Agricultural Society of Trinidad and Tobago

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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.
Aligning the framework to achieve the production targets within this plan
STRONG ADVOCACY
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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.
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
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 were 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.
DISTRIBUTION OF HAND 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 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.
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!