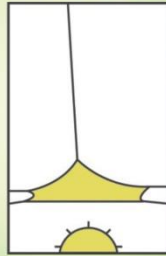


TTARP



**Trinidad & Tobago
Association of Retired Persons**

Annual General Meeting

#10-12 BORDE STREET, PORT OF SPAIN

**13th December
2022**

Mission Statement

TTARP is a legally registered, enlightened organization, designed for Mature Citizens 50 years and over, aggressively seeking the best interest of its members, towards four main objectives:

- To enhance the quality of life of Mature Citizens
- To promote their independence, dignity and purpose
- To lead in determining their role in society
- To improve the image of the Golden Years

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AGENDA

Call Meeting to Order

National Anthem

Invocation/Opening Prayer

Executive Report

OPEN FLOOR - Questions/Comments

Auditors Report & Accounts

OPEN FLOOR - Questions/Comments

Appointment of Auditors

Chairman's Address

Vote of Thanks

REFRESHMENTS

TTARP's Prayer

Heavenly Father, we thank You for bringing us together this day.

Be with us, as we come in fellowship to discuss,
plan and implement our projects and events.

We thank you for allowing us to enjoy our Golden Years together
as we ask You for health, strength, wisdom, peace
and a grateful heart so that we can assist our fellowman.

At the end of our activities today, take us home safely to our loved ones
to continue to love and serve You.

We praise and thank You.

AMEN

Executive Report 2021 - 2022

The Trinidad and Tobago Association of Retired Persons is a legally registered organisation, incorporated in August 1993.

The Executive Committee for the term 2021-2022 was as follows: -

Mr. Peter Peña	- President
Mr. Cecil Paul	- 1st Vice President
Mr. Geoffrey Lewis	- 2nd Vice President
Mr. Francis Raymond	- Hon. Treasurer
Mrs. Mayling Younglao	- Hon. Secretary
Mr. Selby Cole	- Ordinary Member
Mr. Reynold Cooper	- Ordinary Member
Mr. Neville Navarro	- Ordinary Member
Mrs. Patricia Crossley	- Co-opt Member
Mr. Peter Nock	- Co-opt Member
Mrs. Emerita Sambrano-Churche	- Co-opt Member

OPENING REMARKS

TTARP hosted its first virtual AGM meeting via the Zoom platform on 16th December 2021 at Trinebox International Services Auditorium, #10-12 Borde Street, Port of Spain. There were approximately twenty (20) Executive and Zonal representatives physically present and approximately two hundred (200) logged in online.

The meeting started on time and ran smoothly in the normal format as a physical AGM. It was an election year and the following executive officers were re-elected to serve for the next three (3) years: - Peter Peña – President; Cecil Paul – 1st Vice President; Geoffrey Lewis – 2nd Vice President; Selby Cole, Reynold

Cooper, Neville Navarro, Francis Raymond and Mayling Younglao – Ordinary Members.

At the first meeting of the new Executive Board, Mayling Younglao was nominated and appointed to serve as Honorary Secretary of the Association. Francis Raymond was nominated and appointed to serve as Honorary Treasurer.

Patricia Crossley, Peter Nock and Emerita Sambrano-Churche were co-opted to bring their expertise and knowledge to assist in the growth of TTARP.

TTARP NEW ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS

The construction of TTARP's Headquarters at #167-169 Belmont Circular Road, Belmont is finally in its completion stages having commenced in April 2021.

Like most construction work, there are always challenges along the way, added to the weather in 2022 there were many setbacks that delayed the completion date and although the first phase of the building was handed over to TTARP in September of this year there are still many areas that needed additional work. In the next couple of months however, we are hoping with individual contractors, the Christmas holidays, the security, phones, internet, air conditioning and outfitting the office, that will definitely take some time, TTARP's headquarters will be a reality.

The executive members however continue to worked diligently daily making all the necessary adjustments needed to be in its Headquarters in 2023. TTARP is extremely fortunate for its President Peter Peña and Hon. Treasurer Francis Raymond for their commitment that has made TTARP's Headquarters a reality. Their tenacity has led to TTARP Signature Building materializing without having to commit TTARP to years of mortgage payments, fund raising activity and maybe an increase in membership fee.

Covid as deadly as it was, enabled TTARP to make adjustment in its spending that was applied to its much-needed headquarters. Added to that, all you faithful members who renewed your cards, although shut in and the merchants that honoured their commitment to TTARP Members our sincere thanks. Your commitment and loyalty made our Headquarters possible.

NATIONAL ISSUES

The National Issues Committee now under the guidance of Mr. Reynold Cooper submitted TTARP's proposals to the Ministry of Finance for consideration into the National Budget 2023 Fiscal year. Some of the key recommendations we highlighted to the Government were: -

- (a) TTARP health initiatives for the elderly directly to the Minister of Health;
- (b) Lobby the Minister of Finance to be included on the Pension Reform Working Group;
- (c) Lobby Government for rent control for senior citizens living in rental apartments;
- (d) Write to the Minister of Works and Transport to expand the water taxi service to Carenage/Cocorite, Chaguanas and Point Fortin areas; and
- (e) Lobby Minister of Finance for citizens over 60 years in owner occupied property with income below \$90,000 per year to be exempted from paying property tax.

Unfortunately, none of TTARP's suggested recommendations (*which can be viewed under Appendix I*) were implemented. However, some of the

highlights from the Budget that can affect Senior citizens are listed below: -

- Personal Tax Allowance increase from \$7,000 to \$7,500 per month (from \$84,000 per year to \$90,000 per year);
- One time transportation grant of \$1,000 to recipient of senior citizens pension, public assistance, disability and food support;
- Property tax to be implemented in 2023;
- Air Bridge one way from \$150 to \$200;
- Sea Bridge one way (a) Over 60 yrs. - \$25
(b) Under 60 yrs. - \$75
(c) Premium Class - \$150
- Online payment option for government services;
- Immediate Fuel price increase.

TTARP's MEMBERSHIP STATUS

With the mandate being relaxed on the use of face mask, many commercial businesses increased their operational days of work back to a full work week. As such TTARP staff who have been assisting members by phone with digital copies of their cards from the comfort of their homes, was asked to report physically to TTARP's Head Office on Tragarete Road on a phase basis.

It was rewarding to see both members and staff eager to reconnect with each other after being shut in for so long. TTARP, continued to operate within strict protocol, with a tent and chairs in front the office and allowing only two members in the office at a time, of

course, keeping their distance, sanitizing and the wearing of mask.

The calendar year saw persons trickling in to renew and to join TTARP. It was an uncertain climate but we knew that things were improving worldwide with the Pandemic.

By May, twenty-eight (28) promoters were willing to accept the challenge of commencing Promotions via our outreach programme at Massy and Tru Valu Stores. And with a staggered schedule we were able to continue Promotions until mid-November.

Outreach Programmes also included, participation at events hosted by Angostura, Ministry of Health, Mount Hope Hospital, Piarco Fire Station, Rodney’s Supermarket, COSTATT, NWRHA, Flour Mills, Prisons Service, Bridges to the Heart, CCSL, St. James Medical and Coca-Cola.

Collectively, the Promoters encouraged over 1,800 new persons to join the Association and assisted over 3,300 members to renew their membership cards, which was quite an accomplishment.

Membership online payments have been increasing as people become more aware of this easy, safe and convenient option. To date, over 7,400 persons have opted to use this method. However, if one needs assistance in renewing online, they can call us at 497-2687; we will be happy to assist.

We thank all our Promoters, for their dedication, loyalty, perseverance and for always going the extra mile.

The table below shows our progress during the short period of normalcy after the Covid restrictions.

	Aug 2022	Aug 2021
Number of Financial Members in TTARP	34,827	32,448

GOLDEN TERM LIFE INSURANCE PLAN

Members who are looking for a term life insurance can contact **Assuria Life T&T Limited** at **#49 Dundonald Street, Port of Spain** or call **625-1902** or **625-6342**.

The Term/Life Insurance Plan provides coverage to TTARP members ranging from \$5,000.00 to \$100,000.00. Premiums are based on gender and age, so the younger you are the less your fixed monthly premium will be. This is an opportunity for members to ease the burden on their loved ones upon death. This coverage is now available to persons of all ages.

MY SENIOR CARD

HealthNet Caribbean Medical and Dental Centre with branches throughout Trinidad continues to offer to seniors a special discount card that offers affordable private medical care at extremely affordable price.

The MY SENIOR CARD is currently offered at \$365 and provides a doctor visit, dentist visit, CBC, cholesterol, urine and sugar tests plus discounts on other services ranging from 10-20%.

Healthnet also offers the MY SENIOR CARD PLATINUM which offers additional benefits. The biggest advantage of this plan is the FREE Unlimited Doctors Visits, which means that a member can walk into any HealthNet Clinic, see a doctor and pay absolutely nothing.

These plans were designed to encourage members to be proactive in their health by at least having a basic annual check-up. We do hope members take

advantage of these offers since it was designed with you in mind.

O50Q MAGAZINE

The Magazine continues to be an integral part of your TTARP membership, since so many special offers and updates on the Association will be found there.

For this year, three Issues were published and distributed.

We see it as a priority for our messages to get to every member, so they know **“We are Here, We Care and We are in this Together”**. We do hope you enjoy each issue.

HEAD OFFICE ADMINISTRATION

Members missed the various annual functions and were delighted to attend TTARP’s first event since 2019. On 1st October 2022, over 500 members attended the “Walk of Resilience” in celebration of the United Nations International Day of Older Persons. It was a beautiful sunny day that saw members in their Maxi full coming out to walk. There were over twenty (20) corporate merchants present introducing members to their product and services.

On 4th December 2022 TTARP hosted its second function “Christmas by the Sea” at the Anchorage in Chaguaramas, and what a fabulous environment for a Christmas Luncheon. The food was excellent, the entertainment, way beyond all expectations, and lots of door prizes. The members were all beautifully outfitted, had a great time and danced the afternoon away. It was indeed a function for the history books. Special mention to the large turnout of men who attended the function with their attire matching their partners in colour and style.

We try our best to keep our members informed via updates on our website (www.ttarp.org); our Face Book page (**TTARP an Association of Responsible Persons**); our Face Book profile (**TTARP Responsible Persons**); through SMS messaging; Emails; the O50Q Magazine and Zonal Groups.

Members please be reminded to advise us of any changes to your name, mailing address, phone numbers or email.

May God bless you All!

ARIMA ZONAL GROUP

Members of the Head Table, fellow Zonal Committee Heads, Good morning. I am Carol Bain, Vice Chairman of the Eastern Angels, Arima Zone. Accompanying me on this virtual platform is our Chairman Peter Nock.

After closing down since March 20, 2020, the first virtual Zonal Committee meeting was called via Zoom by the Vice Chairman on September 6, 2021. The purpose of the meeting was about getting back together virtually in this abnormal time. The Committee Heads were told they are the ones to keep the members interest alive and she suggested to them that they explore ways and come back to report on how they would make things happen for the members.

Some suggestions to the Committee Chairs were as follows: -

Education Chair – Diabetes and Life Styles, Nutrition/Diet, Seniors/Elderly getting familiar with technology. Contact Mrs. Rouse on virtual presentations for members on Health Issues, Mental Health.

Events Chair – Develop a calendar of activities for the coming months to year end and propose a fund raiser.

Tours - Develop a virtual tour program with such organizations as Tourist Board, National Trust of Trinidad & Tobago, sparking interest for online games for members such as Bingo etc.

The subject of election for a new Zonal Committee was discussed and agreed as part of the plans going forward.

Recognition was given to the Events Committee for collaborating and sharing online activities for the Zone's 19 years anniversary celebrations in July 2021. Annette Young was congratulated for her time, dedication and sharing of diabetes information online.

Attending by invitation on October 6, 2021 meeting was Mr Selby Cole, Chairman to Tobago Corals. The purpose was to share his experience and the procedures for having an election online. Mr. Cole offered to assist EAAZ with the handling of its internal election online with the right resources.

At this meeting the Committee Chairs brought in their reports for approval recommending how they would keep members engaged and entertained virtually.

At this meeting a decision was taken for the Chairman to advise the membership that the Zonal Committee was functioning virtually and that they would be seeing results of the Committee's work via WhatsApp.

November 3, 2021, Zonal Committee met via Zoom.

It was decided the chairman would put on the Zonal Committee Chat the bank and account number of EAAZ so that committee members would pay their dues quarterly. The purpose was to keep the account from becoming dormant. This was approved and agreed by all members. A schedule was developed for payment for each Committee member of a hundred dollars per

quarter. Members would flash a copy of their receipt to the treasurer.

Nov 14, 2021 - (14) fourteen members went on a 360-degree virtual tour of our Heritage site Nelson Island, courtesy National Trust of Trinidad & Tobago.

December 2021 - a virtual Christmas luncheon via Zoom was held on December 3, 2021. This was an interesting idea. Many members joined and one member; although had many personal challenges turned out to be most innovative with his idea of each dish listed on paper, folded and placed in his plate accompanied with his knife and fork.

On January 28, 2022 - via Zoom, the first Monthly meeting for the membership was held. Thirty-two members attended. This was very encouraging. The Chairman welcomed and wished everyone Happy New Year and said we looked forward to 2022, not forgetting our experiences of 2021. Members were advised that election was overdue and the Committee was working on election for a new Zonal Committee by October 2022. The question of face-to-face meeting arose and members were advised according to Health policy Guidelines, we were limited to only 10 persons social gathering.

In February the Events Committee held a taste of Carnival for members. This was a bit of a struggle as few members were interested in a virtual parade. To keep members interested videos were forwarded in the Chat.

The Arima Zonal Committee has returned to running the Zone without 4 elected members, 2 selected members and 1 member ill.

On March 11, 2022 - a virtual Sip and Chat was held for members.

April 11, 2022 - the Zonal Committee met face to face to begin specially planning for complete opening up of the Country, and the Arima Zone.

On May 6, 2022 - the opening of the Zone took the format of an Opening Thanksgiving Ceremony, time 2 to 5 pm at the Arima Tennis Club. Special invitees were the Mayor of Arima, representatives of TTARP, Management of the Arima Tennis Club. Opening prayer was said by our very own member and Pastor Gwendolyn Smith. The choir members provided a rendition of 3 gospel songs. Members who had passed during Covid 19 were recognized by a minute silence, lighting of a candle and their pictures posted on a wall, and members were treated with refreshments.

June 17, 2022 - was our Mother's/Father's Day event. Father of the year winner was Ethan Benjamin and Mother of the year was Ms. Althea Hazelwood. Each winner was presented with a prize. Also, there was a best dressed winner.

The Zone celebrated 20 years anniversary in the month of July. A calendar of events was developed for each Friday: -

July 8 - Mini Health Fair inclusive of Blood Glucose testing, Vision Screening and Health Management;

July 14 - members first person to person tour to Trini River Lime.;

July 15 - Karaoke by members as a fund raiser. Seventy (70) members were present;

July 22 - Day of Games and Bingo; and

July 29 - Choir Concert.

On the last day of the anniversary celebrations members were treated with a slice of cake donated by

the Zonal Committee. July was an enjoyable month for all, as it brought back memories of the way it used to be.

August 2022 - Emancipation Day was celebrated by members elegantly dressed in their emancipation outfits. Some members volunteered to model, much to the delight and entertainment of everyone. Tips on Fire Safety Prevention and How to use the Fire Extinguisher was presented by our member Mr. Joseph Maynard. Members were dressed in their national colours Red, White and Black.

Members are still monitoring the Covid situation; as you know we are a vulnerable part of the society. Members turnout have increased to approximately 60/65 persons.

Future Plans for 2023.

- (1) Partner with the Arima Mayor in providing support to Community activities improving the lives of senior citizens in the Borough, and Police Youth Clubs in the Zonal area.
- (2) Have our AGM/Election for the new Zonal Committee in the first quarter.
- (3) Update our History book.
- (4) Lend support to and share social activities with our sister Zones in Trinidad and Tobago.
- (5) Overseas tour to a Caribbean island.

Respectfully submitted by

Ms. Carol Bain,

Secretary of the Arima "Eastern Angels" Zonal Group.

Arima "Eastern Angels" Zonal Group
Venue: Arima Tennis Court
General Meeting - 1st Friday of Each Month (3-5 pm)
Weekly Socials - All Other Fridays (1-6 pm)

BELMONT ZONAL GROUP

Belmont “B’s” Zonal Group

Venue:

Meetings: 4th Tuesday of each month at (5:00 pm)

CENTRAL ZONAL GROUP

TTARP Central aka Central Pride was previously located at the Central Indoor Sports Arena, Manic Street, Chaguanas where various activities were conducted on a daily basis. All activities came to an abrupt end when the Zone closed on March 13th 2020 due to the Covid 19 restrictions. However, The Zone remained virtually active through daily messaging on our WhatsApp Chat Groups and virtual challenges.

In April 2022, our attempts to resume activities at the Arena were not successful as it remains closed to outside activities due to problems with their washrooms. As a consequence, we commenced meetings at the Community Centre, Chaguanas, at a cost and was recently given permission by the Mayor, Chaguanas Corporation to conduct our Board meetings, free of charge, in their Canteen. We remain strapped for suitable accommodation to resume our physical activities but are optimistic that we will be more functional in the coming Year.

Activities

There were seven (7) Virtual Challenges conducted during the period under review. These were held for Republic Day on September 24th 2021; the Christmas weekend of December 21st to 26th 2021; The Carnival weekend of February 25th to 27th 2022; the Easter weekend of April 15th to 18th; Indian Arrival Day May 30th; Emancipation Day August 1st; and Independence Day August 31st. On each occasion members were given a specific activity and requested to post pictures

of themselves in action. There was much enthusiasm as members robustly responded to each challenge.

We commenced 2022 with an outreach programme. On January 14th 2022, our Chairperson, Faith Calliste, Treasurer, Portia De Silva-Ifill and the then Asst. Treasurer, Ann Williams visited the Beckles Street Home for Senior Citizens to spread some New Year cheer. A sumptuous lunch complete with dessert and tokens were distributed to the residents. Due to the Covid protocols they did not stay around to chat or entertain as usually done but quickly distributed the lunches and tokens, conveyed greetings and departed. The residents expressed gratitude for the visit.

As the pandemic measures eased, we cautiously reopened with a Board Meeting on April 19th 2022. Members noted that: -

1. Our membership needed to be advised on the way forward; and
2. The need to call an Annual General Meeting (AGM) as all positions on the Board were vacant.

Our first Interactive meeting was held on May 19th 2022 at the Community Centre, Chaguanas where members were informed of the AGM being planned for June 23rd 2022. In preparation for a successful meeting, they were advised of the various vacancies, the duties they entailed and invited to submit nominations for the filling of these vacancies.

Zonal Annual General Meeting

Our AGM was held on June 23rd, Mr. Kern Williams, Office Manager from Head Office was our Presiding Officer. The undermentioned persons were elected to the Board for the next two (2) years (2022-2024).

Name	Position
Faith Calliste	Chairperson
Florence Smith-Skinner	Vice Chairperson
Portia De Silva-Ifill	Treasurer
Theresa Williams	Assistant Treasurer
Marjorie Alleyne-Thomas	Secretary
Marilyn Duncan- Butler	Assistant Secretary
Yvonne Knights	Public Relations Officer
Carol Huggins -Benjamin	Committee Member
Lisa Johnson	Committee Member
Patricia Paul	Committee Member
Gainder Maharaj	Committee Member
Bernadette Brathwaite	Committee Member
Jennifer Floyd	Committee Member
Lynette Drakes-Brown	Trustee

There are Two (2) Trustee positions on the Board, but only one was filled. The Presiding Officer advised that the vacant position can be filled at our next Board meeting.

Meetings Post AGM

Board meetings were held on July 21st, August 11th and September 8th. At our first meeting it was agreed that our statutory Board meetings will be held on the 2nd Thursday of every month. Additionally, Ms. Ursuline Hood was elected to fill the vacant position of Trustee. Members noted that our general membership were anxious to resume physical activities and discussed, inter alia, possible venues. To date, this remains our biggest challenge.

Interactive Meetings are held every two months. As a consequence, on August 18th, we held our first (1st) meeting. We did not invite a Guest Speaker instead members were encouraged to 'Talk It Out' as we are aware that sharing is caring. Our members have suffered over the past two years, some more than others, and in many cases still have the need to share

their thoughts and feelings on the Pandemic. We were fortunate to have, in attendance, Councillor Whitney Stevenson-Hamlet, the Councillor for Enterprise South/Longdenville North who unfortunately had lost her mother to the virus. She became very emotional while sharing after which, she thanked us for the opportunity given her as it was the first (1st) time she was able to talk about her experiences. She was one of several persons who spoke about the Pandemic and how it had adversely affected them. Time was limited and we had to cut the session short. It is hoped that this was a form of therapy and assisted, in no small measure, to soothe the pain.

Additionally, members were reminded to market TTARP to their family, friends and those fifty (50) years and over and to work diligently in obtaining Discount Providers so all can benefit.

Other Matters

On August 06th our Chairperson, Ms. Faith Calliste, PRO, Mrs. Yvonne Knights and Committee Member, Mrs. Lisa Johnson, accepted the invitation on behalf of TTARP, from the Project Coordinator of the Churches in Action to mount an Interactive Exhibition at their Football Tournament and Health Fair, African Grounds, Enterprise.

The Exhibition, though family oriented, catered mainly for children and young adults. Nevertheless, we were able to speak to the few adults who visited our booth.

Upcoming Events

- a. Our final Interactive Meeting for 2022 will be held on October 20th at the Chaguanas Community Centre. Our Guest Speaker will be a representative from the Diabetic Association.
- b. Our Christmas Luncheon is being planned for December 08th at Signature Hall, Longdenville

Main Road, Chaguanas. Door prizes are being sourced from various corporate citizens.

- c. Planned events for 2023 include, inter alia: -
 - Our 1st Interactive Meeting on January 16th;
 - A fundraiser Bar b Que in January – DTBA;
 - A Carnival Lime on February 09th; and
 - A Caribbean Cruise on board the Royal Caribbean Rhapsody of the Seas during the period 2nd – 11th April, 2023

The Executive and members of Central Pride thank all who assisted us during the period under review and extend a Merry Christmas and a Bright and Prosperous New Year as we optimistically move forward to 2023.

Respectfully submitted by

Mrs. Yvonne Knights,

PRO of the Chaguanas “Central Pride” Zonal Group.

Chaguanas “Central Pride” Zonal Group
Venue: Chaguanas Community Centre, Chaguanas.
Meetings: Every 2nd Thursdays of the month (10:00 am)

TOBAGO (CORALS) ZONAL GROUP

Activities/Achievements

Even though the pandemic has generally left our shores, the Corals Group is only now embarking on Outdoor Activities. The first of these would be in December 2022, when we hold our usually anticipated Christmas Luncheon. Our Activities therefore over the ensuing period have been carried out mainly by online means. This has even included our 2021 Annual General Meeting, which was allowed in this format by our Parent Body; additionally, for quite some time now, our Zone has been holding online monthly General meetings, featuring, among other items, interesting Lecture Presentations and matters of human interest. During the pandemic also, the Corals quietly attained

the age of twenty-one years (in August 2022, to be exact).

Our Committee has also used to its advantage the WhatsApp chat software, which has enabled us to successfully interact with our growing Membership by the sharing of News and Notices of the Organization, as well as daily doses of humour, inspirational messages, at-home exercises tailored to our age Group, health tips and useful information galore, gleaned from the Global World in which we now live.

Management Team

Our Management Team remains as follows: -

Chairman	- Selby Cole
Vice-Chairman	- Winston Gordon
Secretary	- Rawle Anderson
Assistant Secretary	- Heather Caruth
Treasurer	- Geoffrey Lewis
Assistant Treasurer	- Auldith Barry
Trustee	- Pamela Hepburn
Public Relations Officer	- Zilpah Edwards-Moore
Committee Member	- Judith Trim

(Our other Trustee, Mr. Roger Brathwaite, resigned recently; our Annual General Meeting and Elections are scheduled for January 2023)

And Just What Does 2023 Have in Store?

The Corals Management Committee notes with pleasure the number of persons who are presently applying for Membership in our area; we truly consider this to be an exciting challenge, as we seek innovative ways to cater to this new cadre of Entrants, so as to gain and keep their interests and attention.

Looking ahead, indeed, we make bold to compare our Zone to the status of a young man or woman, who, on attaining the milestone of real adulthood--at the age of twenty-one--must decide which way he or she will go, as they truly seek to define their exciting future. In this changing world, therefore, we seek new insights, from our own Members, as well as from our Parent Body, as we strive to make our total Organization even more meaningful, productive and visible, in our future Golden years that await us all.

Respectfully submitted by

Mr. Rawle Anderson,

Secretary of the Tobago "Corals" Zonal Group.

Tobago (Corals) Zonal Group

Venue: Happy Haven School, Signal Hill, Tobago.

Meetings: Every 2nd Saturday of the month (3:00 pm)

DIEGO MARTIN ZONAL GROUP

Diego Martin "Western Pearls" Zonal Group

Venue: Diego Martin Boys RC School, Church Street, Diego Martin

Meetings: Every 2nd Saturday of the month (3:00 pm)

FYZABAD ZONAL GROUP

Our first Executive Meeting for year 2021 was held on Friday November 5th 2021. This meeting was held to prepare reports for 2019 September to 2020 August and 2020 September to 2021 August, to send to TTARP Head Office, for the upcoming AGM Meeting.

A fund raiser in the form of a 'Virtual Bingo' was held on Thursday 9th December 2021, which was a success.

Fourteen (14) members attended a Christmas Brunch, which was held on Thursday 30th December 2021 at the scenic, Sanderson Park, Fyzabad. A sumptuous

meal was prepared by members. All had a wonderful time.

With our theme 'Celebration of Love', for Valentines 2022, seventeen (17) members journeyed to Vessigny Beach Facility, on 14th February 2022, for an afternoon of food and drinks, catered at the facility. Everyone had an amazing time.

Twenty (20) members attended our first General meeting, held on Thursday 19th May 2022. At this meeting we planned our: -

- a. Mother's/Father's Day Thanks giving function and Fashion Show.
- b. Christmas in July and January to June birthday celebration.

Our Mother's/Father's Day Thanksgiving function was held on Thursday 23rd June 2022 at the Thick Village Community Centre. Our National Anthem was sung by Mr. Worrell De Boulay, TTARP Prayer recited by everyone present, after which Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Mc Gregor conducted our devotion, with a sermon and melodious singing.

We partook of a sumptuous meal, cooked by members of our TTARP group.

Our models came out beautifully dressed, in, formal, casual, church and country & western wear, which climaxed our evening with an amazing fashion show.

Our P.R.O. Mr. Errol Blackett contacted representatives of Republic Bank, Fyzabad, to give an overview of the new Republic Bank debit chip card, to our members. On Thursday 21st July 2022, two (2) representatives came and gave an excellent overview and benefits to senior citizens afforded by Republic Bank.

We also enjoyed 'Christmas in July' and January to June birthday celebration on Thursday 28th July, 2022; with Birthday Celebrants receiving gifts. All other members received a token for Christmas from our Fire Services Santa Claus. Our meal was prepared by members of our group and was buffet style. Two (2) of our "Shut Ins" also received tokens.

Fyzabad Community Council invited our TTARP members to their Emancipation Celebrations hosted by the Fyzabad Community Council and the MICRO BIZ by KIEGS at the Fyzabad Regional Community Complex on Saturday 6th and Saturday 13th August 2022 respectively. It was well attended and participation was excellent.

On Thursday 25th August 2022, thirty-five (35) members assembled at Fyzabad Regional Community Complex at 7.00am, for our Tour to Paramin. We went to Cameron Hill, a seasoning stall and La Vigie Paramin lookout. The site was breath taking, beautifully managed landscape, areas to cook and lookout areas. We catered our meals at Paramin, which was delicious.

The Executive Members for 2022 to 2023 are as follows: -

Chairman	Monica Nelson
Vice-Chairman	Judith De Boulay
Treasurer	Hermina Timothy
Secretary	Kay Francis
Assistant Secretary	Parmatie G Deokiesingh
Public Relations Officer	Errol Blackett
Trustee	Monica Des Etages
Trustee	Mavis Andrews
Committee Member	Yvonne Creese
Committee Member	Indra Ramsaran
Committee Member	Polina Bermudez
Committee Member	Krishna Ramdass

Committee Member	Worrell De Boulay
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During the last year Fyzabad Forever Green Zone gained three (3) New Members and lost one (1) member.

Upcoming Activities Includes

- a. Virtual Bingo on Thursday 22nd September 2022;
- b. Function for International Month of the Elderly on Thursday 27th October 2022;
- c. Christmas Luncheon - Thursday 24th November 2022;
- d. July to December Birthday Celebration - Thursday 15th December 2022;
- e. Celebration of Love - Tuesday 14th February 2023;
- f. In house Bingo - Thursday 23rd March 2023;
- g. January to April Birthday Celebration - Thursday 27th April 2023;
- h. All Fours Competition (in house) - Thursday 25th May 2023; and
- i. Mother's/Father's Day Function and Fashion show – Thursday 22nd June 2023.

Respectfully submitted by

Parmatie G. Deokiesingh,

Assistant Secretary of the Fyzabad "Evergreen" Zonal Group

Fyzabad "Evergreen" Zonal Group
 Venue: Fyzabad Regional Community Complex (FRCC)
 Meetings: Every 3rd Thursday of the month (3:30 pm)

LA BREA ZONAL GROUP

The members of La Brea Black Gold Seniors are now holding their meetings at the Vessigny Community Center on the Southern Main Road in the Vessigny village.

I was given the task as Chairman to steer the group for two (2) year, within that time, the group had organized

outdoor activities but some of those events came to a sudden stop.

As all things, the Covid 19 pandemic brought our activities to a standstill. We all know how it was during that time, the whole world and our country went through that grim period of isolation from one another. Through it all, we tried to make our members close, by getting in touch with the new wave of communication.

The introduction of these new technologies has had its challenges, but we had to hold on bringing us to a better understanding where we are heading into the future. As time has it some of the restrictions of gathering were uplifted. The members were excited to start going out again. Planning of various events was made and achieved.

Two General Meeting was held during that period one of which Mrs. Jo-Anne Bowen-Delysia was appointed secretary until the zone's AGM in January 2023.

The Green Market at Santa Cruz was visited by members and reported well spent on that day. Decisions was taken into consideration with reference to the Point Foint Seinor Citizen Home in Point Fortin for the distribution of hampers to the residents and a visit to the home at chosen date by the membership.

We the La Brea Black Gold Seniors anticipated a cake sale, a cook out, Bingo, Walk-a-thon, a Health Fair through the Ministry of Health and in the coming new year, rejuvenate the Birthday Club early next year.

Two members from the group - Michael Mohammed and Kerlin Roberts-James have been working very hard to register and re-registered members thus keeping the membership together.

As Chairman, my main concern is keeping the group together. By introducing some interesting and psychological factors to ensure that life has plenty to offer, regardless of their age, size or gender We all have to look for that bright star with God's blessing and Grace we will achieve our goals.

My post as Chairman has pass, but coming in January 2023, a new executive will be chosen. Through all this, the time I interacted with my members, was well spent.

Closing I am wishing the Executive and Zonal Members of TTARP, Merry Christmas and God's richest blessing to all for the coming year.

Respectfully submitted by
Mr. Dennis Marchan,

Chairman of the La Brea "Black Gold" Zonal Group.

La Brea "Black Gold" Zonal Group
Venue: Vessigny Community Centre, SMR, Vessigny.
Meetings: Every 3rd Thursday of the month (5:00 pm)

TOBAGO (PEMBROKE) ZONAL GROUP

Pleasant day to everyone, it is a pleasure to greet all our fellow TTARP's members once again in Jesus' name and to thank God for his mercy for keeping us alive so that we can once again meet, even though it is not in the usual way, but this is the new normal for the time being.

On behalf of the members of the Pembroke Cultural Stars, Tobago Zone, I greet you and bring this report for the period September 2021 to August 2022.

September to December 2021

Because of the pandemic, the group did not have any face-to-face activity during this period; we kept in touch with members via Social Media.

Community Outreach

During the pandemic, our group donated some health items and food stuff to the Belle Garden Home for the Age.

January 2022

This month started out with a ray of sunlight for our group, as the Government started to roll back the health restrictions.

We applied to the Digicel Epic Foundation for assistance to help with the renovation of our meeting place.

We were successful and was granted the sum of One Hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00) to help us complete the Roof and Ceiling; Electrical and Minor Plumbing.

February to March 2022

This agreement commences in February 2022, and was given three months to complete the project. I must complement the hard-working Building Committee Members and all other members who put their shoulders to the wheel to make this a success. It was hard work, but we learnt a lot from this.

Meanwhile, we held our Birthday Gift giving Celebration on 14 February 2022 for members whose birthday was in 2021.

Our first face-to-face Meeting was held in March 2022 at one of our member's home.

April to May 2022

A team from **Digicel Epic Foundation** visited the building on 29 April 2022 to access the work done on the building and to launch the closure of the project.

They were satisfied with execution of the project and that the group now have a place for us to meet and socialize, even though the building is not quite complete, but we have completed the roof/ceiling, toilet area and some electrical works. We are hoping that our building will be complete in 2023.

Nevertheless, our next general meeting was convened at our new meeting hall in April 2022.

June 2022

We celebrated Mothers/Fathers' Day and Birthday Gift giving with a luncheon at our new meeting place. Members were elated and they ate and dance the evening away.

One of our members, Mrs. Barbara McKenna-Duke participated in the Rainbow 5k Walk/Run, which was held at Turtle Beach Hotel in Tobago. She placed 3rd in the over 60 plus group and 66th overall. We will be introducing this training to our group from 2023.

July to August 2022

We continue to meet and socialize at our new meeting place, although there are still some outstanding work to be done, such as Completion of the Kitchen. Toilet Area and Office.

We held our first fundraiser on 29 July to assist with this expenditure. Meanwhile, we are hoping that the Tobago House of Assembly will continue to assist us.

During this period, we lost three (3) members.

Executive Members

Our List of Executive Members remain the same since we have not held our Annual General Meeting for the year.

- Mrs. Lecia Ross - Chairman
- Mrs. Agnes Alfred - Vice Chairman
- Miss. Carmen Charles - Secretary
- Miss. Gloria Andrews - Asst. Secretary
- Mrs. Umilta Edwards - Treasurer
- Mrs. Christa Stewart - Trustee
- Mrs. Eslyn George - Trustee
- Mr. John Davis - P.R.O.
- Mrs. Merle Romeo - Events Coordinator
- Ms. Joyce Forde - Member
- Ms. Mona Phillips - Member
- Ms. Wilma Reid - Member

Future Plans For 2022/2023

- 21st October 2022 - Fundraiser – Brunch Sale
- 24th October 2022 - Island Tour of Tobago
- 14th November 2022 - Annual General Meeting
- 21st December 2022 - Christmas Dinner/Birthday Celebration

2023 Events

- January 2023 (DTB) Workshop
Church Visit – St Mary’s A.C Church
- February 2023 Group Cook Out
- March 2023 Church Visit – Goodwood Methodist
- April 2023 Easter Bonnet/Tea Party
- May 2023 Boat Cruise
Celebration Of Eid/Mother’s Day

Finally, on behalf of the members of the Pembroke Cultural Stars (TTARP) I would like to thank the Executive of TTARP, especially the Office Manager, Mr. Kern Williams for all the support and guidance received.

Finally, we thank the Lord for keeping us safe in this trying time, may he continue to give us health and strength.

Respectfully submitted by

Ms. Carmen Charles,

Secretary of the Tobago - Pembroke “Cultural Stars” Zonal Group.

Tobago (Pembroke “Cultural Stars”) Zonal Group
Venue: Quarters #126, Cow Farm, Goldsborough, Tobago
Meetings: Every 2nd Monday of the month at (4:00 pm)

PRINCES TOWN/RIO CLARO ZONAL GROUP

Greetings from the new executive and the general membership of the ‘Royals’.

Welcome back we survived!

I begin with a quote...

“If you believe it’ll work out, you’ll see opportunities. If you don’t believe it’ll work out, you’ll see obstacles.”

Wayne Dyer

...End of quote

Mr. President, members of the head table, head office staff, fellow zonal representatives, my TTARP brothers and sisters on zoom land, it is AGM time again. Good morning and welcome to all.

I am Annmarie Paul-Roberts and I am the re-elected secretary of the “Royals” for the third (3rd) consecutive term. I started out by saying the new executive, oh yes, we are now very new. The “Royals” AGM and election of the executive was held on 17th September 2022. The Elected officers are as follows:

Position	Name
Chairman	Mr. Ronnie Roberts
Vice Chairman	Mr. Mervyn Tobias
Secretary	Mrs. Annmarie Paul-Roberts
Assistant Secretary	Mrs. Angela Guerra
PRO	Mr. Ramchand Kalipersad
Treasurer	Mrs Patricia Noel
Assistant Treasurer	Mrs. Carol Ragoonanansingh

Trustee	Mrs. Esther Saunders Thomas
Trustee	Mr. Goolazee Chan
Trustee	Yvette Scantlebury Mc Shine
Trustee	Mrs. Maureen Griffith- Lewis

This was a very challenging year for the Royals but we did great. Two (2) of our members Mr. & Mrs. Roberts were trained and became promoters; this was a blessing for the Royals. Additionally, our membership doubled. I say thanks to the management and special thanks to Michelle for the promotion's initiative and drive. Royals the little group from the countryside can now stand up and play with the big boys.

From where we sit, we are seeing great things for TTARP the organisation and Royals the zonal group. I want to say congratulations to TTARP, one of the best NGOs in the land, special thanks are in order to the board and head office staff. They continue to do a marvellous/wonderful job leading TTARP. TTARP will be thirty (30) years old next year and during that period we have achieved the Humming Bird Medal and a spanking new building. That is performance, we have done great under your leadership.

Royals will achieve twenty-two (22) years old next year and we are doing fine. One of best achievements today to date is representing TTARP at the 60th Anniversary Military Parade at the Queen's Park Savannah. Oh boy, we were proud, it felt great. Special thanks to the Minister of National Security and his staff, to Mrs. Mayling Younglao our Honorary Secretary, Mrs. Emerita Sambrano-Churche, an Executive Member of the board and Kern Williams the Office Manager for making this event a reality. You all made the Royals' year 2022 so special. Thank you.

TTARP executive has mandated all zones to bring in new discount partners. Royal executives and

membership are aggressively pursuing businesses in the South Western Area of Trinidad, Princes Town, Rio Claro, Moruga and Mayaro to be exact. I am sure next year 2023 will be great in this regard.

New Membership Drive

Royals' new promoters working at Massy Store in Freeport and our membership inviting their friends, and acquaintances have doubled its membership and have brought in new members to TTARP. This exercise continues and we are hoping to accomplish our president Mr. Pena's challenge of two hundred (200) members by the next AGM.

Renewal of Membership Cards

Another mandate from the board, our promoters have done a tremendous job in this area. Royals can safely say that over ninety percent (90%) of its members are holders of valid TTARP Cards.

30th Anniversary Celebrations, management requests suggestions on how this great milestone should be celebrated. Royals came up with the following: -

- Another exposition, the twenty-fifth (25th) was fine so let's do it twice; and
- An essay competition on the topic "Why someone should join TTARP".

Accomplishments and Achievements

The Royals accomplishments and achievements for the period September 2021 to August 2022.

- August 2021 – November 2021 – Held meetings and celebrated birthdays virtually.
- 16th December 2021 TTARP's AGM at Borde Street, Port-of-Spain.

- 2nd December 2021 – Christmas Luncheon at Soong’s Great Wall Restaurant, San Fernando.
- 9th December 2021 Christmas Luncheon at Magdalene Hotel in Tobago. Took photos at the I Love Tobago Sign.
- 16th January 2022 we attended South Anglican Family Day.
- 30th January 2022 Royals attended a virtual church service at St. Ann’s Independent Spiritual Baptist Church, Indian Walk, Moruga.
- 14th February 2022 “Royals” celebrated Valentine’s Day at Moruga Beach Facility.
- 19th March 2022 we visited La Vigie Paramin Look Out.
- 24th April 2022 Attended St. Stephens Anglican Church Harvest.
- 26th April 2022 we went on a one-day trip to Tobago with bingo on board the boat .
- 1st May 2022 Sip and paint virtually - head office project.
- 30th May 2022 sixty-five (65) members visited Monos Island.
- 30th June 2022 the Royals embarked on a road trip visiting various sites in the region and then to the countryside pool where we played bingo splash and other fun activities.
- 16th July 2022 We visited the Santa Cruz “Christmas in July” Celebration.
- 16th July 2022 from 2:00 pm we had our monthly meeting followed by an Emancipation Day celebration. This included African drummers and dancers, members modelled their Traditional African wear after served African food snacks and drinks.
- 29th July 2022 we attended the 20/20 cricket match between West Indies and India at the Brian Lara Cricket Academy.
- On the 7th of August 2022 we attended “Let’s Talk Ageing” Lecture at Mount Hope/ Mt Lambert Community Centre. Royals filled the venue and, on the journey, back home we had discussions on the knowledge and information we gained.
- On the 20th of August, 2022, we had our Monthly meeting and birthday celebrations. All Celebrants from May to August 2022 were presented with a personalized water bottle.
- From the day the 22nd of August, 2022 in collaboration with the Princes Town Senior Activity Centre we have been attending training in technology on how to use smartphones, laptops, tablets etc.
- On the 27th of August, 2022 a maxi load of Royalians attended the Best Village La Reine Rive at NAPA. Members had a wonderful time. Thanks to my good friend Emerita Churches for her assistance.
- On the 31st of August, 2022 Royals attended the 60th-anniversary Military Parade after which we visited Macqueripe Beach.
- 17th September 2022 Royals AGM and election of executive.

- 24th September 2022 2nd Annual Pool lime.
- 1st October 2022 TTARP Walk for Reliance.
- 19th October Divali Celebrations.
- 27th October to 2nd November 2022 Tobago Carnival.
- 12th November 2022 Lopinot Visit and visit malls in North Trinidad.
- 19th November 2022 Birthday celebrations and Parang Lime.
- 30th November 2022 Visit Malls in South Trinidad.
- 4th December TTAPP luncheon at Anchorage by the Sea.

Royals Community Outreach

- Our group donated five hundred (\$500.00) to the Independent Baptist Church where we attend our virtual church service;
- The Royals donated one thousand dollars (\$1,000) to the St Stephens Anglican Church in whose Parish Hall we hold our monthly meetings; and
- Mr and Mrs Roberts two members of the Royals assisted in selling the raffle at St Stephen's Anglican Church. They sold four hundred 4000 sheets totalling thousand dollars (\$10,000.00).

Future Plans

- (1) To assist its members with Technology Use of Smart Devices;
- (2) Training in live dancing, electric slide and Jerusalena;

- (3) Introducing the corn hole game to other zones and competition in the future; and
- (4) Exchanging recipes and cooking skills.

Upcoming Events

1. 16th December 2022 Royals Christmas luncheon Hyatt Regency .
2. 15th January 2023 Head Office Virtual Bingo.
3. 29th January 2023 – Attending a Church Service at Open Bible Church.
4. 8th February 2023 – Visit Mas Camp and Pan Yard.
5. 11th February 2023 – Attend the Calypso Semi-Finals.
6. 14th February 2023 – Valentine Lime.
7. 16th February 2023 – Carnival Tent.
8. 18th February 2023 –Valentine's Celebration and Carnival Celebrations.
9. 18th March 2023 Spiritual Baptist Liberation Day Celebrations.
10. 25th March 2023 – Visit Blackman Ranch Lord Shorty Legacy and Home for the Aged.
11. 15th April 2023 –Birthday Celebrations.
12. 30th April 2023 – Attend St. Stephens Harvest.
13. 20th May 2023 Mother's Day Function .
14. 17th June 2023 Father's Day celebrations .
15. June 2023 Head Office all-inclusive trip to Curacao.

I end with another quote..... *I quote*

“Don't compare yourself to others. Be like the sun and the moon and shine when it's your time.”

.... End of Quote

Thank you, ladies and gentlemen.

Bye Bye!

Until next year.

Respectfully submitted by

Mrs. Annmarie Paul-Roberts,

Secretary of the Princes Town/Rio Claro "Royals" Zonal Group.

Princes Town\Rio Claro "Royals" Zonal Group
Venue: Princes Town Senior Activity Centre, Cor. High Street & Lothan Junction, Princes Town Street, St. Stephens Anglican Church Parish Hall
Meetings: Every 3rd Saturday of the month (2:00 pm)

SAN FERNANDO ZONAL GROUP

San Fernando "Purple Diamonds" Zonal Group
Venue: Pleasantville Community Centre, Pleasantville.
Meetings: Every 2nd Tuesday of the month (10:30 am)

SANTA CRUZ ZONAL GROUP

During the period September 2021 to August 2022 our zone was not able to meet physically for the first eight (8) months due to the Covid 19 pandemic and the restrictions we as a nation had to maintain for our own safety.

Restrictions began gradually lifting allowing persons to socialize once more. It was at this time Cruzers decided to have its first physical gathering on 27th May 2022.

At this meeting it was decided election day would be on 24th June 2022.

Mr. Cooper from TTARP was our presiding officer for the election. A new "Cruzers " executive team was formed.

The new executive members are as followed: -

Chairperson	- Jacqueline Austin
Secretary	- Janice Chase
Assistant Secretary	- Debria Isaac
Treasurer	- Reana De Four

Assistant Treasurer	- Lorna Henry
Trustee 1.	- Joan Edwards
Trustee 2	- Louise Ann Francis
Communication Officer	- Norma Isaacs

We have been active since our elections. We have had both general and executive meetings each month with an activity. We also attended each TTARP inter zonal meeting.

In July 2022 we visited The Green Market/Christmas in July celebration. We were also at the opening of The Emancipation Village.

In September 2022 we had a fun filled evening of bingo.

In October 2022 Cruzers, in our blue, participated in TTARP International Day of Older Persons "Walk for Resilience". We also visited The Central Bank Money Museum.

Our next scheduled general meeting is October 28th 2022.

In November 2022 we have a planned visit to Erin Farm and Christmas shopping.

In December 2022 we have a planned luncheon at Woodford Cafè Chaguanas for our membership.

Our outreach team reached out to our shut-ins and ill members during this period. Our team also offer condolences and full support to member's families that they lost.

Do have a blessed safe day.

Thank you.

Respectfully submitted by

Ms. Jacqueline Austin,

Chairperson of the Santa Cruz "Cruzers" Zonal Group.

Santa Cruz "Cruzers" Zonal Group

Venue: Bourg Mulatresse RC Parish Hall, Santa Cruz.

Meetings: Every 4th Friday of the month at (5:30 pm)

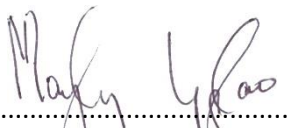
THANKS

TTARP acknowledges with gratitude the staff at M&M Insurance Broking Services, the San Fernando branch for their continued dedicated services to TTARP members in the South region. Members continue to voice the excellent service they received.

The Executive Committee express their sincere thanks to Kern Williams, Denise Joseph, Kaneisha John-Baptiste, Candice Shade-Cooke, Michelle Nunes, Louise Quamina and Debra Antoine for their dedication, willingness, commitment to their respective roles. TTARP is indeed fortunate to have these mature young people managing its office. We pray that God's blessing be bestowed on each of them.

To all TTARP members present and those viewing this AGM online, on behalf of the Executive Board and Zonal Executives, we thank you for your continued support.

God's Blessings and Season Greetings! REMEMBER to be safe.



Mayling Younglao

Hon. Secretary.

Dated this 6th day of December 2022

Appendix I

TTARP Budget Proposal/Recommendations for 2022/2023

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.</p> <p>(iv) Hospitals and Health Care Facilities should have visiting Chiropodists (Podiatrists) at least once per month.</p>	<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>	<p>(a) Regional Health Authorities (Amendment) Act 2012</p> <p>(b) The Appropriation (Financial Year 2021) Act</p>
		Provision of a Geriatric Ward at all Hospitals.	A Note for Cabinet submitted by the Minister of Health for Cabinet's consideration and approval	<p>(a) Regional Health Authorities (Amendment) Act 2012</p> <p>(b) The Appropriation (Financial Year 2021) 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/</p>	<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>	<p>(a) Regional Health Authorities (Amendment) Act 2012</p> <p>(b) The Appropriation (Financial Year 2021) Act</p>

		curative outcomes for patients. This can also decrease the length of stay and re-hospitalisation of patients.		
V2030 Goals	National Outcomes	Proposed Initiative & Description	Implementation Strategy	Affected Legislation
Social Services Delivery will be improved to better serve the needs of vulnerable groups	Enhanced Effectiveness of the Social Safety Net	TTARP should be represented on the Pension Reform Working Group.	Preparation of a Note for Cabinet appointing a representative of TTARP on the Pension Reform Working Group. TTARP is the largest representative of retirees and stakeholder group in Trinidad and Tobago and should be a stakeholder on the Pension Reform Working Group.	Not Applicable
		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.
		NIS Pensions should be the same dollar amount as the Senior Citizens Grant.	Submission of a Note for Cabinet by the Minister of Finance to Cabinet for approval.	The Appropriation (Financial Year 2021) 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 \$84,000.00	Annual assessment of persons who apply for the tax exemption or reduced property tax payment.	1) Property Tax Act 2) The Appropriation (Financial Year 2021) 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 the society	Submission of a Note for Cabinet by the Equal Opportunity Commission to the relevant Minister for submission to Cabinet for approval.	Equal Opportunity Act 2010
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. Review of the Senior Citizens Grant every three (3) years beginning in the Fiscal Year 2022.	Employment of staff who are trained in treating with the concerns of senior citizens in a dignified manner. Submission of a Note for Cabinet by the Minister of Finance to Cabinet for consideration and approval.	The Appropriation (Financial Year 2021) Act The Appropriation (Financial Year 2021) Act

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

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

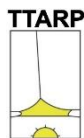
V2030 Goals	National Outcomes	Proposed Initiative & Description	Implementation Strategy	Affected Legislation
A safe and operationally efficient transport system	Improved Management of National Public Transport System	Fully installed CNG Kits at subsidized cost to Senior Citizens 60 years and over who own and drive private motor vehicles.	To be implemented by the NGC CNG Company Ltd	The Appropriation (Financial Year 2021) 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 NIDCO to purchase additional sea vessels and the employment of experienced staff.	The Appropriation (Financial Year 2021) 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. (b) Issue of a TT Post Permit Number to TTARP.	(a) Appropriation (Financial Year) Act. (b) Trinidad and Tobago Post Act Chapter 47:01

Appendix II



TTARP BENEFITS

BENEFITS FOR PERSONS AGE 50+

TTARP negotiated/implemented for its Members a wide variety of discounts for purchases at numerous Commercial, Medical and Retail enterprises. *These are being added to on an ongoing basis.*

BENEFITS FOR PERSONS AGE 60+

The following are TTARP's Recommendations to the Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago (GORTT) and others on behalf of Senior Citizens now in effect: -

1. Fee Exemption for the renewal of a Trinidad and Tobago Passport.
2. Fee Exemption for the renewal of a Trinidad and Tobago Driver's Permit.
3. Exemption from Trinidad and Tobago Airport Departure Tax on Airline Tickets.
4. Tax Exemption on premium payments for General Insurance Policies (e.g. House and Car).
5. Free PTSC Bus Pass for bus rides in Trinidad and Tobago.
6. Free rides on the Water Taxi between POS and San Fernando.
7. Fee Exemption on certain bank services (e.g. Bank Drafts and bank statements for US Visas).
8. Preferential rates on fixed deposits at Banks and certain Credit Unions.
9. Increased the range of CDAP medications for ailments common to Senior Citizens.
10. Extended Medical Care hours of services at community Centers from 7am to 4pm, to 7am to 7pm, and in certain areas from 7am to 10pm.
11. Increased non-taxable annual income allowances from \$72,000 to \$84,000 for all citizens.
12. The Senior Citizens Grant has been increased to \$3,500 (max) per month dependent on a means test for other Retirement Income from NIS and Occupational Pensions which must not exceed \$5,500 per month.
13. Retiring Government employees will now receive an interim pension of three thousand dollars (\$3,000), while their work records are processed, when verified, the retired employee will receive the correct pension and a lump sum for arrears.
14. Removal of semi-annual Life Certificate for NIS Pensioners.
15. Retired Government Pensioners will no longer be required to present themselves as proof of life existence as an online link will be established with the Registrar General's office.

16. Walk-Over constructed to assist senior citizens and others travelling to and from the Tobago Ferry Port and Water Taxi service.

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OTHER

In context of approved GORTT National Budget 2021/2022 the following are some additional improvements which Senior Citizens (and Others) shall enjoy: -

- a. All first-time home owners will qualify for a tax-free allowance of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000).
- b. Employed persons will benefit from a non-taxable increase from Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) to Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000) for NIS and other contributory Pensions.
- c. Value Added Tax (VAT) has been removed from many basic food items, such as biscuits, cooking oil, canned vegetables, canned meat and fish, cornflakes, curry, juice, sausages, ham, ketchup, pigtail, and bottled water.
- d. Electricity and Water rate rebates to be increased from 25% to 30% for bills LESS THAN Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00).
- e. Removal of VAT and Duties on therapy equipment for treatment of vision, hearing and physical disabilities.
- f. Removal of VAT and Import duties on computer equipment which should make these important communication devices cheaper.
- g. All Citizens will have access to Free WIFI internet connections at Transport Hubs, Public Hospitals, Schools and Libraries.

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