

TTARP Budget Proposal/Recommendations for 2019/2020

Theme I: Nurturing Our Greatest Assets

Key Result Area: Sustainable Families and Communities

V2030 Goals	National Outcomes	Proposed Initiative & Description	Implementation Strategy	Affected Legislation
The healthcare system will be sustainable and modern and deliver higher standards of healthcare	Improved Health Service Delivery	<p>(i) Creation of a National Health Database System and the issuance of a National Medical Card for persons 60 years and over;</p> <p>(ii) Inclusion of Alzheimer's medications in CDAP;</p> <p>(iii) Establishment of a Special Diabetic Institute with emphasis on outpatient care and preventative medicine; and</p> <p>(iv) Hospitals and Health Care Facilities should have visiting Chiropodists (Podiatrists) at least once per month.</p>	Persons should be required to apply for the National Medical Card at Health Centers throughout Trinidad and Tobago. TTARP can provide volunteer support at government health institutions and other facilities in Trinidad and Tobago.	<p>(a) Regional Health Authorities (Amendment) Act 2010; and</p> <p>(b) Appropriation (Financial Year) Act</p>
		Provision of a Geriatric Ward at all Hospitals. (NEW)	A Note for Cabinet submitted for Cabinet's approval	<p>(a) Regional Health Authorities (Amendment) Act 2010; and</p> <p>(b) Appropriation (Financial Year) Act</p>
The people will be empowered to lead healthy lifestyles	Healthy Lifestyles Adopted	<p>Priority should be given to -</p> <p>(a) regular public health education programmes promoting healthy life styles, and</p> <p>(b) physical medicine comprising physical therapy, occupational therapy and speech therapy. When initiated early and successfully, can significantly improve the rehabilitative/curative outcomes for patients. This can also decrease the length of stay and re-hospitalisation of patients.</p>	These programmes should be scheduled each month in various convenient and accessible locations throughout Trinidad and Tobago. TTARP can provide volunteer support at government health institutions and other facilities in Trinidad and Tobago.	<p>(a) Regional Health Authorities (Amendment) Act 2010; and</p> <p>(b) Appropriation (Financial Year) Act</p>

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The people will be empowered to lead healthy lifestyles (CONT'D)	Healthy Lifestyles Adopted (CONT'D)	In keeping with the revised Homes for Older Persons Act No. 20 of 2007, TTARP should be represented on the Ministry of Social Development and Family Services Oversight Committee.	Preparation of a Note for Cabinet appointing a representative of TTARP to be on the Oversight Committee.	Homes for Older Persons Act No. 20 of 2007.
		Remove taxes on pensions over \$6,000 per month. (NEW)	A Note for Cabinet prepared by the Board of Inland revenue and submitted to the Minister of Finance to Cabinet for approval.	Appropriation (Financial Year) Act
		NIS Pensions should be the same dollar amount as the Senior Citizens Grant. (NEW)	Submission of a Note for Cabinet by the Minister of Finance to Cabinet for approval.	Appropriation (Financial Year) Act
Citizens will have access to adequate and affordable housing	Enhanced Effectiveness of the Housing System	Property Tax liabilities of house owners 60 years and over should be exempted or reduced based on an annual income below \$72,000.00	Annual assessment of persons who apply for the tax exemption or reduced property tax payment.	Property Tax Act

Theme II: *Deliverance Good Governance and Service Excellence*

Key Result Area: *Full Participation and Citizen Engagement at all Levels*

V2030 Goals	National Outcomes	Proposed Initiative & Description	Implementation Strategy	Affected Legislation
Our Governance will be based on principles of participation and inclusion	Representative Participation by all Citizens and Interest Groups in Governance	Prohibit age discrimination in all sectors of society (NEW)	Submission of a Note for Cabinet by the Equal Opportunity Commission to the relevant Minister for submission to Cabinet for approval.	Equal Opportunity Act
The Public Service will have modern, effective and efficient management systems	Modern, Efficient & Effective Public Institutions	The Pensions Division, Ministry of Finance should institute an online link with the Registrar General's Office to avoid Government Pensioners having to report twice a year (April and October) to present Life Certificates. This is especially difficult for Government Pensioners living in Tobago. (NEW)	Submission of a Note for Cabinet by the Minister of Finance to Cabinet for approval.	Appropriation (Financial Year) Act

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Public Service delivery will be customer-focused	A Customer-Centric Public Service	There should be dedicated trained staff at public service offices such as passport, driver's permit national ID cards etc., on special days each month to specifically treat with providing services to senior citizens.	Employment of staff who are trained in treating with the concerns of senior citizens in a dignified manner.	Appropriation (Financial Year) Act
		Dollar amount increases in Senior Citizens Grant should also be applied to Government Pensions to the same dollar amount. (NEW)	Submission of a Note for Cabinet by the Minister of Finance to Cabinet for approval.	Appropriation (Financial Year) Act

Theme III: *Improving Productivity through Quality Infrastructure and Transport*

Key Result Area: *A High Quality Resilient Public Utilities System*

V2030 Goals	National Outcomes	Proposed Initiative & Description	Implementation Strategy	Affected Legislation
A safe and operationally efficient transport system	Improved Access to a Quality Mass Transit System	A walk-over should be constructed for commuters using the Trinidad/Tobago Inter-Island ferry service in Port of Spain.	Allocation of Funds, together with the issuance of designs and construction contracts.	Appropriation (Financial Year) Act
An inter-connected well-maintained transport infrastructure	A Modernized-Transport Infrastructure	Expansion of the Water Taxi Transport Service to Point Fortin, Central Cocorite and Carenage to relieve traffic congestion on the roads.	Allocation of Funds to purchase additional sea vessels and the employment of experienced staff.	Appropriation (Financial Year) Act

Theme IV: *Building Competitive Business*

Key Result Area: *A Strong Competitive Economy*

V2030 Goals	National Outcomes	Proposed Initiative & Description	Implementation Strategy	Affected Legislation
A Business Environment that is Conducive to Entrepreneurship and Innovation	An Improved Environment that Promotes Innovation	TTARP be granted a postal rate reduction or exemption for its quarterly magazine which promotes local business opportunities to companies and TTARP members who patronise those businesses. This will facilitate wider distribution of the magazine both in Trinidad and Tobago to the growing number of TTARP membership	(a) The preparation of a Note for Cabinet granting the issue of a TT Post Permit Number to TTARP.	(a) Appropriation (Financial Year) Act. (b) Trinidad and Tobago Post Act Chapter 47:01