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**AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY
OF
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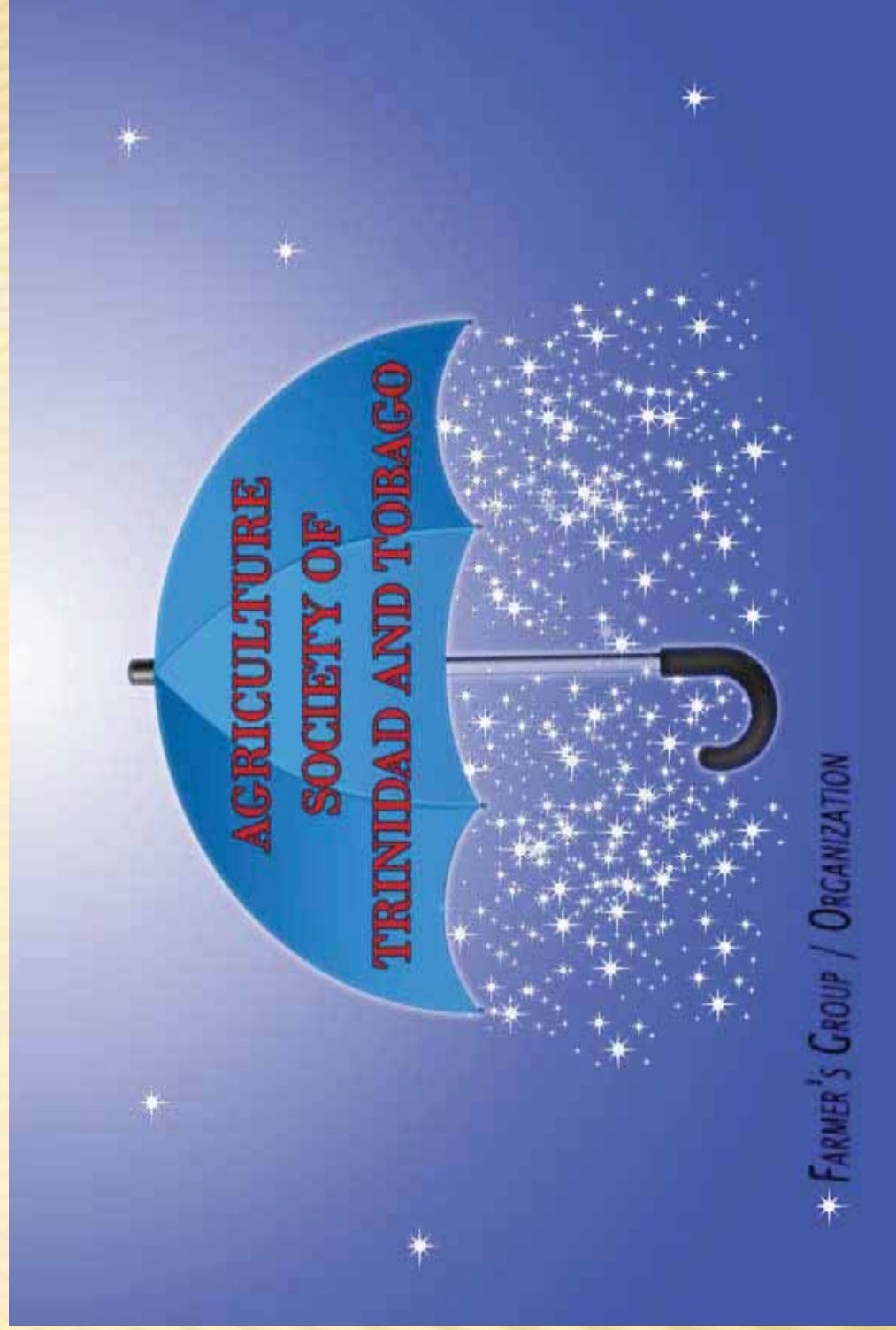
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OUR PURPOSE

- ❖ To collaborate with the Government and all institutions to influence policies for the development of a sustainable agriculture sector for our country and all its people.
- ❖ To represent the farming community advocating for the enhancement and development of the agriculture sector in Trinidad and Tobago.

UMBRELLA



FARMERS ASSOCIATION: TABLELAND PINEAPPLE FARMERS ASSOCIATION



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RIO CLARO FARMERS ASSOCIATION



PROGRESSIVE BON AIR EAST FARMERS ASSOCIATION



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MINISTRY OF FOOD PRODUCTION FOOD ACTION PLAN

Aligning the framework to achieve the production targets within this plan



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FARMERS VOICE IN THE NATIONAL BUDGET



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The Ministry of Food Production engaged themselves in talks with the Agricultural Society of Trinidad and Tobago in order to resolve the protesting of farmers. The outcome was successful. Some farmers were compensated for their crops that was lost and others were awarded land to continue their cultivation.

TRACTOR POOL SERVICE



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❖ **Groups benefitting from the distribution of tractors:-**

Orangre Grove Farmers Association

Maloney Farmers Association

Bon Air East Farmers Association

Aranguez Farmers Association

Green Thumb Farmers Association and Environs

DISTRIBUTION OF SEVEN HAND TRACTORS

- ❖ After negotiations with the Ministry of Food Production, a total of seven (7) hand tractors was given to the Agricultural Society of Trinidad and Tobago.
- ❖ These hand tractors was distributed to farmers groups throughout the regions of Trinidad and is being managed by the Agricultural Society of Trinidad and Tobago to ensure that farmers in those areas are benefitting from the tractors.

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STRATEGIC INTERVENTION: ACCESS TO FINANCING

- ✘ The Agricultural Development Bank in partnership with the Agricultural Society of Trinidad and Tobago implemented the Reaping Opportunities Loan (ROL) in order to assist farmers who are less fortunate.
- ✘ The ceiling of this loan is fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00)

**ASTT'S CONSULTATION WITH AGRICULTURAL
DEVELOPMENT BANK TO REDUCE
INTEREST RATES FOR FARMERS.**



AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT BANK: MOBILE BANKING FACILITY



INFRASTRUCTURE: ACCESS ROADS



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- ❖ The Agricultural Society of Trinidad and Tobago fixed three roads in Lightbourne, Gasparillo at a cost of seventeen thousand dollars (\$17,000.00) for the fiscal 2012.
- ❖ The roads that were fixed in the area are as follows:-
Kajansingh Trace
Hoseine Trace
Sahadat Trace
- ❖ Farmers groups that benefitted from this project:-
Lightbourne/ Gasparillo Farmers Association

INFRASTRUCTURE: ACCESS ROADS



WATER FOR AGRICULTURE



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- ✘ With the implementation of the pump at Plum Mitan, over three hundred farmers are benefitting.
- ✘ Farmers are stating that that they are now receiving a vast amount of income with the implementation of the pump at Plum Mitan.
- ✘ Types of crops that farmers are planting in that area are cucumbers, watermelons, pimentos, tomatoes, hot peppers, bodi and ochros.

CLEARING AND DESILTING OF IRRIGATION CHANNELS IN FELICITY, TRINIDAD

- ❖ **The Agricultural Society of Trinidad and Tobago cleaned and desilted clogged irrigation channels at the Felicity Food Crop Project.**
- ❖ **This benefitted approximately 300 farmers cultivating 500 acres of lands.**

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ASTT'S DRIVE IN POVERTY REDUCTION AND PROMOTING SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT



ASTT'S INTERVENTION TO ELIMINATE SOCIAL BARRIERS IN PROMOTING HOLISTIC DEVELOPMENT



VISION

- ❖ To continue to strengthen the Agricultural Society of Trinidad and Tobago to produce more locally grown foods and making it more available and affordable to all people.
- ❖ To position the ASTT as the flagship for agriculture in Trinidad and Tobago.
- ❖ To improve the economic well being of our farmers and their families.
- ❖ To reposition Trinidad and Tobago as a food basket of the region.

THANK YOU!

