



## THE NATIONAL GAS COMPANY OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO LIMITED

### Media Release

#### NGC partners with YTEPP for youth vocational skills training

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NGC has fostered a relationship with the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service (TTPS) since its adoption of Police Youth Clubs (PYCs) in 2013. With youth empowerment and development being a major focal point of NGC's CSR portfolio, the Company determined that the PYCs were a perfect fit for support, on account of the important work being done by the Clubs to expose our youth, especially in disadvantaged communities, to positive influences and avenues for growth. The indisputable link between youth advancement and national development makes this partnership a solid investment in the country's future.

On July 11th, 2019 this partnership was strengthened when NGC signed a contract with Youth Training and Employment Partnership Programme (YTEPP) Limited for the sponsorship of a vocational skills training programme for members of the five NGC-sponsored Police Youth Clubs, which are Couva, Penal, La Brea, Laventille Road and Mayaro. This realignment of NGC's support of PYC's represents a considerable change in focus of NGC support and allows for an enhancement of the programme to encourage sustainability. The programme will run for the July-August vacation period, and will see approximately 150 PYC members, ranging from ages from 12 to 25 years of age, registered for various YTEPP vocational skills training programmes.

The current intervention places focus on the possible future career opportunities for the young persons who are the members of these youth clubs. It also provides a skilled workforce to a society where there is a lack of professional tradesmen/women. It is envisioned that this programme can provide these young persons with the skills required to explore entrepreneurial opportunities as a means toward generating income sustainably.

The programme is both practical and interactive, with relevant handouts designed to ensure the desired learning outcomes are achieved. A life skill component is built in as an essential addition to guide the attitudinal development of the participants. The programmes selected by the PYCs are an introduction to electrical installation, electronics for beginners, barbering, hair braiding and weaving.

NGC sees its sponsorship of PYCs as an integral part of its Corporate Social Responsibility commitment toward Empowerment and Youth Development. According to NGC President, Mr. Mark Loquan, *"NGC places an emphasis on the youth of our nation as they are the ones to develop*

*and carry our nation forward. By ensuring their future sustainability via avenues such as these, we are building a solid foundation for our upcoming leaders.”*

Present at the event were ACP Patsy Joseph, TTPS Community Relations; Ms. Thora Best, Chairman YTEPP; Mrs. Donna Scoon-Moses, CEO (Ag.) YTEPP; Mr. Mark Loquan, President of NGC, and other representatives of all three organizations.

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