



# MSCD YEAR IN REVIEW 2023

People and the community are at the pulse of the Ministry of Sport and Community Development. Through our work, we continue to mould and build our human capital with strategic investments in our athletic talent and community life.

As the Minister of Sport and Community Development, I am thrilled to share some of our key 2022-2023 programmes and initiatives which demonstrate our dedication to serving, supporting and fostering connections within our communities and the sporting fraternity.

We are immensely proud of our strides in the areas of **People Development, Sport Development, Infrastructure Development, Grants, Entrepreneurial initiatives and Sports Tourism.**

Trinidad and Tobago's maiden hosting of The Commonwealth Youth Games in 2023 was a defining sporting moment for our nation. In addition to establishing our country as a premier sporting hub for the region, the Ministry also significantly advanced work in our National Policy on Sustainable Community Development (NPSCD) pilot communities, awarded over \$70 million in grant funding and delivered on the refurbishment of several

sporting facilities including the Hasely Crawford Stadium and Skinner Park Sporting Facility - among our many achievements.

Looking ahead to 2024, I am excited about the upcoming suite of sport and community development initiatives including - continued upgrades to national sporting facilities; entrepreneurial development and the revitalisation of the craft sector in Trinidad and Tobago. You can look forward to Trinidad & Tobago's hosting of prestigious international sporting events like the T20 World Cup and Caribbean Premier League; the national roll-out of I Choose Sport within schools and the Fair Play Anti-Doping initiative.

I am sincerely grateful to all our stakeholders; your collaboration and commitment have been instrumental in the success of our endeavours and the development of Trinidad and Tobago. I invite you to explore highlights of our work in 2023 and our plans to further propel sport and community development in 2024.

**The Honourable Shamfa Cudjoe-Lewis**  
Minister of Sport and Community Development

# PEOPLE DEVELOPMENT

“Everyday our work is hinged on this premise; the development of our people is the foundation of national development.”

## MPOWERTT

Our MPowerTT programme delivered much-needed male development and empowerment through mentorship, soft skills training, and career guidance. In 2023 the Ministry established 12 MZones - six each in Trinidad and Tobago, as safe spaces for meaningful conversations among men. We celebrate the over 500 men impacted and the increased public awareness around the significance of positive male role models in families, schools and communities.



- **12 Mzones** - 6 each in Trinidad and Tobago
- **500+ men** positively impacted



## PRIME MINISTER'S BEST VILLAGE COMPETITION

*Celebrating 60 Years, Homage to our Origins*

The year's activities were dedicated to celebrating the impact of this developmental programme which has empowered fledgling artists to become icons, producers and exporters of Trinidad and Tobago's craft, food and culture.

- **200** groups, **10** counties, **25** new schools
- **1000** Junior Best Village participants
- 60th Anniversary Awards Ceremony



THE PRIME MINISTER'S  
BEST VILLAGE  
TROPHY COMPETITION

*Celebrating* **60**  
YEARS 1963-2023



## SUSTAINABLE SOCIAL TRANSFORMATION

We continued to advance social transformation through holistic initiatives, promoting personal development, mediation, restoration and peace building within our communities. Our programmes impacted over **4500 individuals** and supported communities in responsibly managing life's challenges.

**676**



*Inaugural Mediation Conference targeting regional Social Work and Mediation Professionals*

**1514**



*Parental and Grief/Loss Support Groups*

**159**



*Men's Symposium, an online men's intervention forum*

**37**



*East Port of Spain Youth-Led Programme for at-risk youth*

**2149**



*National Empowerment Programme - free, online education and skill-building courses*

## FOSTERING SUSTAINABLE GROWTH

Our commitment to sustainable development continued propelling projects in the five **National Policy on Sustainable Community Development (NPSCD)** Pilot Communities.

Here's a snapshot of the progress:

### **Canaan/Bon Accord/Crown Point**

- Digicel Foundation EPIC Grant obtained for a Crab Farm Project

### **La Brea**

- Farmers and Artisan Markets



### **Beausejour/Patna Village**

- Indigenous Dirt Oven Project
- Water Wheel to White Water Project



### **Marabella**

- Planting Seeds project for vocational skills in Agriculture
- Launch of the Bayshore Multi-Purpose Life Skills Centre



### **Perseverance Village**

- Hydroponics Project - a social enterprise initiative
- Internet Café launch
- Refurbishment of Hugo Francis Grounds

# SPORT DEVELOPMENT

“From grassroots programmes to elite-level training our initiatives aim to create a sustainable and inclusive environment for athletes to excel and for sport to thrive.”

## THE PINK REIGN CAMPAIGN

The award-winning Pink Reign campaign facilitates the development of women and girls by strategically increasing awareness and opportunities for participation in sport and physical activity through several initiatives.

**300+**



**#GirlsRunTT Challenge**

**150+**



**Girls empowerment  
Becoming:  
Life Skills Workshop**

**1915**



**Let Her Play**

**20**





**SHeroes sharing  
inspiring stories in  
Conversations  
with Women  
and Girls in Sport**



# I CHOOSE SPORT

“Piloted in 2023, I Choose Sport (ICS) educated over 400 students across secondary schools on the importance and benefits of sport and physical education. Through community activations, ICS rekindled the connection between national sporting bodies, sport icons and the communities. Students took full advantage of the opportunity to engage with renowned sport ambassadors across a variety of sporting disciplines.”

<b>2023</b>  <b>Pilot</b>	<b>400+</b>  <b>Students</b>	<b>5</b>  <b>Schools</b>
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Thema Williams, former National Gymnast, participates in the I Choose Sport pilot project



Ayanna Hutchinson, elite Track & Field athlete inspires students to embrace the advantages of choosing a life of sport.



The Honourable Shamfa Cudjoe-Lewis, engaging students participating in the I Choose Sport pilot project.



I Choose Sport Community Activation in the community of Diego Martin.



Renele Forde, elite Volleyball athlete with students from the Arima Central Secondary School.

# S.H.A.P.E PROGRAMME

Through its various initiatives, the Sport, Health, Athletic, Performance & Empowerment (SHAPE) Programme is developing sport in communities and communities through sport.

**1300+**



**Participants**



**PLAYABLE SCHOOL DAYS**



**APRIL POOLS**



**SPORT ADMINISTRATION TRAINING CERTIFICATE DISTRIBUTION**

## Key Achievements:

*Database of community sport group/clubs through the National Registration drive*

*PlayAble School Days promoting para-sport education and inclusive physical activities*

*April Pools programme teaching swim life-skills*

*The Village Olympics and Community Sports Festivals*

*Sport Administration and Coaching training*

*Nation-wide sporting camps -*

- 31 locations
- 19 sporting disciplines

# SPORT TOURISM

“We have attracted international and regional events by promoting Trinidad and Tobago as a premier sports destination and positioned sports tourism as a key driver of economic growth and cultural exchange.”

## 2023 INTERNATIONAL GAMES & TOURNAMENTS

- Caribbean Premier League (CPL)
- Commonwealth Youth Games 2023
- Davis Cup 2023
- CAREBACO Tournament
- CAC Youth Chess Festival
- 5th Caribbean Development Championships
- SOCA Island’s Men Classic
- Trinidad Summer Bowl
- Steve Thomas International Tournament
- Trinity Cup
- Caribbean Amateur Golf Championships
- Cazova U-19 & U-21 Volleyball Championships
- Caribbean Track Championships



CARIBBEAN PREMIER LEAGUE (CPL)



CAREBACO TOURNAMENT



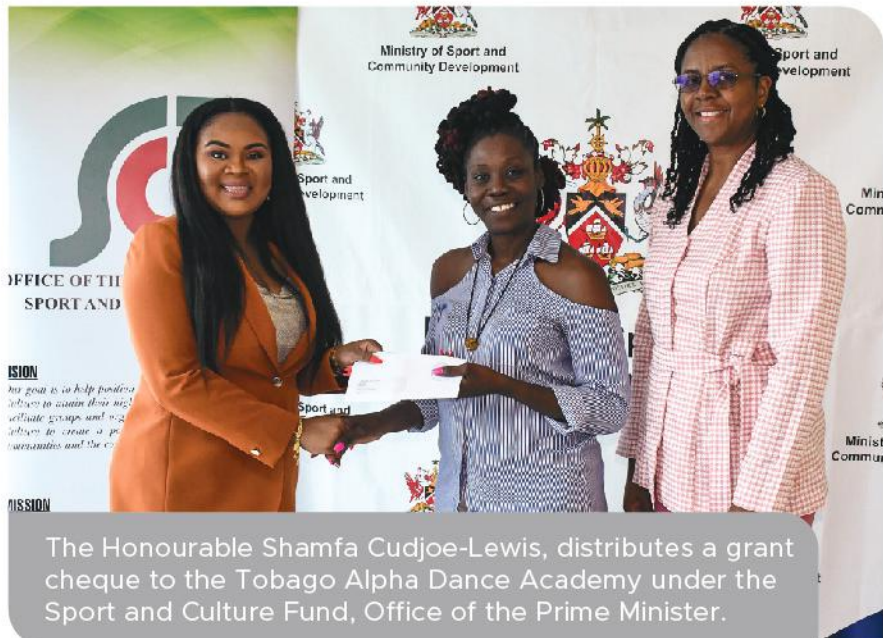
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# GRANT FUNDING

“Through strategic, financial investments, the Ministry has empowered individuals and organisations to pursue innovative projects and fostered growth.”



In the last fiscal, we have invested over **\$70 Million** in funding to National Governing Bodies (NGBs), individual athletes, elite athletes (EAAP), Sport Serving Bodies and Community Based Groups.



The Honourable Shamfa Cudjoe-Lewis, distributes a grant cheque to the Tobago Alpha Dance Academy under the Sport and Culture Fund, Office of the Prime Minister.



The Honourable Minister and MSCD Executives with grant recipients from C.A.R.E., Elite Athletes, Individuals, NSO's and Sporting Bodies.



The Honourable Minister with grant recipients from six sporting bodies.



Members of the Sports Company of Trinidad and Tobago Limited present a grant to the Aquatic Sports Association of T&T.



# ENTREPRENEURIAL DEVELOPMENT

“Our commitment to entrepreneurship at the community level, creates life-changing opportunities, inspires tomorrow’s business leaders, and fosters innovation.”

## COMMUNITY EDUCATION SKILLS TRAINING PROGRAMME (CEP)

Through 236 courses in handicraft and skills training the CEP supported 7000 graduates on their entrepreneurial journey. The training has resulted in strengthened communities and enabled the expansion of handicraft businesses at both national and regional levels.

- **236 Handicraft & Skills Training Courses**
- **7000 graduates**
- **Regional expansion** of the handicraft sector



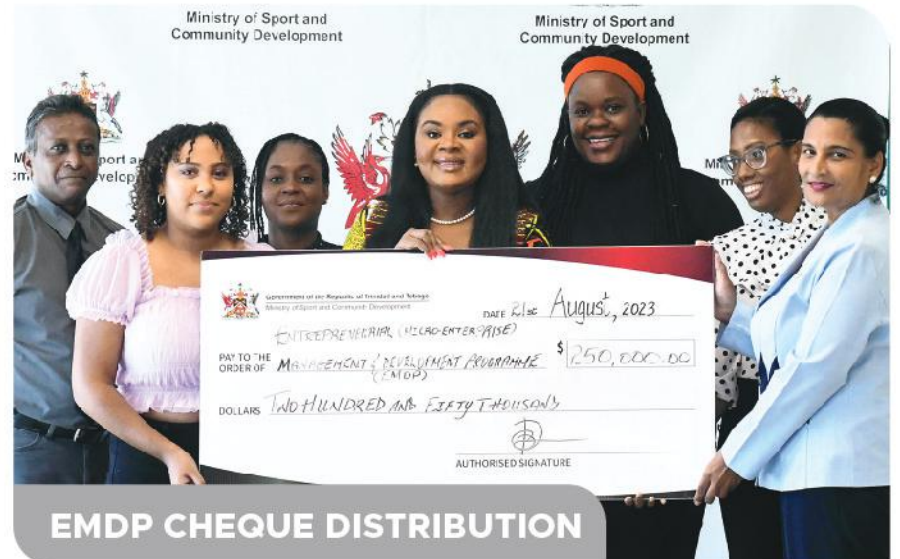
CEP SALES DAY



## ENTREPRENEURIAL (MICRO-ENTERPRISE) MANAGEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME (EMDP)

 **\$250,000**

*in seed funding granted to five small business entrepreneurs.*



EMDP CHEQUE DISTRIBUTION

# INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT

“Investing in state-of-the art facilities ensures athletes and communities have access to the necessary resources to reach their full potential.”

## COMMUNITY CENTRES

Community Centres are hubs for fostering unity, empowering change, and bringing community-enriching projects to vibrant life.

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**Refurbishment/  
Construction of  
Community Centres**

- **Belle Vue/Dibe/Dundonald Hill**
- **Cascade**
- **Diego Martin North**
- **Maraval**
- **Tacarigua**



Opening the Belle Vue/Dibe/Dundonald Hill Community Centre

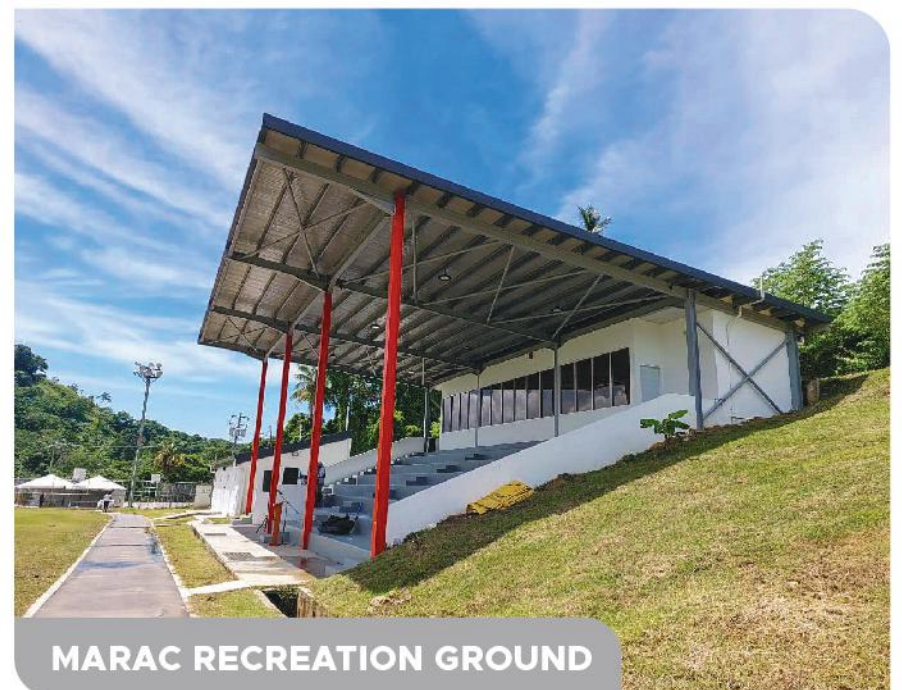


## RECREATION GROUNDS

Revitalising our communities for healthier, more active lifestyles.

### COMPLETED

- ✓ *Bourg Mulatress Recreation Ground*
- ✓ *Grande Riviere Recreation Ground*
- ✓ *Marac Recreation Ground*



MARAC RECREATION GROUND

## COMMUNITY SWIMMING POOLS

Providing state-of-the-art facilities, designed with you in mind.

### READY FOR USE

- ✔ Cocoyea Community Swimming Pool
- ✔ Maloney Community Swimming Pool
- ✔ Morvant Community Swimming Pool



COCOYEA COMMUNITY SWIMMING POOL



MALONEY COMMUNITY SWIMMING POOL



MORVANT COMMUNITY SWIMMING POOL

## SPORTING FACILITIES

Enhancing the spaces where legends are born, one facility at a time.

### DELIVERED

- ✔ Skinner Park Sporting Facility

### REFURBISHED

- ✔ Dwight Yorke Stadium
- ✔ Hasely Crawford Stadium
- ✔ Mahaica Sports Complex



DWIGHT YORKE STADIUM



MAHAICA SPORTS COMPLEX

Looking ahead to 2024 the Ministry is excited about continued collaboration and the roll-out of a suite of projects and initiatives that will further propel our national sport and community development agenda.

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## PEOPLE DEVELOPMENT

- *MPowerTT*
- *Dream Chasers Programme*
- *Community Voices Programme*



## SPORT DEVELOPMENT

- *Play Fair Campaign - an Anti-doping education initiative*
- *The full roll-out of I Choose Sport*



## INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT

- *Ato Boldon Stadium*
- *Dwight Yorke Stadium*
- *Jean Pierre Complex*
- *Brian Lara Cricket Academy*



## ENTREPRENEURIAL DEVELOPMENT & GRANT FUNDING

- *MSCD-NEDCO Partnership with **\$250,000 in entrepreneurial development grants***
- *Craft sector development through the **Export Centres Company Limited***



## SPORT TOURISM

- *T20 World Cup*
- *Caribbean Premier League*
- *CARIFTA Games (2025)*