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About this Guide

This guide provides a summary of expenditure for the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries for the period 2023-2027. It provides 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 Agriculture and Fisheries and provide readers with an analysis of same. This guide is based primarily on:

- the Draft Estimates of Recurrent Expenditure 2027;
- the Draft Estimates of Development Programme 2027;
- the Draft Estimates of the Revenue and Expenditure of the Statutory Boards and Similar Bodies and of the Tobago House of Assembly 2027;
- Social Sector Investment Programme; and
- the Public Sector Investment Programme 2027.

Overview of Head 77: Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries

$713,945,700 2027 Estimates of Recurrent Expenditure	$64,360,000 2027 Estimates of Development Programme
$778,305,700 2027 Total Allocation[1]	1.04% % of National Budget[2]

[1] Total Allocation = Recurrent Expenditure + Development Programme

[2] National Budget is calculated by adding the Total Recurrent Expenditure and Total Consolidated Fund. 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 Fiscal year. Therefore, the total recurrent expenditure for the OPM does not include the IDF funding.
Therefore, Percentage of the National Budget = [(Ministry's Recurrent Expenditure + Ministry's Consolidated Fund) ÷ (National Budget)] × 100

About the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries[3]

Executive Leadership

Minister: Senator the Honourable Ravi Ratiram
Minister in the Ministry: The Honourable Saddam Hosein
Permanent Secretary: Ms. Michelle Anne Thomas

Mission:

To work as an innovative team championing the conservation of biodiversity and sustainable development of food and non-food systems, supported by sound public policy.

Departments:

- Agricultural Extension Services
- Agricultural Finance and Credit
- Agricultural Infrastructure
- Agricultural Land Development, Distribution and Regularisation
- Agricultural Marketing
- Agricultural Policy and Planning
- Agricultural Research
- Animal Health and Protection
- Apiculture
- Aquaculture
- Botanic Gardens
- Crop Production (Food and Fibre)
- Food Security
- Forestry, National Parks and Wildlife
- Horticulture
- Hydrographic Surveys
- Livestock Production
- Management and Standardisation of Agricultural Products Marine Fisheries Management
- Plant Health and Protection
- Praedial Larceny
- Queen's Park Savannah
- Zoo

Statutory Boards and Similar Bodies

Agricultural Society of Trinidad and Tobago
Caribbean Agricultural Research and Development Institute (CARDI)
Caribbean Fisheries Training and Development Institute (CFTDI)
Livestock and Livestock Products Board
Veterinary Surgeons Registration Board
Zoological Society of Trinidad and Tobago

State Enterprises:

Wholly Owned Enterprises:
Cocoa Development Company of Trinidad and Tobago Limited
National Agricultural Marketing and Development Corporation (NAMDEVCO)

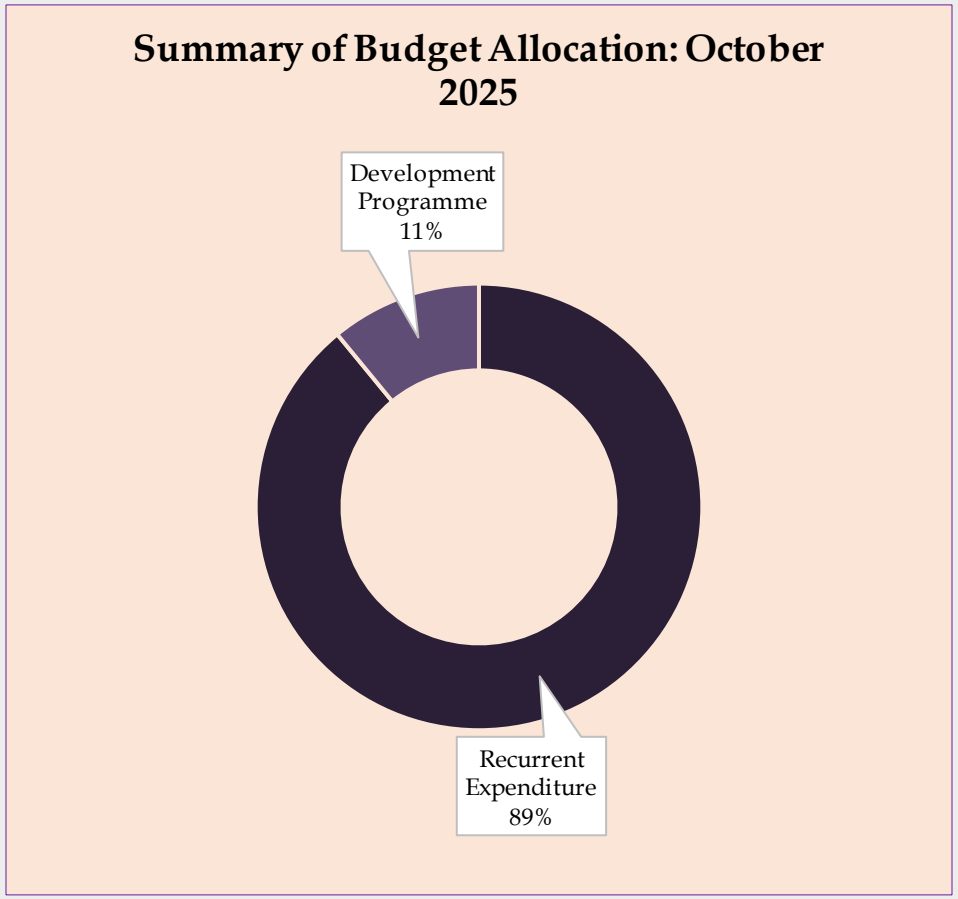
Majority Owned Enterprises:
Agricultural Development Bank of Trinidad and Tobago (ADB)[4]

Minority Owned Enterprises:
Caribbean Food Corporation (CFC)

[3] Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries website: https://agriculture.gov.tt/ Gazette No. 146 dated October 4, 2025. https://printery.gov.tt/e-gazette/2025/Gazette/Gazette_No._146_of_2025.pdf. Accessed on July 31, 2026.
[4] ADB was reassigned to the Ministry of Finance. Gazette No. 166 dated October 02, 2026. https://www.printery.gov.tt/e-gazette/2026/Gazette/Gazette_No.%20_166_of_2026.pdf

Review of Budget 2026 Allocation

Budget Allocation: October 2025



Recurrent Expenditure	$713,945,700
Development Programme	$64,360,000
Total	**$778,305,700**

The Ministry's total allocation as a percentage of the National Budget for the period 2023-2027

Year [5]	Total Allocation[6]	National Budget[7]	Percentage of National Budget
2023	$623,673,527	$69,379,928,103	0.90%
2024	$678,925,000	$63,674,007,590	1.07%
2025	$653,984,089	$65,450,506,594	1.00%
2026	$641,492,000	$76,782,919,774	0.84%
2027	$764,605,700	$73,542,254,357	1.04%

[5] For the Fiscal Years 2023-2025, actual figures were used to calculate the total allocation. However, estimates were used to calculate the total allocation for the Fiscal Years 2026 (Revised) and 2027.
[6] Total Allocation for the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries =Recurrent Expenditure + Consolidated Fund Expenditure
[7] The National Budget =Recurrent Expenditure + Development Programme Expenditure: Consolidated Fund

The Ministry's Total Allocation as a Percentage of the National Budget by Subhead

1.0%	2.0%
Recurrent Expenditure[8]	Consolidated Fund[9]
1.04%	
Total Percentage[10]	

[8] Recurrent Expenditure as a Percentage of Total Recurrent Expenditure = $\left(\frac{\text{Ministry's Recurrent Expenditure}}{\text{Total Recurrent Expenditure}}\right) \times 100$

[9] Consolidated Fund as a Percentage of Total Consolidated Fund = $\left(\frac{\text{Ministry's Consolidated Fund Allocation}}{\text{Total Consolidated Fund}}\right) \times 100$

[10] Percentage of the National Budget = $\left[\frac{(\text{Ministry's Recurrent Expenditure} + \text{Ministry's Consolidated Fund})}{\text{National Budget}}\right] \times 100$

Where the Ministry spends its money



01 Personnel Expenditure: **$456,063,200**



03 Minor Equipment Purchases: **$818,000**



06 Current Transfers to Stat. Brds and Similar Bodies: **$52,198,500**



IDF Infrastructure Development Fund**:** **$13,700,000**



02 Goods and Services: **$108,575,000**



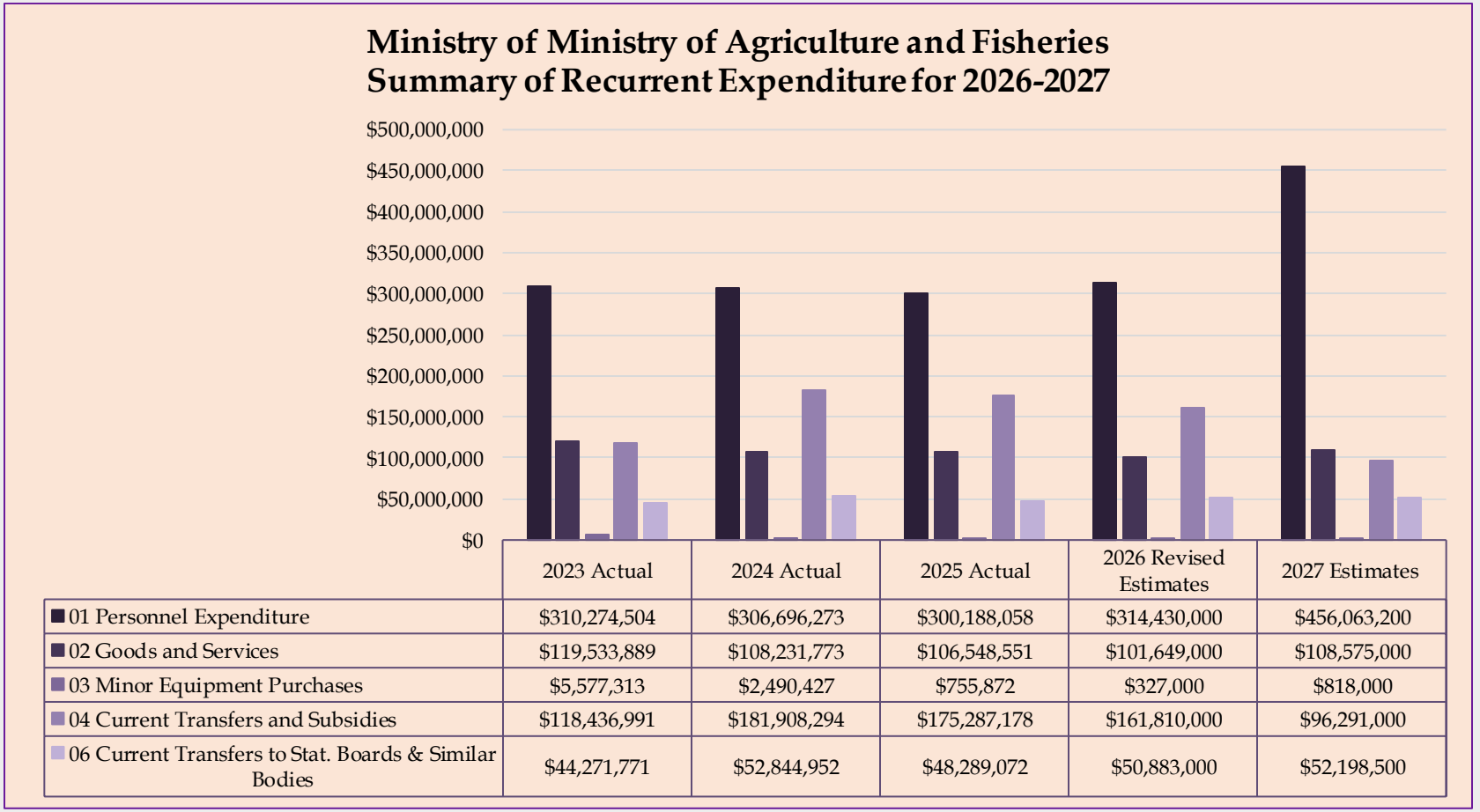
04 Current Transfers and Subsidies: **$96,291,000**



Consolidated Fund (DP): **$50,660,000**

Summary of Recurrent Expenditure for the 2023-2027[11]

The Graph below illustrates the budget allocation of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries Recurrent Expenditure for the Fiscal years 2023-2027.



	2023 Actual	2024 Actual	2025 Actual	2026 Revised Estimates	2027 Estimates
01 Personnel Expenditure	$310,274,504	$306,696,273	$300,188,058	$314,430,000	$456,063,200
02 Goods and Services	$119,533,889	$108,231,773	$106,548,551	$101,649,000	$108,575,000
03 Minor Equipment Purchases	$5,577,313	$2,490,427	$755,872	$327,000	$818,000
04 Current Transfers and Subsidies	$118,436,991	$181,908,294	$175,287,178	$161,810,000	$96,291,000
06 Current Transfers to Stat. Boards & Similar Bodies	$44,271,771	$52,844,952	$48,289,072	$50,883,000	$52,198,500

[11] Draft Estimates of Recurrent Expenditure for the Financial Year 2027. Accessed on: October 12, 2026. Available on: https://www.finance.gov.tt/wp-content/uploads/2026/10/PRINT-VERSION-Recurrent-Expenditure-2027.pdf

Analysis of Summary of Recurrent Expenditure[12]

Recurrent Expenditure refers to the payments for expenses which are incurred during the day-to-day operations of the Ministry for Personnel Expenditure, Goods and Services, Minor Equipment Purchases, Current Transfers and Subsidies and Current Transfers to Statutory Boards and Similar Bodies. Recurrent Expenditure for Fiscal Year 2027 is **$713,945,700.**

- Recurrent Expenditure **(Revised)** for Fiscal Year 2026 was **$629,099,000**. Comparing this figure with the estimated figure for Recurrent Expenditure in Fiscal Year 2026/27, the allocation increased by **$ 84,846,700** or **13%.**

- Sub-Head 01 **Personnel Expenditure** received the **largest percentage (64.0%)** of the 2027 budgetary allocation**.**

- Sub-Head 02 **Goods and Services** received the **second largest percentage (15%)** of the allocation for fiscal 2027.

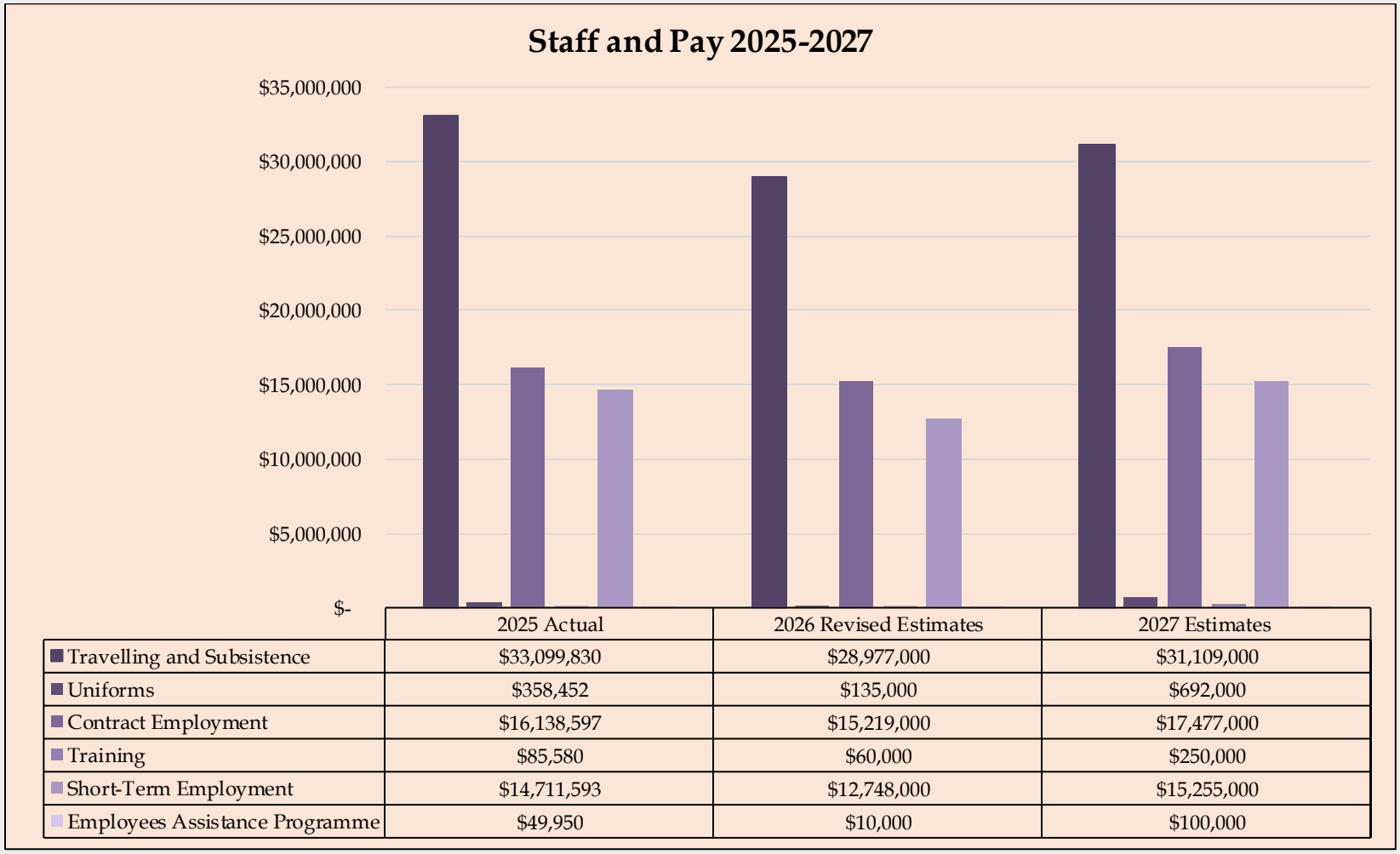
- Sub-Head 04 **Current Transfers and Subsidies** received **13%** of the allocation for fiscal 2027.

- Sub-Head 03 **Minor Equipment Purchases** received the **lowest percentage (0.1%)** of the total allocation for fiscal 2027.

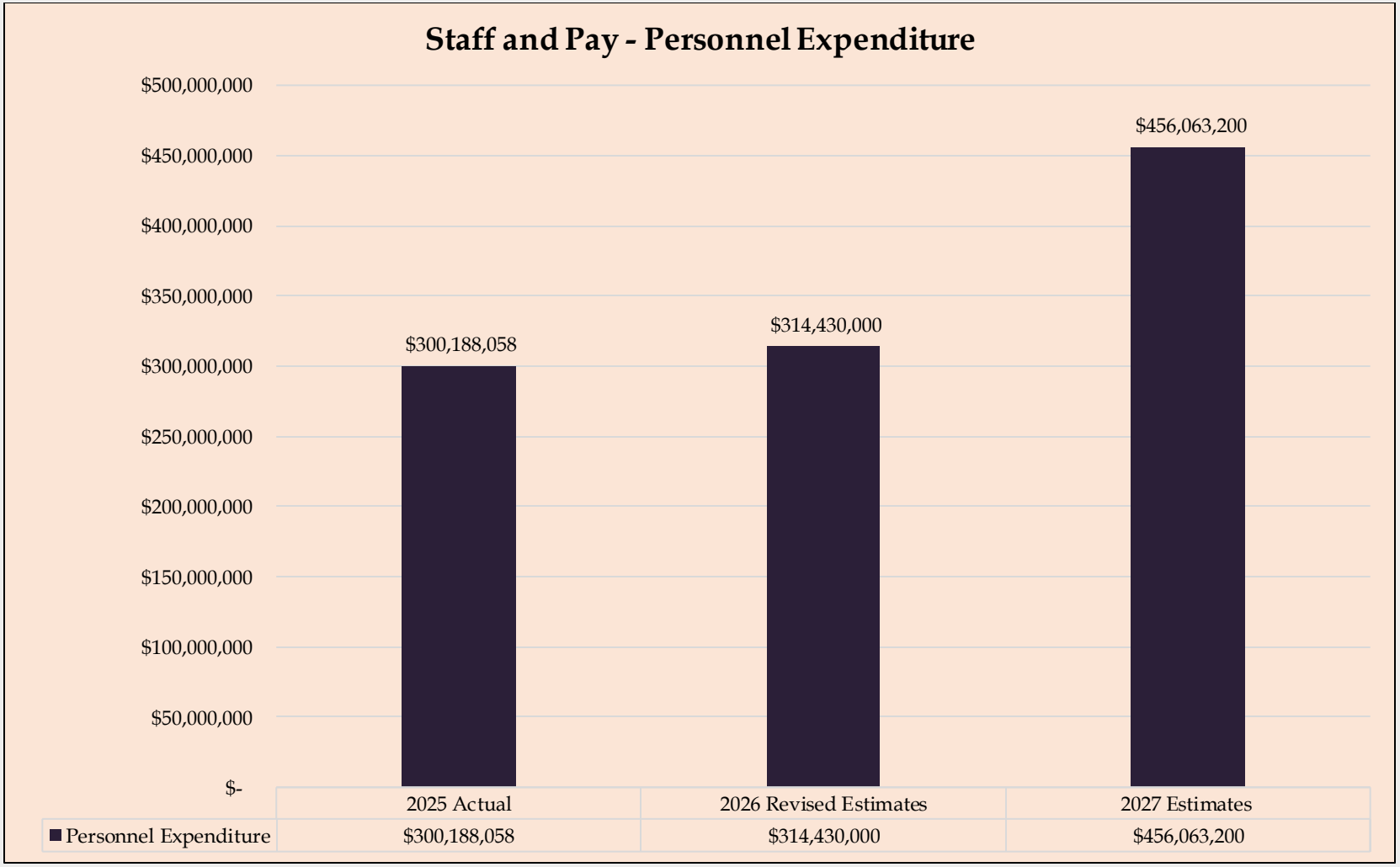
[12] Draft Estimates of Recurrent Expenditure for the Financial Year 2027. Accessed on: October 12, 2026. Available on: https://www.finance.gov.tt/wp-content/uploads/2026/10/PRINT-VERSION-Recurrent-Expenditure-2027.pdf

Staff and Pay

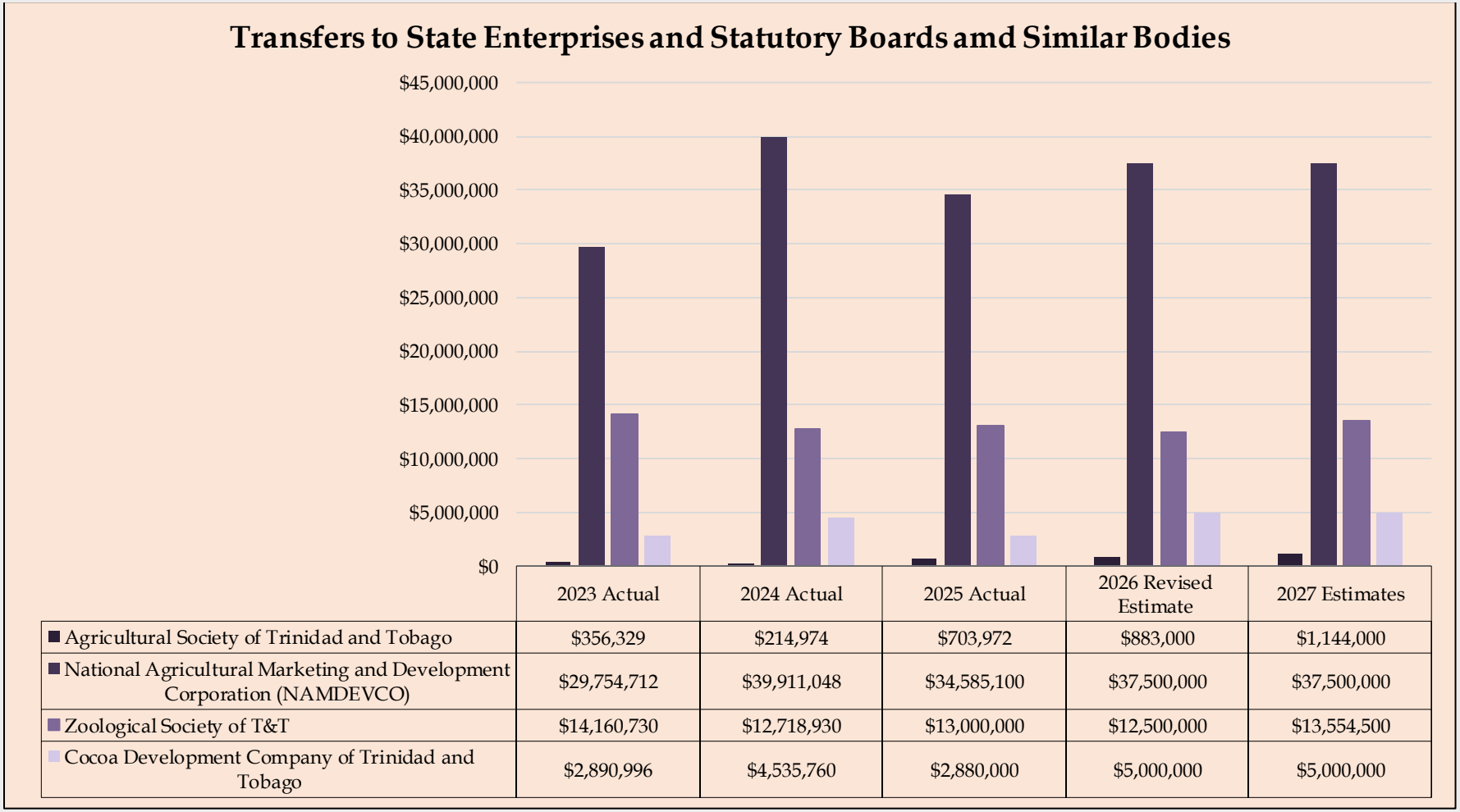
The allocation of staff – related expenditure for the fiscal year 2027 is **$520,946,200**, representing an increase of approximately **40.2**% from the last fiscal year 2026 (Revised). The following charts provide a breakdown of staff-related expenditure for the period 2025 to 2027.



	2025 Actual	2026 Revised Estimates	2027 Estimates
Travelling and Subsistence	$33,099,830	$28,977,000	$31,109,000
Uniforms	$358,452	$135,000	$692,000
Contract Employment	$16,138,597	$15,219,000	$17,477,000
Training	$85,580	$60,000	$250,000
Short-Term Employment	$14,711,593	$12,748,000	$15,255,000
Employees Assistance Programme	$49,950	$10,000	$100,000


Staff and Pay - Personnel Expenditure
$500,000,000
$450,000,000
$400,000,000
$350,000,000
$300,000,000
$250,000,000
$200,000,000
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$300,188,058
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2025 Actual
2026 Revised Estimates
2027 Estimates
Personnel Expenditure
$300,188,058
$314,430,000
$456,063,200

Current Transfers to State Enterprises, Statutory Boards and Similar Bodies



	2023 Actual	2024 Actual	2025 Actual	2026 Revised Estimate	2027 Estimates
Agricultural Society of Trinidad and Tobago	$356,329	$214,974	$703,972	$883,000	$1,144,000
National Agricultural Marketing and Development Corporation (NAMDEVCO)	$29,754,712	$39,911,048	$34,585,100	$37,500,000	$37,500,000
Zoological Society of T&T	$14,160,730	$12,718,930	$13,000,000	$12,500,000	$13,554,500
Cocoa Development Company of Trinidad and Tobago	$2,890,996	$4,535,760	$2,880,000	$5,000,000	$5,000,000

- **National Agricultural Marketing and Development Corporation (NAMDEVCO)** received the largest allocation among the entities listed, at $37.5 million in 2027, unchanged from the 2026 Revised Estimate.

- **Zoological Society of Trinidad and Tobago** received $13.55 million in 2027, an increase of $1.05 million (8.4%) from the 2026 Revised Estimate of $12.5 million.

- **Cocoa Development Company of Trinidad and Tobago** maintained its 2027 allocation at $5.0 million, unchanged from 2026.

- **Agricultural Society of Trinidad and Tobago** recorded the largest percentage increase between 2026 and 2027, rising from $883,000 to $1.144 million, an increase of $261,000 (29.6%).

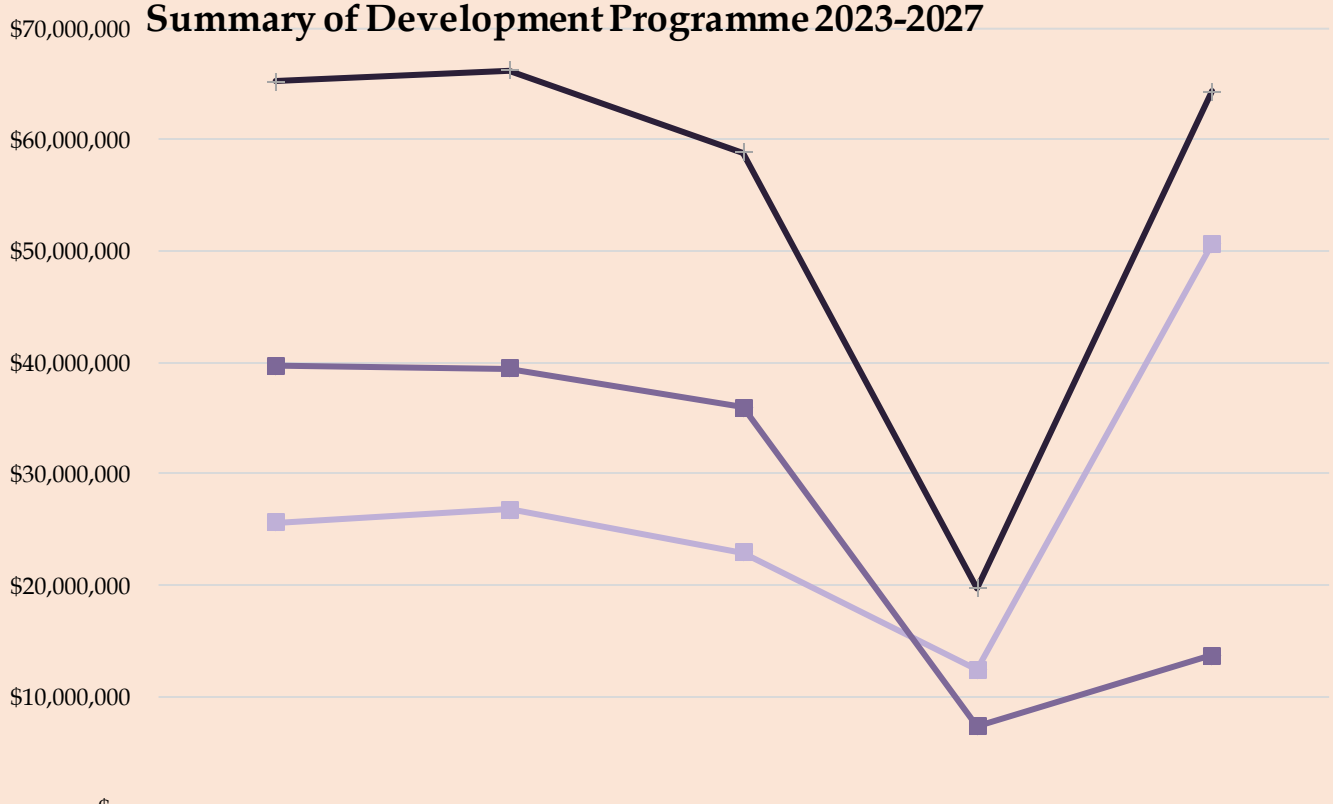
Summary of Development Programme Expenditure for the period 2023-2027

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 allocation to the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries for development programmes and projects for fiscal year **2027 = $64,360,000**[13]. These funds are presented in two parts as follows:

- Funds disbursed directly from the Consolidated Fund = **$50,660,000 and** represent **79**% of the total development programme allocation to the Ministry; and
- Funds disbursed from the Infrastructure Development Fund = **$13,700,000** and represent **21**% of the total development programme allocation to the Ministry.

[13] Draft Estimates of Development Programme for the Financial Year 2027. Accessed on: October 12, 2026. Available on: https://www.finance.gov.tt/wp-content/uploads/2026/10/PRINT-VERSION-Development-Programme-2027.pdf

Summary of Development Programme 2023-2027



	2023 Actual	2024 Actual	2025 Actual	2026 Revised Estimates	2027 Estimates
Consolidated Fund	$25,579,059	$26,753,281	$22,915,358	$12,393,000	$50,660,000
Infrastructure Development Fund	$39,716,192	$39,462,030	$35,922,455	$7,300,000	$13,700,000
Total Development Programme	$65,295,251	$66,215,311	$58,837,813	$19,693,000	$64,360,000

Details of the Consolidated Fund by Item[14]



002 Productive Sectors: **$2,000,000**



004 Social Infrastructure: **$4,500,000**



003 Economic Infrastructure: **$29,910,000**



005 Multi – Sectoral and Other Services: **$14,250,000**

[14] Draft Estimates of Development Programme for the Financial Year 2027. Accessed on: October 12, 2026. Available on: https://www.finance.gov.tt/wp-content/uploads/2026/10/PRINT-VERSION-Development-Programme-2027.pdf

Details of Infrastructure Development Fund[15]



003 Economic Infrastructure: **$5,000,000**



004 Social Infrastructure: **$2,000,000**



005 Multi – Sectoral and Other Services:

$6,700,000

[15] Draft Estimates of Development Programme for the Financial Year 2027. Accessed on: October 12, 2026. Available on: https://www.finance.gov.tt/wp-content/uploads/2026/10/PRINT-VERSION-Development-Programme-2027.pdf

Public Sector Investment Programme 2027[16]

A total of $268.6 million will be allocated in fiscal year 2027 to implement projects and programmes across four (4) priority areas: Agricultural Land Management; Boosting Agricultural Production; Provision of Agricultural Access Roads and Upgrading of Key Infrastructure; and Fisheries. The following Table provides further details of these projects.

Project Name /Priority Area	Planned Activities for 2027
Priority Area 1: Agricultural Land Management Development of Lands at Caroni and Orange Grove by Estate Management and Business Development (EMBD)	An allocation of $50.0 million will be provided for the development of lands at Caroni and Orange Grove to meet Government's obligations to former Caroni (1975) Voluntary Separation of Employment Package (VSEP) workers and Orange Grove farmers. The Caroni Lands project comprises 13 residential development sites, which are expected to yield approximately 5,000 residential lots upon completion. The Orange Grove Estate comprises one (1) agricultural development site of approximately 300 hectares, which will provide 271 lots for distribution to farmers.
Aerial and Lidar Survey of Trinidad and Tobago	In fiscal year 2027, $1.0 million will be provided to complete quality assurance and quality control activities under the Aerial and Lidar Survey of Trinidad and Tobago project. The survey integrates airborne laser scanning and drone photogrammetry to produce precise three-dimensional surface models, high-resolution topographic information and geospatial data.

[16] Public Sector Investment Programme 2027. Accessed on: October 12, 2026. Available on: https://www.finance.gov.tt/wp-content/uploads/2026/10/PSIP-TRINIDAD-2027-DIGITAL-FINAL.pdf

Project Name /Priority Area	Planned Activities for 2027
Priority Area 2: Boosting Agricultural Production Cocoa Industry Rehabilitation	This project seeks to improve the disease resistance of Trinidad Selected Hybrid cacao varieties through selective breeding and conduct research aimed at meeting international quality and flavour standards. In fiscal year 2027, $1.0 million will be allocated to advance the following activities: • rehabilitation of the fields at the La Reunion Plant Propagation Station. • testing of 300 cocoa samples for cadmium levels in accordance with international standards; and • implementation of a biological control strategy for the Witches' Broom disease.
Coconut Rehabilitation and Replanting Programme in the East Coast of Trinidad	This programme seeks to establish a sustainable coconut industry, with particular emphasis on coconut-water production, through the rehabilitation and replanting of 900 acres of coconut cultivation. Funding of $1.5 million will support the following key activities: • pest management and control, including the importation of chemical traps and related equipment. • disease surveillance, including field sampling for Lethal Yellowing disease; and • acquisition and distribution of superior coconut varieties under Phase II.
National Seed Bank	This project is intended to upgrade and expand existing infrastructure to increase the supply of high-quality food-crop seeds and vegetative

Project Name /Priority Area	Planned Activities for 2027
	planting material to farmers and the wider public. An allocation of $0.3 million will be provided to enable the continuation of works, including the construction and outfitting of one (1) nursery and the construction of a new irrigation well.
Development and Provision of Facilities at Marper Farm	An allocation of $0.9 million will be provided for the Development and Provision of Facilities at Marper Farm project to electrify two (2) citrus screen houses and one (1) propagation shed. The upgrade and expansion of the facility will support germplasm conservation and the production of high-quality planting material.
St. Augustine Nurseries - Development and Provision of Facilities	Works will continue at the St. Augustine Nurseries, with an allocation of $1.0 million to upgrade and refit the deep-well pump and pump house. The project aims to strengthen the Nurseries' capacity to produce and supply high-quality, targeted agricultural planting material to farmers and the general public.
La Reunion - Development and Provision of Facilities	This project will receive $1.0 million for the refurbishment of one (1) glasshouse in Terrace 3 and upgrade of the saran sheds in Terrace 2 at the La Reunion Plant Propagation Station. The project aims to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of production while ensuring that goods and services provided to clients meet acceptable quality standards.
Expansion of Sanitary, Phytosanitary (SPS) and Food Safety Capabilities of Trinidad and Tobago	An allocation of $1.0 million will be made under the project, Expansion of Sanitary, Phytosanitary (SPS) and Food Safety

Project Name /Priority Area	Planned Activities for 2027
	Capabilities of Trinidad and Tobago to enable outfitting of the Post-Entry Plant Quarantine Facility at Piarco.
Surveillance and Control of Pernicious Pest and Diseases	This project supports food and nutrition security by reducing the impact of harmful pests through improved management and control across the local Agricultural Sector. In fiscal year 2027, $0.65 million will be allocated to purchase refrigerators for chemical storage and pest-management equipment.
Compliance with the Occupational Safety and Health Act Chapter 88:08	Works under this project will continue with an allocation of $0.6 million for the installation of fire alarm and detection systems at six (6) locations: • Animal Production and Health Division – Centeno Livestock; • Engineering Division – Workshop/Stores; • Forestry Division – Head Office; • Forestry Division – Northwest Conservancy; • Forestry Division – South Office; and • Agricultural Services Division.
Development and Provision of Livestock Services in the Regional Administration South Division	An allocation of $0.5 million will be made under the Development and Provision of Livestock Services in the Regional Administration South Division project for the construction of solid waste and wastewater management systems at the Cedros Breeding Unit and in Mayaro. This project seeks to modernise livestock stations, improve services to stakeholders and enhance livestock performance and productivity.

Project Name /Priority Area	Planned Activities for 2027
Priority Area 3: Provision of Agricultural Access Roads and Upgrade of Key Infrastructure Infrastructural Projects by PSAEL (Palo Seco Agricultural Enterprise Limited)	The implementation of infrastructural projects by the PSAEL will continue with an allocation of $150.0 million to meet contractual obligations and complete Phase II works.
Priority Area 4: Fisheries Upgrading/Construction of Fishing Facilities in Trinidad	An allocation of $2.0 million will be provided under this project to commence improvement works at six (6) locations: Otaheite, Morne Diablo, Carli Bay, Claxton Bay, Erin and Brickfield.
Water Management and Flood Control Water Management and Flood Control Programme	This programme is to facilitate a reliable water supply for sustainable agricultural production during the dry season. In fiscal year 2027, an allocation of $2.0 million will support the regrading of 5 km of internal and external drainage channels at the Felicity Food Crop project site.

Social Sector Investment Programme 2027[17]

For FY 2027, the MAF will implement a comprehensive programme of investments and strategic initiatives aimed at strengthening T&T's agricultural sector. These interventions are aligned with the GORTT's National Development Policy and are focused on enhancing food and nutrition security, building climate resilience, modernising agricultural systems, promoting economic diversification, increasing value-added production, and improving support to farmers and other key stakeholders. Through a combination of fiscal incentives, infrastructure development, capacity-building initiatives and technology-driven solutions, the Ministry will seek to boost domestic agricultural production, reduce dependence on food imports, support innovation, and expand agro-export opportunities, while fostering a more resilient and sustainable agricultural sector.

Project Name	Planned Activities for 2027
Apiculture Development and Agro-Enterprise Expansion	• **Stingless Honeybee Apiculture – St. Patrick West:** Establishment of stingless bee apiculture through the construction of a demonstration apiary and honey house at the Cedros Breeding Unit. This initiative is aimed at supporting small-scale enterprise development, promoting biodiversity, and expanding income-generating opportunities within rural communities. • **Africanised Honeybee Apiculture – Nariva / Mayaro:** Upgrade of apiculture infrastructure through the construction of a honey house at the Rio Claro Demonstration Station. The project is expected to improve honey production capacity, support value-added activities and strengthen livelihood opportunities within the apiculture sub-sector.
Cocoa Sector Revitalisation	• **Rehabilitation of the Cocoa Industry:** Strengthening cocoa production through improved disease-resistant varieties, upgraded propagation facilities, biological pest control and enhanced genetic

[17] Social Sector Investment Programme 2027. Accessed on: October 12, 2026. Available on: https://www.finance.gov.tt/wp-content/uploads/2026/10/SSIP-2027-for-web-1.pdf

Project Name	Planned Activities for 2027
	testing. These measures are expected to improve yield and quality, while supporting compliance with international market standards. • **Cocoa and Livestock Inventory System:** Development of a GIS-based system to support real-time monitoring of cocoa estates and livestock. This initiative will enhance planning, resource management and data-driven decision-making within the sector. • **Geographical Indication (GI) – Trinitario Cocoa:** Implementation of a GI framework to protect the origin, quality and reputation of T&T cocoa. This is expected to strengthen production standards, enhance market access and support improved incomes for farmers. • **From Seedling to Specialty Market Programme:** Delivery of targeted training across the cocoa value chain, including production, processing and marketing. The programme will support increased productivity, value addition and expanded access to premium export markets.
Coconut Sector Development	• **Coconut Rehabilitation and Replanting Programme:** Rehabilitation and replanting of coconut estates, supported by improved pest management systems and the distribution of superior planting material. These interventions are expected to enhance productivity, strengthen resilience and support long-term sustainability.
Agricultural Infrastructure, Crop Development and Sustainability	• **Mora Valley Farm Infrastructure Works:** Construction of water storage systems, fencing and upgraded livestock facilities to support improved pasture management. These works are expected to enhance farm productivity, strengthen drought resilience and improve animal welfare. • **La Pastora Plant Propagating Station Upgrade:** Refurbishment of propagation, operational and administrative facilities to improve plant production capacity. The initiative will support more efficient service delivery and increased availability of planting material to farmers.

Project Name	Planned Activities for 2027
	• **National Seed Bank:** Expansion of germplasm resources and nursery infrastructure to support the supply of high-quality planting material. This initiative is expected to strengthen seed security and contribute to increased domestic food production. • **Pest and Disease Control Programme:** Enhancement of Integrated Pest Management systems through improved surveillance, equipment and resistant crop varieties. These measures will reduce the impact of pests and diseases and support food and nutrition security. • **Crop Biodiversity Conservation Programme:** Upgrading of laboratory, storage and data systems to preserve crop genetic resources. The programme will support sustainable agriculture and improve resilience within the sector. • **La Reunion Plant Propagating Station Development:** Expansion of facilities to improve efficiency in plant production and the delivery of high-quality planting materials. This initiative will support increased agricultural output and farmer access to inputs. • **Revitalisation of the Rice Industry:** Promotion of domestic rice production through training, field demonstrations and seed multiplication. The initiative is expected to support food security, reduce import dependence and strengthen rural livelihoods. • **ReleafTT Programme:** Implementation of reforestation and ecosystem restoration activities across multiple conservancies. The programme will enhance environmental sustainability, support climate resilience and generate employment opportunities.
Livestock Production, Feed and Breeding Development	• **Mon Jaloux Forage Development Centre:** Rehabilitation of infrastructure and pasture systems to provide a reliable supply of high-quality forage. This initiative is expected to improve feed availability and support increased livestock productivity. • **Sugarcane Feed Centre Upgrade:** Improvement of feed systems to enhance efficiency, reduce wastage and optimise the use of local inputs. These measures will contribute to more sustainable and cost-effective livestock production.

Project Name	Planned Activities for 2027
	• **Artificial Breeding Centre Expansion:** Modernisation of breeding services to improve genetic quality and reproductive efficiency. This initiative will support increased productivity and strengthen the livestock value chain.
Livestock Services and Rural Support	• **Livestock Services – South Division:** Strengthening access to breeding stock and veterinary support services for farmers. This initiative is expected to improve animal husbandry practices and contribute to enhanced rural livelihoods. • **Mora Valley Corral System:** Construction of a modern corral system to support safe and efficient livestock handling. The project will improve operational efficiency, enhance worker safety and promote better animal welfare.
Agricultural Innovation, Training and Capacity Development	• **Moodle E-Learning Platform Upgrade:** Enhancement of the Ministry's digital training platform to improve access to agricultural knowledge and training. The upgrade will strengthen user experience and delivery of extension services. • **School Soil-Free Farming Initiative:** Introduction of soil-free farming systems in schools to promote innovation and food security awareness. The initiative will build early interest in agriculture and support sustainable practices among students. • **Local Food Production of Strategic Crops:** Training and demonstration activities, including orchard rehabilitation and hydroponics systems, to improve production practices. These efforts will support increased productivity and domestic food supply. • **Apiculture Capacity Building – South Region:** Delivery of targeted training to strengthen beekeeping skills and support enterprise development. The initiative will enhance productivity and expand opportunities within the apiculture sector. • **National Agricultural Training Initiative (NATI):** Delivery of comprehensive training programmes across crop and livestock production, climate-smart agriculture and agribusiness.

Project Name	Planned Activities for 2027
	These programmes are expected to build a skilled workforce and support sustainable agricultural development.

Status of Projects Initiated in Fiscal Year 2023

For the Fiscal Year 2023, the following projects were scheduled for implementation under the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, and as such require further inquiry on the progress of completion[18]:

Projects/Programmes	2023 Actual	2024 Actual	2025 Actual	2026 Revised Estimates	2027 Estimates
CF 09-003-01- H542 Expansion of Sanitary, Phytosanitary (SPS) and Food Safety Capabilities of Trinidad and Tobago	-	$93,942	$329,723	$160,000	$1,000,000
CF 09-003-01- H561 Surveillance and Control of Pernicious Pest and Diseases	$2,036,010	$2,578,357	$358,020	$120,000	$650,000
CF 09-003-01- I359 Establishment of a Central Farmers Wholesale Market	-	$484,028	-	$80,000	$500,000
CF 09-005-06-A150 Capacity Building of the Praedial Larceny Squad	-	$2,989,568	$90,753	$1,200,000	-
CF 09-005-06-A211 Implementation of a Document Management System at NAMDEVCO	$550,125	$1,060,708	-	-	-
09-005-06-A212 Promoting New and Emerging Technologies to the Agricultural Sector	$149,350	$85,494	-	-	-

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Projects/Programmes	2023 Actual	2024 Actual	2025 Actual	2026 Revised Estimates	2027 Estimates
CF 09-005-06-A214 Compliance with Occupational Health and Safety Act, Chapter 88:08	$768,084	$1,557,606	$1,549,579	$900,000	$610,000
CF 09-005-06-F151 Upgrade of Centeno Livestock Station	-	$1,557,606	-	-	-

Status of Projects Initiated in Fiscal Year 2024

For the Fiscal year 2024, the following projects were scheduled for implementation under the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, and as such require further inquiry on the progress of completion[19]:

Projects/Programmes	2024 Actual	2025 Actual	2026 Revised Estimates	2027 Estimates
CF 09-002-01- I144 Fruit Ripening Facility	$65,000	-	$200,000	-
CF 09-002-01- I145 The Establishment of a Process Facility for an alternative to wheat flour and pepper mash	$65,000	-	-	-
CF 09-003-01-I361 Design and Construction of the Inter-bay Covering at the Southern Wholesale Market	-	-	$125,000	$4,300,000
CF 09-003-01-I362 Renovation of Southern Wholesale Market Administrative Office	-	$411,203	$180,000	$180,000
CF 09-003-01-I363 Refurbishment and expansion of a storage facility at the Piarco Packing House	$25,000	-	$100,000	$500,000
CF 09-005-01-I364 Electrical Upgrade for Stations at Regional Administration North	$32,391	$725,570	$51,000	-
IDF-003-01- J002 Infrastructural Projects by PSAEL (Palo Seco Agricultural Enterprise Limited)[20]	$10,929,658	$35,645,160		

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Status of Projects Initiated in Fiscal Year 2025

For the Fiscal year 2025, the following projects were scheduled for implementation under the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries and as such, require further inquiry on the progress of completion[21]

Projects /Programmes	2025 Actual	2026 Revised Estimates	2027 Estimates
CF 09-003-01-D289 Roof installation at the Orange Valley Wholesale Market	-	$50,000	$800,000
CF 09-003-01-H563 Development and Provision of Livestock Services in the Regional Administration South	$863,027	$320,000	$500,000
CF 09-003-01-J430 Purchase of Specialized Vehicles and Equipment for Engineering Division	$1,479,795	-	$1,000,000
CF 09-005-06-A215 Upgrade of Access Control at the Ministry of Agriculture, Land and Fisheries Head Office	-	-	-
CF 09-005-06-F155 Supply, Installation and Commissioning of Solar Power Lighting System at the Livestock Breeding Centres	-	-	$500,000
CF 09-005-06-F157 Infrastructure Works at Mora Valley Farm	-	$454,000	$500,000
CF 09-005-06-F159 Construction of Corral System at Mora Valley Farm	-	$90,000	$500,000

[21] Draft Estimates of Development Programme for the Financial Year 2027. Accessed on: October 12, 2026. Available on: https://www.finance.gov.tt/wp-content/uploads/2026/10/PRINT-VERSION-Development-Programme-2027.pdf

Projects /Programmes	2025 Actual	2026 Revised Estimates	2027 Estimates
CF 09-005-06-F161 Upgrade of Infrastructure at La Pastora Plant Propagation Station	-	$250,000	$500,000
CF 09-005-06-F162 Upgrade of St George East County Office	$127,947	-	$500,000
CF 09-005-06-F163 Upgrade of St George West County Office	$42,131	$40,000	-
CF 09-005-06-F164 Upgrade of Regional Office North and Engineering Unit	$125,974	$75,000	$1,000,000
CF 09-005-06-F165 Upgrade works to facilities in South Region	$854,454	$1,000,000	$1,000,000
CF 09-005-06-F166 Infrastructure Works at Macoya Market	-	$70,000	$500,000

Status of Projects Initiated in Fiscal Year 2026[22]

For the Fiscal year 2026, the following projects were scheduled for implementation under the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries and, as such, require further inquiry on the progress of completion.

Projects /Programmes	2026 Revised Estimates	2027 Estimates
CF 09-003-01-E039 Upgrade of Cap-de-Ville Facility	$300,000	$500,000
CF 09-003-01-H565 Modernisation of Reproductive Biotechnology in Animal Genetics at Centeno Livestock Station	$200,000	$300,000
CF 09-003-01-H566 Upgrade and Expansion of the Artificial Breeding Centre	$70,000	$500,000
CF 09-003-06-H567 Implementing a Comprehensive Crop Biodiversity Conservation Programme for Trinidad and Tobago	$150,000	$300,000
CF 09-003-01-I366 Construction of a Material Testing Laboratory at Centeno	$200,000	$1,000,000
CF 09-005-06-A216 Establishment of an Open-Source PBX Communication System for Praedial Larceny Unit	$50,000	$1,000,000
CF 09-005-06-F167 Upgrade of Caroni County Office	$100,000	$500,000
CF 09-005-06-F168 Provision and Outfitting of Office Accommodation at the Rio Claro Station	$250,000	-
CF 09-005-06-F169 Upgrade of Administration Building at Farm Road, Curepe	$200,000	-
IDF 003-01-D291 Upgrade of the Port of Spain Wholesale Fish Market	$200,000	$1,000,000

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Projects /Programmes	2026 Revised Estimates	2027 Estimates
IDF 003-01-D292 Upgrade of the Physical Infrastructure of the Caribbean Fisheries Training and Development Institute	$300,000	$1,000,000
IDF 005-06-F001 Upgrade works at the Piarco Packing House Facility	$50,000	$1,000,000
IDF 005-06-F002 Upgrade of the Supplemental Police Buildings and Offices	$250,000	$1,000,000
IDF 005-06-F003 Construction and Outfitting of a New Administrative Building for the Extension Training and Information Services Division (ETISD)	$300,000	-
IDF 005-06-F004 Construction of an Agriculture Campus for the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries	$200,000	$1,000,000

New Projects in Fiscal Year 2027

For Fiscal Year 2027, the following new projects are scheduled for implementation under the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries.[23]

Projects /Programmes	2027 Estimates
CF 09-003-01-J431 Establishment of Stingless Honeybee Agriculture on County St Patrick West	$200,000
CF 09-003-01-J432 Upgrade of African Honeybee Apiculture in County Nariva/Mayaro	$500,000
CF 09-003-01-J433 Revitalization of The Local Dairy Sector in Trinidad and Tobago	$500,000
CF 09-005-06-F170 Construction of a Fire Tower at Morne Diablo	$500,000
CF 09-005-06-G001 Acquisition of Specialized Vehicles and Equipment for the Horticultural Services Division	$540,000
CF 09-005-06-G002 Purchase of Specialized Vehicles Machinery and Equipment for Regional Administration North Division	$600,000
IDF 003-01-D293 Renovation and Upgrade of the Carenage Fishing Centre and Fish Fry Facility -Phase 1	$1,000,000
IDF 005-06-F005 Upgrade of St Fernando Hill and Construction	$1,000,000
IDF 005-06-F006 Upgrade of Norris Deonarine Northern Wholesale Market Macoya	$2,700,000

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Terms to Know

Term	Definition
Budget	An itemized summary of estimated or intended expenditures for a given period along with proposals for financing them. The budget is the main economic policy tool of the government and indicates how it plans to use public resources to meet policy goals.
Budget Statement	A listing of planned revenue and expenditure for a given period of time.
Consolidated Fund	This fund refers to all revenues (taxes, custom duties and interest) or other monies raised or received by Trinidad and Tobago. Funds appropriated by Parliament and authorized for meeting expenditure for the service of Trinidad and Tobago are taken from the Consolidated Fund.
Departments	Departments refer to governmental organizations not headed by a Minister that deal with a particular area of interest that may cover matters where direct political oversight is inappropriate or unnecessary
Development Programme	Development Programme refers to capital expenditure aimed at improving and enhancing development in different areas of Trinidad and Tobago which includes human resources, economic and social development. The monies used to fund Development Programme expenditure are derived from two sources namely the Consolidated Fund and the Infrastructure Development Fund
Draft Estimates Details of Estimates of Recurrent Expenditure	This document provides details at sub-item level for a three-year period of the Recurrent Expenditure Budget for each Head of Expenditure and a Summary of Recurrent Expenditure totals by Head. It also includes a Chart of Accounts and classification of Expenditure Sub-items under the Personnel Expenditure, Goods & Services and Minor Equipment Purchases Sub-Heads.

Term	Definition
Draft Estimates of Development Programme	This document provides a summary and details of all projects for the Consolidated Fund covering a three-year period for the Heads of Expenditure of Ministries/Departments and the THA. It also includes a summary and details of projects falling under Head 701 - IDF for the same three-year period.
Draft Estimates of the Revenue and Expenditure of the Statutory Boards and Similar Bodies and of the Tobago House of Assembly	This document provides details of the Budget (Revenue/Income and Expenditure) at sub-item level for all Statutory Boards and other Similar Agencies and the Tobago House of Assembly (THA). It also includes a Chart of Accounts and classification of Expenditure Sub-items under the Personnel Expenditure, Goods and Services and Minor Equipment Purchases Sub Heads.
Expenditure	Spending to fulfil a government obligation, generally by issuing a cheque or disbursing cash. Expenditure is sometimes distinguished between capital and current. Capital expenditures are investments in physical assets, such as roads and buildings that can be used for a number of years. Current expenditures reflect spending on wages, benefit payments, and other goods or services that are consumed immediately.
Head of Expenditure	This refers to all Ministries / Departments or State Agencies that make up the Schedule to the Appropriation Bill.
Infrastructure Development Fund (IDF)	This fund refers to the mechanism used, in the main, to finance capital projects being implemented by existing and newly established special-purpose state entities to execute projects assigned to them by ministries, the Tobago House of Assembly and other state agencies. Importantly, monies utilized from this Fund must be approved by of the Parliament.

Term	Definition
Public Sector Investment Programme (PSIP)	The Public Sector Investment Programme (PSIP) is a strategic investment management tool used by the Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago to transform its vision and policies into tangible programmes and projects. The PSIP is aligned to the Policy Framework of the Government of Trinidad and Tobago. This Framework articulates the Government's strategic vision to create a nation where families thrive, young people succeed, and communities grow stronger through responsible governance and forward-thinking policies. This vision is to be achieved through socio-economic transformation driven by strategic diversification, targeted investments, technological advancements, innovation, safer communities, sustainable employment opportunities, and robust public-private sector collaboration. In accordance with the Policy Framework of the Government of Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, the planned programme of works will focus on advancing programmes and projects in the following priority sectors: • Agriculture and Food Security; • Artificial Intelligence, Digital Transformation, New Media, and Social Media; • Ease of Doing Business; • Economic Diversification; • Education Policy Direction; • Government Efficiency; • Healthcare Reform; • Crime and Justice Reform; •Housing; • Regenerative Economy; • Sports Development; • Tourism Growth; • Transport; • Youth Development; and •Workers Agenda.
Recurrent Expenditure	Recurrent expenditure refers to all payments other than for capital assets. Recurrent Expenditure for Trinidad and Tobago is broken down into the following subheads: Personnel Expenditure includes salaries of employees in the Public Service; Goods and Services includes office supplies, contract employment, maintenance of vehicles etc.; Minor Equipment Purchases includes wireless equipment, cell phones, vacuum cleaners, etc.; Current Transfers and Subsidies includes allocations

Term	Definition
	to non-profit institutions, regional organizations, state enterprises, etc.; and Current Transfers to Statutory Boards and Similar Bodies includes allocations to the Tobago House of Assembly, statutory boards and all local government bodies.
Social Sector Investment Programme (SSIP)	The Social Sector Investment Programme (SSIP) delivers a people-first, systems-strong agenda, protecting vulnerable incomes, unlocking human capital, speeding healthcare throughput, building safe and resilient communities, and tightening value-for-money across the social sector. The SSIP is anchored in the Government's vision to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals through its programmes and projects. The SSIP is guided by the Government's National Policy Framework.
Statutory Authority	"Statutory Authority" means a local authority and any commission, board, committee, council or body (whether corporate or unincorporated) established by or under an Act other than the Companies Act declared by the President under section 3 to be subject to the provisions of this Act.
State Enterprises' Investment Programme (SEIP)	The State Enterprises' Investment Programme (SEIP) focuses on capital infrastructure projects undertaken by State Enterprises and Statutory Authorities in the following areas: energy, electricity, transport, tourism, communication, education and training, community, housing, health, public order and safety and public administration. The SEIP is financed through internally generated funds and loans serviced by either the Agencies or Government.

General Useful Information

Documents	Web Link
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Parliament YouTube Channel	https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCDvTAcd3t8yEAIiM-Ck49lg
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