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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 2021-2023. 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 2023;
- The Draft Estimates of Development Programme 2023; and
- The Public Sector Investment Programme 2023.

Head 81 – Ministry of Youth Development and National Service

Overview¹

The Ministry of Youth Development and National Service (MYDNS), in an effort to positively influence our diverse 468,000-member youth population, will be guided by the National Youth Policy (2020-2025), which focuses on the empowerment and strategic engagement of our youth, as co-creators of sustainable development initiatives.

The Youth Policy was developed and bolstered on the following (8) strategic priorities for youth development:

1. Prioritising Youth Economic Participation and Empowerment
2. Harnessing Youth Social and Intellectual Capital
3. Facilitating inclusive and Active Youth in the Civic and Democratic Life of Trinidad and Tobago
4. Creating Safe Spaces, Peaceful Communities and Environments
5. Promoting Holistic Youth Health and Well-being
6. Emphasizing Youth Participation in Rural Transformation, Agriculture Production and Food Security
7. Supporting Youth Action on Climate Change, Environmental Sustainability and Climate Justice
8. Creating and Enabling Environment for Positive Youth Development in Trinidad and Tobago.

¹ Ministry of Youth Development and National Service website. Accessed on August 2, 2022: <https://mydns.gov.tt/youth-development/>

YOUTH AFFAIRS DIVISION

The Youth Affairs Division continuously re-examines our national youth delivery system, inclusive of facilities and human resources, in an attempt to ensure that we administer a coordinated, relevant, youth-centered and youth-friendly delivery system that serves the current and emerging needs of all our youth. The Division's Model of Intervention includes;

- Direct Youth Service Delivery
- Partnership with relevant organizations and agencies.
- Providing technical expertise on youth development matters.
- Representing the Ministry on committees examining youth issues.
- Establishing committees to examine specific youth issues.
- Contracting the services of Consultants and Service Providers with a track record in youth development and relevant work.
- Providing subventions or grant funding to support youth development work.

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 Foster Cummings, MP

Permanent Secretary (Ag) (Accounting Officer): Mr. Farook Hosein

Deputy Permanent Secretary: Mrs. Cherryl-Ann Solomon

According to the Trinidad and Tobago Gazette No. 158, Vol. 59 published on September 09, 2020 the Ministry's Business and Departments include²:

- 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:

- Civilian Conservation Corps
- Diversion Programmes for Youths
- Geriatric Adolescent Partnership Programme
- Military-led Academic Training Programme
- Military-Led Programmes of Apprenticeship and Reorientation Training
- National Mentorship Programme
- National Service Programme
- Retiree Adolescent Partnership Programme

² Trinidad and Tobago Gazette No. 158, Vol. 59 published on September 09, 2020. Accessed on August 3, 2022: <http://news.gov.tt/sites/default/files/E-Gazette/Gazette%202020/Gazettes/Gazette%20No.%20158%20of%202020.pdf>

Statutory Boards and Other Bodies:

- Friendly Societies
- Youth Training Centre Board of Management

Wholly Owned Enterprises:

- National Entrepreneurship Development Company Limited

Key Statement from 2021 Standing Finance Committee Debate³

During the reading of the Appropriation (Financial Year 2022) Bill, 2021, the following statements were made in relation to the emphases of the Ministry of Youth Development and National Services:

“The Ministry of Youth Development and National Service is dedicated to the development of youth and infusing in them the values and attributes of national service and entrepreneurship. As a primary agency responsible for the development of the nation’s approximately 500,000 youths, the Ministry is committed to the delivery of the nation’s young people. The Ministry is also committed to the delivery of quality services, youth skills and development programmes and training to enable young people of Trinidad and Tobago to achieve their full potential and become productive members of society.

In the discharge of its mandate the Ministry is guided by Vision 2030 National Development Strategy and the Road Map to Recovery Report which provides the overarching framework for the Ministry’s interventions. At the sector level the Ministry is guided by the National Youth Policy 2020 to 2025 which defines youth as persons aged 10 to 35 years and reaffirms the value of empowering and strategically engaging the nation’s diverse youth as co-creators of sustainable development. In April of this year when I joined the Ministry I embraced the vision that the Ministry is responsible for setting the foundation for the next generation of leaders and advancing the youth development agenda by increasing access to positive transformation opportunities for our youth population which represents 40 per cent of our national population.

Today I am pleased to announce that the Ministry has engaged in collaborative discussions with key stakeholders and the fiscal 2020 Development Programmes form the basis of a comprehensive medium-term development agenda for our young people. Through these programmes and interventions the Ministry will provide the avenues that will facilitate the seamless transition of youth from their current situations. It is through our residential and non-residential training and support programmes that our young people will become beacons to enjoy the sustainable employment and livelihoods

³ Standing Finance Committee Debate of the Ministry of Youth Development and National Service held on October 11, 2021. Accessed on August 2, 2022: <https://www.ttparliament.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/hh20211011sfc.pdf>

and become successful entrepreneurs. It is indeed my pleasure to address the Committee this afternoon and to answer any relevant questions coming from the other side."

- *Minister of Youth Development and National Service*
 - *The Hon Minister Foster Cummings, MP*

Auditor General Report Findings for the Fiscal year 2021

Ref: Auditor General's Report⁴

AUDIT FINDINGS

Payments made out of public moneys to a Member of Parliament in accordance with section 25(2) of the Act.

- 1.23 Section 25(2) states: "The Auditor General shall set out in his annual report all payments made out of public moneys to a member of each House of Parliament (other than the salary and any allowances paid to him as a Minister, President or Deputy President of the Senate, Speaker or Deputy Speaker of the House, Parliamentary Secretary or as a member, and any pension paid to such member) by stating the name of the member receiving the payment, the total amount which he has received and the service or services in respect of which the payment was made."
- 1.24 Ministry of Youth Development and National Service at Note 4 to the Appropriation Accounts reported \$10,000.00 was paid to Mr. Keith Scotland as a committee member of Community Recovery Programme.

SUBMISSION OF APPROPRIATION ACCOUNTS

Under section 4 (3) of the Exchequer and Audit Act, Chapters 69:01 (the Act), the Treasury is required to

"... so superintend the expenditure of public moneys as to ensure that proper arrangements for accounting to the House for such expenditure are made."

- 3.2 The Minister of Finance appoints Accounting Officers who are charged with the duty of accounting for the use of public monies. In accordance with section 24 (1) (b) of the Act, Accounting Officers are required to submit Appropriation Accounts to the Auditor General within four (4) months of the financial year-end.
- 3.3 Forty-one (41) Appropriation Accounts were submitted to the Auditor General's Department within four (4) months of the financial year-end of September 30, 2021 in accordance with the Act.

⁴ Report of the Auditor General on the Public Accounts of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago for the Financial Year ended September 30, 2021, pg. 51. Accessed on August 2, 2022: https://auditorgeneral.gov.tt/sites/default/files/Auditor_Generals_Report_2021.pdf

Appropriation Accounts were received after the statutory deadline from four Ministries as shown below:

Date Received

Ministries/Departments	Date Received
Head: 81 Ministry of Youth Development and National Service	February 2, 2022

Follow-up: Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago COVID-19 Related Expenditure as at September 30, 2021

3.115 During the accounting period, expenditure continued on the management of the COVID-19 Pandemic by the various Ministries, Departments, Statutory Boards and State Enterprises. In this regard, the Auditor General Circular Memorandum No. 1 of 2021 dated September 30, 2021 requested information with respect to COVID-19 expenditure incurred by Ministries and Departments including those of Statutory Bodies/State Enterprises under their purview. Appendix I, refers.

Appendix I

COVID-19 EXPENDITURE 2021

Ministry	Ministry (\$)	Audited (\$)	Remarks
81 Ministry of Youth Development and National Service	\$389,717.49	\$0.00	

STATEMENTS OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

4.4 Section 24 (1) (c) of the Exchequer and Audit Act, Chapter 69:01 as amended by Act No. 23 of 1998 requires Receivers of Revenue to prepare and transmit to the Auditor General their Statements of Receipts and Disbursements in such a form as the Treasury may direct. By Comptroller of Accounts Circular No. 11 dated July 23, 2021, Receivers of Revenue were required to transmit to the

Auditor General, Statements of Receipts and Disbursements in respect of monies collected under the Items of Revenue for which they are responsible on or before Monday January 31, 2022. The following Receivers of Revenue did not comply with the Comptroller of Accounts Circular No.11, as required.

Receiver of Revenue	Date Received
YD1 - Ministry of Youth Development and National Service	February 2, 2022

Review of the Public Sector Investment Programme 2022⁵

The Ministry of Youth Development and National Service (MYDNS) is entrusted with the administration of the national youth delivery system ensuring that it is well coordinated, relevant, youth-centred and youth-friendly; to serve the current and emerging needs of the nation's youth, including those of entrepreneurship and youth facilities. In fiscal 2022, the MYDNS continued to implement programmes and projects to ensure young people were given the opportunity to learn the skills and obtain the knowledge necessary to thrive in the 21st century. In this regard, a total of \$39.8 million was expended on the following youth development initiatives:

- *NEDCO Business Accelerator Programme 2020-2024* – the Graduation Ceremony for Cohort one (1) of the Programme was held in December 2021 and included thirty-two (32) participants [fourteen (14) males and eighteen (18) females]. The training cycle for Cohort two (2) commenced in February 2022 with a total of twenty-seven (27) participants enrolled. In May 2022, meetings were held with participants to discuss the progress and potential issues faced. In June 2022, the Business Accelerator Programme held a Popup Market at Gulf City Mall, La Romaine. Additionally, NEDCO implemented nine (9) additional courses for the Programme. Cohort three (3) is in the invitation stage and organisations have been contacted for recommendations of interested pre-screened candidates;
- *Refurbishment of Youth Development and Apprenticeship Centre* – upgrading and refurbishment of two (2) existing Youth Development and Apprenticeship Centres (YDACs) at Freeport and Chatham to meet modern standards were completed in fiscal 2022. Works completed at the Chatham YDAC included the demolition of the ceiling (in the dining hall, auditorium, cafeteria and kitchen), cleaning and sanitising of the kitchen and salvaging of building elements from the infirmary. Works completed at the Persto Praesto YDAC included the demolition of an old pan shed, power-washing of the roofs of the buildings and roof repairs;
- *Refurbishment of building for the CHINS project (for the OPM / Child and Gender Affairs Unit)* – St. Michael's School for Boys – refurbishment and upgrade works were identified to be undertaken on Trade Blocks One and Two, the mechanical workshop, the

⁵ Public Sector Investment Programme 2023. Accessed on September 27, 2022: <https://www.finance.gov.tt/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/Public-Sector-Investment-Programme-2023.pdf>

administrative office, dining hall, kitchen, laundry and dormitory. A contract was awarded in February, 2022 and works on Trade Block One and Trade Block Two were completed;

- ***Construction of the Salvation Army – Josephine Shaw House*** – this project entailed the design, construction and outfitting of a three-storey building with a roof framing designed to support an additional floor for future expansion. The main building was upgraded with a kitchen area, laundry area, protection and emergency power, a security booth, entrance/exit gates, paved car park, sitting area, landscaping and internal site drainage. The Josephine Shaw House was completed and was officially opened in July 2022. This new House will offer accommodation to twenty-eight (28) young women as they transition into adulthood. The young women will also benefit from a holistic development programme which incorporates psychosocial support, skills training, career and personal development and job placement, for reintegration into society; and

- ***Youth Agricultural Homestead Programme*** – the Programme was launched in March, 2022 and registration was also conducted during that month. The Ministry received 1,387 applications, of which 200 applicants were selected. Training for the Programme commenced in June 2022. A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed with the Land Settlement Agency for use of the Fyzabad Field Road site and with the Palo Seco Agricultural Enterprises Limited for use of Kendall Dairy Farm.

The Ministry's total allocation as a percentage of the National Budget for the period 2021 to 2023

Year ⁶	Total Allocation ⁷	National Budget ⁸	Percentage of National Budget
2021	\$170,612,433	\$56,498,472,820	0.30%
2022	\$241,588,300	\$59,190,331,126	0.41%
2023	\$239,624,000	\$67,944,048,911	0.35%

- Total allocation for the Ministry of Youth Development and National Service as a percentage of the National Budget showed a **0.06%** increase between the period 2022 and 2023.

⁶ For the Fiscal Year 2021, actual figures were used to calculate the total allocation. However, estimates were used to calculate the total allocation for the Fiscal Years 2022 and 2023.

⁷ Total Allocation for the Ministry = Recurrent Expenditure + Consolidated Fund

⁸ The National Budget = Total Recurrent Expenditure + Total Development Programme: Consolidated Fund

Where the Ministry spends its money⁹

2022-2023 Estimates of Expenditure

The budget allocation of **\$381,849,000** for the Ministry of Youth Development and National Service is comprised of:

- The Draft Estimates of Recurrent Expenditure in the sum of **\$203,923,000**; and
- The Draft Estimates of Development Programme in the sum of **\$177,926,000**:
 - Consolidated Fund: **\$35,701,000**
 - Infrastructure Development Programme: **\$142,225,000**.¹⁰

The Estimates of Recurrent Expenditure include:

- 01 Personnel Expenditure - **\$36,483,600**;
- 02 Goods and Services - **\$46,052,800**;
- 03 Minor Equipment Purchases **\$735,000**; and
- 04 Current Transfers and Subsidies **\$120,651,600**.

The Ministry of Youth Development and National Service's:

- Recurrent Expenditure as a percentage of the total Recurrent Expenditure is **0.3%**; and

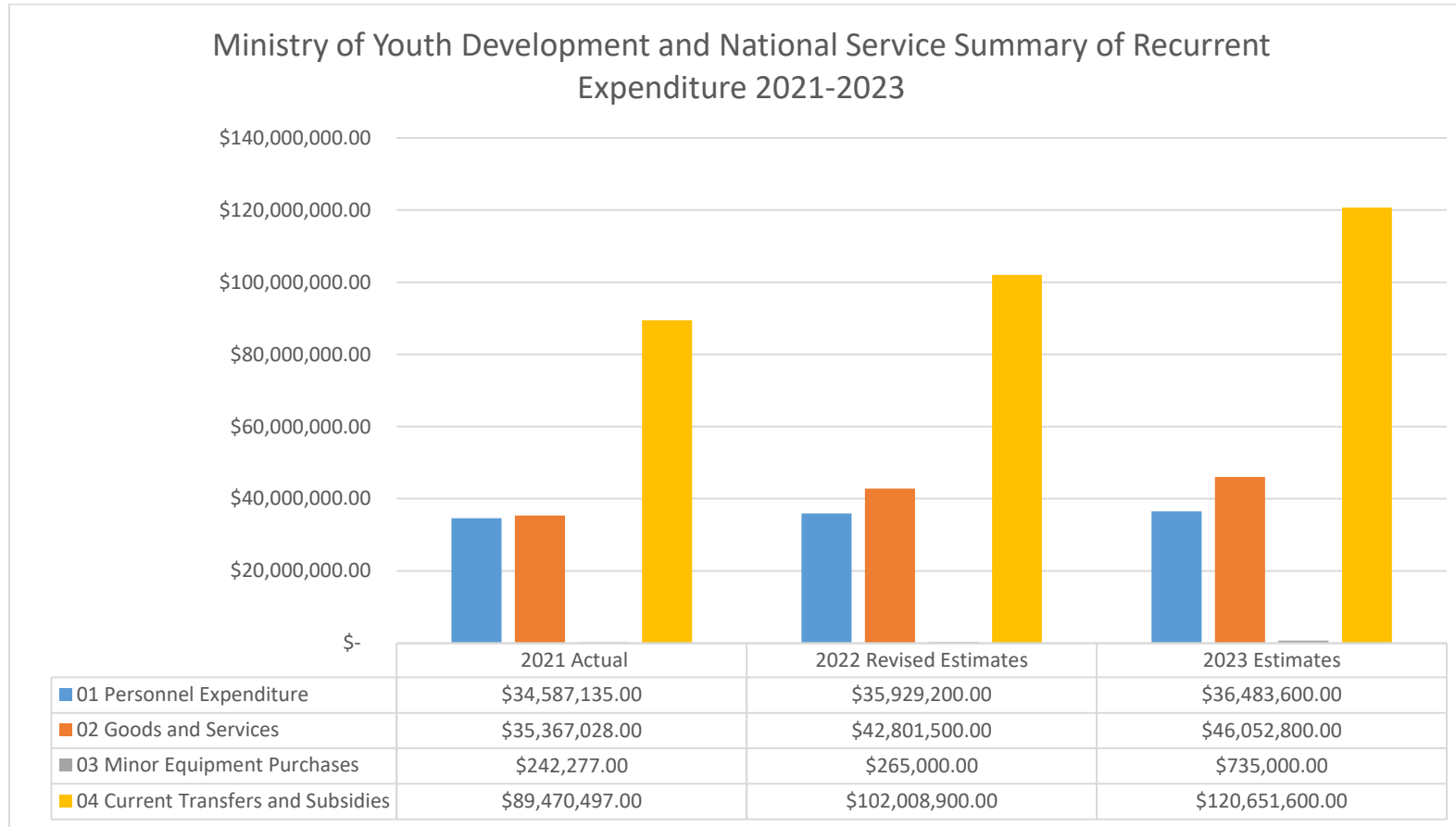
⁹ Draft Estimates for Details of Estimates of Recurrent Expenditure for the Financial Year 2023. Accessed on September 27, 2022: <https://www.finance.gov.tt/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/Draft-Estimates-of-Details-of-Estimates-of-Recurrent-Expenditure-for-the-Financial-Year-2023.pdf>

¹⁰ 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 Youth Development and National Service does not include the IDF funding.

- Consolidated Fund as a percentage of the total Consolidated Fund is **1.1%**.
- Infrastructure Development Fund allocation as a percentage of the total Infrastructure Development Fund is **4.76%**.

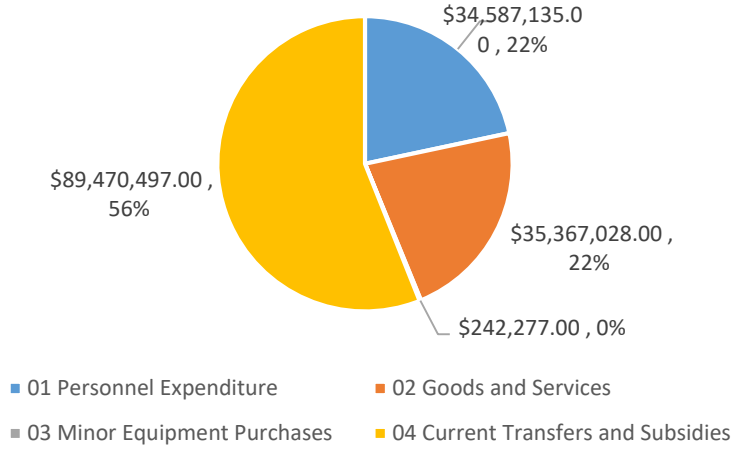
Summary of Recurrent Expenditure for the period 2021-2023¹¹

The Graph below illustrates the budget allocations for the Ministry for the financial years 2021-2023.

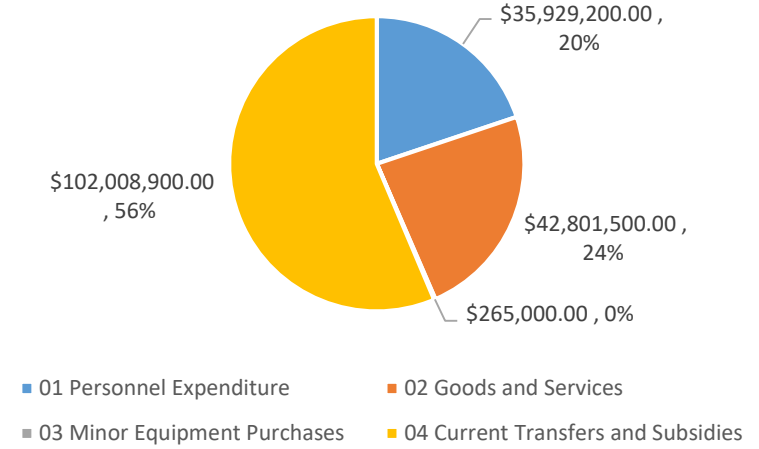


¹¹ Draft Estimates for Details of Estimates of Recurrent Expenditure for the Financial Year 2023. Accessed on September 27, 2022: <https://www.finance.gov.tt/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/Draft-Estimates-of-Details-of-Estimates-of-Recurrent-Expenditure-for-the-Financial-Year-2023.pdf>

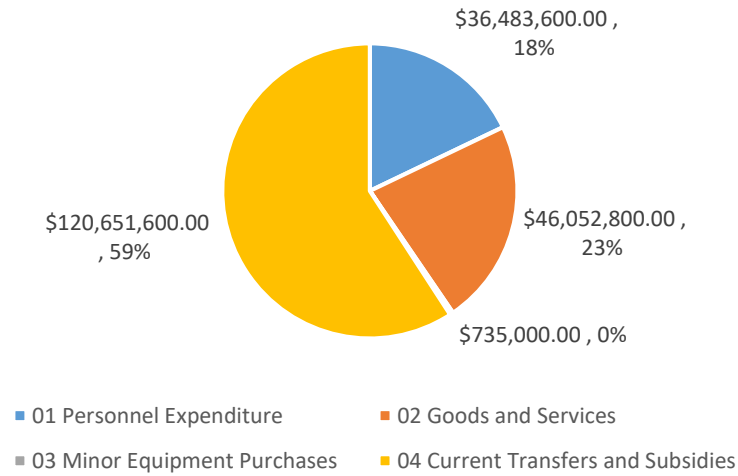
2021 Actual - \$159,666,937



2022 Revised Estimates - \$181,004,600



2023 Estimates - \$203,923,000



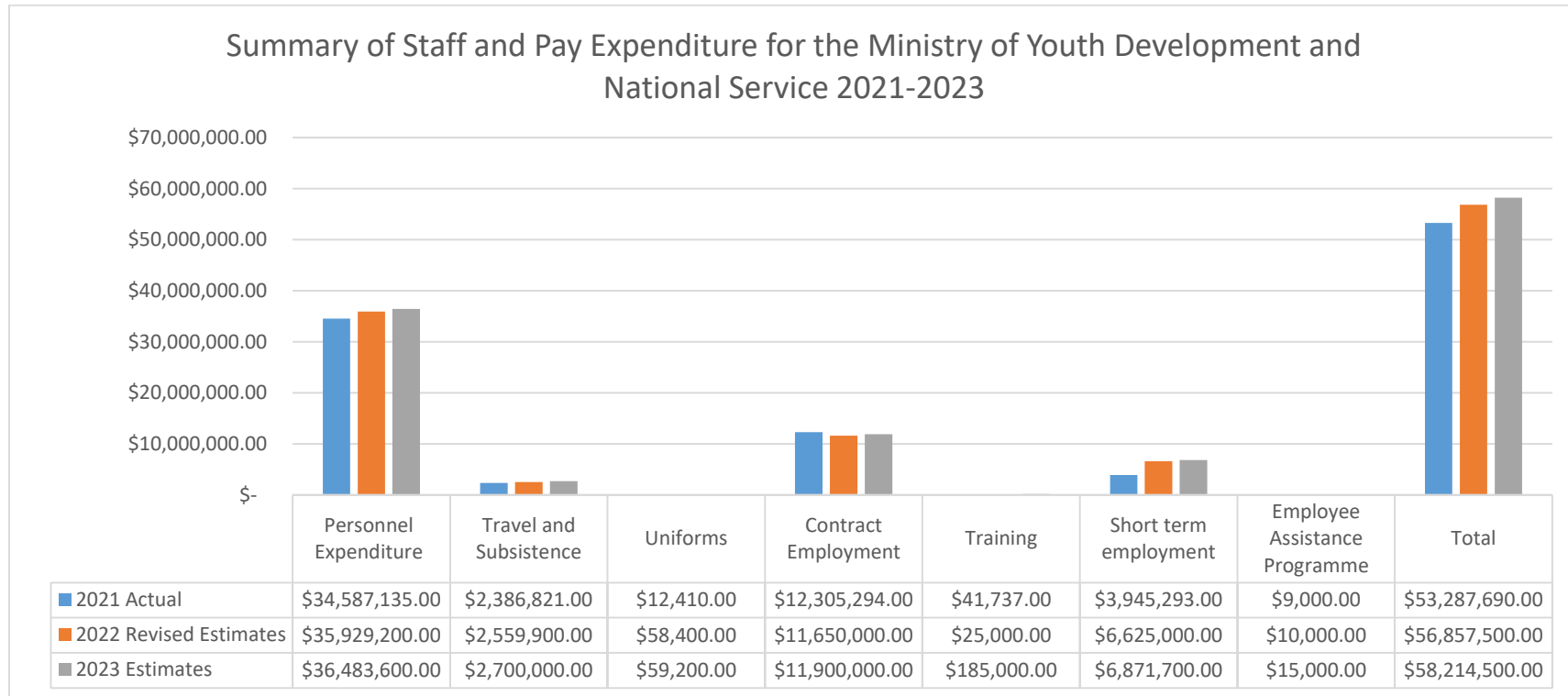
Analysis of Recurrent Expenditure

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 2023 is **\$203,923,000**.

- The largest portion of the Ministry's allocation has consistently gone to the **Sub-Head 04 Current Transfers and Subsidies**. In Fiscal Year 2023, this Sub Head represents **59.1%** of the total allocation, in comparison to Fiscal Year 2022 whereby it represents **56.3%** of the total allocation.
- The smallest portion of the allocation went to **Sub-Head 03 Minor Equipment Purchases**. In Fiscal Year 2023 this Sub Head represents **0.36%** of the total allocation.
- The second largest portions of the allocation went to **Sub-Head 01 Personnel Expenditure** and **Sub-Head 02 Goods and Services** and represents **18%** and **23%** of the total allocation for Fiscal Year 2023.

Staff and Pay¹²

The allocation of staff expenditure for 2023 is **\$58,214,500** which represents **28.5%** of the Ministry's total allocation. The diagram provides a breakdown of all expenditure related to staff from 2021-2023.



¹² Draft Estimates for Details of Estimates of Recurrent Expenditure for the Financial Year 2023. Accessed on September 27, 2022: <https://www.finance.gov.tt/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/Draft-Estimates-of-Details-of-Estimates-of-Recurrent-Expenditure-for-the-Financial-Year-2023.pdf>

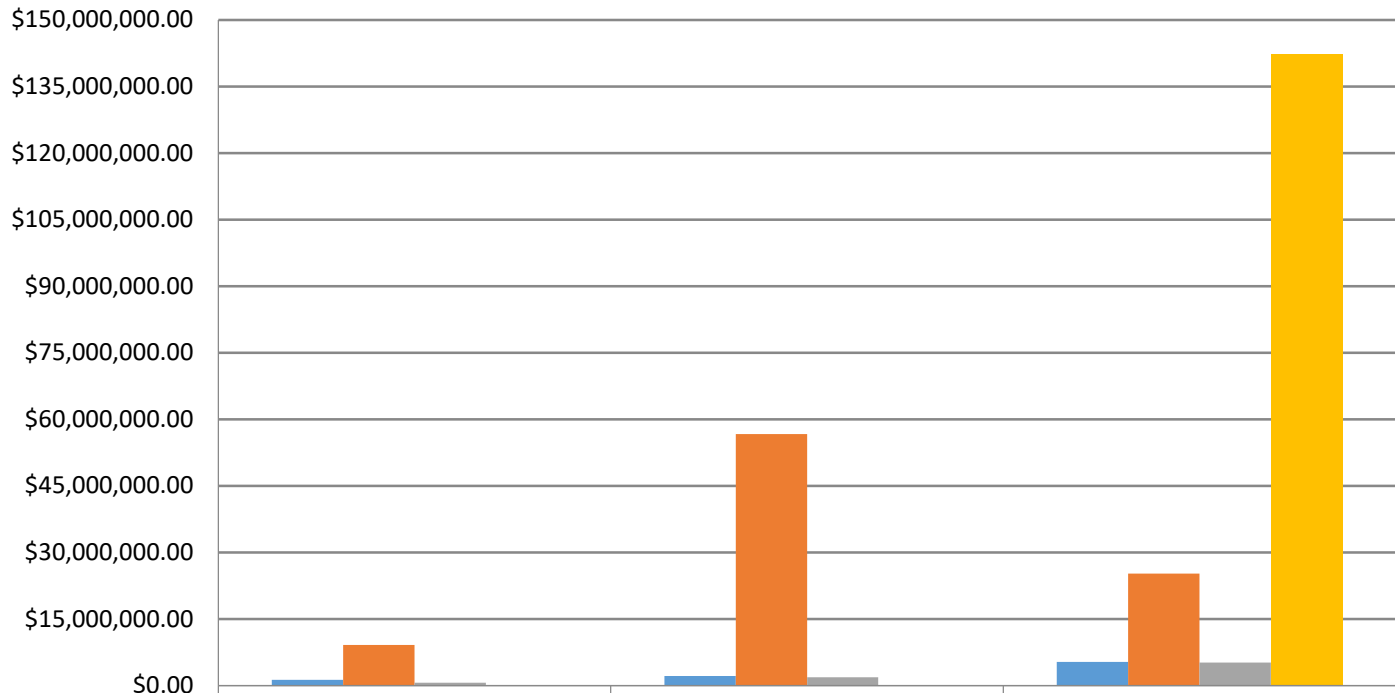
Summary of Development Programme Expenditure for the period 2021-2023¹³

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 in fiscal 2020/2021, 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 2023 is **\$35,701,000**. These funds are disbursed directly from the Consolidated Fund. It should also be noted that the Ministry has received its first allocation of **\$142,225,000** for fiscal 2023 under the Infrastructure Development Programme.

¹³ Draft Estimates of Development Programme 2023. Accessed on September 27, 2022: <https://www.finance.gov.tt/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/Draft-Estimates-of-Development-Programme-for-the-Financial-Year-2023.pdf>

Summary of Development Programme Expenditure for 2021-2023



	2021 Actual	2022 Revised Estimates	2023 Estimates
■ 003 Economic Infrastructure- Consolidated Fund	\$1,243,320.00	\$2,104,700.00	\$5,315,000.00
■ 004 Social Infrastructure - Consolidated Fund	\$9,091,882.00	\$56,671,000.00	\$25,243,000.00
■ 005 Multi-Sectoral and Other Services - Consolidated Fund	\$610,294.00	\$1,808,000.00	\$5,143,000.00
■ 004 Social Infrastructure - Infrastructure Development Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$142,225,000.00

Preview of the Public Sector Investment Programme 2023¹⁴

Government will continue to implement measures aimed at transforming the youth development landscape and supporting the institutional strengthening and strategic repositioning of principal youth development agencies. The Ministry of Youth Development and National Service (MYDNS) will continue to focus on the delivery of remedial interventions for youth through the modernisation of curricula and programmes at youth institutions, upgrading of the infrastructure at youth facilities, construction of new facilities and strengthening of the Ministry's information and communications platform to meet the demands for virtual communication. The projects and programmes for fiscal 2023 are designed to equip vulnerable and at-risk youth with technical and vocational education, training and life skills to become successful entrepreneurs, skilled workers and contributing members of society.

Implementation of the National Youth Policy

The National Youth Policy (2020–2025) aims to prioritise youth economic participation and empowerment through several initiatives. In fiscal 2023, the sum of \$5.0 million will be allocated for the Implementation of the National Youth Policy to facilitate the following:

- *The National Leadership Training Programme* - to build the leadership capacity of one hundred (100) youth between the ages of sixteen (16) to thirty-five (35) years within communities across Trinidad and Tobago. The programme promotes positive attitudes, knowledge and skills to make informed choices while meaningfully participating in problem-solving and decision making at the group, community and at national levels;
- *Re-establishment of the National Youth Council* - to re-establish nine (9) District Youth Councils in Trinidad and three (3) in Tobago to encourage youth engagement and highlight the value of youth perspectives in the community;

¹⁴ Public Sector Investment Programme 2023. Accessed on September 28, 2022: <https://www.finance.gov.tt/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/Public-Sector-Investment-Programme-2023.pdf>

- *Registration of Community-Based Youth Organisations* – the Group Registration project seeks to identify, profile and register youth organisations throughout the country. An electronic database will organise and store the data on youth organisations which will be utilised by the MYSNS to facilitate the necessary capacity building and institutional strengthening needs of youth organisations;
- *Advance Proficiency Entrepreneurship Excellence (APEX)* - will provide one hundred (100) young persons with skills and training in business development and entrepreneurship through the delivery of twenty-four (24) skills training components;
- *Youth Economic Forum* - will create a platform for dialogue among young persons on economic and social issues as well as other regional and national issues. The main purpose is to encourage constructive debate, promote active involvement of youth in economic policymaking, build confidence in youth and increase oversight on economic-policy making; and
- *Positive Parenting Programme* - a collaboration with the MYDNS, the Office of the Prime Minister and the Ministry of Social Development and Family Service to develop strategies for enhancing family connection and communication between young persons and the parent or caregiver. The programme also provides information on ways to successfully navigate divorce, separation and options for resolving disputes.

Refurbishment of Youth Training Facilities

The Youth Training Facilities are community-based, multi-purpose, youth-friendly spaces where young people, between the ages of ten (10) to thirty-five (35) years, meet and participate in a range of youth development programmes and activities. The MYDNS will continue to undertake the Refurbishment of Youth Training Facilities to maintain the functionality of the spaces for young people. This project entails renovations to the buildings and refurbishment of the engineering installations in the youth training facilities as well as the refurbishment and re-commissioning of the National Energy Skills Center (NESC) buildings into Youth Facilities. The sum of \$15.0

million will be allocated for infrastructure upgrade works at the Los Bajos, California, St. James, Laventille, Malick and Basilon Youth facilities, as well as two (2) former NESC facilities located at Palo Seco and Point Fortin.

Youth Development Apprenticeship Centres (YDACs)

The Youth Development Apprenticeship Centres provide male youths between the ages of fourteen (14) to nineteen (19) years with a two-year residential scholarship, offering training in agriculture and technical vocational skills to enable young men to successfully re-integrate into society. In fiscal 2023, the sum of \$15.0 million will be allocated for the MYDNS to pursue the Refurbishment of Youth Development and Apprenticeship Centres at Chatham and Persto Praesto. A further sum of \$31.0 million will be allocated for the construction of two (2) Youth Development Apprenticeship Centres in the vicinity of Wallerfield and Chaguaramas. Each centre will accommodate a total of 250 youth and will provide young persons with the technical vocational skills to become innovative and productive citizens.

Refurbishment building for the CHINS project (for the OPM/Child and Gender Affairs Unit) St. Michael School for the boys

The Children In Need of Supervision (CHINS) facility will provide a two-year residential programme to eighty (80) males between the ages of twelve (12) and eighteen (18) years. The programme will include psychosocial support, skills training, career and personal development and job placement for reintegration into society. The sum of \$12.2 million will be allocated for the completion of the refurbishment and upgrade works in fiscal 2023.

National Service Centres

The establishment of new National Service Centres throughout the country will be utilised for the delivery of national service programmes including the Military-Led Academic Training (MiLAT), the Military-Led Youth Programme of Apprenticeship and Reorientation Training (MYPART) and the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC). The centres will also be utilised for skills training and recreation as well as for promoting healthy lifestyles and positive youth development to the residents of the YDACs and the Transition Homes. The National Service Complex will also include a transition home which will provide accommodation and social services to young persons who were wards of the State and left community residences at the age of eighteen (18) years. The sum of \$30.0 million will be invested for the establishment of two (2) National Service Centres located at Mausica and Beach Camp, Palo Seco. The works to be done for the Centre at Mausica will entail refurbishment and upgrade works to the existing buildings and the construction of new buildings. The works to be done at the National Service Centre at Beach Camp, Palo Seco will entail the refurbishment and outfitting of buildings and sporting facilities.

Expansion of the Ste Madeleine Transition Home

The Expansion of the Ste Madeleine Transition Home will provide accommodation and social services for young men who were wards of the State and left community residences at the age of 18 years. The twoyear programme will provide support to rehabilitate young men from homelessness to self-sufficiency through coaching and counselling. The sum of \$5.0 million will be allocated for the refurbishment and upgrade of the Ste Madeleine Transition Home.

NEDCO - Business Accelerator Programme 2020 - 2024

The NEDCO Business Accelerator Programme (BAP) 2020-2024 is an entrepreneurial development programme that aims to create a consortium of exceptional businesspersons and risk takers that will lead the next generation of entrepreneurs further into the 21st era.

The programme hinges upon building strategic relationships with tertiary institutions and will continue in fiscal 2023 with an allocation of \$4.1 million for the following activities:

- advertising, outreach/workshops/on-site promotions;
- client screening, selection, orientation and training;
- selection and fees of subject matter experts (in the areas of intellectual property, taxation and product development); and
- loan funding to participants.

From Disaster to Recovery: Securing Employment through the Empowerment of Medium and Small Enterprises in Post COVID-19 Trinidad and Tobago

In fiscal 2023, NEDCO will embark on the delivery of effective business continuity strategies to support small and medium companies and facilitate growth, recovery and continuity post-COVID-19. The initiative will be executed through an interactive Learning Management System, which will be used by enterprises to systematically identify issues arising from the pandemic and apply immediate solutions to address the same. An investment of \$0.2 million will be provided for marketing, advertising, promotion and branding as well as outreach and on-site promotion of the programme.

Noteworthy Projects over the Period 2019-2023

The following table shows a list of the significant expenditure items what were transferred from the previous Ministry of Sport and Youth Affairs and Ministry of Labour and Small Enterprise Development.

Sub-head/Item /Sub-item/Group /Project Desc.	Project -Item	2019 Actual	2020 Actual	2021 Actual	2022 Revised Estimates	2023 Estimates
09-003-11G-001	NEDCO - Business Accelerator Programme 2020 - 2024	-	-	\$1,243,320	\$2,104,700	\$4,115,000 (CF)
09-004-14D-001	Development of Youth Employment Policy	-	-	\$307,711	-	-
09-004-14D-005	Youth Social Programmes	-	-	-	\$253,000	\$3,000,000 (CF)
09-005-06A-001	Installation of a Wide Area Network	\$400,000	-	\$610,294	\$1,000,000	\$4,000,000 (CF)
09-004-14D-002	Implementation of the National Youth Policy	\$657,800	-	-	\$1,000,000	\$5,000,000 (CF)
09-004-14D-003	Refurbishment of Youth Training Facilities	\$181,100	-	\$1,282,516	\$3,000,000	\$15,000,000 (IDF)
09-004-14D-004	Refurbishment of the Youth Development and Apprenticeship Centre	\$1,258,500	-	-	\$16,825,000	\$15,000,000 (IDF)

Major Programmes and Development for the period 2021-2023

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

Sub-head /Item /Sub-item /Group /Project Desc.	Project	2021 Actual	2022 Revised Estimates	2023 Estimates
09-004-14D-007(IDF)	Construction of Youth Development Apprenticeship Centres	-	-	\$31,000,000
09-004-14D-010(IDF)	Construction of the Salvation Army - Josephine Show House	\$7,501,655	\$15,310,000	\$2,050,000

Status of New Projects from the Financial Year 2022

The following new projects that received funding in the 2022 financial year¹⁵:

Sub-head /Item /Sub-item /Group /Project Desc.	Project -Item	2021 Actual	2022 Revised Estimates	2023 Estimates
09-004-14D-009	Youth Development Project Formulation	-	\$1,500,000	\$3,000,000
09-005-06A-002	Implementation of on ICT System for Junior Co-operative Societies in Trinidad and Tobago	-	\$268,000	\$143,000
09-005-06A-003	Institutional strengthening of societies registered under the Friendly Societies Act 2021-2022 and Liquidation and Distribution of Assets for Closed Societies	-	\$540,000	\$1,000,000
09-004-14D-006(IDF)	Refurbishment building for the CHINS project (for the OPM Child and Gender Affairs Unit) St Michael School for Boys	-	\$5,583,000	\$12,175,000

¹⁵ Draft Estimates of Development Programme 2023. Accessed on September 28, 2022: <https://www.finance.gov.tt/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/Draft-Estimates-of-Development-Programme-for-the-Financial-Year-2023.pdf>

09-004-14D-007(IDF)	Construction of Youth Development Apprenticeship Centre	-	-	\$31,000,000
09-004-14D-008(IDF)	Establishment of a Form School - Moruga	-	-	\$5,000,000
09-004-14D-010(IDF)	Construction of the Salvation Army - Josephine Show House	\$7,501,655	\$15,310,000	\$2,050,000

General Useful Information

- Ministry of Youth Development, New Zealand: <https://www.msd.govt.nz/about-msd-and-our-work/about-msd/our-structure/community-partnerships-and-programmes/ministry-of-youth-development.html>
- Ministry of Youth Development and Sports, St Lucia: <http://www.govt.lc/ministries/youth-development-and-sports>
- Ministry of Youth and Community Empowerment, Barbados: <https://www.gov.bb/Ministries/culture-sports-youth>