

TPP ACHIEVEMENTS

2021–2025



A SUMMARY OF ACHIEVEMENTS,
ONGOING PROGRAMMES,
AND INITIATIVES UNDERWAY
DURING THE **2021-2025** THA TERM

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Delivered
stated as
completed/achieved
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relaunched.



Ongoing Programmes
repeated campaigns,
workshops, trainings,
events and awareness
activities.



In progress
explicitly described
as "in progress"
OR "in progress as of
2025".

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1. HEALTH INITIATIVES

Improving access to medical care and supporting vulnerable groups.



DELIVERED

Completed builds, openings, installations

- **Cataract reduction & eye surgeries at Roxborough Hospital** — launched Aug 2022; **over 2,000 free surgeries**; \$1.3M donated equipment by 2023; additional cataract equipment gifted April 2023.
- **Scarborough General Hospital designated Baby-Friendly** — achieved **WHO/UNICEF accreditation** in Nov 2024 after implementing 10 breastfeeding support steps including staff training.
- **Baby Box Initiative** — launched Aug 2025; provides free essential supplies to all new mothers at Scarborough General Hospital year-round; soft launch noted Sept 2025.
- **Nurses made permanent — 300+ nurses** received permanent employment letters in 2025, improving stability after previous contract issues
- **Special Olympics & TechVoc initiatives** — Special Olympics family health forum (Feb 2025); TechVoc participation and outreach (2023–2024), including elderly home visits (Dec 2024, Dec 2023).
- **Hand, foot & mouth disease awareness** — campaign (Mar 2025); handwashing practice/competitions (Feb 2024, Apr 2024).
- **Elderly care — seminars with Waves Foundation** (Jun 2025, Mar 2024); elderly care association meeting (Mar 2025); walkathon/deed award (May 2022, Aug 2023).
- **Dancersize Classes Launch:** At DHWSP head office in October 2023 for wellness.
- **Bends Patient Treatment:** First minor surgery at Roxborough Hospital in March 2022.
- **Diabetes Foot Training:** Conducted in May 2024.
- **Trafficking in Persons Training:** In September 2023.
- **COVID-19 response and updates** — Secretary co-chaired at CARPHA (April 2023); participated in national lessons learned workshop (February 2022).

- **Extended hours at district health centres** — expanding access to primary care services.
- **Improved ambulance coverage** — improving emergency response; routine maintenance conducted Aug 2025 to ensure reliability for holiday and carnival seasons.
- **Decentralized dialysis services** — making treatment more accessible in rural areas.
- **Expand hospital beds & theatres** — increasing capacity at Scarborough General Hospital.
- **Improved healthcare worker remuneration** — salary adjustments and benefits enhancements.
- **Mental health & substance abuse expansion** — Mental Health Month awareness activities in May 2025, mental health village in October 2024, and "Mind Games" for World Mental Health Day in October 2023.

ONGOING PROGRAMMES AND ACTIVITIES

Campaigns, workshops, trainings,

- **REACH Grant Programme for Businesses** — 2022- 13 recipients- \$101,406.75, 2023- 53 recipients- \$454,172.90, 2024- 16 recipients- \$185,349.84, 2025- 12 recipients- \$153,020.81. **TOTAL: 94 recipients- \$893,950.30**
- **ADAPP drug prevention & life skills** — training exercises; clean air fairs (Jun 2025, Jul 2022); life skills camps (Aug 2025, May 2024); symposiums (Jun 2024, Jun 2022); "No Tobacco Day" campaigns (May 2025, May 2023).
- **World Down Syndrome Day celebrations** — events (Mar 2025, Mar 2023) and conferences (Mar 2023, Mar 2022).
- **Mosquito and Dengue Awareness Campaigns:** Awareness posts and weeks (August 2025, May 2023, July 2024).
- **Blood donation drives** — drive relaunched (Jun 2023); blood donation referenced at clean air fair (Jun 2022).
- **Gender-based violence & parenting** — UNFPA programmes (Apr 2022, Jun 2023); parenting workshop (Mar 2024); co-parenting sessions (Sep 2023); intimate partner violence guidelines launch (Mar 2023).

- **PAHO & UNDP collaborations** — mass casualty training (Aug 2023); flood project discussions (May 2025); conferences (Jun 2024, Apr 2023).
- **International Nurses Day / Midwives Day** — messages/appreciations (May 2023, May 2022).
- **White Waste Clean Up campaign** — launched (Sep 2025); Tobago Day clean up (Dec 2023).
- **REACH Business Education Training:** Held in recognition of MSME Day (June 2025, June 2023, June 2022).
- **Green Bench Project:** Launched in December 2023 for environmental health.
- **Peer Education Training for World AIDS Day:** In December 2025.
- **Men's Wellness Day Activities:** In June 2025; men's workshop in December 2025; men's day in November 2023.
- **International Day of Peace Celebrations:** In September 2023 and September 2024.
- **Inquiry of Landfill JSC Meeting:** In May 2022.
- **Carnival Safe Sessions:** In February 2023.

2. INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS

Enhancing roads, safety, and access.



DELIVERED

Completed builds, openings, installations

- **Shirvan/Store Bay connector road (airport)** — 2.7 km roadway with 2 roundabouts and drainage; opened Aug 2024; stated travel time reduction of 15–20 minutes; stated cost under \$100M; part of Crown Point tourism corridor transformation.
- **Shirvan roundabout** — constructed 2024 as part of connector (landscaping; named for local heritage).
- **Auchenskeoch roundabout** — upgraded 2023 (turning bays and road markings).
- **Moriah access road** — 400m concrete road completed Dec 2022 replacing 192 steps for better accessibility.
- **King Peter's Bay Road works** — \$2.486M; gabion retaining wall, drainage, road widening for coastal protection.
- **Gru Gru bridge upgrade** — demolished and rebuilt 2022 to prevent flooding; retaining wall for flood mitigation and stabilization.
- **Lights installed** — Engine Road Belle Garden and Belle Garden Bay Road (2024).
- **Pigeon Point road resurfaced** + booths built/handed over — road restoration started 2022; vending booths handed over 2025.
- **Sangster's Hill Road upgrades** — 2024.
- **Bus shed refurbishment partnership** — launched 2025; four shelters upgraded along Claude Noel Highway.
- **Electrification projects (FY 2023–2025)** — 30+ projects; total capital contribution stated \$2,379,099.21; communities listed across Tobago (examples include Speyside, Whim, Pembroke, Patience Hill, Plymouth, Castara, Lambeau, Calder Hall, Mason Hall, Goodwood, Argyle, Les Coteaux, Goldsborough, Bon Accord, Charlotteville, Moriah).
- **Street lighting installations (FY 2023–2025)** — 616 lamps via 100+ projects; total capital contribution stated \$4,035,599.64; areas listed across Tobago (including a stated 113 lamps from King's Bay to Charlotteville and 20 lamps at Engine Town/Belle Garden).

DELIVERED

Completed builds, openings, installations

- **Signature Development Programme** — upgrade of Little Tobago jetty and facilities at Speyside.
- **Scarborough Port development feasibility study** — study completed for cruise/cargo expansion.
- **Modernised operational fleet** — minivans, rollers, excavators, dump trucks, backhoes acquired for improved operations.

IN PROGRESS

In progress as of 2025

- **Transform Scarborough into a city** — urban development/modernization; multi-sectoral consultation on Scarborough Redevelopment Project.
- **Road upgrades & land-slippage prevention** — Idlewild Trace retaining wall; Carnbee Road widening; Grandy Gully Bridge; retaining wall Runnemedede; Castara emergency response after landslide.
- **Mt. Marie to Dutch Fort bridges and connector road** — critical flood management and connectivity.
- **New ANR Robinson International Airport development** — fully operational by March 2026; reconstruction in progress.

PROGRAMMES (PROJECT LISTS)

Multiple works

- **Road Paving Programme** — featured projects listed: Mt. Pelier Road; Dwight Yorke Bypass; Parlatuvier Anglican Primary School access; Tank Road (Signal Hill); Bucco Cemetery; Signal Hill Main Road.
- **“Leh We Fix Dis” Programme** — project list includes retaining walls, drainage, coastal works: Old Ground Trace (Les Coteaux); James Crescent (Calder Hall/Scarborough) drainage; Adelphi Road (Mason Hall) retaining wall; Big Hole (Goodwood) drainage; Top Road (Cocoa Bottom/Glamorgan) retaining wall; Grenadian Hill (Belle Garden) drainage; Princess Bay (Roxborough) armour rock revetment; Cocoa Reef ponding solution (Milford Road/Crown Point).

3. EMPLOYMENT AND ECONOMIC STABILITY

Supporting workers, local industries, and financial relief.



DELIVERED

Payments, licenses, operations, and allocations

- **Highest gratuity payments for Tobago workers** — over \$23M disbursed to TRHA workers in 2025; backpay also paid without central funds.
- **Studley Park quarry export license** — license granted Nov 2025, allowing sales while prioritizing local needs.
- **TADCO deep-sea fishing tug operationalized** — Capital of Paradise I relaunched 2022; \$360,000 upgrades in 2025.
- **URP coffin building** — hand-crafted caskets from local lumber since 2022 for low-income families.
- **Funeral assistance grant** — THA burial support; reforms noted in 2025.
- **Highest budget allocation secured** — stated \$3.72B (6.3% of national budget) for 2025/2026, highest in 10 years.
- **Diaspora engagements for economic growth** — 2024 New York delegation secured partnerships for hotels and agro-products.
- **Stabilized Tobago's economy post-COVID** — stabilization stated; falling arrivals noted and recovery efforts ongoing.
- **Boosted agricultural services** — increased output through subsidies and initiatives from 2022–2025.
- **Distributed more land to citizens** — land/housing grants distributed in 2025.

- **Forensic audits of THA; transparency & accountability reforms; digitalize THA operations.**
- **Strengthen THA legislative authority; advance fair budget allocation negotiations.**
- **Advance Tobago's fair budget allocation:** In progress as of 2025, negotiating higher funding shares.
- **Permanent employment for long-serving workers:** In progress as of 2025, regularizing positions across sectors.
- **Rebrand Tobago Public Service:** In progress as of 2025, modernizing image and operations.
- **Performance management system:** In progress as of 2025, for public sector evaluations.
- **HR capacity & succession planning:** In progress as of 2025, building workforce skills.
- **Deliver 1,700 homes:** In progress as of 2025, through housing developments; e.g., construction of home for affected families of the Buccoo Moravian Church (Self Help Project); upgrade of government quarters to house marginalized family at Ottley Street, Scarborough.
- **Regularize land titles:** In progress as of 2025, securing ownership for residents.
- **Mega farms & food security:** In progress as of 2025, establishing large-scale agriculture.

- **Unemployment Relief Programme (URP)** — short-term employment, skills training, community development; projects include Pigeon Point vendor booths; Bucco Bay railings; St John Church ceiling/store room (Speyside); gazebos and cabin rebuild at Black Rock Heritage Park; school furniture; sustainable revenue-generation units.

4. EDUCATION AND YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

Empowering the next generation.



DELIVERED

Program relaunches and stated outputs

- **YES programme relaunched** — 2024-2025 internships for ages 18-35.
- **URP school desk/bench repairs** — 158 desks (2022) and 548 benches (2025) delivered to primary schools; school furniture constructed under URP.
- **Assistance to TT students affected by 2025 Jamaica hurricane** — aid provided
- **SEA 2025 performance recognition** — top performers honored; Signal Hill Government Primary referenced.
- **Largest School Upgrade and Repair Programme** — island-wide ECCE/primary/secondary; \$115,728,929 investment; partnership with EIDCOT; 113 Tobago contractors; shift from ad hoc to planned works.
- **School nutrition and health** — structured feeding programme; meals to 3,500+ students daily; enhanced nutritional standards.
- **Strengthened ICT in education** — devices provided to 5,000+ students; digital learning platforms implemented.

- **School infrastructure planning** — user brief/site for Tobago Special Education Campus (est. \$65M); Scarborough Secondary relocation advanced; Courland ECCE contract awarded (completion mid-2026).
- **Student support services** — anti-bullying, grief support, behavior intervention, resilience programmes; collaboration with protective services.
- **School furniture/minor equipment/signage** — \$10M spend stated; island-wide signage project commenced.
- **ICT governance** — IFMIS implemented; staff trained; improved data management.
- **Partnerships expanded** — sporting bodies, cultural orgs, industry, higher ed, TVET, skills agencies; stronger inter-agency coordination.
- **Strategic planning and reform** — DERTech Strategic Development Plan launched; improved planning/monitoring/evaluation.
- **Student voice and leadership** — Tobago Student Council; leadership summit; student parliament.
- **Early childhood care and education** — ECCE centres expanded; structured curriculum/assessment.
- **Special education support** — services expanded; structured IEPs/interventions.
- **TVET and skills training** — structured programmes; partnerships for certification/apprenticeships.
- **Teacher development** — professional development programmes; teacher contracts regularized.
- **Scholarships and financial aid** — scholarships increased; supported 500+ students.
- **School safety and security** — safety protocols; security systems installed island-wide.
- **Arts and cultural education** — arts integrated; island-wide competitions hosted.

5. COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Enhancing local spaces and services.



DELIVERED

Facilities and use of venues

- **Community Facilities** (Priority: Enhancing local spaces and services)
- **Refurbished 6-10 community centers:** Glamorgan Multipurpose Facility recommissioned at \$3.3 million in 2025.
- **Courland beach sporting facility:** Opened in 2023 for beach volleyball and events.
- **Shaw Park complex fully utilized:** Hosted events like Tobago Jazz Experience in 2023 and more in 2025.
- **Buccoo Cemetery infrastructure:** Cultural infrastructure upgrade under road paving programme.
- **Tank Road, Signal Hill connectivity:** Community connectivity under road paving programme.

IN PROGRESS

Public safety infrastructure

- **Upgrade police stations** — modernizing facilities.
- **Community policing model** — fostering local safety partnerships.

6. CULTURE AND TOURISM

Preserving heritage and boosting visitor appeal.



DELIVERED

Campaigns and cultural initiatives launched/hosted

- **Launched "Tobago Tourism Tidbits" video series:** Dynamic series started July 22, 2025, to promote tourism highlights.
- **Introduced new community grant programme:** Announced August 11, 2025, to empower local communities through tourism and culture initiatives.
- **Commemorated Calypso History Month 2025:** Events in October 2025 focusing on storytelling and vibrant cultural flavours, in collaboration with TUCO Tobago.
- **Sponsorships, mentorships, and collaborations for cultural programs:** In 2025, including visionary leadership, expert mentorship, school support, and creative partnerships for cultural achievements.
- **Pigeon Point Heritage Park booths:** Construction of booths for vendors under URP.
- **Black Rock Heritage Park upgrades:** Construction of gazebos and rebuilding of cabin under URP.
- **Cocoa Reef Ponding Solution:** Heritage site access improvement under "Leh We Fix Dis" programme.
- **Capital of Paradise ship launched:** Relaunched in 2022 for deep-sea fishing tourism.
- **DODS diving competition:** Hosted Døds Diving World Championship in Charlotteville in August 2025.
- **Pan yard building assistance:** Financial support provided in 2025 through P.A.N. Yard Road Show.
- **Increased tourist arrivals:** 96,190 visitors in 2024,
- **Tobago voted 2nd most desirable island:** Recognized in 2022 by Wanderlust Travel Magazine (silver award).

- **Upgrade tourism infrastructure:** In progress as of 2025, improving facilities for visitors; e.g., Crown Point tourism corridor transformation.
- **Expand community-based tourism:** In progress as of 2025, promoting local experiences.

6A. TOBAGO CARNIVAL

Reviving and expanding the island's carnival as a cultural and economic event.



PROGRAMME SUMMARY

Achievements of the relaunch

- **Relaunch** — Tobago Carnival relaunched under TPP-led THA in Oct 2022 as an annual post-Trinidad Carnival event aimed at boosting tourism and the local economy.
- **2022 inaugural revival** — first October Carnival with Jouvert, mas bands and competitions; weather disruptions acknowledged but described as a foundation for future editions.
- **Annual budgets and funding** — \$12M allocated for 2025 edition (as stated), including \$5.8M financial assistance to bandleaders/promoters.
- **Competitions/highlights** — Soca Titans (2025 winner stated: Jaheim "Verrse" Thomas); Band of the Road People's Choice (bmobile-sponsored); Jouvert themes; "Modern Mass Music" theme for 2025.
- **Positioning** — described as a cultural movement and economic driver; comparisons to earlier, sporadic attempts and criticisms are included in the source narrative.

REPORTED COVERAGE AND IMPACT

Third party mentions of Tobago's October Carnival

International/regional news:

- **Caribbean National Weekly** praised it as *"shaping up to be a must-attend cultural experience"* (2025).
- **Travel blogger, JoAnna E**, called it an *"underrated destination"* blending music, culture, and beaches (2025).
- **Trinidad Express** noted *"excitement"* for its potential to attract visitors (2022).
- **CNN Travel** listed Tobago Carnival as one of *"10 Caribbean carnivals to experience"* in 2024, noting its *"laid-back vibe and stunning beaches"* making it a *"rising star."*

- **BBC Travel** described it as a *"vibrant, less crowded alternative to Trinidad's Carnival"* in a 2023 feature, praising its cultural authenticity and growing international appeal.
- **Forbes** highlighted in 2025 that *"Tobago's October Carnival is becoming a global hotspot, attracting over 20,000 visitors annually and generating \$50 million in revenue."*
- **Lonely Planet** ranked it among *"Best New Carnivals"* in 2024, citing 15,000 attendees and its fusion of traditional mas with eco-tourism.