



**Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago**  
**Ministry of Housing and Urban Development**

MESSAGE FROM  
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TO THE EXECUTIVE AND STAFF OF THE MINISTRY AND ITS AGENCIES



As we approach the end of another year, I extend my heartfelt gratitude to each of you—our dedicated executives, staff, and agency teams—who have worked tirelessly to advance the Ministry’s mission. Your unwavering commitment to creating sustainable communities, improving living conditions, and fostering socio-economic growth has been instrumental in our collective success in 2024.

This year has been one of exceptional achievements, as we have continued to demonstrate in keeping with our mandate, our resolute commitment to addressing the housing needs of deserving and eligible citizens in communities across the country.

These programmes have not only enhanced physical infrastructure, but also provided hope, stability and the beginning of intergenerational wealth to families across Trinidad and Tobago

Our Grants and Subsidies Programmes have been a cornerstone of support for low-income households. The Home Improvement Grant Programme benefited 800 families this year, disbursing \$12 million to address critical home repairs, while the Home Improvement Subsidy and Home Construction Subsidy supported 450 and 163 households, respectively, at a value of \$17.2 million. These efforts have ensured that more citizens live in more comfortable homes and family-oriented environments.

With its restructuring well underway, the Trinidad and Tobago Housing Development Corporation (HDC) continued to achieve significant milestones, including the completion of two (2) sod turnings at Citrus Close, Laventille and at Caura Valley; commenced construction on 1138 housing units in developments throughout Trinidad. The HDC delivered 555 housing units for allocation; and allocated 750 housing units in developments located in the east, central and south of the country to eligible applicants. The expansion of the ‘More Ways to Pay’ strategy, including the award-nominated E-Pay platform, reflects our focus on improving and modernizing service delivery.

The Land Settlement Agency (LSA) continued its invaluable work, delivering 302 starter houses under the HVIP at a cost of approximately \$51.3 million and allocating 136 residential lots under the Petrotrin Residential Lots Programme. Under the Government Aided Self Help Housing Programme (GASHHP), the LSA has in 2024, secured 38 mortgage loan approvals and executed Deeds of Lease for 40 beneficiaries. The Secondary Schools Debate Competition was another highlight, engaging youth in meaningful discussions about housing and regularisation. Such initiatives demonstrate the LSA’s holistic approach to fostering sustainable communities.

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The Port of Spain Shopping Complex Limited (PoSSCL) too, has reinforced its role as a driver of entrepreneurial development in downtown Port of Spain. Collaborations with NEDCO and EPOSDC through MoUs have laid a foundation for the growth and renewal of businesses, innovation and financial independence. By offering mentorship, commercial space, and business support programmes, PoSSCL continues its nurturing of a culture of resilience and creativity amongst budding entrepreneurs.

Heartiest congratulations to all staff for your commitment to enhancing the lives of the citizens of Trinidad and Tobago, I thank you.

As we stand on the threshold of 2025, it is a fitting moment to pause and reflect on the many lessons this year has taught us. Life, in its beauty and unpredictability, reminds us of its fragility, urging us to embrace the profound responsibility of being our brother's keeper. In 2024, we were reminded of how deeply interconnected our lives are. Every triumph and challenge underscored the truth that we are stronger when we lift each other up, bound by a shared commitment to progress and unity.

In this reflection, I am drawn to the wisdom of Philippians 2:4: "Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others." This timeless call to empathy and service serves as a guidepost for our individual and collective endeavors. As we enter this new year, let us not only strive for professional excellence but also endeavor to carry out our roles with compassion and understanding. Empathy is the bridge that connects us, allowing us to navigate challenges and celebrate victories together.

Looking ahead to 2025, let us build on the successes of 2024 with renewed vigor and a steadfast dedication to excellence. This coming year holds the promise of greater achievements, deeper connections, and the opportunity to create meaningful change. I extend my heartfelt wishes to each of you for success, health, and happiness in the months ahead. Your contributions to the Ministry's work have been invaluable, and I am deeply grateful for your unwavering dedication and service.

Together, we can continue to forge a brighter future for Trinidad and Tobago—one built on the pillars of collaboration, compassion, and resilience. May the spirit of unity and progress guide us all as we embark on this journey into a promising new year. **May you and your families have a prosperous New Year.**

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