GOVERNMENT OF THE
REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD & TOBAGO

3 YEARS OF SERVICE & DELIVERY
TO THE PEOPLE OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

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THE PEOPLE’S PARTNERSHIP GOVERNMENT
The People’s Partnership Government has developed seven Pillars for that will elevate our country towards national sustainability. This was a policy document of this Government laid in the Parliament upon assuming office in May 2010.

The Government has been guided by the policies and promises contained in the manifesto. As a result, all Ministries and Government Agencies work towards seven pillars that interconnect all what we do for you, the people of Trinidad and Tobago.

### Pillars for Sustainable Development

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### Major Achievements Under This Manifesto

Among the promises made in the manifesto and fulfilled by the Government are:

- Expanding the GATE programme to include technical/vocational training via the TVET programme
- Reclassing Property Tax
- Provided more than 55,000 laptops to every child going to secondary school from S.E.A. more than 55,000 students, teachers and even school principals have benefited to far
- A review of minimum wages, allowing in record time an increase from $9.00 to $12.70. This increase benefited thousands of citizens in the service sector and improved their standard of living
- Allowing transparency for all state bodies via a forensic audit of state bodies such as Petrotrin
- The establishment of a consultation timetable for constitution reform. More than five such consultations already successfully held around the country with the government listened to the voice of the people
- Revisited the provisions of the THA Act particularly the fifth schedule with the view to granting the people of Tobago greater autonomy and responsibility over matters that affect Tobago.
- Established the Prime Minister’s Children’s Life Fund, whose more than 61 children between the ages of six to 14 have benefitted from close to $10 million. This Children’s Life Fund was established to guarantee that in Trinidad and Tobago, no child will ever die for lack of food
- A Traffic (Mobile Device) Regulations.
- Processed more than 1,000 Certificates of Comfort (COC).
- Increased prize money for winners of Chateau, Sofia and Calypso Monarch competitions.
- Approved Green Fund after it had been dormant for almost a decade. This will greatly benefit the environment as monies would be made available to NGOs for environmental projects.
- Protection, enhancement and rehabilitation projects.
- Introduced new routes for the PTSC including San Fernando to the University of the West Indies at St. Augustine. This makes it easier for UWI students to access the St. Augustine campus.
- Launched workforce assessment centres – this will facilitate the certification of persons such as masons, carpenters and electricians etc.
- WASSA, in March 2011, issued a bond for $1.3 billion for water projects that will increase the quality and reliability of water supply.
- Completed dualing of the Churchill-Roosevelt Highway from O’Meara to Santa Rosa that had been languishing for six years. This has brought relief to thousands of citizens who live in the East.
- Completed the Arangua overpass and related infrastructure – this has reduced traffic congestion on the Churchill-Roosevelt Highway.
- Approved $750 million for road repair throughout the country.
- Awarded contract to construct the $520 million interchange to connect the Churchill-Roosevelt Highway to the Utah-Buick Highway.
- Fencing ahead with the San Fernando to Point Fortin Highway.
- Commenced construction of the University of the West Indies at Debe.
- Commissioned the Nevis Trunk water main, which is 29 kilometres long – this was promised by the previous government since 2005 and never done.
- Approved a $182 billion investment for an aromatics downstream derivatives plant. This plant will produce Melamine, Urea Formaldehyde (MUF) that can be used by local manufacturers to produce adhesives and other products.
- Approved the construction of an integrated university campus for Tobago. This facility will house...
Within the framework of Pillars 1, 3 and 7 the People’s Partnership through the various Ministries and State Bodies has made the following achievements:

**Approval of 100 acres of land for the construction of a south campus at Delpe. The south campus is expected to be the flagship Faculty of Law. It is anticipated that by August 2013 some 450 students will be accommodated in the new campus.**

**Distributed laptops to students entering high school. This is in keeping with a People’s Partnership Manifesto promise that “IT-based learning will be the hallmark of our national education system.”**

**Developed Laptop programme, eConnect and Learn at the Success Laventille Secondary School. eConnect and Learn policy and guidelines were distributed to students, teachers and parents.**

**Launched the eC. ICT in Education Innovative Award in collaboration with Microsoft.**

**This programme is in competition for educators to create ICT-based lesson plans for use with laptop computers.**

**The Government Assistance for Tuition Expenses (GATE) programme was expanded to include Technical Vocational Education and Training (TVET). From March 2010 to March 2012, 71,441 persons received GATE funding at an expenditure of $1.1 billion. A Standing Committee was also established at public tertiary institutions requiring students to maintain the minimum GPA.**

**Participated in the 5th Session of the United Nations General Assembly; the 51st Ordinary Session of the African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States (ACP) Parliamentary Assembly and the Inter-Sessional Meetings of the African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States - European Union (ACP-EU) Joint Parliamentary Assembly, Brussels, Belgium.**

**A signed agreement between Trinidad and Tobago and the Organization of American States on the Right to Development.**

**The hosting of the 5th International Environmental Green Expo called the Sanctity Green Expo 2011—The Environment Is You. This event was attended by 150 international energy institutions including the Gas Exporting Countries Forum (GECF) and held discussions with EMBRAPA a Brazilian agricultural institute and the largest Brazilian oil company Petrobras. How does this help HDevT?**

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**The Ministry of Energy and Energy Affairs represented Trinidad and Tobago in a number of international energy institutions including the Gas Exporting Countries Forum (GECF), the World Petroleum Congress and OLADE the Latin American Energy Organization. How does this help HDevT?**

**Launched the tronectr system in November 2010. A bus service that provides government services to rural communities. Citizens now have access to more Government services online which including an addition of 15 new services of March 2012 which can be accessed via TRonectr.**
Respecting the Natural Environment

- Issued letters of award for wastewater facilities in the following areas:
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Promoting Good Governance – Openness and Transparency

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Comprehensive Revenue Transparency. This was a manifestation of the Government's promise of transparency.

Stabilised the economy and put it back on a growth path after the worst global financial crisis since World War II.
- Secured a window of financing of US$1.5 billion (TT$9.2 billion) for Trinidad and Tobago's development needs.
- Held and completed competitive bid rounds for offshore blocks in 2010 and for deepwater offshore blocks in 2011.
- Signed four Production Sharing Contracts (PSCs) for exploration in shallow and average-depth waters.
- Amended the fiscal regime governing the oil and gas industry to promote a more investment-friendly environment for new exploration activity and for monetising small and medium-sized gas and oil fields. These changes were made effective by the Finance Act 2010.
- Entered into an agreement with Venezuela for the production of geothermal resources in the Loma-Lagunillas geothermal field, which straddles the Trinidad-Venezuela maritime boundary and contains approximately 10 million cubic feet of gas.
- Launched the 2012 Deep Water Bid Round in marine areas off the northern coast and eastern coast of Trinidad and Tobago.
- As of March 2012, a 22 per cent reduction in the sale of subsidised diesel.
- The Petrotrin discovery of 48 million barrels of oil in the Gulf of Paria in March 2012. The discovery was named Jubilee discovery in honour of our 50th Anniversary of Independence.
- Bayfield Energy makes a 32 million barrel oil find off East coast in March 2012.
- BP paid Trinidad and Tobago approximately $1 billion in back taxes.
- Signed a MOU with Servisearch, Metalidom and Seal and Many for the construction of Iron & Steel plant in La Brus.
- $50 million in savings from measures taken to curb the illegal diesel bunkering racket during the State of Emergency.
- The Ministry of Trade and Industry inaugurated TTTech, a flagship initiative commissioned in February 2012 to improve the ease of doing business in Trinidad and Tobago.
- INVEST TT of the Ministry of Trade and Industry, has signed three MOUs with Indian companies. These include A to Z Company, the largest municipal waste processor, who are interested in the processing of waste initially from the Southern landfill as well as Pusamania Infotech Ltd and Kathiresan Laser Ltd to establish plants to develop and sell IT software and solutions.
- Cabinet has approved the establishment of the Clico Investment Trust, which will have $1.1 billion in savings to a consortium of Clico and British American Insurance Company (Trinidad) Ltd. and Massy for the construction of Iron & Steel plant.
Providing a Safe and Secure Country

Increased Human Resource Capacity

- Established the Pirates Security Network Commission (PSNC) to transmit relevant information for appropriate law enforcement action to the Police Service, through a dedicated communications network, consisting of the more than 20,000 additional pairs of ‘eyes and ears’ from 14 accredited private security companies.

- For the very first time in the history of allocations in the Appropriation Bill, 2010 – this bill increases the period in which a Magistrate can remand an accused person with regard to both summary and criminal matters. This will have the effect of reducing the frequency of court proceedings and to allow for the admissibility of video-recorded evidence to encompass all criminal complaints. The bill also proposes to extend the use of video-recorded statements of both accused persons and witnesses, even where witnesses are absent at the trial.

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- Increased Human Resource Capacity in the Police Service. For the period 2006-2009 approximately 211 Police Officers graduated from the Police Academy Induction Programme. Today, the Academy has almost doubled with up to 350 graduating for the period 2009-2010. By the end of 2013, thousands of Special Reserve Police will be trained.

- A master plan to address squatting and relocation in over 20 sites in the Valencia / Sangre Grande Region. This involved key stakeholder: Forestry, Agriculture, Commissioner of State Lands, Sangre Grande: Regional Corporation, EMA, Ministry of Energy and Energy Industries.

- The Ministry of the People and Social Development launched the Aged and Disabled Mobile service 'ELDAMO' December 2012. The bus service is a collaborative effort between the Ministries of the People and Social Development and Transport and the Public Transport Services Corporation to cater to the transportation needs of the elderly and differently-abled citizens.

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Interconnected for More Effective Delivery

A Different UDeCOTT

- Efforts to protect the rich artistic and historical value of our institutions continued with refurbishment works at the Royal Victoria Infirmary: restoration and refurbishment of the old magistrates’ quarters at La Brea to accommodate the La Brea community museum; complete restoration of the main entrance of the museum at the Royal Victoria Institute building; launch of sugar heritage village and museum and restoration and preservation of military artefacts and monuments to the military museums.

- The museum featured 10 exhibitions and 2 quarterly concerts, including a major exhibition entitled “the enemy within”, a photographic exhibition featuring reflections of the 1970s revolt.

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A consultative meeting for full neuro-developmental and related screening, assessment and treatment of all students in eight ECCE centres and eight primary schools, which will determine the incidence and prevalence of the various special needs.

The reopening of the Biche Secondary School, abandoned by the previous administration, reduced the inconsistencies to parents and children, who previously travelled long distances to school.

Completion of training of approximately 30 teachers in the two-year Masters' degree programme aimed at improving teaching skills among new secondary school entrants.

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ACTT granted institutional accreditation to UWI, the University of Trinidad and Tobago (UTT), College of Science, Technology and Applied Arts of Trinidad and Tobago (COSTATT) and the Arthur Lock Jack Graduate School of Business.

Conversion of an MoU to adopt the "Guidelines for the Framing of Articulation Agreements".

The CEPEP Company Limited has signed a framework agreement with the College of Education, Science, Technology and Applied Arts of Trinidad and Tobago (COSTAAT) for the purpose of designing and implementing a training programme which will benefit the work of CEPEP and training-related stakeholders in the public sector.

The National Energy Skills Centre (NESC) launched an apprenticeship programme to support auto mechanics training and also communicated refurbishment of the Delco Technology Centre.

The Trinidad and Tobago Hospitality and Tourism Institute (TTHTI) entered into an agreement with the Australian Institute of Business to introduce its first international programme – the Bachelor of Business Administration in Hospitality and Tourism Management. Youth Training and Employment Partnership Programmes Limited (YTEPP) opened the Bethel Empowerment Centre, Bethel Tobago to provide opportunities for Skills Training and Workforce Certificates.

A Memorandum of Understanding signed between YTEPP and USAD provides mobile computer bus services to rural communities in Tobago.

YTEPP revised the age of entry to accept trainees up to age 35. YTEPP also opened the new Point Laba Training Facility, the Waterloo Training Facility and implemented three new Workforce Assessment Centres (WAC) at Macoya Vocational Centre, Valencia Training & Enterprise Academy and Chaguanas Training & Enterprise Academy.

Cabinet approved the formation of the Fashion Industry Development Committee (FIDC) to oversee the development of a feasibility study and strategic plan for the fashion industry.

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Implementation of the Gandhiaspers Project, “Empowering Young Makers in Communities”.

In commemoration of International Women’s Day, nationwide workshops were held on domestic violence, agriculture, sex education and technology, life skills, employment and employability and health and safety; training was provided to Government Ministries on gender-responsive budgeting.

Developed the National Strategic Plan for Child Development, based on stakeholder consultations.

Implementation of the National Youth Volunteering Project, an integrated approach to develop and nurture a sense of caring, giving and pride in young people through involvement in meaningful volunteer projects.

Review of the National Youth Policy, the National Youth Council and the National Gender Policy.

52 women graduated from the Woman in Harmony Programme for single head of households with low or no skills and low or no income.

Signed agreement with NIPDEC for project management & construction services as well as government concessional loan financing.

Finance to inform negotiations for government to sign for the enhanced health care.

Sign a US$2M agreement with the United States of America to assist in the fight against HIV/AIDS and Communicable Diseases will be commenced to provide specialist treatment for chronic non-communicable diseases (CNCDs) in Penal.

Designs are being developed for the Sangre Grande Enhanced Health Centre as well as an upgrade of the Eric Williams Medical Sciences Women’s Hospital.

Commissioning of Phase 1 services at the new Scarborough General Hospital, a state-of-the-art 150-bed hospital including outpatient clinics, radiology and pharmacy services – the first real addition to Tobago’s hospital services in 30 years.

The new Arima Hospital, arranged to be a modern, 170-bed hospital, has been approved.

The Children’s Hospital and Multi-Training Facility, which will contain 150 adult beds and 80 beds for children, a burn care unit, casualty clinic for children and adults, a multi-training facility and a school for medicine and nursing underway.

The San Fernando General Hospital and The University of the West Indies construction of accommodation and training facilities for mental health services on the southern hospital’s compound.

Adaptation of Chancery Lane Administration Complex in Chancery Lane Hospital Complex, an extension of the San Fernando General Hospital to hold 234 beds with a paediatric ward, outpatient clinic, pharmacy, labs, lecture hall, daycare and wards for chronic conditions.

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Hospitals

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- The new Arima Hospital opened in April 2012, and approval has been granted for the construction of hospitals in other areas including:
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- Launch a new state-of-the-art eye theatre and ward at the San Fernando General Hospital, a new breast surgery theatre at the St. James Medical Complex and installed 23 new beds at the Eric Williams Medical Sciences Complex.

- Established a Cardiology Unit and Oncology Department at the San Fernando General Hospital; X-ray and ultrasound services at the Siparia District Health Facility; upgraded dental clinics at the Dental Hospital and completed refurbishment works and sanitisation of the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, Diagnostic Laboratory and Birth Department at the Mt. Hope Women’s Hospital.

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Under the Community Education Skills Programme (CEP), which is designed to increase the level of skilled persons in communities so that employment opportunities may be created, 327 skills training classes were introduced for which approximately 9,000 people registered throughout the 8 administrative divisions; 145 leadership development management courses were held in which 4,000 persons participated; 7,000 persons benefited from the implementation of 255 projects under the Community Awareness and Sensitization Programme and 119 Handicraft Development Courses were conducted.

In engaging communities through environmental and cultural projects, the Prime Minister’s Clean and Beautify Trinidad and Tobago 2012 edition was launched; Prime Minister’s Best Village Competition “Traditions of Centrality” was held at Macoya and the Food and Folk Fair at the Queen’s Park Savannah.

Through the Geriatric and Adolescent Partnership Programme, Level II training for the programme commenced in April 2012 at Maracas Sporting Complex, Valencia Islamic Centre, Chaguanas Community Centre, St. Macdonald Regional Complex and St. Joseph Community Centre.

Meals are provided to some 100 persons daily through the Transformation Development Centre, which provides societal support for poor and needy persons.

Through the NSDF’s Minor Repairs/Reconstruction Grant, thousands of persons benefited while the Emergency Relief and Rehabilitation Grant assisted some of whom have been waiting for decades for repairs to homes damaged by fire and natural disasters.

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The Export Credit Company Limited, designed to increase the employment level in Trinidad and Tobago through its Skills Training Programme aimed at the revitalization of the handicraft industry, assisted 736 persons.

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The Community Development Fund (CDF), outreach programmes were conducted at Guapo, Siparia, Arima, Bonara, Gover, Diego Martin, the Brian Lara Promenade and for International Women’s Day; 21 Community Volunteers were recruited for Trinidad and Tobago; 100 persons benefited under the Roof of Funding Programme; 52 groups benefited under the Organisational Development Programme; vehicles were purchased and handed over to Living Waters, Raffa House and Baratarian Islamic Centre; funding continued to be disbursed to the Best Centre and Parlatuvier projects in Tobago and the CDF partnered with The University of the West Indies in hosting the Poverty Alleviation Conference.

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Distribution of millions in housing grants to eligible citizens whose homes were in need of repair or improvement – over 600 homeowners benefited from the provision of emergency financial relief as well as for repairs to homes damaged by fire and natural disasters.

Some 150 families received a Christmas gift of a home from the Housing Development Corporation (HDC), some of whom have been waiting for decades for adequate living quarters.

Distribution of 1,341 home improvement subsidies, totaling over $32 million.

The Home Improvement Grant (HIG) team conducted a drive that specifically targeted the differently-abled with more than 100 persons benefiting. 1,624 persons benefited from the HIG programme at a cost of some $24 million, with funding up to $15,000 per beneficiary.

CEPEP launched an OHM Training Programme, training some 4,500 workers.

As envisioned by Prime Minister the Honourable Kamla Persad-Bissessar, the CEPEP Santa programme undertook Christmas projects to assist needy citizens.

CEPEP signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with CONTRACT to provide academic training to CEPEP contractors’ employees as well as a MOU with NEDCO to provide financial literacy and financial management training to contractors.

The Tobago office of CEPEP was opened.
National Security

The Ministry of National Security has primary responsibility for National and Personal Security. Since assuming office, the Government’s multi-pronged approach to crime containment and reduction involved more effective law enforcement and policing, legislative framework and social interventions.

National Security

Enhancing Law Enforcement

- Initiative implemented in order to arrest the resulting crime situation include, intensified suppression activities, capacity building themes, organizational re-structuring of the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service and other National Security Agencies.
- Intensification of Investigations Act, 2010
- The 21st Century Policing Initiative embraces a people-centric approach to the provision of police services.
- The Bail (Amendment) Act (2011)
- The Code of Practice and Procedures Act, 2011
- Anti-Terrorism (Amendment) Act, 2011
- Construction of 17 police stations, eight police stations to be demolished this year.
- Government has approved the construction of six fire stations.
- The GOBRT approved the acquisition of four Augusta Westland (AW) 139 Medium Twin Turbine Helicopters in December 2010. These helicopters will be used by the Air Guard in maritime surveillance, search and rescue, law enforcement support and national/regional disaster relief and protection.
- Cabinet has approved the acquisition of four diesel interceptors and agreed to the refurbishment of two existing outboard offshore interceptors to add to the fleet of the Coast Guard. In addition, a long range patrol vessel acquisition programme has commenced.
- ODPM: The Office of Disaster Preparedness and Management has continued to embark on several initiatives in an effort to enhance the readiness of Trinidad and Tobago in disaster management.
- Special Reserve Police (SRP) Recruitment: At present, the TTPS is engaged in an exercise to enrol 3,000 SRP officers.
- Crime Scene Investigators (CSIs): Nineteen persons are scheduled to graduate as certified CSIs and a further 60 are to commence training and certification.
- CCTV Expansion
- GPS and Vehicles: A fleet of two hundred (200) new vehicles were acquired.
- Traffic Management: Bays have been constructed along the Solomon Highway.
- Communication: The TTPS through the Ministry of National Security is in the process of changing its present EPP9 communication from the outdated system, currently in use to a more advanced Digital Public Safety Communications System with Harris Corporation and Harris Securities of the USA.
- DNA Act 2012: As a result of the passage of the new Act, all officers of the TTPS have undergone training with to Harvesing DNA from crime scenes. Additionally, equipment has been procured and placed within each of the nine Policing Divisions in fulfilment of the requirements of the DNA Act.
- The Limited State of Emergency produced tangible results in the fight against crime including the seizure of 170 firearms, 15,200 rounds of ammunition and 35 magazines, 1,261.9 kgs of marijuana and 17.2 kg of cocaine. Additional outcomes included the dismantling of gang-related activities; the expansion of police intelligence gathering; the removal of criminal threats through collaborative efforts within communities and providing residents with an opportunity to partner with law enforcement.
- Introduction of the 21st Century Model of Policing pilot initiative to fight crime, based on deployment methods.
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- The Trinidad and Tobago Fire Service Youth Clubs resumed their youth-based training programmes with 83 young people, aged 18 to 24 years.
- The Office of Disaster Preparedness and Management’s (ODPM) Early Warning System (EWS) now compiles an Emergency SMS service as well as an Emergency Broadcast Service and a Community Based Flood Early Warning System.
- In January 2012, Machine Readable Passport renewal was processed within three days, down from six working days in 2010.
- Several communities are benefiting from Citizen Security Programme (CSP) projects, which include the "Barbados RIP Parenting Programme;"  
- Refurbishment of two walls and design of mural for the Cocorite community;
- Implementation of recreational facilities in La Romana;
- Launch of the Pinto Road Community Centre;
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- Youth Development through Sports project at St Barbe and Percussive Harmonic Instrument (PHI) training at Enterprise;
- An after-school programme at Farm Road, Diego Martin and O'Quinelle, Trincity;
- Elaboration of an Information Technology Centre at Mt D’Or Road, Charlestown;
- Rehabilitation of a recreational facility at Sogren Trace, Laventille;
- There has been a reduction in homicide rates in all CSP communities.
- In the National Membership Programme: 27 facilities have been approved for use as mentoring centres throughout Trinidad and Tobago, a Membership Unit was established within the Ministry of National Security; formal training of mentors and mentors took place in February 2012.
- The National Adopt a School Programme (NASPRP) is geared towards providing avenues for young people within the school’s community to participate in constructive, developmental activities and focused on initiatives to be implemented during regular and after-school hours, including motivational talks and guidance counselling sessions.
- Launched the new Making Life Important (MLI) Project in September 2011, which is a model for creating crime-free, peaceful and sustainable communities throughout Trinidad and Tobago. An MLI Unit has operationalised projects in Bautau and Gouyave.
- Crimes of Hope, which were held in communities across Trinidad and Tobago, featured the music bands of the division of the Ministry of National Security. In 2011, the Ministry hosted “Pan in De Rain,” featuring nine steelband groups as well as concerts in Tunapuna and Biche.
- The inaugural Fairluther Fair entitled “Father bring yuh son and come” was held in June 2011.
- The soil was turned for the construction of the Mayaro Fire Station – one of five fire stations in rice and pine forests scheduled to be built.
- Signal agreements with the Organisation of American States (OAS) for the execution of a Project to Strengthen Information on Public Security and Cooperation Agreement for the Execution of a Project entitled, Promoting Firearms Marking in Latin America and the Caribbean, which allow for proper identification of firearms and improved exchange of information and experiences among OAS member states as an essential tool in combating firearm activities. OAS provided a laser-marking machine for the police service.
- Launched the National Youth Mentorship Programme. The programme promotes volunteerism and mentorship to encourage youths to adopt positive values. The programme was launched by distinguished international icon-resident United States General Colin Powell who is also a former Secretary of State.
- The Government has launched a $300m Pilot initiative, involving 20,000 jobs for persons in the “bush-out” areas, as part of its anti-crime master plan. This national job creation programme, entitled “Reclaiming our Youth: Embracing Our Future.”
The Ministry of Justice was created in May 2010 as a demonstration of this Government’s firm commitment to re-engineering and modernising the criminal justice and penal systems, through consultation with all stakeholders, with a view to ensuring swift justice from the point of arrest to the final determination.

In an effort to advance criminal justice reform, fact-finding delegations have gone to Jamaica, The Bahamas, Floria, USA and Canada with a view to acquiring first-hand, practical knowledge on critical issues, including electronic monitoring, home confinement, parole, probation and work release, community corrections and critical care management.

The Justice Ministry has made great progress in the area of legislative reform.

The Administration of Justice (Indebted Proceedings) Bill 2011 will change the criminal justice system as we know it, abolishing the system of pre-trial bankruptcies and replacing it with a “sufficiency hearing.” This system is expected to ensure greater efficiency and expediency and to eliminate the backlog currently plaguing the criminal justice system.

The Administration of Justice (Discosolvency Act) Bill 2011 establishes a legal framework within which DNA evidence can be used in the investigation and prosecution of criminal matters.

The Establishment of 14 Electronic Registration Centres in Trinidad and Tobago, considerably reducing the wait-time for obtaining birth and death certificates from between three and six months after registration, to mere minutes after registration.

The Ministry has developed a policy to guide the establishment of a parole system as an essential component of transformative justice. Integral to the successful introduction of parole is the implementation of sound parole rules to replace the outdated 1838 Rules. The new draft of the Prison Rules Policy reflects a movement away from a retributive style of punishing offenders to an emphasis on the induction of crime through the successful reintegration of the offender back into society.

To strengthen and refine the functioning of the Police Complaints Authority, the Justice Ministry has formulated a policy aimed at ensuring its operations and better facilitating the execution of its functions.

The public will benefit from the construction of four court complexes at Sargeant Gracie, Trinico, Carlin Field and Sparta respectively. The San Fernando District Office of the Legal Aid and Advisory Authority has also been opened at Harris Street, San Fernando to make justice more accessible to the population. Additionally, the Tobago District Office has also been relocated.

The Antigang Bill 2010: This Act will enable the suppression of association established for unlawful purposes and will advance the great preservation of public safety and order.

The Anti-Terrorism Bill 2011: This Act criminalises terrorism and provides for the detection, prevention, prosecution, conviction and punishment of terrorism activities and the continuation, fortification and support of terrorism assets. It brings Trinidad and Tobago into further compliance with international standards on the financing of terrorism.

The Racketeering (Biological) and Terror Weapons (No.2) Bill, 2010: This Act will give effect to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Biological (Biological) and Terror Weapons and on their Destruction.

The Bail (Amendment) Bill, 2010: This Act seeks to amend the Bail Act to confer on a Court the jurisdiction to deny bail to a person who is a gang member.

The Evidence (Amendment) (No. 2) Act, 2010: This Bill has improved the present Act by making allowance for the admissibility of audio and video recordings as evidence in criminal proceedings.

The Firearms (Amendment) Bill, 2010: The Act amends the Firearms Act to increase the penalties for certain offences involving a firearm or any prohibited weapon, as defined by the Act, by an average of fifty percent.

The Interception of Communications Bill, 2010: An Act to provide for and about the interception of communications, the acquisition and disclosure of data relating to communications, the acquisition of the means by which electronic data is processed by encryption or passwords may be decrypted or accessed and other related matters.

The Miscellaneous Provisions (Kidnapping and Bail) Bill, 2010: This Bill seeks to amend the Bail Act and the Kidnapping Act by increasing the amount of time a person can be held with no evidence for the charge of kidnapping and by changing the existing penalty for the offences of kidnapping respectively.

The Miscellaneous Provisions (Ministry of Justice) Bill, 2011: This is an Act to amend certain enactments to provide for the vesting of jurisdiction and powers in the Minister of Justice.

The Miscellaneous Provisions (Remand) Bill, 2010: This Act amends the Summary Courts Act, Chap. 2.40 and the Indelible Offences (Presumption of Identity) Act, Chap. 12.01. It increased the period in which a Magistrate can remand an accused person with regard to both summary and indelible matters.

The Alliance of Crime: This Act gives effect to pre-trial, supervising and punishing persons who may engage in trafficking in persons, especially women and children. It implements the United Nations Convention Against Transnational Organised Crime.


The Legal Aid and Advice (Amendment) Bill 2011 aims to provide legal aid and advice services to those who would otherwise be unable to afford legal representation.

The Data Protection Bill 2011: This Act seeks to protect the privacy of personal and private information of individuals that is entered into an electronic format.


The Financial Intelligence Unit of Trinidad and Tobago (Amendment) Bill, 2011: This Act amended the Financial Intelligence Unit (FII) of Trinidad and Tobago Act 2000.

The Financial Intelligence Unit of Trinidad and Tobago (No.2) Bill, 2011: The Act expanded the remit of the FII to include combating terrorism financing.

The Purchase of Certain Rights and Valuation Bill, 2011

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Birth and death certificates for residents of Point Fortin and surrounding area now available within a two-day period.

For decades, home owners in Tobago can now occupy their homes having been constructed allowing them to live in their homes.

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3 YEARS OF SERVICE & DELIVERY TO THE PEOPLE OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

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- Introduction of the RISE UP (Rights of Individuals, Openness, Access, Protection) framework for the delivery of social services to over 50,000 citizens as compared to 5,000 under the previous administration.

Information Technology Infrastructure

- The People’s Partnership Government embarked on a US$50 million (TT$320 million) project to implement the National Smart Card System and provide support for the expansion of the technology for the Tender Notices Online.
- The Computerization Programme continued in Tobago on the Secondary School Computerization Programme, networking of various Tobago House of Assembly Directorates and the computerization and networking of the Ministry of Tobago Affairs.
- Under the IDB assisted E-Government and Knowledge Brokering Programme, several contracts were awarded for the provision of technical support to various Ministries including:
  - Creation of a Transformationsecretariat under the Ministry of Public Administration’s Public Sector Transformation Agency to support in its advancement.
  - Providing technical support to Ministries and Departments in preparation of the Public Sector Investment Programme (PSIP) management systems.
  - Installation of an Information System to provide effective and efficient management of information related to the administration of scholarships.
  - Preparation for modernization of the Public Procurement System at the Central Tenders Board.
  - Expansion of E-Services Delivery System to consolidate the Registrar General’s Department’s online service delivery platform and strengthen the vault management system; modernize the Registry System and provide support for the expansion of the population and components registry.
  - Establishment of a Document Management System to improve the efficiency of operations of the Service Commission Department.
  - Transferring of the Central Statistical Office in accordance with the recommendations of Statistics Sweden Consultancy firm.
  - With the Implementation of the ICT Plan, six service centres and five citizen self-service kiosks are to be established under the e-Government special project online, the single point of entry for end-user access to government information and services.
  - St. Lucia’s Education, Human Resource and Labour Minister, the Honourable Dr. Robert Lewis led a team of education officials to observe and understand the Ministry of Education’s Laptop Initiative e-Connect and Learn Programme (eCAL), which has infused ICT in education.
  - Compilation of the key processes and procedures to support use of the technology for the Tender Notices Online.
  - Drafting and implementation of supporting legislation and regulation for ePayments.
  - Linkages developed between the Ministry of Science, Technology and Entrepreneurship and the National Institute of Information Technology (NIT) of India, a leading global technology development Corporation that is building a skilled manpower pool for the global IT industry with a view to assisting UTT and iGovTT to develop policy and enable digital platforms for Government services.
  - Launch of the Acceleration Council of Trinidad and Tobago’s (ACCT) online edition of its 2011-2012 Compendium of Registrations, Accredited and Recognized Entities, Airing Bodies and Programmes. The publication will provide students with accurate information to make informed decisions when selecting quality assured institutions and programmes in pursuit of higher education.
  - Launch of Tobago Technology Centre to facilitate training programmes delivered by both the Metal Finishers Training and Employment Partnership Programme (MFTPP) and the Tobago Technology Centre to facilitate training programmes delivered by both the Metal Finishers Training and Employment Partnership Programme (MFTPP).
  - Launched the e-Posters application and involved the Distance Learning Secretariat, The University of the West Indies, the Caribbean Fisheries Training Centre, and the National Institute of Information Technology (NIIT) of India, for the education officials to observe and understand our Ministry of Education’s Laptop Initiative e-Connect and Learn Programme (eCAL), which has infused ICT in education.
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Marital Arts & Kick Boxing Development Programme: A collaboration with the T&T Kick Boxing Council for the coaching of basic marital arts and kick boxing techniques and skills targeted to children and teenagers in the Chaguanas district.

Morris Marshall Freedom Cup: Football tournament that brings together the communities of Laventille, Moreton, Beetham and Sea Lots.

2nd Conference on Football Development was held after the consultation, “Taking the Lead in Football Development”, in November, 2011.

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Approved new mega sporting facilities to encourage participation by every citizen in some form of recreational activity. These will cost an estimated $736 million using a design-build financing arrangement:

i. The National Tennis Centre at Tacarigua - $140 million
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Successfully refurbished stadia and hosted Girls’ Under 17 World Cup.

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Approved the implementation of Phase II of the programme of rehabilitation and upgrade of community and sporting facilities.

64 Community Recreation Facilities with the upgrade of 46 of the facilities at an estimated cost of $132.9 million.

The rehabilitation and upgrading of 16 Community Sporting Centres at an estimated cost of $1,044.3 million on a phased basis.

The Government of Trinidad and Tobago has successfully settled more than 40 wage negotiations within the State sector in less than 30 months.

In direct fulfilment of the promise by the Government manifesto document of 2010, partnered with labour unions to build a productive nation putting workers at the centre.

For the first time in 45 years, the salaries of PTSC workers in line with other statutory authorities is a $90 million settlement between the PTSC and the unions. This Government is committed to partnering with all sections of the national community to build a better Trinidad and Tobago.

Increased the Minimum Wages, Maternity Leave, Maternity grants and NSI.

Increased grants for special maternity, retirement, sickness, invalidity, survivors and employment injury benefits. Benefits would be increased 25 per cent in 2015 and 20 per cent in 2016.

Launched National Business Incubator System (IBIS) to provide a unique mix of business development support, infrastructure, operational and financial assistance that will assist in the growth and success of new and existing micro and small enterprises.

Secured Titular Bonuses for full-time PTSC drivers from $12.50.

Promotion of more than 200 PTSC drivers from part-time to full-time.

Stakeholder consultation to inform new legislation to replace the Workmen’s Compensation Act, Chapter 88:05.

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Launch of FairShare Programme, establishing set minimum wages for work in micro and small enterprises.

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Established a Social Dialogue Process in Trinidad and Tobago.

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- Continued upgrade of Piarco International Airport’s airfield lighting infrastructure and control and monitoring system for better guidance and directions for aircraft.
- Improved infrastructure at ANR Robinson International Airport, Tobago.
- Commissioned a $22 million runway instrument lighting system at the Crown Point airport, to replace a non-directional beacon system. This improves the level of safety for aircraft to land at the airport in any type of weather and should result in a greater number of flights coming to the sister isle.
- Caribbean Airlines (CAL) won the prestigious World Travel Award for a second year as the Caribbean’s leading airline.
- Signed official purchase agreement for 9 ATR 72-600 aircraft.
- Welcomed a new addition Boeing 737-800 Next Generation aircraft from Seattle, Washington.
- Introduced self-service check-in kiosks at major airports.
- Launched flight-tracking application for smart phones.
- Agreement for CAL to commence non-stop flights between Trinidad and Gatwick, United Kingdom.
- Completed negotiations for establishment of an inter-island fast ferry service.
- Introduction of Public Transport Service Corporation buses in areas, particularly rural, previously not served.
- Introduction of transport for children in underserved rural areas.
- Introduction of a Rapid Bus Transit System on the East/West Corridor (PBR) providing a bus every 15 minutes.
- Introduction of Curepe-San Fernando service with 46 daily trips and a capacity of 2,070.
- Construction of 25 new bus shelters.
- The Greening of the Priority Bus Route Initiative will utilise renewable solar energy-powered streetlights and traffic lights and cleaner fuels for buses.
- Introduction of traffic wardens to address traffic congestion and help restore order on the roads.
- Engaged with the Province of Nova Scotia, Canada to implement a transformation initiative to convert the Licensing Division into a modernised Motor Vehicle Authority.
- Construction of a state-of-the-art water taxi facility at San Fernando.
- The PTSC introduced new routes, which are now available to all commuters. These include Chaguanas/Talparo, Arima/Four Roads Tamana/La Seiva & Port-of-Spain/Wallerfield.
- Free travel on PTSC buses for all children in school uniform and people over 60 and persons in receipt of Government grants. Additionally pensioners can travel for free on the Tobago ferry service.
- The PTSC had an average of 190 buses on the road. This has increased by more than 100 per cent.

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- Procurement of 24 buses to service needs of the differently abled (ELDAMO Services launched on December 3rd, 2012).
- Bus simulator training facility established at the VM-COTT compound.
- GPS technology devices installed in 395 buses.
- GPS command centre to monitor fleet.
- On-going conversion of buses to CNG.
- Opening of new routes and services (San Fernando/Curepe, Oropune, Point Fortin, San Fernando/Harbargain).
- Acquisition of lands at Tarouba for the establishment of a multi-purpose bus complex.
- Development of new engineering facility at PTSC.