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About this Guide

This guide provides a summary of expenditure for the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development for the period 2014-2020. It provides the Members of Parliament and stakeholders with an overview of the Ministry’s responsibilities. The primary purpose of this guide is to consolidate the information contained within the various Budget Documents pertaining to the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development and provide readers with an analysis of same. This guide is based primarily on:

- the Draft Estimates of Recurrent Expenditure;
- the Draft Estimates of Development Programme; and
- the Public Sector Investment Programme.
Head 61: Ministry of Housing and Urban Development

Ministry Overview

The Ministry of Housing and Urban Development (MHUD) is responsible for the formulation and execution of Government’s policy in the Housing and Urban Development sector. The Ministry operates as facilitator in the implementation of those policies through its various units and affiliated agencies.¹

The Ministry’s core areas of responsibility include:

- Government Subsidised Housing;
- Monitoring and Evaluation of housing trends and markets in the country;
- Home Improvement Grants and Subsidies;
- Regularisation of Tenure/Housing for Squatters;
- Land Settlement; and
- Urban development.

There are three (3) main units that provide direct services to the citizenry:

- **Economic And Research Planning Unit (ERP)** - This Unit is responsible for the formulation of policies, programmes and projects relevant to the housing and urban development sectors. This unit also ensures that the Ministry of Housing’s policies, programmes and projects are executed in accordance with Government’s mandate.

- **Housing Policy Facilitation and Implementation Unit (HPFIU)** - This Unit of the Ministry administers the Home Improvement Grant Programme (HIG) to eligible persons, ensuring all approved policies and procedures are adhered to. The HIG programme provides a non-refundable fifteen thousand dollars ($15,000.00) grant to successful applicants for approved repair works.

- **Programme Monitoring and Coordinating Unit (PMCU)** - This Unit of the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development implements the ‘Neighbourhood Upgrade Programme’ (NUP), a US$50M Loan Programme Agreement between the Inter-American Development Bank (IADB) and the Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago (GORTT).

There are eight (8) affiliated organizations which are mandated to implement and promote the Ministry’s policy, plans, programmes and projects:

- Trinidad and Tobago Housing Development Corporation (HDC);
- Urban Development Corporation of Trinidad and Tobago (UDeCOTT);
- Trinidad and Tobago Mortgage Finance Company Limited (TTMF);
- Sugar Industry Labour Welfare Committee (SILWC);
- Land Settlement Agency (LSA);
- East Port of Spain Development Company Limited (EPOS);
- East Side Plaza; and
- New City Mall.

**Minister:** The Honourable Pennelope Beckles, MP  
**Permanent Secretary:** Mrs. Simone Thorne-Mora Quinones
Key Statements from 2019 Standing Finance Committee Debate

During the Standing Finance Committee debate of 2019, the following statement was made by the Minister of Housing and Urban Development, in relation to the fulfilment of outstanding payments to contractors:

“I think we are well on our way of reducing some of those outstanding payments to the contractors by conversion of mortgages, and so on… The amount paid to contractors in fiscal 2019, last contractors, a total of $507,307,524. Monthly, we have really paid out about… the total amounts between that period, it is about $987,166,781. That was paid out.”

The Minister also detailed some of the achievements of the Housing and Village Improvement Programme and noted that:

“Over 600 persons have been employed and over 100 families have been in first phase one of the programme which took place in Moruga… 30 houses were completed, 10 homes were repaired, 100 persons benefited from employment opportunities within the area.”

The proposed initiatives of the Greater Port of Spain Region– Regularization and Regeneration of Communities were also highlighted and intended works in the urban communities of Port of Spain, Diego Martin, Laventille including:

“…issues such as roads, drains, in some cases, you have to build steps to go up the hillside where the squatters are or railings to go upstairs. Those are some of the areas that we know.”

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3 Ibid.

4 Ibid.
The Ministry’s total allocation as a percentage of the National Budget for the period 2014 to 2021

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<th>Year</th>
<th>Total Allocation</th>
<th>National Budget</th>
<th>Percentage of National Budget</th>
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<td>2014</td>
<td>$1,647,921,375.00</td>
<td>$65,020,886,424.00</td>
<td>2.53%</td>
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<td>2015</td>
<td>$2,022,798,278.00</td>
<td>$61,966,922,675.00</td>
<td>3.26%</td>
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<td>2016</td>
<td>$1,085,383,262.00</td>
<td>$56,573,913,053.00</td>
<td>1.92%</td>
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<td>2017</td>
<td>$1,466,648,747.00</td>
<td>$54,883,153,410.00</td>
<td>2.67%</td>
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<td>2018</td>
<td>$1,471,359,183.00</td>
<td>$54,211,726,813.00</td>
<td>2.71%</td>
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<td>2019</td>
<td>$1,410,694,900.00</td>
<td>$54,149,378,860.00</td>
<td>2.61%</td>
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<td>2020</td>
<td>$803,290,381.00</td>
<td>$58,058,338,392.00</td>
<td>1.38%</td>
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<td>2021</td>
<td>$844,028,300.00</td>
<td>$56,788,359,151.00</td>
<td>1.48%</td>
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- Total allocation to the Ministry as a percentage of the national budget increased by 0.10% between the period 2019/2020 and 2020/2021.

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5. For the Fiscal Years 2014-2018, actual figures were used to calculate the total allocation. However, estimates were used to calculate the total allocation for the Fiscal Years 2019 and 2020.

6. Total Allocation for the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development = Recurrent Expenditure + Consolidated Fund

7. The National Budget = Total Recurrent Expenditure + Development Programme Expenditure Consolidated Fund
Public Sector Investment Programme (PSIP) fiscal year 2020 - Achievements

Government, in collaboration with the private sector, continued projects to improve access to adequate and affordable housing for citizens. In fiscal 2019, an allocation in the sum of $300.8 million was provided to address the demand for housing infrastructure as follows:

- **Accelerated Housing Programme** - The sum of $200.0 million was utilised by the Housing Development Corporation (HDC) for the continuation of ongoing projects such as settlements in D’Abadie, St. James, Arima, Bon Air South, and San Fernando;

- **Rehabilitation and Maintenance of HDC Rental Apartments and Housing Units** - the HDC expended $11.6 million to undertake rehabilitation works on its tenanted buildings. These rehabilitation works included roofing works, painting of buildings and general maintenance of facilities and infrastructure in areas such as Maloney Gardens, Harpe Place, Belmont and Embacadere Housing Development;

- **Housing Grants** - low income households with legal tenure to property continued to benefit from housing grants. These grants were used to assist persons with the maintenance and upgrade of existing housing stock and also acted as a mechanism to reduce the demand for new housing. In fiscal 2019, $2.5 million was expended towards the distribution of approximately 165 grants;

- **The Urban Redevelopment Programme** - $8.2 million was spent through the East Port of Spain Development Company (EPOS) for the improvement of the economic, social and physical environment of East Port of Spain. The East Port of Spain area is bounded by Charlotte Street, Lady Young Road, and the Eastern Main Road including Morvant, Never Dirty and Caledonia;

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- **Housing and Village Improvement Programme** - This programme was developed to assist low income households, who live in deplorable conditions specifically in periurban and rural communities to address their housing needs. The Land Settlement Agency (LSA) expended $8.2 million to undertake housing improvement works in communities such as Moruga, Sangre Grande, St. Joseph and Marabella; and

- **The Regularization and Regeneration of Communities – Greater Port of Spain (POS) Region** – the sum of $3.3 million was expended by the LSA to undertake rehabilitation works in communities in Belmont, Diego Martin and Carenage. Works undertaken included drainage, road rehabilitation and the installation of handrails and staircases.
Where the Ministry Spends Its Money

2020-2021 Estimates of Expenditure

The budget allocation of $919,319,300.00 for the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development is comprised of:

- The Draft Estimates of Recurrent Expenditure\(^9\) in the sum of $748,528,300.00;
- The Draft Estimates of Development Programme\(^10\) in the sum of $170,863,000.00;
  - Consolidated Fund in the sum of $95,500,000.00; and
  - Infrastructure Development Fund\(^11\) in the sum of $75,363,000.00.

The Estimates of Recurrent Expenditure include:

- 01 Personnel Expenditure - $9,901,000.00;
- 02 Goods and Services -$15,289,100.00;
- 03 Minor Equipment Purchases -$343,771.00;
- 04 Current Transfers and Subsidies -$698,118,129.00; and


\(^11\) Head 18 –Ministry of Finance, Sub-Head 04 – Current Transfers and Subsidies, Sub-Item 11- Infrastructure Development Fund (IDF) (Infrastructure Development Fund allocation is part of the Ministry of Finance allocation for the financial year. *Therefore, the total recurrent expenditure for the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development does not include the IDF funding.*
• 06 Current Transfers to State Boards & Similar Bodies - $24,876,300.00.

The Ministry of Housing and Urban Development’s:

• Total allocation as a percentage of National Budget is 1.48%;
• Recurrent Expenditure as a percentage of the total Recurrent Expenditure budget is 1.4%;
• Consolidated Fund allocation as a percentage of the total Consolidated Fund allocation is 4.29%; and
• Infrastructure Development Fund allocation as a percentage of the total Infrastructure Development Fund is 3.99%.  

Total Budget Allocation for the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development

- Recurrent Expenditure: 82%
- Consolidated Fund: 10%
- Infrastructure Development Fund: 8%
Summary of Recurrent Expenditure for the period 2014-2021

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<td>$10,043,184.00</td>
<td>$13,146,693.00</td>
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<td>$9,190,911.00</td>
<td>$8,636,425.00</td>
<td>$8,754,423.00</td>
<td>$8,842,700.00</td>
<td>$9,901,000.00</td>
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<td>02 Goods and Services</td>
<td>$501,475,504.00</td>
<td>$460,833,009.00</td>
<td>$17,938,636.00</td>
<td>$17,513,223.00</td>
<td>$15,305,017.00</td>
<td>$12,868,452.00</td>
<td>$13,603,800.00</td>
<td>$15,289,100.00</td>
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<td>03 Minor Equipment Purchases</td>
<td>$315,731.00</td>
<td>$46,522.00</td>
<td>$18,422.00</td>
<td>$9,144.00</td>
<td>$21,273.00</td>
<td>$250.00</td>
<td>$13,876.00</td>
<td>$343,771.00</td>
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<td>04 Current Transfers and Subsidies</td>
<td>$1,049,643,941.00</td>
<td>$1,429,857,152.00</td>
<td>$942,237,797.00</td>
<td>$1,248,594,630.00</td>
<td>$1,356,384,905.00</td>
<td>$1,295,838,368.00</td>
<td>$654,312,724.00</td>
<td>$698,118,129.00</td>
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<td>05 Current Transfers to Stat. Brds. and Similar Bodies</td>
<td>$9,926,132.00</td>
<td>$13,398,020.00</td>
<td>$4,231,613.00</td>
<td>$32,176,957.00</td>
<td>$29,879,825.00</td>
<td>$28,518,347.00</td>
<td>$25,655,900.00</td>
<td>$24,876,300.00</td>
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<td>Total</td>
<td>$1,571,404,492.00</td>
<td>$1,917,281,396.00</td>
<td>$1,011,723,735.00</td>
<td>$1,307,484,865.00</td>
<td>$1,345,979,840.00</td>
<td>$702,429,000.00</td>
<td>$748,530,321.00</td>
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2014 Actual
- 01 Personnel Expenditure: 67%
- 02 Goods and Services: 32%
- 03 Minor Equipment Purchases: 1%
- 04 Current Transfer and Subsidies: 0%
- 06 Current Transfers to Stat. Brds. and Similar Bodies: 1%

2015 Actual
- 01 Personnel Expenditure: 74%
- 02 Goods and Services: 24%
- 03 Minor Equipment Purchases: 1%
- 04 Current Transfer and Subsidies: 0%
- 06 Current Transfers to Stat. Brds. and Similar Bodies: 1%
2018 Actual

- Personnel Expenditure: 0.6%
- Goods and Services: 96.2%
- Minor Equipment: 0.0%
- Current Transfers and Subsidies: 2.1%

2019 Actual

- Personnel Expenditure: 1%
- Goods and Services: 96%
- Minor Equipment: 0%
- Current Transfers and Subsidies: 1%
- Current Transfers to Stat. Brds. & Similar Bodies: 2%
Analysis of Recurrent Expenditure

Recurrent Expenditure refers to the payments for expenses which are incurred for the day-to-day operations of the Ministry including Personnel Expenditure, Goods and Services, Minor Equipment Purchases, Current Transfers and Subsidies and Current Transfers to Statutory Boards and Similar Bodies.

- The Recurrent Expenditure sum of $748,528,300.00 represents approximately 89% of the total budget allocation of $844,028,300.00 received by the Ministry for fiscal year 2020/2021.

- The largest portion of the allocation has consistently gone to Current Transfer and Subsidies for the years 2014-2021. This Sub Head will receive approximately 93% of the total allocation for fiscal year 2020/2021.

- In fiscal year 2020/2021, Personnel Expenditure, Goods and Services, and Current Transfers to Statutory Boards and Similar Bodies will account for 1.3%, 2%, and 3.3% respectively of the Ministry’s total recurrent expenditure.

- Minor Equipment Purchases has received the lowest portion of the Ministry’s allocation for the period 2014 to 2021 receiving approximately 0.04% of the Ministry’s total recurrent expenditure for fiscal year 2020/2021.

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• The total actual/estimated expenditure for the five (5) sub heads has fluctuated over the eight (8) year period. On average, the Ministry received approximately $1.25 Billion over the same period.

**Staff and Pay**

The allocation of staff expenditure for the fiscal year 2021 was $19,967,900.00 which represents an increase of approximately 7.7% from the last fiscal year 2020. The following table provides a breakdown of all expenditure related to staff from 2017-2021.

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### Staff and Pay 2017-2021

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<tr>
<th>Year</th>
<th>Personnel Expenditure</th>
<th>Uniforms</th>
<th>Travelling and Subsistence</th>
<th>Contract Employment</th>
<th>Training</th>
<th>Short-Term Employment</th>
<th>University Graduate Recruitment Programme</th>
<th>Employees Assistance Programme</th>
<th>Total</th>
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<td><strong>2017 Actual</strong></td>
<td>9,190,911</td>
<td>13,576</td>
<td>800,162</td>
<td>2,315,626</td>
<td>83,592</td>
<td>7,434,198</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>9,006</td>
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<td><strong>2018 Actual</strong></td>
<td>8,636,425</td>
<td>11826</td>
<td>614599</td>
<td>3,210,836</td>
<td>20,225</td>
<td>5,132,619</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>4,500</td>
<td>17,631,030</td>
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<td><strong>2019 Actual</strong></td>
<td>8,754,423</td>
<td>9,261</td>
<td>686,466</td>
<td>4,702,767</td>
<td>95,571</td>
<td>3,613,488</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>11,500</td>
<td>17,873,476</td>
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<td><strong>2020 Revised Estimate</strong></td>
<td>8,842,700</td>
<td>10,400</td>
<td>500,000</td>
<td>4,700,000</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>4,372,900</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>4,300</td>
<td>18,430,300</td>
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<td><strong>2021 Estimate</strong></td>
<td>9,901,000</td>
<td>10,400</td>
<td>720,000</td>
<td>6,800,000</td>
<td>20,000</td>
<td>2,512,200</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>4,300</td>
<td>19,967,900</td>
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- **Staff and Pay 2017-2021** Table
- **Bar Chart**: Comparison of expenditures from 2017 to 2021.
Summary of Development Programme Expenditure for the Period 2014-2021

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.

The Public Sector Investment Programme (PSIP), which represents the capital expenditure component of the National Budget, is the instrument used by Government to effect its vision and policies. It is a budgeting and strategic planning tool made up of projects and programmes, designed to realise the goals set out in the Government’s overarching policy. The PSIP budget document provides a detailed description of the programmes and projects and includes a review of the implementation of projects and programmes in the previous financial year and highlights the major projects and programmes to be implemented in the upcoming financial year. The PSIP is intended to achieve:

- the country’s social and economic development goals; and
- enhance the quality of life of all citizens.

The allocation to the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development for development programmes and projects for fiscal year 2020/2021 = $170,863,000.00. These funds are presented in two parts as follows:

- Funds disbursed directly from the Consolidated Fund = $95,500,000.00 and represents (56%) of the total allocation; and
- Funds disbursed from the Infrastructure Development Fund = $75,363,000.00 and represents (44%) of the total allocation.

### Summary of Development Programme Expenditure for the Period 2014-2021

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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td>859,855,681</td>
<td>523,581,348</td>
<td>236,751,451</td>
<td>385,213,454</td>
<td>345,762,320</td>
<td>284,391,723</td>
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<td><strong>005 Multi-Sectoral and Other Services - Infrastructure Development Fund</strong></td>
<td>133,577,022</td>
<td>118,079,214</td>
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<td><strong>004 Social Infrastructure - Infrastructure Development Fund</strong></td>
<td>649,761,776</td>
<td>299,985,252</td>
<td>163,091,924</td>
<td>226,049,572</td>
<td>284,630,582</td>
<td>210,501,769</td>
<td>341,022,200</td>
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<td><strong>005 Multi-Sectoral and Other Services - Consolidated Fund</strong></td>
<td>2,055,628</td>
<td>3,907,957</td>
<td>4,710,602</td>
<td>5,451,229</td>
<td>2,376,694</td>
<td>931,974</td>
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<td><strong>004 Social Infrastructure - Consolidated Fund</strong></td>
<td>74,461,255</td>
<td>101,608,925</td>
<td>68,948,925</td>
<td>153,712,653</td>
<td>58,755,044</td>
<td>72,843,912</td>
<td>65,547,463</td>
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The PSIP budget document provides a detailed description of the programmes and projects and includes a review of the implementation of projects and programmes in the previous financial year and highlights the major projects and programmes to be implemented in the upcoming financial year.

- The Public Sector Investment Programme is intended to achieve:
  - the country’s social and economic development goals; and
  - enhance the quality of life of all citizens.

In an attempt to bridge the gap of the burgeoning demand for housing and the inadequate supply of housing and shelter, the housing sector of the economy was capitalised with an allocation of $431.7 million in fiscal 2020 to improve housing stock and living conditions in Trinidad and Tobago. Some of these on-going projects include:

*Squatter Regularisation Project*
The Squatter Regularisation project will continue with a two-pronged process involving the provision of security of tenure to eligible squatters and tenants, as well as physical/infrastructural upgrade of designated areas and land settlement areas. Many villages in Trinidad benefitted from this investment as infrastructure work such as surveys, earthworks, drainage, roadworks, water reticulation and retention pond were done to improve the standard of living in communities.

*Regularisation and Regeneration of Communities*
This project is geared towards the improvement of living conditions in the greater Port of Spain region. These include earthquakes, drainage construction, roadworks, construction of footpaths and staircase construction as required in areas of Belmont, La Seiva, Diego Martin, Maracas Village, Imbert Extension, Barataria and Malick.

*Housing and Village Improvement Programme*
This programme will continue to address the housing needs of the neediest in society and contribute towards the preservation of the country’s existing housing stock while reducing demand for Government subsidized housing. In fiscal 2020, 77 housing units were reconstructed and major repairs done completed on 57 homes in the following communities:

- Marrabea;
- Sangre Grande;
- St. Joseph
- Moruga
- Point Fortin;
- Embacadere, and
- La Brea.
Noteworthy Development Programme Estimates in 2017-2020

The table below lists the projects that have experienced irregular variances in estimates for funding received under the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development: 16

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<td>004-08-B-070</td>
<td>Tarouba Central Housing Development - SILWC</td>
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<td>004-08-B-078</td>
<td>Upgrading of SILWC Housing Development</td>
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<td>004-08-E-233</td>
<td>Surveys of Squatter Sites</td>
<td>330,038</td>
<td>213,478</td>
<td>4,196,019</td>
<td>1,444,900</td>
<td>1,500,000</td>
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Status of New Projects from the Financial Year 2016-2017

The following new projects that received funding in the 2016/2017 financial year:\(^{17}\):

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<td>Orangefield Housing Development</td>
<td>741,855</td>
<td>209,215</td>
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Status of New Projects from the Financial Year 2017-2018

The following new projects that received funding in the 2017/2018 financial year:\n
- During the Standing Finance Committee for the Appropriation (Financial Year 2020) Bill, 2019 the criteria for consideration of the Housing and Village Improvement Programme was provided and it was indicated that the programme provided land at 30 percent of the market value for individuals aged 21 who qualified for $320,000. These persons must have been able to purchase the land within two years. A random selection chose the applicants and it was further noted that thus far, 700 persons were interviewed and 500 had acquired mortgages.\n
- In 2019 it was noted during the Standing Finance Committee for the Appropriation (Financial Year 2020) Bill, 2019 that a loan from the IDB had previously funded the programme and that a mapping exercise of the programme was being undertaken.\n
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<td>004-08-E-235</td>
<td>Housing and Village Improvement Programme</td>
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<td>1,060,241</td>
<td>8,167,882</td>
<td>13,047,500</td>
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<td>004-08-E-236</td>
<td>Regularization and Regeneration of</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>300,734</td>
<td>3,312,433</td>
<td>9,163,900</td>
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<td>004-08-E-237</td>
<td>Regularization of Squatter Communities</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>2,832,707</td>
<td>14,200,369</td>
<td>12,956,600</td>
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<td>004-08-G-293</td>
<td>Home Ownership 101</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>475,850</td>
<td>417,263</td>
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<td>005-06-F-002</td>
<td>Development and Management of Property</td>
<td>-</td>
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<td>IDF-004-14-A-002</td>
<td>Urban Renewal</td>
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<td>1,401,230</td>
<td>2,320,996</td>
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Status of New Projects from the Financial Year 2018-2019

The following new projects that received funding in the 2018/2019 financial year²¹:

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<td>004-08-E-239</td>
<td>Government Aided Self-Help Programme</td>
<td>2,475,809</td>
<td>2,500,000</td>
<td>4,000,000</td>
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<td>IDF-005-06-F-001</td>
<td>Development and Management of the Property located at No.43 Independence Square, Port of Spain</td>
<td>114,068</td>
<td>1,500,000</td>
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New Projects from the Financial Year 2020-2021

- For the financial year 2020/2021 the following new projects are scheduled for implementation:

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<td>004-08-D-241</td>
<td>Development of Residential Lots- Petrotrin</td>
<td>20,000,000</td>
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## Major Programmes and Development for the Period 2018 to 2020

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>004-08-D-075</td>
<td>Rehabilitation and Maintenance of HDC Rental Apartments and Housing Units</td>
<td>15,000,000</td>
<td>19,995,587</td>
<td>30,010,388</td>
<td>19,341,600</td>
<td>20,000,000</td>
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<td>004-08-E-232</td>
<td>Housing Grants</td>
<td>9,999,999</td>
<td>8,098,626</td>
<td>7,725,000</td>
<td>5,190,000</td>
<td>8,000,000</td>
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<td>004-08-H-002</td>
<td>Squatter Settlements Regularization</td>
<td>97,000,695</td>
<td>4,865,459</td>
<td>Removed</td>
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<td>Removed</td>
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<td>004-08-H-005</td>
<td>Home Improvements and New Housing Subsidies Programmes</td>
<td>15,000,000</td>
<td>14,927,049</td>
<td>Removed</td>
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<td>IDF-004-08-E-230</td>
<td>Accelerated Housing Programme</td>
<td>216,049,900</td>
<td>279,998,039</td>
<td>199,994,682</td>
<td>336,000,000</td>
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<td>IDF-004-14-A-001</td>
<td>Urban Redevelopment</td>
<td>9,999,896</td>
<td>3,231,313</td>
<td>8,186,091</td>
<td>5,022,200</td>
<td>15,000,000</td>
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<td>IDF-004-14-A-005</td>
<td>Urban Upgrading and Revitalization Programme</td>
<td>-</td>
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<td>58,863,000</td>
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<td>Urban Upgrading and Revitalization Programme</td>
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<td>58,863,00025</td>
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<td>CF-005-6-A-009</td>
<td>Support to the Urban Upgrading and Revitalization Programme</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>488,200</td>
<td>1,500,000</td>
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Committee Reports Related to the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development

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<td>1. First Report of the JSC on Local Authorities, Statutory Authorities</td>
<td>A reliable and safe records management system is an imperative for a body</td>
<td>The Minister concurs with the proposal for the implementation of a reliable and safe records management system.</td>
<td>As such, it must be highlighted that the LSA is currently engaged in an exercise to scan and digitize all Certificates of Comfort files. The objective of the exercise is to ensure that high quality images and accurate indices are captured, with minimal disruption to the day to day activities of the Agency which would involve utilization of the documents being digitized. The digitized data will be released from the capture process and stored within a secure project specific storage space on a local server where it will then be uploaded to the Document Management Solution to store and index the digitized data. This investment would prove a critical advantage to the LSA to collate and have accurate records of applicants, squatters, etc. The completion date for this exercise is June 2017.</td>
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<td>and Service Commissions (Including THA) on an Inquiry into the Land</td>
<td>that is required to store, monitor and retrieve records for over 30,000</td>
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<td>Settlement Agency in Relation to Squatter Regularisation.</td>
<td>clients or potential clients. As such, the Committee considers that an</td>
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<td>investment in this area of the agency’s operations to be justified and one</td>
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<td>that should be prioritize.</td>
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<td>2.</td>
<td>Fifth Report of the Public Administration and Appropriations Committee on an Examination into the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development with specific reference to Accountability and Transparency, Inventory Control, Internal Audit, Sub - Head 02 - Goods and Services, Sub - Head 03 - Minor Equipment Purchases, Sub - Head 09 Development Programme - Consolidated Fund and Infrastructure Development Fund.</td>
<td></td>
<td>The Ministry should develop a Monitoring and Evaluation Unit must be developed by November 30, 2017. A Report on the steps taken and the status of the development of this Unit should be submitted to the Parliament by November 30,2017</td>
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| 3.  | The Fourteenth Report of the Public Administration and Appropriations Committee on an Examination into the Construction, Maintenance and Refurbishment of State-Funded Housing Projects and Units. | HOR: 11.01.2019  
Senate 15.01.2019 | The Ministry of Housing and Urban Development (MHUD) shall submit a progress report to the Committee by February 15, 2019 on the efforts made in clearing the backlog of applications for housing and include the following:  
0 The number of housing units  
Pending |
constructed by the Housing Development Corporation (HDC) as at January 01, 2019 and the corresponding number of houses occupied; and the number of units constructed under the HCIP as at January 01, 2019 and the corresponding number of houses occupied.

The MHUD shall liaise with the HDC and submit a status update on the current batch of successful applicants under Aided Self-Help Programme to the Parliament by February 28, 2019. Please include the following in the status update:

The number of applicants selected (segregate into applicants with land and without land); and the key performance indicators being used to determine whether the
| 4. The 16th Interim Report of the JSC on Social Services and Public Administration on an Inquiry into the system of rent regulation for housing accommodation in Trinidad and Tobago. | **HOR:01.07.20**  
**Senate: 02:07.20** | The Ministry of Housing and Urban Development (MHUD) shall determine a mechanism to update the database of housing applications along with timelines for the implementation of same by February 28, 2019. 

The Ministry of Housing and Urban Development should work alongside the Ministry of the Attorney General and Legal Affairs to have the Rent Restriction Act updated and enforced;  

As a matter of urgency, the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development should collaborate with the |
Ministry of the Attorney General and Legal Affairs to re-establish the Rent Assessment Board with clear guidelines on the rights and responsibilities of landlords or tenants. Such Board should be empowered to perform routine inspections on any rented, private residential properties.

The Ministry of Housing and Urban Development should commence a plan of action to implement the areas of its Strategic Plan (2018-2023) relevant to “legal review and reform and increased affordability of rental housing.” As part of the ministerial response to this report the Ministry should provide an Implementation Roadmap outlining the tasks to be completed in
| relation to the abovementioned action plan. |
General Useful Information

- Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, India: http://mohua.gov.in/#
- Department of Housing, Australia: http://www.housing.wa.gov.au/aboutus/departmentofhousing/Pages/default.aspx
- Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Canada: https://www.ontario.ca/page/ministry-municipal-affairs-housing
- Ministry of Housing, Saudi Arabia: https://housing.sa/en
- Ministry of Housing, Lands and Rural Development, Barbados: https://www.gov.bb/Ministries/housing