGUANAS

- More than 8500 metres of road surfaces have been repaved, with additional paving work already being done on 17 additional roadways this year.
- Upgrades to 26 recreational facilities with installation at different venues of new lighting, surface raising and restoration, construction of new drainage systems, creation of paved jogging paths, repairs to fencing, refurbishment of clubhouses, replacement of pavilion roofs, the construction of a tennis court and installation of children's playgrounds. More upgrades are planned to keep improving the premises and spectator facilities.
- Repaving of the Cunupia Market, construction of additional facilities and vendors booths at the Chaguanas Market and Endeavour Market.
- Procurement of dump trucks, excavators, flat tray trucks, water tender and additional equipment to expedite projects being done to develop various areas in the region.
- Completed more than 5,000 metres of new drains, culverts, walkways and retaining walls with more construction work already in progress.
- The Administration Building for the Chaguanas Borough Corporation is complete.
- The recreation ground at Edinburgh 500 was upgraded to include lighting and a paved jogging track 200 by 20 meters. Chrissie Terrace and Freedom Street Recreation Ground has been upgraded.
- The Ramsaran Street Boulevard has been widened and box drains constructed with the addition of a tennis court.
- About five acres of land have been handed over for a Muslim cemetery.
- In Montrose the Lange Park Recreation Ground has been upgraded with perimeter lightings, a paved jogging track and a children's play park.

5,000

metres of new drains, culverts, walkways and retaining walls with more construction work already in progress of planned work

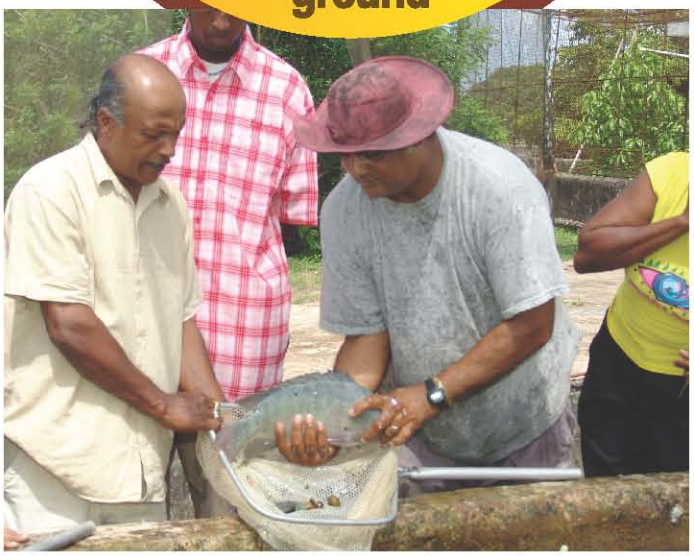


Some Local Government ACHIEVEMENTS per Region

COUVA

- 850 metres of new main water pipes run to improve the water supply in 4 separate projects.
- More than 6,500 metres of road surfaces on 51 different streets are being repaved with additional paving work being done to fix potholes.
- Restoration work at 6 cemeteries including work to fix gates, fencing, drainage, roadways and to provide covered sanctuary areas.
- Upgrades to the networking of Corporation buildings to increase the speed of communication and to connect all the offices so that it takes less time to get things done.
- Procurement of compactors, tractors, dump trucks, excavators, flat tray trucks, and additional equipment to expedite projects being done to develop various areas in the corporation.
- Upgrades to 19 parks and recreational areas with refurbishment works such as new lighting, resurfacing and restoration, construction of a new cricket pitches, paved jogging tracks, sub soil drainage, construction of bleachers, upgrades to pavilion seating and facilities. More upgrades are planned to keep improving the premises and spectator facilities.
- New drains and culverts are being built on 60 roads with a goal of 3,500 metres of new drainage systems for the region.
- Construction of 1447 metres of box drains.
- 54 metres of box culverts.
- 3683 metres of road paving.
- Provision of a 200meter jogging track.
- 240 metres fencing of recreation ground.
- 2000 square meter extension of the recreation ground.
- A play park for children.
- Three cemetery sanctuaries.
- Construction of the Sonny Mann Band Stand and Park.

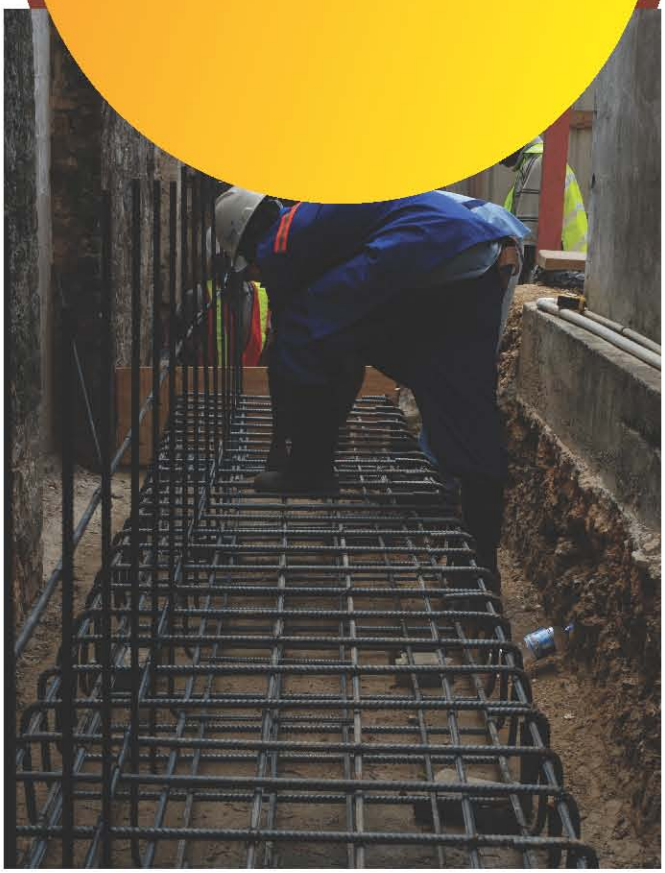
3,683
metres of road paving
2000
square meter extension of the recreation ground



Some Local Government ACHIEVEMENTS per Region

DIEGO MARTIN

30 drainage and irrigation projects totalling 2,984.95 meters



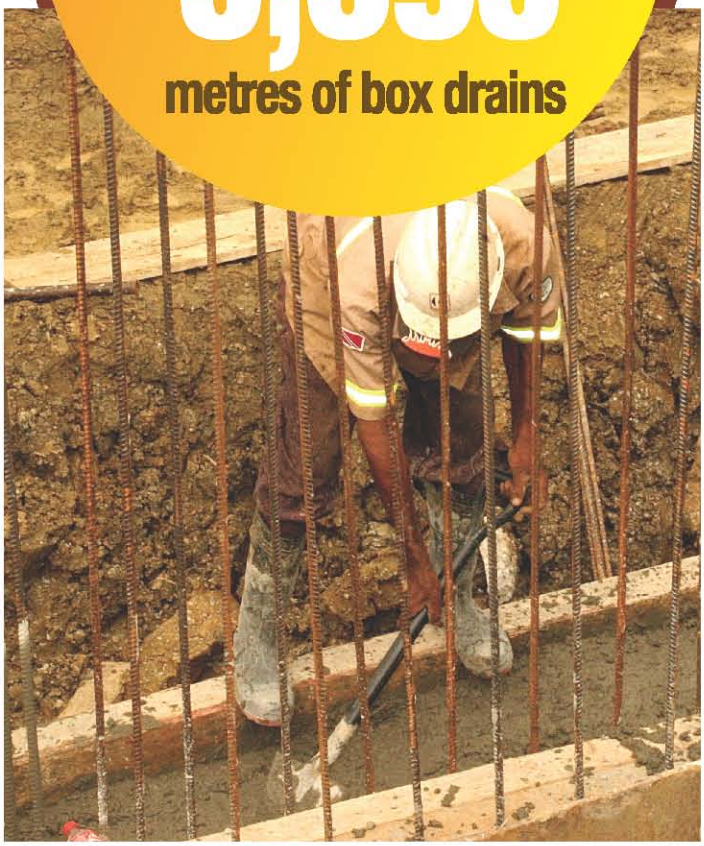
- Refurbishment of several older Corporation properties to operative conditions.
- 2,500 metres of road surfaces repaved with additional paving work being done to fix potholes.
- Procurement of compactors, tractors, dump trucks, excavators, flat tray trucks, and additional equipment to expedite projects being done to develop various areas in the corporation.
- Upgrades to recreation facilities at L'Anse Mitan, Four Roads, Bagatelle, Pascall, Belle Vue, Providence, Covigne and Cocorite.
- New box drains, block walls, retaining walls and culverts constructed in 47 areas at length of 3,000 metres so far.
- The DMRC has been particularly focused on major work related to the Water Management and Flood Erosion Control Systems project involving proposed retention ponds, clearing of sediment from drains, and working with communities to stop slope side degradation.
- 30 drainage and irrigation projects totalling 2,984.95 meters.
- Upgraded 7 recreational facilities.
- Upgraded three cemeteries and crematoria facilities.
- Upgraded one market and abattoir.
- Rehabilitated approximately 9, 045 metres of local roads and began 6 projects involving bridges and retaining walls.

Some Local Government ACHIEVEMENTS per Region

MAYARO-RIO CLARO

7,103
metres of road paving

5,395
metres of box drains



- 6,500 metres of road surfaces repaved and in the process of being repaved, including new concrete bridgework, with additional paving work set to commence on another 1,000 metres.
- Refurbishment of several older Corporation properties to operative conditions, with upgrades in facilities, correcting structural issues and computer equipment.
- Procurement dump trucks and flat tray trucks, and additional equipment to expedite projects being done to develop various areas in the corporation.
- Construction of a car park at the Mafeking Cemetery and landscaping works done to improve the Bristol Cemetery.
- Upgrades of facilities, surfaces, walls, bleachers and lighting to recreation facilities Jairam Trace Recreation Ground, Ortoire Recreation Ground, Shell Recreation Ground, Boos Recreation Ground and the Rio Claro Recreation Ground.
- Construction of 2,500 metres of new box drains and culverts with 2,100 metres already completed and the rest currently being built.
- The construction/rehabilitation of:
  - 5,395m of box drains
  - 248m retaining wall
  - 7103 m of road paving
  - 8.1m of bridge
  - 1000 curb and slipper drain
  - 17 cylindrical crossings installed and
  - Soil Investigation
- Upgrade/refurbishment of four recreation grounds. The work included retaining walls, bleachers and supply of sand fill.
- Construction of car park at Mafeking Cremation Site.
- Construction of work shed, box drain and toilet facilities at Biche Sub-Office and electrification, roofing, air condition and furnish offices at the workshop building.

Some Local Government ACHIEVEMENTS per Region

PENAL-DEBE

- More than 5,000 metres of roads resurfaced with other works in progress to repave an additional 7,500 metres.
- The planning and construction of the Penal-Debe Administrative Complex, bringing a more modern and efficient service toward the development of rural areas.
- Addition of heavy equipment such as dump trucks, double cab canter trucks and agricultural tractors to increase the capabilities of the Corporation to complete more projects in a shorter time frame.
- 34 projects to repair and upgrade facilities at regional cemeteries, with 82% of the work completed already and the rest underway.
- Upgrades of 33 recreation facilities, including new cricket pitches, perimeter lighting, jogging tracks, concrete seating, drains, a parking garage, a bandstand, and playground equipment for children.
- Construction of 8,500 metres of new box drains and culverts with an additional 5,500m to continue the building of an efficient drainage system for the region.
- The construction/rehabilitation/resurfacing of:
  - 8,261m of roadway for 16 projects
  - 3,974 m of box drain for 68 projects
  - 1030m of kerbwall and slipper drain for 15 projects
  - 60m of retaining wall for 2 projects
  - 142m of box culvert for 24 projects
  - 98m of stabilizing embankment for 6 projects
- Upgrade of 15 recreation facilities
- Upgrade of 8 Cemeteries
- Construction of Debe Sub Office
- Procurement of 2 vehicles and
- Development of the Penal/Debe Strategic Plan

8,261
metres of roadway for 16 projects

Upgrades of 33 recreation facilities

Some Local Government ACHIEVEMENTS per Region

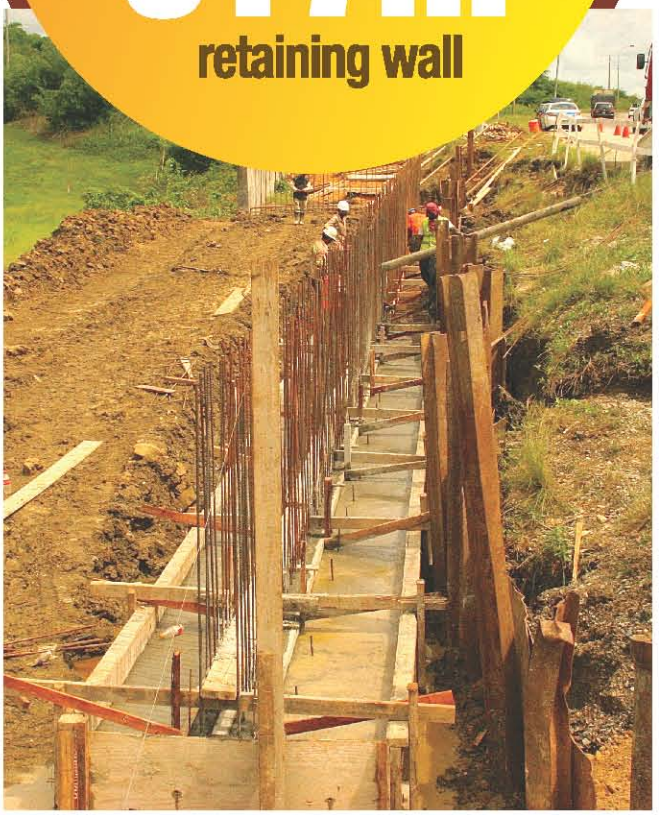
PRINCES TOWN

- Projects for the laying of water mains to the areas of Corinth, New Grant, Tableland, Ben Lomond, Hard Bargain and Williamsville have been undertaken and the planning works are currently underway. Other areas included in the project are Jimmy Trace, Suzanna Trace, Mc Sween Road, L'Anse Mitan Road, Ramjohn Trace and Bhagwantee Road.
- Two thirds of the work of constructing new drains, culverts and retaining walls has already been completed with additional works in progress to bring the total constructed to over 3,500 metres.
- Addition of heavy equipment such as dump trucks, wheel tractors, a five-tonne roller, a lowboy trailer and tipping trailers to increase the capabilities of the Corporation to complete more projects in a shorter time frame. There is also ongoing work to demolish and erect the new structure for the Moruga Sub Office.
- With ongoing projects to resurface 15,000 metres of road, the PTRC has completed almost half of the repaving with the other 8,500 metres of resurfacing activities to be undertaken next.
- Upgrades to 17 recreational facilities with installation at different venues of new lighting, surface raising, turf cricket pitches, play parks, creation of paved jogging paths, repairs to fencing, concrete bleachers, and the development of the beachfront, as well as the formation of the recreation ground at La Gloria. More upgrades are planned to keep improving the premises and facilities for the people of the region and people coming to visit the beaches and other attractions like the Devil's Woodyard.
- The construction/rehabilitation of:
  - o 4,383m box drains
  - o 1250 kerb wall and slipper drain
  - o 70 m box culvert
  - o 5304 m road paving
  - o 317m retaining wall
  - o 6 bridges and 1 bailey bridge
  - Development of two cemeteries
  - Development of seven recreation grounds and two Corporation buildings
- Upgrade of network infrastructure
- Development work on Devil's Wood yard (fencing, benches and lighting) and L'Anse Mitan Spring Bridge (sandblasting and painting)
- Establishment of a Health and Safety Unit and the completion of a Draft Health and Safety Policy

PRINCES TOWN REGIONAL CORPORATION
PTRC
Service with Commitment and Compassion

4,383
metres of box drains

317m
retaining wall



Some Local Government ACHIEVEMENTS per Region

SAN FERNANDO

5,500
of new drains and culverts

Refurbishment/upgrade
11 recreation grounds

- More than 12,000 metres of road surfaces is being repaved, with over half already completed and the rest ongoing on 44 streets.
- Procurement of heavy construction equipment such as dump trucks, excavators, flat tray trucks, water tender and additional equipment to expedite projects being done to develop various areas in the corporation. Equipment was also purchased for the Disaster Preparedness Programme.
- Completed more than 5,500 metres of new drains and culverts with an additional 5,000 metres in progress.
- Recreational facilities have been upgraded through 27 different projects involving the construction of new facilities and refurbishing of existing infrastructure. More upgrades are planned to keep improving the premises and spectator facilities.
- The construction/rehabilitation of:
  - 3,111m of box drains
  - 1.8 catch-pits
  - 35m kerb wall
  - 13.5m culvert
  - 2,314m pavement overlay
  - 1,163 m repair of base and repave
- Refurbishment/upgrade of 11 recreation grounds. Work included, fencing, fabrication work, installation of toilets, electrical works, lighting/plumbing/ceiling/tiling work.
- Award of contracts for the construction of a two-storey office building at Roodal Cemetery
- Repurposing of the San Fernando Abattoir and Fish Market started.
  - Soil testing/ geotechnical report and designs for the new fish market were competed and
  - Contract awarded for the demolition of the abattoir and for work on phase 1 of the Riprap for the shoreline

Some Local Government ACHIEVEMENTS per Region

SANGRE GRANDE

- More than 6,000 metres of roads resurfaced in addition to other works to commence; to repave a total of 12,600 metres.
- Addition of heavy duty equipment such as dump trucks, a compactor, water tender, backhoes, truck trailers and other equipment to increase the capabilities of the Corporation to complete more projects in a shorter time frame.
- Projects underway to upgrade recreational facilities including additions of children's play parks, extending playing fields and repaving courts.
- Construction of over 2,000 metres of new box drains and culverts toward the building of an efficient drainage system for the region.
- 1500 square metres of paving of the open market area
- Cleaning and maintenance of beaches throughout the region
- Construction of 6 bridges
- 27 roads are complete over a distance of 9,450 meters

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meters

Some Local Government ACHIEVEMENTS per Region

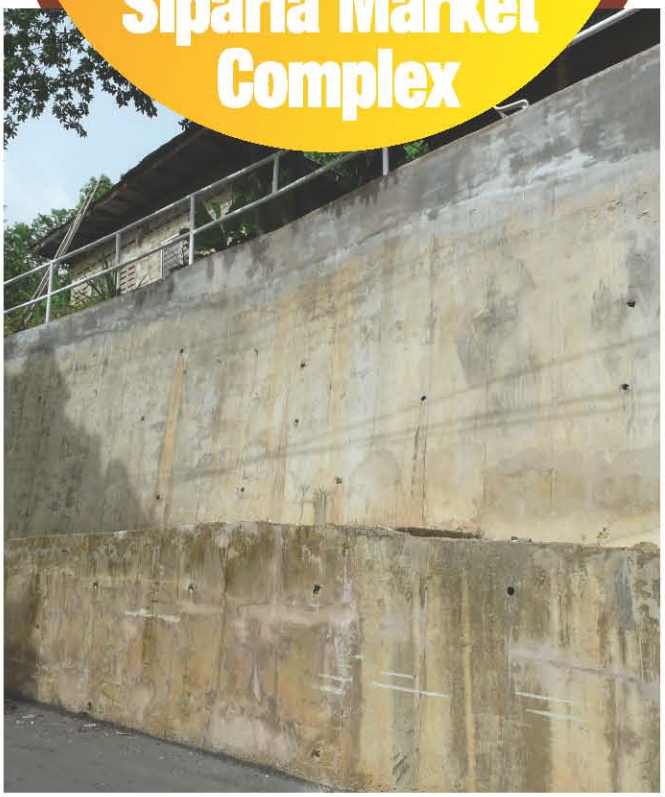
SIPARIA

- 10,000 metres of road surfaces have already been paved and another 5,000 metres is scheduled for completion, with additional paving work being done to fix potholes.
- New drains and culverts have been completed along 5,000 metres of the region with another 1,000 in progress and an additional 1, 500 metres of construction scheduled to begin.
- Construction of the ultramodern Siparia Market Complex.
- The Disaster Management Unit has been outfitted with new communication equipment to aid in disaster relief, they have also been provided with additional storage for emergency aid, as well as additional equipment. Plans are also underway to procure a vehicle to serve as an Emergency Operations Centre to distant parts of the region.
- Procurement of heavy duty equipment such as backhoes, trucks, tipping trailers and additional equipment to expedite projects being done to develop various areas in the Corporation.
- Upgrades to 19 parks and recreational areas with refurbishment works such as new steel frame seating structures, resurfacing of basketball courts, upgrades of washroom facilities, construction of concrete bleachers and stands. More upgrades are planned to keep improving the premises and spectator facilities.
- The construction/rehabilitation of:
  - 4,134 m of box drain
  - 491 m kerb wall and slipper drainand
  - 4,755 m roadway
- Upgrade/refurbishment of 19 basketball courts/pavilions/washrooms
- Infrastructure upgrade/demolition of old market
- Upgrade/refurbish of main administrative building and extension, Grell Street office and rehabilitate compound yard, car park and garage;
- Purchase of Skid Steer Loader for the disaster unit and a 3-ton truck, vibratory roller, pressure washer and heavy duty brush cutter
- Infrastructure upgrade work to Banwari archaeological site, Aripero wet sand pond site and Erin beachfront car park and
- Improve public washroom amenities in Siparia and at the Shore of Peace cremation site

SIPARIA REGIONAL CORPORATION
Development Commitment and Quality Service

10,000
metres of road surfaces have already been paved

Ultramodern Siparia Market Complex



Some Local Government ACHIEVEMENTS per Region

TUNAPUNA – PIARCO

- 11,000 metres of road surfaces repaved and in the process of being repaved, with additional paving work set to commence on another 3,000 metres for a total to be completed of 13,000 metres.
- Refurbishment of several older Corporation properties to operative conditions, with upgrades in facilities, correcting structural issues and computer equipment.
- Procurement of heavy equipment such as a water tender, wheel tractor, mechanised roller, backhoe, dump trucks and additional equipment to expedite projects being done to develop various areas in the corporation. Additional equipment was purchased for the Disaster Management Unit.
- General improvements and upgrades to buildings and facilities to functional conditions. As well as the installation of entrance features at both ends of the business district of The Tunapuna Region.
- 11 completed and ongoing projects to upgrade the facilities of cemeteries, including the construction of walls, drains, car parks and additional paving.
- Upgrades of facilities of recreation areas and parks in 54 separate projects to provide cricket nets, exercise equipment, park equipment, fill and grade the playing surface, refurbish pavilions, to construct concrete bleachers, to upgrade restrooms and to pave walkways.
- Construction of 9,500 metres of new drains and culverts completed with an additional 1,500 metres scheduled to commence.

11,000

metres of road surfaces repaved

Additional equipment purchased for the Disaster Management Unit

SPECIAL PURPOSE COMPANIES REPORTING TO THE MINISTRY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Special Purpose State Enterprises Infrastructure Community Development Projects:
The Ministry through the Special Purpose State Enterprises executed projects in the fourteen (14) Municipal Corporations at an estimated cost of $200m. These projects include:

- The construction/rehabilitation of:
  - o 8,214m drains
  - o 1,333m sidewalk
  - o 12,757m² paving
  - o 2,684m curb wall
  - o 3 retaining wall
  - o 13 culverts
- Priority areas include rehabilitation/construction of bridges and pavilions throughout Trinidad and Tobago, the Marabella Market, Kent House, San Juan Market and the National Development Centre for people with disabilities.

COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT SERVICES LTD

On the Naparima/Mayaro Road the following Infrastructure, Civil & Structural works have been completed by the CISL:

- Drainage
- Water
- Lights
- Road Rehabilitation
- Buildings Construction
- The South Cocoyea flood alleviation project has been completed including parks and public spaces
- On the Carapo Main Road, Mausica, Courts, Pavilions and Recreation Grounds have either been constructed and/ or upgraded

THE PALO SECO AGRICULTURAL ENTERPRISES LIMITED

The PSAEL has successfully undertaken the following projects:

- o 500m of road crossing
- o 4250m of kerb and slipper drains
- o 5,000m of road rehabilitation work
- o 2,080m of box drain
- o 640m of sidewalk
- o 154m of retaining wall
- o 250m of earthen drains
- o 250m of jogging track

- Monitored 1059 cases of land administration for Petrotrin, Trintoc and PSAEL
- Completed 136 projects for Petrotrin involving maintenance of grounds, building and properties in Point-a-Pierre, Point Fortin and Santa Flora
- The construction/rehabilitation of No. 1 Alexander Place is near completion
- Chaguanas Administrative Complex
- The PSAEL undertook a special project to assist Petrotrin in identifying land owners as part of the Trinidad and Tobago Onshore Exploration Bid Round 2012. This project entailed extensive field work to determine ownership of some three thousand five hundred (3,500) properties in South Trinidad. The project was completed and Petrotrin has indicated its intention to award additional works to PSAEL in this area.

RURAL DEVELOPMENT COMPANY LIMITED

The company undertook the following projects over the last fiscal year :

- o 9,075m of road paving
- o 1,185m of box drain
- o 655m of sidewalk
- o Ramleela Ground (upgrade of main building, pavilion and new front fence wall with religious murals)

NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR SELF HELP LIMITED (NCSHL):

The National Commission for Self Help Limited is focused on addressing the Medium Term Policy Framework (2011-2014) Strategic Objective of Poverty Eradication, Social Justice and Human Capital Development.
In the past year the NCSHL implemented projects including:

- Emergency Repair/Reconstruction Assistance Grant (ERRAG): by this project the NCSHL responded to the immediate needs of individuals/communities which were affected by fires, floods, wind storms and other natural disasters by addressing their infrastructure needs. The NCSHL provided grants for 635 homes with an additional 333 in progress.
- Infrastructure Projects:

- The Commission provided materials for and monitored the construction of nine bridges in rural communities. Four have been completed and an additional 5 are in progress
- Provided material and technical support to repair/ construct box drains in rural areas, 32 completed and an additional 30 are in progress
- The NCSHL also provided assistance to 1090 elderly and underprivileged individuals to repair and refurbish their homes. An additional 452 are in progress

SPECIAL PURPOSE COMPANIES REPORTING TO THE MINISTRY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT

- The Commission provided materials for paving and lighting works and constructed 25 retaining walls with an additional 35 in progress
- The Commission also provided materials, some skilled labour and equipment to pave 39 roads in rural and urban areas. An additional 11 are in progress.
- Provided materials to pave 5 car parks in 5 schools and completed minor repairs to the school buildings. An additional 4 are in progress
- Building materials were provided for repairs/refurbishment of 28 facilities owned and managed by caregiving organisations and community centres, places of worship, activity centres and for homes for destitute families in depressed areas. An additional 62 are in progress.
- Steps for ease of access to hilly areas in Belmont, Mt Hope and Morvant were completed and an additional 4 are in various stages of completion.
- A Water Project to provide water pipes and fittings to facilitate connection to WASA's water distribution system. One is complete and an additional 3 are in progress.

Solid Waster Management Company Limited (SWMCOL)

Over the last fiscal year SWMCOL has:

- Entered into contracts with the National Carnival Commission, Unilever, Powergen and Petrotrin
- Sponsored the National Petroleum Marketing Company to provide refurbished barrels for schools recycling programme
- Donated 6 waste collection bins to Mayaro/Rio Claro Regional Corporation and 2 three-stream recycling bins to the San Fernando City Corporation
- Undertaken public exhibitions and lectures to 37 schools and 8 business organizations and Served as the lead coordinator for a school recycling project for the Rotary Club of San Fernando
- Completed the Trinidad and Tobago SWRM Policy Development which has been submitted to Cabinet
- Commissioned a study in collaboration with the University of the West Indies on the Rehabilitation of the Guanapo Landfill
- Collaborated with the Japanese International Corporation Agency (JICA) regarding the Potential of Landfill Rehabilitation in the country
- Conducted in-house training on Landfill Operations Basics and Safety
- Introduced a Global Positioning System (GPRS) to facilitate effective Fleet management
- Upgraded a number of facilities; installed lighting for all landfills; relocated its Tobago operation; introduced cost reduction mechanisms; portable fixed expenses cost and utility bills
- Launched the Youth Outreach Programme: ***"My Community, My Responsibility"*** on Monday 25th February, 2013 at the Williamsville Secondary School, Princes Town.

EAST PORT OF SPAIN DEVELOPMENT COMPANY LIMITED (EPOS)

1. EPOS has prepared a draft Strategic Development Plan for East Port of Spain.

2. Work is at an advanced stage of completion in areas of Urban Design Solutions for Comprehensive Development Areas in East Port of Spain through Miami-based consultants Dover Kohl and Partners and their local counterparts.

3. Meetings were held with residents of East Port of Spain and youths in three (3) secondary schools in the area to obtain their views and to identify improvements, services, facilities and potential development projects.

4. Twenty-three physical development projects were undertaken by the Company since its incorporation including the Sogren Trace Recreation Ground and the children's play park at Beetham Gardens with funding provided by British Gas. Several transformational, high impact and high visibility projects and quick wins are now ready to go for Cabinet's consideration.

SOME ACHIEVEMENT HIGHLIGHTS

MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE PEOPLE'S PARTNERSHIP 2010 TO 2013

They Talk, We Deliver: They Promise, We Guarantee People

1. Provided 70,000 laptops for all Form One students in all Secondary Schools

2. Established the Children's Life Fund which has saved 81 lives thus far

3. Increased minimum wage from $9.00 to $12.50 – promised by the PNM and never done

4. Increased old age pension as of September 2010 to $3000 per month

5. Provided free public transport for students and senior citizens

6. Established a COSTAATT campus in Sangre Grande

7. Launched the UTT Education Campus in Tobago

8. Started construction of the University of the West Indies in Debe

9. Completed the Scarborough General Hospital – project languished under the PNM

10. Started work on the Children's Hospital in Couva

11. Completed the Chancery Lane Teaching Hospital in San Fernando

12. Increased level of benefits: sickness, invalidity, special maternity, employment, injury, and grants under the NIS

13. Launched "Land for the Landless" Programme – 5000 lots to be distributed in 3 years

14. Distributed 4000 leases to former Caroni employees - the PNM gave out 800 from 2003 to 2010 Three thousand (3000) former Caroni workers received a promised $6.5 million as a refund for management fee in the infamous PNM /UTC sweetener scheme

Infrastructure

1. Constructed the Golconda to Debe segment of the Point Fortin Highway

2. Upgraded the Tarouba Link Road (after decades of problems)

3. Expanded the Couva/Preysal Interchange Project

4. Constructed the Kelly Village to Piarco bypass road

5. Started construction on the National Aquatic Centre, tennis centre & cycling centre

6. Increased the percentage of the population receiving a 24- hour supply to 49% from 18% in 2010;
   a. Completed the Navet Trunk Main – led to improved water supply for 250,000 people;
   b. Completed Seven Seas Desalination project in Point Fortin – 29,000 people in La Brea and Point Fortin moved from intermittent supply to 24/7 supply of water
   c. In Tobago - In 2010, 23% of the population received water service 24 hours a day, seven days per week. By August 2013, this level of water service was approaching 67%

7. Diego Martin Highway – under construction. Will alleviate traffic problems in Diego Martin

8. Unemployment Relief Programme – 34.7 km of Box Drains constructed in 2012/2013

9. Ministry of Local Government – 237 km of roads rehabilitated and paved in 2012/2013

10. Ministry of Local Government – 65 bridges completed in 2012/ 2013

11. Infrastructure to support sports and recreation built in villages across the country

Economy

1. Stable economy – low inflation 5.6% and 5% unemployment compared to 10.6% inflation and 5.9% in 2010)

2. Four consecutive quarters of economic growth, from 3rd quarter 2012 to 2nd quarter 2013

SOME ACHIEVEMENT HIGHLIGHTS

MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE PEOPLE'S PARTNERSHIP 2010 TO 2013

3. Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) of over US$2.5 billion in 2012 (US$2 billion in energy and US$.5billion outside of energy)

4. Significant increase in drilling activity (eight rigs will be working offshore by end of year compared to just one in mid-2010)

5. Signed six Deepwater Production Sharing Contracts (zero signed under the PNM)

6. First Citizens' initial public offering (IPO) has been oversubscribed 3.12 times

7. Launched the CLICO Investment Fund – over 6000 people and organizations benefit from $10 billion in payout; and commenced payments to HCU depositors – 17,794 people benefit from payout of $132 million

8. Increased agricultural output and consequent decrease in food inflation from 29% in 2010 to 9% in 2013

9. Improved our standing in the "Ease of Doing Business" Index and Trinidad and Tobago is now ranked 69th up from 76th in 2011

10. Removed VAT on 7,000 food items

11. The construction sector is beginning to pick up as the approval granting system becomes streamlined.

Good Governance:

1. Certificates of Environmental Clearance (CECs) for quarries instituted by Ministry of Energy and the Ministry of the Environment

2. Change in methodology for choosing Aldermen in Local Government Corporations – a giant step in Proportional Representation (PR) since it was first suggested in the 1960s

3. Forthcoming legislation for two terms for a Prime Minister

4. Forthcoming legislation for the recall of parliamentarians

5. After extensive consultations, Constitution Review Report to be laid in Parliament

6. After a comprehensive consultation process, the Local Government reform report was laid in Parliament

7. The imposition of an immediate two-year ban on hunting to preserve wildlife and to protect our environment

8. An increase in fines for littering and also an increase in the number of litter wardens as part of keeping our environment clean

9. Procurement legislation ready to be laid in Parliament

10. Bill to facilitate orderly development and to protect communities from abuses read for debate in Parliament together with a Plan for the Governance of Land-Use and Physical Development..

11. Reduction in the time required to register a company in Trinidad and Tobago to one day from 90 to 120 days previously

12. Decentralization of the Offices of the Ministry of Legal Affairs to allow citizens access to birth and marriage certificates within the same day of application

13. Settling of 66 out of 75 unresolved agreements in the labour sector thus respecting the rights of the employees to equality of treatment and the principle of fairness in exchange for labour

14. Resolving the Hindu Credit Union (HCU) and Colonial Life Insurance Company (Trinidad) Ltd. (CLICO) matters thus preserving the rights of citizens to the security of their investments

15. First national census in ten years completed in record time

16. A comprehensive and transparent approach to the development of Trinidad and Tobago in urban as well as rural areas with sub-regional development strategies

17. Calling and holding four elections at the times they were constitutionally due (one in 2010 and three in 2013)

18. Bringing to an end the contract with SNC Lavelin and so proving beyond a shadow of a doubt that the government is serious about preventing corruption

SOME ACHIEVEMENT HIGHLIGHTS

MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE PEOPLE'S PARTNERSHIP 2010 TO 2013

19. Winning a settlement of $1.4 billion for the people against bad decisions of the former regime

20. Answering 90% of the Parliamentary questions filed by the opposition on time.

Significant Achievements

- Our economy has recorded positive economic growth in the last four consecutive quarters. With output in the energy sector being constrained by ongoing maintenance activity, the non-energy sector has risen to the challenge and has been driving the resumption of economic growth in Trinidad and Tobago.

Indeed, in August 2013, the Executive Board of the International Monetary Fund, having concluded its 2013 Article IV Consultations with Trinidad and Tobago, welcomed the signs of economic recovery and agreed that Government's macroeconomic policies are appropriately supporting the recovery in the near term.

Over the past year we have made important policy decisions and implemented them in several areas:

Poverty Alleviation

- Increased a number of benefits: sickness, invalidity, special maternity, employment injury, and grants under the National Insurance Board
- Removed VAT on over 7,000 food items
- Launched the Utilities Assistance Programme for WASA and T&TEC: 11,421 lower-income customers are benefiting
- Increased the Medical Equipment Grant from $6,000 to $7,500: 1,596 citizens have accessed this grant
- Increased the Funeral Grant from $3,450 to $7,000: 1,206 families have received this grant
- Increased the Education Grant from $300 per child to $500 per child per month: 1,535 students have received this grant
- Increased the National Insurance Retirement Benefit from $2,000 to $3,000 per month; 113,173 citizens are benefiting from this pension
- Introduced a minimum pension of $3,000 per month for all retired public servants; 34,000 retired public servants are receiving the increased pensions
- Increased the senior citizens grant to $3,000 per month; 82,509 senior citizens are now beneficiaries of the grant

Public and Social Services

- Completed 50 pipeline projects providing a new and more reliable supply of water to over 11,400 residents throughout Trinidad and Tobago at an estimated $47.2 million
- Commissioned the Navet Trunk Line which delivered a 24/7 water supply to over 250,000 citizens
- Procured 5 Portable Water Treatment Plants for Talparo, Matura, Penal, Point Fortin and Fyzabad increasing potable water supply for approximately 11,500 persons

Transport and Infrastructure

- Completed the first phase of the San Fernando/Point Fortin Highway
- Constructed a state-of-the-art water taxi terminal in San Fernando
- Refurbished 7 markets and installed 8 bailey bridges across the country
- Refurbished the Scarborough Inter-Island Ferry passenger Terminal Building
- Introduced a Rapid Bus Transit System on the East-West Corridor providing a bus every 15 minutes; 18,000 persons are now benefiting from this experience
- Introduced a Curepe to San Fernando bus service with 46 daily trips: 2,000 passenger are now benefiting from this improved service

Education

- Expanded the On-the-Job-Training (OJT) programme to include culinary arts, environment, agriculture and media
- Equipped 108 Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) centres with resources and instructional materials
- Started construction of the UWI South Campus and the Signal Hill UWI Open Campus in Tobago
- Launched the University of Trinidad and Tobago Education Campus in Tobago
- Expanded the GATE programme to include technical and vocational Training: 59,476 students are now in the GATE Programme
- Distributed laptops to more than 70,000 Form One students
- Opened a COSTAATT Campus in Sangre Grande to service over 800 students in Sangre Grande and neighbouring environs

Health

- Started construction of the Couva Children's Hospital

SOME ACHIEVEMENT HIGHLIGHTS

MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE PEOPLE'S PARTNERSHIP 2010 TO 2013

- Launched a new state-of-the-art eye theatre and ward in the San Fernando General Hospital
- Established a Cardiology Unit and Oncology Department at the San Fernando General Hospital
- Procured more than a dozen new ambulances for our national ambulance service

Housing

- Issued lands to 500 persons under the Land for Landless Programme
- Distributed home improvement subsidies totaling over $22 million: 1,241 households have benefited
- Increased the Housing Assistance Grant for damage done by natural and man-made disasters from $10,000 to $15,000: 1,093 families have benefited

The Economy – Labour, Growth and Diversification

- Brought calm to the industrial relations climate; 66 salary and wage negotiations involving 20 trade unions have been settled
- Increased the minimum wage from $9.00 to $12.50 per hour
- Launched the CLICO Investment Fund and commenced payments to the Hindu Credit Union (HCU) depositors and shareholders
- Refurbished, upgraded and reopened the Magdalena Grand Beach Resort in Tobago to add 200 high quality rooms
- Economic growth has returned to a positive trend in 2013 with projections of stability in 2014

National Security

- Enhanced law enforcement and strengthened the legislative framework through the enactment of the:
  - Interception and Communications Act (2010)
  - Firearms (Amendment) Act, the Anti-Gang Act (2011)
  - Bail (Amendment) Act (2011)
  - Trafficking in Person Act (2011) and
  - Anti-terrorism Act

Sport

- Provided financial assistance to elite athletes in the amount of $6.6 million in preparation for their participation in regional and international championships
- Started developmental works at the Hasely Crawford, Larry Gomes, Mannie Ramjohn and Dwight Yorke Stadium
- Started construction of the National Aquatic Centre, the National Tennis Centre and the National Cycle Centre

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 2014 Budget

The philosophy of Budget 2014 is premised of two development tracks:

1. Fiscal prudence (including tax incentives, support to SMEs, capital formation), reducing the fiscal deficit and creating a diversified economy by stimulating growth in the non-energy sectors

2. Adequate funding to economic, social and infrastructure programmes to ensure that citizens enjoy a high quality of life, and the opportunities for growth and sustainability are also supported and facilitated

Some of the elements of the 2014 Budget that impact on the diversification of the economy and economic growth are:

Agriculture

- Distribution of state lands to our farmers - over 4,000 acres of lands formerly owned by Caroni (1975) Limited and 100 acres of State lands at Tucker Valley have been divided into 6 small and 8 large farms for distribution to farmers. Three of the large farms are already in operation while 5,800 acres of agricultural lands leased to the former employees of Caroni are being brought into production through the Green Initiative.

- Investment through the Agricultural Development Bank has been increased with the approval of over 1,066 new loan applications and disbursement of over 1,400 loans valued at approximately $150 million.

- A Memorandum of Understanding has been agreed with the Government of Guyana which will provide initially 10,000 acres of land for immediate agricultural production and subsequently a further 90,000 acres. The Government of Trinidad and Tobago will invite private sector investment in agricultural production in Guyana, and will work with the Government of Guyana to provide a facilitating environment and the necessary support to attract such investments.

Small and Medium Enterprises

- To encourage SMEs, which constitute over 85% of all registered businesses, to utilise the stock market, it is proposed that the tax incentive framework be amended to facilitate listings by SMEs.

- The Ministry of Labour and Small and Micro Enterprise Development's will review its Fair Share Programme which is an avenue for qualifying micro and small enterprises and cooperatives to access public procurement opportunities worth up to $1 million.

CL Financial and Hindu Credit Union

- The Ministry of Finance has developed a new strategy for getting back the finances allocated to CL Financial to provide liquidity during its recapitalisation/bailout. What this entails is a new shareholder agreement that arranges for the Government to have formal collateral of CL Financial assets. These assets can then be sold to recover advances. The Government can then get back what it put into the bailout.

- The over 147,000 depositors and shareholders in HCU are receiving payments, those who had $75,000 and under have received the bulk of their funds, while those who had this amount are currently being processed.

Public Offerings

- The Government will increase the number of State-owned companies that will be listed on the local stock market after the successful initial public offering of First Citizens Bank. The Trinidad and Tobago Mortgage Bank, which is to be the amalgamation of Home Mortgage Bank and Trinidad Mortgage Finance Company, will be the next company where citizens will be able to own shares through its IPO.

- These public share offerings offer citizens direct ownership of public assets, increase the number of investment opportunities available to the public and bring an element of market discipline to the operations of these companies.

Gasoline vehicles conversion to CNG

- Over the next two years 22 new CNG stations will be built and 17,500 vehicles will be converted to use CNG, in Phase 1 of the drive to increase this more environmentally friendly fuel. Phase 2 will increase

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 2014 Budget

both the number of stations and vehicles converted. This will create new economic activity and allow the gradual reduction of the expensive fuel subsidy.

The elements of the 2014 Budget that impact on the quality of life if citizens include:

Education

- Increasing the technological capability of students, teachers and school staff through the provision of 70,000 laptops
- Early childhood centres will accommodate 35,000 students and by 2015 Trinidad and Tobago should have achieved universal early childhood education
- Over the past 3 years, 700 schools have undergone repairs and maintenance at a cost of $500 million utilizing over 500 small, medium and large contractors
- The UWI South Campus at Debe, the COSTAATT Chaguanas Campus and the COSTAATT Tobago Integrated Campus are at advanced stages of establishment
- Skills Technology Centres in Penal and in Mayaro as well as a Training Facility in Chaguanas are being constructed
- A Training Facility for nurses is being constructed at El Dorado and
- An Aviation Institute has already commenced operations

Health

- The construction of the long awaited National Oncology Centre to advance and improve clinical cancer care for the people of Trinidad and Tobago, is expected to begin construction in September 2013 and be completed in January 2016
- Additionally, number of health facilities earmarked for construction or expansion including the Penal Hospital and Rehabilitation Centre, the Sangre Grande Hospital and Enhanced Health Centre, the Rio Claro Hospital, the Chaguanas District Health Facility, the Point Fortin Hospital, the Chancery Lane Teaching Facility, and the Couva Children's Hospital

Housing

- Home construction will commence on 3 new sites to yield 2,575 housing units in 3 years: Trestrail Lands, Eden Gardens and Pineapple Smith Lands
- Full construction phase will commence on 7 sites under the Inter-American Development Bank assisted Squatter Regularization Programme yielding 1,500 upgraded lots
- Full construction phase will commence on 7 Land Settlement Agency sites to deliver upgraded lots at a under the Land for the Landless Programme
- The 2.0 per cent mortgage programme is being extended to all citizens with access to residential service lots whose incomes do not exceed $8,000 per month and the value of whose property does not exceed $450,000

National Security

- National security is now of paramount concern, and accordingly the level of focus and attention to improving law and order and reduce crime must match the seriousness of the circumstances. The measures proposed in this year's Budget include better equipping of the protective services, adoption of modern policing practices and protecting our borders. Some of the measures include:
- increased police presence, generally, as well as in targeted areas
- re-introduction of dedicated police highway patrols
- building capacity within law enforcement
- border strengthening by monitoring and patrolling by air and sea
- full implementation of the National Security Operations Centre (NSOC) which will be the communications platform of all law enforcement agencies
- enhanced E999 and rapid response service
- institution of unmanned aerial vehicles
- establishment of a Counter Trafficking Unit
- expansion of preventative programmes
- establishment of the National Security Training Agency (NSTA)
- expansion of the Citizens Security Programme (CSP)
- construction of police stations will continue with 8 police stations being built
- acquisition of two 2 launches for harbour patrol

LIFE IS BETTER UNDER THE PEOPLE'S PARTNERSHIP

THE PEOPLE'S PARTNERSHIP HAS MADE LIFE BETTER FOR ALL OF OUR CITIZENS SINCE WE ASSUMED OFFICE IN 2010

- Growth in 2009 was (-4.4%) which means the economy was in decline. In 2012 the revised figures for growth was 1.5%, better than an earlier projection of 1.2%. In 2013 the prospects are for a higher rate of growth of up to 2.8%. What does growth mean? A stronger economy, more economic activity, more jobs, enhanced development.

- In 2009, unemployment stood at 5.3%. Unemployment in 2012 was 4.8%. If the economy is expanding there are likely to be more jobs and reduced unemployment in 2013 and 2014. Key in this growth in construction and growth in services.

- Inflation in 2009 was 7%. In 2012 it was 9.2% but the inflation rate forJuly 2013 was 5.6% and food inflation in particular has come down dramatically over the last three years.

- The services sector in energy, in finance, in restaurants and construction as a sector – all of these are picking up momentum. The non-energy sector is contributing more to Gross Domestic Product than it ever has before (61%). Driven by non-energy sector growth we are beginning to see a gradual movement to diversification.

- The Heritage Stabilization fund is quite strong, now estimated at US$5 billion and our foreign reserves are in very good shape with US$9.4 billion, equivalent to 12 months of import cover, with significant increases over the last three (3) years.

PROPORTIONAL REPRESENTATION BEGINS

Proportional Representation for Trinidad and Tobago Begins in Local Government

Proportional Representation

In mid-September 2013, Parliament assented to the Municipal Corporations (Amendment) Act 2013, which changes the system of the appointment of Aldermen from one where Councillors appointed them, usually choosing persons from their own political party, to a system of proportional representation where the number of Aldermen in the municipality are apportioned based on the votes received in local elections. This means Aldermen are no longer likely to be composed of persons from one party, instead there will be a mix of parties represented. This ensures greater representation of the electorate in the Corporation, as the voters who chose to vote for a party which received a lower vote count can still have an element of representation.

Under the previous system, the Councillors selected Alderman exclusively, leading to a situation where the officials of the municipality were all of the same party, regardless of how many votes the losing party or parties received, even where they margin of victory was small. Now a higher percentage of the electorate will be represented as even parties which received a smaller percentage of votes can possibly nominate Alderman to serve.

What this means for the voter is that now his or her vote now has more meaning, since whichever party they vote for has a better chance of representing them.

The Vision of Your Government: Towards A Brighter Future For Our Country

The Central Elements of Government Policy

The Vision of Your Government

By 2033, Trinidad and Tobago will be a place where people enjoy a high quality of life within a safe and healthy environment.

The country will be a hub of innovation-driven economic prosperity focused on sustainable development and environmentally sensitive design standards and diversification.

Both urban and rural areas will provide good employment opportunities. City and town centres will cater equitably for the needs of residents and visitors through shopping, commercial, recreation, cultural, education and health facilities in peaceful, secure, accessible and healthy environments.

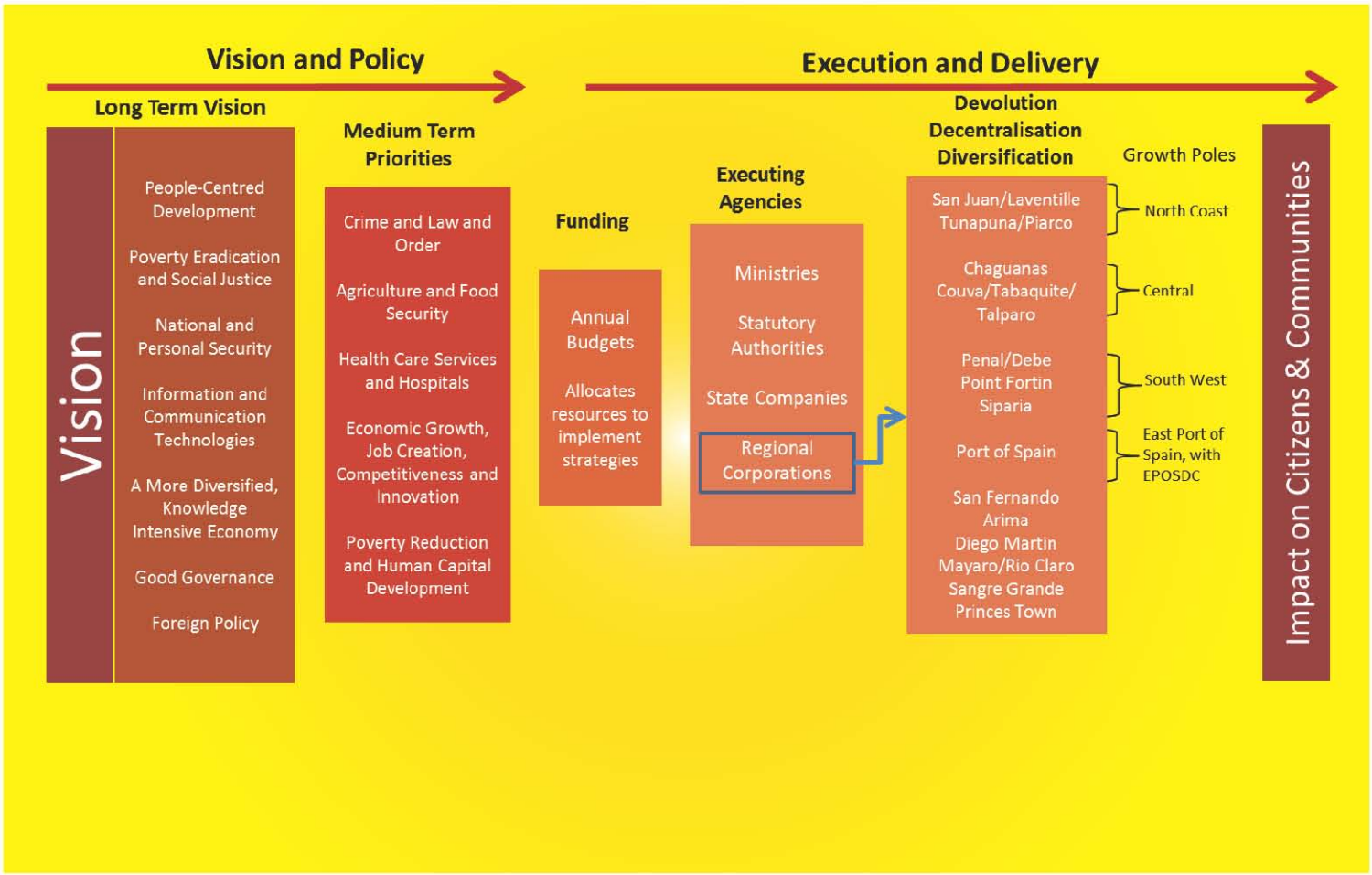
An efficient, integrated and sustainable transport system will link homes, jobs and key services while reducing dependence on private car use. By reducing congestion and lowering pollution levels, these measures will improve productivity, encourage better health, and minimise stress thereby contribution to a stronger national economy.

Disadvantage, deprivation and poverty will be eradicated and the benefits of an enhanced quality of life based on sustainable development strategies will be shared across the nation. We shall achieve prosperity for all and through creativity, collaboration and innovation we shall prosper together.

People will be actively involved in the planning of their national and local environments and the management of change will be based on transparent and consultative processes.

HOW EVERYTHING TIES TOGETHER

How Everything Ties Together – The Role of Local Government in the Sustainable Development Process



PEOPLE'S PARTNERSHIP POLICY BUILDING BLOCKS:

Action Priorities of Your Government – On which each Budget is based

The five (5) priorities identified were in response to the priorities of the citizenry and set the tone for social, economic and environmental transformation. The five priorities are as follows:

1. Crime and Law and Order – a persistent, pressing and challenging issue even today

2. Agriculture and Food Security – a fundamental challenge today for countries everywhere

3. Health Care Services and Hospitals – in a country in which lifestyle diseases have achieved epidemic proportions and in which public service delivery in health care had been challenged for decades

4. Economic Growth, Job Creation, Competitiveness and Innovation – through diversification which sought to address the twin issues of economic decline in 2009/10 and the persistent challenge of diversification which has dogged administration after administration since self-government in 1956. Seven strategic business clusters have been identified:
    - Energy and energy industries
    - Food sustainability
    - Culture and creative industries
    - Tourism
    - Maritime industries
    - Financial services
    - Information and communication technologies

5. Poverty Reduction and Human Capital Development - the first because a decent standard of living and quality of life was something the People's Partnership Government considered deserved by all citizens and because we needed as a country to prepare our young people and working population for the demands of a twenty-first century knowledge economy

PEOPLE'S PARTNERSHIP POLICY BUILDING BLOCKS:

Sustainable Development – Its meaning and challenges for our nation

What Is Sustainable Development?

Sustainable development means balancing economic growth with environmental conservation and socio-cultural sensitivity.

Consistent with our vision of the future, the way ahead involves an emphasis on decentralization, devolution of power to the Regional Corporations, economic diversification geographically through growth poles, Local Government and Constitutional reform, and greater participation by the people in governance. This will empower our people and strengthen their influence on our immediate environments and future.

Twelve sustainable development challenges identified by Government are:

Twelve Challenges Identified for Sustainable Development

Climate Change

Climate change is of particular importance to Small Island Developing States such as Trinidad and Tobago. We acknowledge the potential severe impacts climate change can have on us and have begun to take action to deal with climate change and associated issues, including adoption of a national Climate Change Policy and research and investments in alternative energy.

Sea level rise

A consequence of global warming is the potential rise in sea levels with concomitant challenges including flooding, salination of soils and impact on human settlements.

Coastal zone and maritime resources management

Trinidad and Tobago depends on the marine ecosystem as a source of food with major fishing communities distributed throughout the country. Buccoo Reef is a major tourist attraction. Conserving these resources is a policy focus for Government which has approved a Committee to develop

PEOPLE'S PARTNERSHIP POLICY BUILDING BLOCKS:

an Integrated Coastal Management Policy Framework and Action Plan – a policy which will require the sustainable use of our marine resources by all.

Fresh water resources management

The Government recognizes the importance of proper water resources management as a critical issue in sustainable development. An integrated approach will follow the review of existing policy with consultation with stakeholders to support action on integrated water resources management policy.

Food sustainability

Food sustainability is a major objective of Government. It is a complex issue and is linked to many other areas such as health, the environment and international trade among others. The objective is to develop a highly productive and competitive agricultural sector that will generate sustainable income for producers.

Effective sustainable development of land space

Land use and spatial development are tied intricately into the management of the environment. Current land use policy is outdated and there is a historical pattern of unsustainable use. The Government has developed a Draft National Spatial Development Strategy which has been submitted for public comment, the results of which will be used to inform its further development into a strategic policy for national land use.

Energy resources

Even with its natural energy wealth, Trinidad and Tobago must seek to develop alternative sources of energy, in recognition of the finite nature of traditional energy resources and as a responsible nation to both itself and the international community in reducing the emissions of fossil fuels. Accordingly, we have accelerated the adoption of CNG as an alternative fuel for vehicles and encouraged the adoption of alternative energy options such as solar power.

Tourism and heritage resources

Tourism has long been cited as a potential sector for the diversification of the economy. Our natural advantages - of both islands - our culture, festivals and our standing as a business leader in the Caribbean have been long identified as bases for the development of the tourism sector, which we have had some success. But the product must be developed further to capitalize on our advantages to create a sustainable economic sector with tourism.

Biodiversity

Trends indicate that the present rate of exploitation of our natural biodiversity is detrimental for sustainable development. But action has been taken, we have developed a Protected Areas Policy and National Biosafety Network is in draft stage. Recently, we declared that hunting will not be allowed for two years, in order to allow our overhunted game animals to replenish their numbers.

Natural and man-made hazards

In the potential path of hurricanes and tropical storms, seismically active, a large industrial base with a focus on extractive industry, Trinidad and Tobago is susceptible to both man-made and natural hazards. Progress has been made in mitigating and addressing some of these issues including vulnerability assessments in the municipalities and improving the building codes.

Management of waste

The Government is looking at an integrated strategy to address waste management focused reduction of waste, development of recycling industries and optimization of waste of waste for commercial purposes within the framework of enlightened environmental practices.

Enlightened transportation strategies

The Government recognizes the need for more efficient public transport. Recently, steps have been taken to increase its use and availability through the acquisition of new buses and expansion of the Water Taxi Service. Also, the initiative to convert increase the use of CNG and convert thousands of vehicles will reduce carbon emissions.

BUILDING BLOCKS – LOCAL GOVERNMENT REFORM/ GROWTH POLES

Making Local Government More Meaningful for All

Local Government Reform

Reform of the local government system in Trinidad and Tobago has historically been aimed at advancing the process of decentralisation of functions and devolution of authority. By shifting responsibility for certain functions from central government ministries to local government, it is expected that this would lead to increased inefficiency, responsiveness and impact in the delivery, accessibility and sustainability of public goods and services.

There is currently a concentration of functions and services in the central government, sometimes these functions and services are similar in nature or result in duplication. Additionally, a geographic concentration exists because Government ministries do not have offices in all regions of Trinidad and Tobago, resulting in citizens having to travel to the major urban areas to conduct transactions or apply for service, and a disconnect between the citizen and the government.

In 2012, the Government made the decision to further previous attempts at local government reform by developing a Policy Document on Local Government Transformation, which was then submitted for public comment through a series of 14 consultations in each of the municipalities during March 2013 to May 2013, in which over 2,000 people attended and contributed to the dialogue.

The outcome of this consultative process was the Draft White Paper on Local Government Transformation and Modernization 2013 which details the path forward for the reform of the local government system. This Draft White Paper states that *"Local Government is not only one of the best examples of democracy in action but also has the potential to unite communities around a shared vision and mission of: Better Quality Services, Better Communities, Stronger Councils"*

Local Government should always remain a strategy by which local communities are empowered to take control of their development. The ultimate aim of Government is to transform local government services through the devolution of authority to ensure increased efficiency, responsiveness and impact in the delivery, accessibility and sustainability of public goods and services.
The main features of the Local Government Transformation and Modernisation agenda are:

- Devolution of authority and resources within national policy guidelines from Central Government ministries such as the Ministry of Community Development, Housing, People and Social Development, Sports, Planning and Sustainable Development, Environment and Water Resources, National Security, Works and Infrastructure, etc.
- Equitable financial resources to Municipalities
- Adaptation of a more decentralised model for regional development planning
- Collaborative government procedures
- Regional coordination of the delivery of water, electricity, telecommunications and other basic services;
- Community-based security and rehabilitation arrangement
- Expanded responsibilities and increased compensation for local government representatives and the establishment of a mechanism to ensure high performance and accountability
- Local Economic Development
- Effective Governance Structure both at the council and organizational levels

Devolution

Devolution is the transfer or delegation of power to a lower level, usually by Central Government to local or regional administration. In our case, some of the functions currently being performed by the Central Government, in other words Ministries, will be transferred to the Regional Corporations.

One important example of the devolution of authority are the proposals for spatial planning and development. Under the proposed Planning and Facilitation of Development Bill, all Municipal Corporations will be the Municipal Planning Authority, who will be responsible for the preparation of sub-national development plans, as well as planning and building approvals for simple developments. Through this the development control function will become more accessible to local communities. Planning and building approvals will be merged into one process, rather than the separate process that now stands whereby planning approval is done by the Town and Country Planning Division, and building approvals done by the municipal corporation.

By devolving authority from the Central Government to local government authorities, the citizen of Trinidad and Tobago will benefit in several ways:

- A local government body that has the authority and autonomy to respond to citizen's needs. By devolving functions and authority, there is the removal of a layer of bureaucracy; therefore the local government can act more responsively.

BUILDING BLOCKS – LOCAL GOVERNMENT REFORM/ GROWTH POLES

- With devolution there is an element of decentralisation, local government can engage in transactions and provide services that were previously available in Ministry offices, which may not be located within the respective municipalities
- A reduction of duplication of services provided by local and Central Government
- A local government system that facilitates civil society and community participation
- Local Government will be allocated more resources, allowing it to implement and execute its functions better
- The local government authority will be better able to target interventions to the less fortunate and vulnerable

Decentralization: New Economic Centres

Devolution of authority is a form of decentralization, there are several other types of decentralization such as political, administrative, fiscal, and market decentralization. In our case the move to develop new economic centres can be seen as a form of decentralization that will engage Local Government as its already existing regional development strategies contain the foundation upon which the strategy to increase social and economic activity in selected areas in Trinidad and Tobago.

Much of our economic activity is centred around urban areas. Most of our businesses are registered and operate in the North West of our country, namely in and around the capital city followed by a lesser extent the cities of San Fernando, Arima and Chaguanas. Much of our infrastructure, roads and housing have developed to serve this arrangement. This concentration of activity leads to a greater strain on these resources, and creates a disconnect between those who live in rural areas and jobs, entrepreneurial opportunities and the public services that are supposed to be available to all.

As a result Government has stated as policy that five areas, Growth Poles, will receive concerted attention to take advantage of their unrealised potential and strengths, both in terms of their natural resources and in terms of the products of human labour and imagination.

The five (5) growth poles are located in the following areas: North East Tobago; East Port of Spain, North Coast Trinidad, South Western Trinidad and Central Trinidad.

Each of the five (5) named Growth Poles are unique when deconstructed under the following characteristics:
- Historical background
- Social context
- Economic Environment
- Stage of Development

As such, the required implementation strategy for each growth pole will be tailored and specific to the each regions distinct needs, based on their inherent strengths. The underlying methodology however is based on a similar thought process.

How are we going to do this?

1. Understand the existing plans completed for the areas within each growth pole inclusive of Regional Development Plans, past policy documents and current policy documents – the Medium Term Policy Framework 2011-2014, Working for Sustainable Development, the National Spatial Development Strategy among others

2. Critically access each document against the current policy document to identify areas of compliance and convergence

3. Identify the Growth Drivers in each Growth Pole through an exercise utilizing empirical research and drawing on the existing plans/concepts

4. Identify the issues experienced in each region as highlighted in the Regional Development Plans, Human Development Atlas and confirmed by the community and business stakeholders of the specified region

5. Develop a detailed integrated implementation strategy for implementation based on the

Regional Corporations, Regional Spatial Strategies and Regional Economic Development

Regional Corporations, Regional Spatial Strategies and the Development of the Growth Poles

Four of the five Growth Poles exist within the boundaries of existing Regional Corporations. Accordingly, the existing Spatial and Regional Development Strategies of these Regional Corporations will be used as foundational planning and policy execution guides, along with further studies as necessary and national policy guidelines. Much of the basic services of Regional Corporations including provision of infrastructure, public health services and planning and construction approvals, will be necessary if execution of projects and programmes is to be successfully undertaken.

More specifically for the Growth Poles in Trinidad:

- The North Coast of Trinidad cuts across the Tunapuna/Piarco and San Juan/Laventille Regional Corporations
- Central Trinidad – namely Chaguanas, Charlieville, Couva and Carapichaima – fall under the Chaguanas Borough Corporation and the Couva-Tabaquite-Talparo Regional Corporation
- The South-Western Peninsula falls under the Penal-Debe Regional Corporation, the Siparia Regional Corporation and the Point Fortin Regional Corporation
- East Port of Spain falls under the Port of Spain City Corporation, additionally the East Port of Spain Development Company's strategic plan informs much of the development in this area, and it will be one of the main execution agencies

Local Economic Development Projects

Development Area	Community	Project
Recreation	Fyzabad	Construction of Multipurpose Sport & Indoor Facilities
	Couva	Construction of Multipurpose Sport & Indoor Facilities
	Charlieville	Construction of Multipurpose Sport & Indoor Facilities
Education	Charlieville	Construction of Charlieville A.S.J.A Boys' Secondary
	Preysal	Construction of Preysal Government
	Couva	Construction of Couva Libr ary
	Chaguanas	Construction of Chaguanas Library
	Waterloo	YTEPP Waterloo Training Facility
	Brechin Castle	Relocation of NESC's Head Office and the Brechin Castle Technology Centre
Drainage	Talparo	Drainage and Irrigation Programme
	Tabaquite	Drainage and Irrigation Programme
	Couva	Drainage and Irrigation Programme
Culture & Tourism	Chaguanas	Establishment of a Tourism Park
	Orange Hill Road	Workshop and Art Gallery
	Orange Hill Trace	Upgrading of Facility -Orange Hill Art Gallery
Traff ic Congestion	Chaguanas	Creation of Passenger Park and Ride Facility
Infrastructure	Chaguanas	Customisation and outfitting the New Administrative Complex of the Chaguanas Borough Corporation
	Chaguanas	Chaguanas District Office
	Couva	Couva Social Services Centre
Agriculture	Orange Valley	Wholesale Fish Market
	Orange Grove	Development of Lands at Caroni and Orange Grove by Estate Management & Business Development Company (EMBD)
Environmental	Chaguanas	Environmental project – Chaguanas Boroug h Corporation
Health	Chaguanas	Establishment of Integrated Primary Health Care
	Couva	Conversion of Chaguanas Home for the Aged to Assited Living Facilities
	Point Fortin	Conversion of Point Fortin Home for the Aged to Assited Living Facilities
	Couva	Construction of the Children's Hospital
Housing	Orange Field	Orange Field Housing Development

Regional Corporations, Regional Spatial Strategies and Regional Economic Development

What is being done in the Growth Poles?

Several studies are currently being conducted to identify the growth drivers in each of the Growth poles. Additionally, many projects are being implemented by Regional Corporations, Ministries and Government special purpose companies and state enterprises currently to improve infrastructure and service delivery. These are outlined below.

Central Trinidad

In Central Trinidad a cluster mapping study has already been completed which has identified the industries identified by the study for development in this region: Agriculture, Pottery, Downstream Energy, Retail and Distribution, Port and Logistics, Business Services and Cultural and Heritage Tourism. During the next fiscal period, these areas will guide all investment, land use and policy decisions in the Central Growth Pole region.

The North Coast

In the North Coast, two studies are expected to be will be completed in 2013. These studies involve the development of a detailed land use plan and a Socio-Economic Assessment of the Traded and Non-Traded Sectors in this region. These two studies will inform land zoning decisions for investment by the private sector. Also Project 5 Zero is being implemented, Project 5 Zero will see upgrade works being carried out on five fishing communities - Toco, Matelot, Blanchisseuse, Maracas, Las Cuevas - with a view to further developing sustainable fishing enterprises in these areas.

Local Economic Development Projects

Development Area	Community	Project
Culture and Tourism	Las Cuevas	Las Cuevas Beach Enhancement Project
	Maracas	Upgrade of beach facilities
	Toco	Improvement of facilities at Saline Beach
Fishing	Las Cuevas, Maracas, Blanchisseuse, Matelot and Toco	Project 5 Zero
Infrastructure	Maracas	Construction of new Police Station
	Toco, Blanchisseuse	Bridges Reconstruction and Landslips Repair Programmes

The South-western Peninsula

Given the diverse range of activities In the South West Growth Pole, a similar study as that of the Central Growth Pole is being undertaken to Identify areas of competitive advantage. Based on preliminary findings, clusters with potential within the broad headings of energy, agriculture, fishing, asphalt manufacturing, garment and wood and wood related products have been identified.

Local Economic Development Projects

Development Area	Community	Project
Education	Chatham	Construction of Chatham Government
	Palo Seco	Construction of Palo Seco Government Primary School
	Penal Quinam	Construction of Penal Quinam Government
	Egypt Village	Construction of Egypt Village Government Primary School
	Penal Rock Road	Construction of Penal Rock Road SDMS
	Fanny Village	Construction of Fanny Village Government
	Siparia	Construction of Siparia/Union Presbyterian
		Establishment of COSTAATT Learning Centre
		Construction of Siparia Library
	Rousillac	Construction of Rousillac S.D.M.S. Primary School
	Princes Town	Establishment of COSTAATT Learning Centre
Recreation	Charlieville	Construction of Multipurpose Sport & Indoor Facilities
	Couva	Construction of Multipurpose Sport & Indoor Facilities
	Fyzabad	Construction of Multipurpose Sport & Indoor Facilities
	Siparia	Development of Recreational Facilities
		Black Rock Hard Court
	Point Fortin	Development of Recreational Facilities
	Point Fortin	Establishment of Playgrounds
	Debe Penal	Development of Recreational Facilities
Energy	La Brea	La Brea Pitch Lake Enhancement Project
ICT	La Brea	La Brea Technology Centre
	Pleasantville	Establishment of Pleasantville Technology Centre
	Palo Seco	Expansion of Programme at Palo Seco Technology Centre
Agriculture	Siparia	Improvements to Markets and Abattoirs
	Point Fortin	Improvements to Markets and Abattoirs
Culture and Tourism	Siparia	Local Government Tourism Programme
	Debe	Debe Doubles Pavilion Project
Infrastructure	La Brea	Construction of La Brea Police Station
	Oropouche	Construction of Oropouche Police Station
	Point Fortin	Municipal Police Sub Station- Point Fortin Regional Cooperation
Marttime	Cedros	Upgrade of Jetty at Port of Cedros
Health	Siparia	Procurement of Major Vehicles
	Debe Penal	Procurement of Major Vehicles and Equipment
	Point Fortin	Procurement of Major Vehicles and Equipment
		Conversion of Point Fortin Home for the Aged to Assisted Living Facilities
		Establishment of Social Services Centre in Point Fortin

In East Port of Spain the restoration and rehabilitation of East Port of Spain will take place within the context of the Emerging Sustainable Cities Initiative which is being carried out by the Ministry of Planning and Sustainable Development through the East Port of Spain Development Company Limited, in collaboration with the Inter-American Development Bank. One of the key elements involved in the restoration and rehabilitation of this area comes through the culture and creative industry.

Local Economic Development Projects

Development Area	Community	Project
Water and Sewage	Beetham	Construction of Beetham Sludge Management System
	Beetham	Water Reuse Programme
	Beetham	Procurement and Installation of Weigh Bridges at the Beetham Landfill site
Education	Belmont	Construction of Belmont Boys' RC
	Morvant	Construction of Lower Morvant Government
Drainage	San Juan/Laventille	Drainage and Irrigation Programme
Health	San Juan/Laventille	Procurement of Major Vehicles and Equipment
Recreation	San Juan/Laventille	Development of Recreational Facilities
Housing	Picton	Picton Housing Development

ACTION IN THE COMING YEAR
2013-2014 Fiscal year

The Ministry proposes to complete the White paper and draft legislation on Local Government reform.

At the same time, local services will be brought closer to the people. Burgesses of each Municipality would be able to access all local government services through a three-digit number (211) free of charge as obtains in the City of San Fernando.

The People's Partnership Government has completed designs to construct administrative complexes for the Regional Corporations of Princes Town, Diego Martin and the Arima Borough Corporation. This follows similar support for Chaguanas.

Autonomy:

The relationship between the Ministry of Local government and the municipal corporations will undergo further changes. The ministry will play a facilitative role, leaving the Corporations to plan and execute their approved projects and programmes. With greater autonomy will come enhanced evaluation and monitoring of the performance of each corporation.

The Ministry will continue to implement projects and programmes. The Ministry proposes to implement the following projects in fiscal year 2013-2014:

- Improve and maintain the quality roads in communities
- Repair and construct local bridges throughout Trinidad
- Acquire and install modular bridges where needed
- Provide relief to areas prone to landslides
- Develop a policy and action plan to manage, maintain, improve and safeguard all recreation grounds and facilities in communities
- Develop a data base to identify the present and future needs for public toilet facilities and develop an implementation plan
- Develop a data base, policy and action plan for management, maintenance and improvement of all cemeteries, crematoria and cremation sites in Trinidad
- A solid waste management action plan will be formulated and implemented including preparation of a municipal waste reduction plan, composting programmes, a public awareness campaign and a transfer station (to be funded through the European Development Fund)
- The disaster management capacity in the country will be reviewed and upgraded
- The regional development planning capacity will be comprehensively overhauled
- The New City Mall will be renovated and upgraded and the East Side Plaza will be renovated
- Develop a data base, policy and action plan for upgrading existing markets, improving management and security of all markets and slaughterhouse facilities, and building new markets where necessary
- Restore the Ministry's head Office at Kent House.

Others talk
WE Deliver

WHY SUPPORT?

WHY YOU SHOULD SUPPORT THE PEOPLE'S PARTNERSHIP IN THIS LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTION

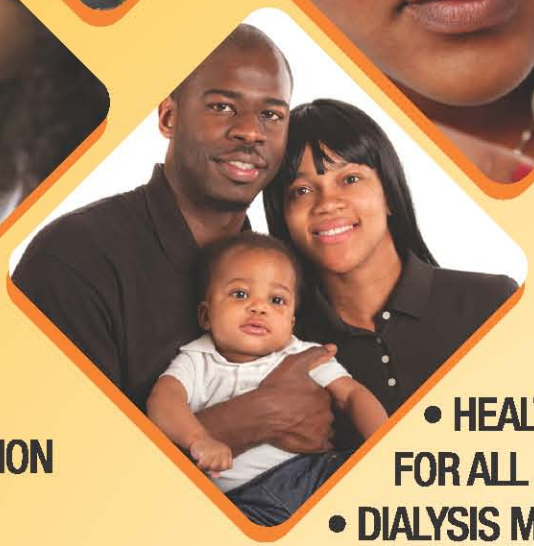
Under the People's Partnership you have got:

- **More value for your vote**
- **More value for you and your family**
- **More value for your money:**

- BETTER COMMUNITIES
- BETTER QUALITY SERVICES
- STRONGER COUNCILS

- FIXED DATES FOR LOCAL AND GENERAL ELECTION

- CONSTITUTIONAL PROTECTION FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT
- COMPREHENSIVE LOCAL GOVERNMENT REFORM



- BETTER FUNDING
- SUPPORT FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT
- STRONGER COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION

- HEALTH CARD FOR ALL CITIZENS
- DIALYSIS MACHINES ACROSS THE COUNTRY

TOP TEN REASONS TO VOTE FOR THE PEOPLE'S PARTNERSHIP

1. Our Councils and Councillors, our Mayors and Aldermen, delivered more value for money than the representatives of other party. The evidence can be seen by matching project delivery against costs.

2. We made the URP more productive than any other government by linking it to agriculture, social services and community needs.

3. We are already making sure that gangsters and criminal elements have no room in our programmes so that we have genuine workers who need jobs and are productive.

4. Voting for PP representatives means that you are voting for Local Government becoming closer to the people so that local government representatives whom you elect will coordinate the efficient delivery of goods and services to you. At the same time Local Government will get strong backing from a Central Government committed to people development and Community Development – essential elements of the People's Partnership philosophy.

5. You get more benefits and employment opportunities from us at a lower cost to the taxpayer.

6. We are transforming the public service to make government services more accessible to you. The services will be cheaper, faster and of a higher quality through decentralization and use of Information and Communications Technologies (ICT).

7. Despite all the talk and lies from our opponents, you know by now that while we will restore lands and building taxes, the dread PNM property taxes are no longer a threat to your sense of comfort.

8. We are committed to consultation and will listen to, respect, your views and take them into account.

9. We demand accountability and transparency and we enforce the law. Under the People's Partnership in a country of allegations, the Government has been relatively free of allegations of corruption.

10. Many of our leaders came through the local government process including the Prime Minister. We know what we need to do to make your lives better and we have demonstrated that convincingly and overwhelmingly in the past three years. We understand the needs and feelings of our people as they try to make a living and to build their homes and family and to have a happy life.

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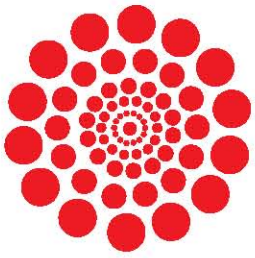

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