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0.4% of the Total National Budget

A summary of the Ministry’s Expenditure, Divisions and Projects
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About this Guide

This guide provides a summary of expenditure for the Ministry of Youth Development and National Service for the fiscal year 2020-2021. It provides Members of Parliament and stakeholders with an overview of the Service’s responsibilities. The primary purpose of this guide is to consolidate the information contained within the various Budget Documents pertaining to the Ministry, and provide readers with an analysis of same. This guide is based primarily on:

- The Draft Estimates of Recurrent Expenditure;
- The Estimates of Development Programme; and
- The Public Sector Investment Programme.
Head 81 – Ministry of Youth Development and National Service

Overview

Vision Statement

To be a dynamic, customer-oriented and policy driven organization that brings all stakeholders together to promote youth development and total participation.

Mission Statement

To coordinate and facilitate the delivery of quality development services with special emphasis on the enhancement of youth.

Minister: The Honourable Minister Fitzgerald Hinds

Accounting Officer: Mr. Farook Hosein

According to the Trinidad and Tobago Gazette VOL. 59 No. 15 published on Wednesday 9th September the following is the Business and Departments of Ministry:

- Micro Development Cooperatives including Credit Unions National Youth Commission
- National Youth Policy
- Transition Homes
- Youth Empowerment Centres Youth Facilities
- Youth Advisory Council Youth Groups

Programmes:

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<th>Programmes</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tr>
<td>Civilian Conservation Corps&lt;sup&gt;2&lt;/sup&gt;</td>
<td>The Trinidad and Tobago Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) helps prepare young adults for a productive life through practical job skills training combined with exercises and experiences that promote positive changes in attitude and behavior. The CCC falls under the authority of the Ministry of National Security.&lt;sup&gt;3&lt;/sup&gt;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Diversion Programmes for Youths</td>
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<tr>
<td>Geriatric Adolescent Partnership Programme&lt;sup&gt;4&lt;/sup&gt;</td>
<td>The GAPP programme that was under the purview of the Ministry of Social Development and Family Services is designed to sensitisie young people to the ageing process and help them, through training and field visitation, to develop practical skills in geriatric care. It aims to foster a sense of self-worth, discipline and national consciousness and to fully integrate youths into the larger community so that they can interface effectively with older adults. As part of the programme, a placement agency assists in placing interested graduates of GAPP in the community, to provide companionship support to the elderly.&lt;sup&gt;5&lt;/sup&gt;</td>
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<sup>2</sup> Transferred from Head - Ministry of National Security.


<sup>4</sup> Transferred from Head Ministry of Social Development and Family Services.

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<tr>
<th>Military-led Academic Training Programme(^6)</th>
<th>The Military-Led Academic Training Programme is the only Social Intervention Programme that is specifically designed to help at-risk young men, aged 16-20 years, transform their lives and achieve academic success lives and achieve academic success. The MiLAT is a two (2) year, full time residential Academic Programme design for young men to fulfill the Caribbean Secondary Education Certificate (CSEC) and the Caribbean Certificate of Secondary Level Competence (CCSLC). This bridges the gaps for those young adults who may wish to pursue academic disciplines as well as transform their social behaviors in a highly structured and regulated environment.(^7)</th>
</tr>
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<tr>
<td>Military-Led Programmes of Apprenticeship and Reorientation Training National Mentorship Programme(^8)</td>
<td>The programme seeks to produce disciplined and skilled individuals who can make meaningful contributions to society. It is a residential three (3) year programme which acts as a form of social intervention and involves Military and Vocational Training.(^9)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>National Service Programme</td>
<td>Previously under the purview of the Ministry of Social Development and Family Services ensure that needy citizens throughout the country have access in their homes to reliable and sustainable supply of pipe borne water and electricity, improved sanitary plumbing facilities and assist in providing simple, useful recreational facilities in underdeveloped communities. This is all</td>
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</table>

\(^6\) Transferred from head - Ministry of National Security  
\(^8\) Transferred from head - Ministry of National Security  
in effort to raise the standard of living and quality of life of underprivileged citizens

| Retiree Adolescent Partnership Programme\(^{11}\) | Previously under the purview of the Ministry of Social Development and Family Services the Retiree Adolescent Partnership Programme (RAPP) provides a platform for learning enrichment and mentoring. It is geared towards helping adolescents, especially 'at risk youth', to appreciate the learning experience by providing a stimulating environment for positive social interaction.\(^{12}\) |

**Statutory Boards and other Bodies:**

- Friendly Societies\(^{13}\)
- Youth Training Centre Board of Management

**Wholly Owned Enterprises:**

**Wholly Owned Enterprises**

| National Entrepreneurship Development Company Limited\(^{14}\) | The National Entrepreneurship Development Company Limited (NEDCO) provides funding and training to start or enhance small and micro-enterprises in Trinidad and Tobago. NEDCO funding is |

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11 Transferred from Head Ministry of Social Development and Family Services


13 Transferred from head - Ministry of Labour and Small Enterprise Development

14 Transferred from head - Ministry of Labour and Small Enterprise Development
The Ministry’s total allocation as a percentage of the National Budget for the period 2020/2021

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Year</th>
<th>Total Allocation</th>
<th>National Budget</th>
<th>Percentage of National Budget</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>2021</td>
<td>$232,346,729.00</td>
<td>$56,788,359,151.00</td>
<td>0.4%</td>
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16 For the Fiscal Years 2015-2019, actual figures were used to calculate the total allocation. However, estimates were used to calculate the total allocation for the Fiscal Years 2020 and 2021.

17 Total Allocation for the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service = Recurrent Expenditure + Consolidated Fund Expenditure

18 The National Budget = Total Recurrent Expenditure + Development Programme Expenditure Consolidated Fund
Where the Ministry of Youth Development and National Service spends its money

2021 Estimates of Expenditure

The budget allocation of $232,346,729.00\textsuperscript{19} for the Ministry of Youth Development and National Service is comprised of:

- The Draft Estimates of Recurrent Expenditure in the sum of $175,198,729.00;
- The Draft Estimates of Development Programme, Consolidated Fund in the sum of $57,148,000.00.

The Estimates of Recurrent Expenditure include:

- 01 Personnel Expenditure - $38,179,269.00;
- 02 Goods and Services - $38,403,589.00;
- 03 Minor Equipment Purchases $267,775.00; and
- 04 Current Transfers and Subsidies $98,348,096.00.

The Ministry of Youth Development and National Service:

- Total allocation as a percentage of National Budget = 0.4%
- Recurrent Expenditure as a percentage of the total Recurrent Expenditure budget is = 0.32%
- Consolidated Fund allocation as a percentage of the total Consolidated Fund allocation is = 2.6%

Summary of Recurrent Expenditure for the period 2020-2021

The Graph below illustrates the budget allocations for the Ministry for the financial years 2020-2021.

Ministry of Youth Development and National Service Summary of Expenditure 2021

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Item</th>
<th>2021 Estimate</th>
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<tr>
<td>01 Personnel Expenditure</td>
<td>TT$38,179,269.00</td>
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<tr>
<td>02 Goods and Services</td>
<td>TT$38,403,589.00</td>
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<tr>
<td>03 Minor Equipment Purchases</td>
<td>TT$267,775.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>04 Current Transfers and Subsidies</td>
<td>TT$98,348,096.00</td>
</tr>
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Analysis of Recurrent Expenditures

Recurrent Expenditure refers to the payments for expenses which are incurred during the day-to-day operations of the Department for Personnel Expenditure, Goods and Services, Minor Equipment Purchases and Current Transfers and Subsidies. Recurrent Expenditure for Fiscal Year 2021 is $175,198,729.00.

- The largest portion of the Ministry’s allocation has consistently gone to the Sub-Head of Current Transfers and Subsidies. The current estimate represents 56% of the total allocation.

- The smallest portion of the allocation went to Minor Equipment Purchases. The current estimate represents 0.1% of the total allocation.

- The allocation to Personnel Expenditure and Goods and Services, as the second largest portion of the allocation. The current estimate represents 22% of the total allocation.
Staff and Pay

The allocation of staff expenditure for the year 2021 is **$55,585,289.00**. The diagram provides a breakdown of all expenditure related to staff for 2021 (Estimates).

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Item</th>
<th>2021 Estimates</th>
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<tr>
<td>Personnel Expenditure</td>
<td>TT$38,179,269</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Travel and Subsistence</td>
<td>TT$1,852,021</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Uniforms</td>
<td>TT$1,255,964</td>
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<tr>
<td>Contract Employment</td>
<td>TT$10,416,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Training</td>
<td>TT$457,035.00</td>
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<tr>
<td>Short term employment</td>
<td>TT$3,405,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Employee Assistance Programme</td>
<td>TT$20,000.00</td>
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<tr>
<td>Total</td>
<td>TT$55,585,289</td>
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Development Programme is capital expenditure aimed at improving and enhancing development in different areas of Trinidad and Tobago which includes: human resources, economic and social development. As a new Ministry, some development programmes were transferred from Ministries such as Ministry of Sport and Youth Affairs and Ministry of Labour and Small Enterprise Development.

The allocation to the Ministry for development programmes and projects for fiscal year 2021 = $57,148,000.00. These funds are disbursed directly from the Consolidated Fund.

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**Summary of Development Programme Expenditure for the period 2020-2021**

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Amount</th>
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<tr>
<td>003 Economic Infrastructure - Consolidated Fund</td>
<td>TT$3,348,000.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>004 Social Infrastructure - Consolidated Fund</td>
<td>TT$52,500,000.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>005 Multi-Sectoral and Other Services - Consolidated Fund</td>
<td>TT$1,300,000.00</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>TT$57,148,000.00</strong></td>
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YOUTH DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

The country’s young population is one of its critical assets. Government continues to invest in programmes and infrastructure to provide opportunities for to young men and women to participate fully in the nation’s economic and social development. As such, the following projects and programmes are focused on the promotion of youth development.

Development of a Youth Employment Policy

The National Youth Employment Policy 2018-2023 addresses the specific needs of unemployed youth focusing on preparation for the job market. This policy will address possible incentives for companies providing opportunities for training and job placement as well as the provision of support systems for micro enterprise development for the youth. A Terms of Reference was developed for the selection of a consultant to complete and develop the policy and its strategic implementation plan. The sum of $1 million will be allocated for this project for consultations and associated costs of launching and promoting the policy.

Implementation of the National Youth Policy

The Implementation of the National Youth Policy seeks to increase youth engagement and participation and provides the necessary information and services to meet the youth related needs of individuals, groups and communities. The sum of $1 million will be allocated for training, registration, marketing and publications associated with the implementation and roll out of several educational caravans.

Youth Social Programmes

The objective of this programme is to expose males between the ages of 16-29 years to positive dialogue, direction, advice, role models, and assistance towards leading more productive lives. As such, the sum of $1 million will be allocated for the continuation of this project to be implemented through the Ministry and sporting bodies.

Refurbishment of Youth Training Facilities

The Youth Training Facilities are community-based, multi-purpose, youth-friendly spaces in which young people, can meet and participate in a range of youth development programmes and activities. These facilities, serve the needs of the target group of young

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people, youth leaders, youth workers, and persons interested in youth development within specific catchment areas. The sum of $2 million will be allocated for infrastructure upgrade works at the Los Bajos and Basilon Street Youth facilities.

**Construction of Youth Development and Apprenticeship Centres**

The Youth Development and Apprenticeship Centres promote healthy lifestyles among youth through their involvement in sport, culture and recreational pursuits as well as knowledge on health education. Additionally, it promotes the empowerment of youths to accept the responsibilities for their actions and their consequences through attitudinal change and chart their future by becoming self-directed and self-disciplined. Young men between the ages of 14 to 19 who are economically and socially disadvantaged are offered theory and practical skills training. The Centre is expected to produce independent and self-reliant citizens who are prepared to participate in the operations and maintenance of the facilities. A sum of $25 million will be allocated for the construction of two new Youth Development and Apprenticeship Centres located in La Horquetta/Talparo and Chaguaramas.

**Establishment of a Multi-Purpose Youth Facility – Moruga**

The establishment of the Moruga Multi-purpose Youth Facility is consistent with Government’s commitment to rural development, ensuring that these are opportunities for sport; recreation and youth empowerment are available to the youth of Moruga. The project is intended to benefit and improve the quality of life of people within the immediate community and the wider public by providing opportunities for youth activities, recreation and training, as well as community social events. The sum of $10 million will be allocated to this project for the completion of works.
### Development Programmes transferred

**Consolidated Fund**

**Ministry of Labour and Small Enterprise Development**

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<th>Sub-head /Item /Sub-item /Group /Project Desc.</th>
<th>Project -Item</th>
<th>2019</th>
<th>2020</th>
<th>2021 Estimate</th>
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<tr>
<td>09-003-11G-001</td>
<td>NEDCO - Business Accelerator Programme 2020 - 2024$^{26}$</td>
<td>$0</td>
<td>$3,000,000.00</td>
<td>$3,348,000.00</td>
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**Ministry of Sport and Youth Affairs**

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<td>09-004-14D-001</td>
<td>Development of Youth Employment Policy</td>
<td>$0</td>
<td>$1,000,000.00</td>
<td>$1,000,000.00</td>
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<tr>
<td>09-004-14D-002</td>
<td>Implementation of the National Youth Policy</td>
<td>$657,800.00</td>
<td>$3,000,000.00</td>
<td>$1,000,000.00</td>
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<tr>
<td>09-004-14D-003</td>
<td>Refurbishment of Youth Training Facilities</td>
<td>$181,100.00</td>
<td>$3,000,000.00</td>
<td>$2,000,000.00</td>
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<td>09-004-14D-004</td>
<td>Refurbishment of the Youth Development and Apprenticeship</td>
<td>$1,258,500.00</td>
<td>$2,000,000.00</td>
<td>$2,500,000.00</td>
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$^{24}$ Since the item was transferred there is no 2019 actual estimate available. These figures are 2019 Revised Estimates

$^{25}$ Since the item was transferred there is no 2020 revised estimate available. These figures are 2020 Estimates

$^{26}$ New Project 2020 under the Ministry of Labour and Small Enterprise Development.
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<tr>
<th>Centre</th>
<th>09-004-14D-005</th>
<th>Youth Social Programmes</th>
<th>$0</th>
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<tr>
<td>09-005-06A-001</td>
<td>Installation of a Wide Area Network</td>
<td>$400,000.00</td>
<td>$1,500,000.00</td>
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## Major Programmes and Development for the fiscal year 2021

The following table shows a list of the significant expenditure items, based on the proportion of the budgetary allocation assigned.

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<td>09-004-14D-007</td>
<td>Construction of Youth Development Apprenticeship Centres</td>
<td>$25,000,000.00</td>
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<tr>
<td>09-004-14D-010</td>
<td>Construction of the Salvation Army - Josephine Show House</td>
<td>$12,000,000.00</td>
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## New Projects from the Financial Year 2021

The following new projects that received funding in the 2021 financial year:

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<tr>
<td>09-004-14D-006 Refurbishment building for the CHINS project (for the OPM Child and Gender Affairs Unit) St Michael School for Boys</td>
<td>$2,000,000.00</td>
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<tr>
<td>09-004-14D-007 Construction of Youth Development Apprenticeship Centre</td>
<td>$25,000,000.00</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>09-004-14D-008 Establishment of a Form School - Moruga</td>
<td>$1,000,000.00</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>09-004-14D-009 Youth Development Project Formulation</td>
<td>$5,000,000.00</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>09-004-14D-010 Construction of the Salvation Army – Josephine Show House</td>
<td>$12,000,000.00</td>
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<tr>
<td>09-005-06A-002 Implementation of on ICT System for Junior Co-operative Societies in Trinidad and Tobago</td>
<td>$300,000.00</td>
<td></td>
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General Useful Information

- Ministry of Youth and Community Empowerment Barbados: https://www.gov.bb/Ministries/culture-sports-youth