



BUDGET 2026 - AT A GLANCE

PUTTING PEOPLE FIRST

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Address to the Nation on December 17, 2025

Fellow Guyanese: with the renewed and expanded mandate of the people bestowed upon me and the People's Progressive Party/Civic in the recently concluded elections of 1st September 2025, I come before you today with a solemn purpose — to share our vision and our plans that will guide our nation over the next five years, building on the historic achievements of the past five years.

For us the people come first, always.

It is this guiding principle — putting people at the centre of every decision — that shapes the economic blueprint. Every policy, every initiative, every programme, every project flows from the simple yet profound question: how does this improve your lives — the citizens of Guyana?

That vision is bold and is grounded in service. It is a vision of a Guyana that works for its people. A Guyana where opportunity is the birthright of every citizen. A Guyana where our vast resources are the lifeblood of dignity, of hope, and of shared prosperity. A Guyana where Guyanese could work, live and retire in communities that are safe, clean, and have adequate and comfortable amenities, where children can run free.

But vision without action is only words. That is why we are moving with urgency and resolve — turning plans into projects, promises into performance, and hope into reality — delivering tangible results to the Guyanese people now, for the next five years, and beyond.

Together, we will build a Guyana that rises — not for a few, but for all. A Guyana that stands tall in the region and the world. A Guyana where the future is not feared, but firmly and proudly claimed. A Guyana which ensures that every Guyanese carries a positive premium the world over, and where all Guyanese prefer to live, work, earn, save, and retire, all in dignity, comfort, and pride.



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*Budget Presentation to the National Assembly on
January 26, 2026*

Budget 2026 is the first budget being presented by this People's Progressive Party/Civic (PPP/C) Government, under the distinguished leadership of His Excellency the President, since our landslide victory at the September 1, 2025 general and regional elections. In those elections, we secured 36 seats in this Honourable House, giving us a seven-seat majority, the largest majority won by any party since we won a similar majority 20 years ago.

Budget 2026 also comes against the background of the inspiring and unifying Inaugural Address delivered by His Excellency the President on September 7, 2025, as well as the bold and visionary Presidential Address delivered on December 17, 2025.

It is apposite to note that Budget 2026 comes just four months before Guyana celebrates its 60th independence anniversary. In this milestone year, Guyana can validly and proudly claim to be globally respected, politically mature, and economically strong as a country. We – all Guyanese – have a duty to jealously and unapologetically guard and protect these strengths which were not easily won and should never be trifled with or taken for granted. Our Government's intention is to do just this – to diligently defend these gains we have made as a country, to further consolidate and build upon them and, most importantly, to leverage them to the benefit of all of the Guyanese People. This we will do throughout 2026 aided by Budget 2026, and this we will continue to do over the next five years and far beyond.

Budget 2026 lays the basis for continued strong economic growth, further rapid advances in our country's transformation. Within this context, government's entire policy agenda focuses on improving the lives of the and creating opportunities for the Guyanese People. With this in mind, Budget 2026 is presented under the theme: **Putting People First.**



BUDGET 2026

AMOUNTS TO

\$1.558 TRILLION

12.7 PERCENT LARGER THAN BUDGET 2025

THE LARGEST BUDGET EVER

FULLY FINANCED WITH NO NEW TAXES

2026 KEY MEASURES

a. PROMOTING PRODUCTIVE ACTIVITY AND ECONOMIC DIVERSIFICATION



i. Special Development Zones

Government will designate a number of areas as Special Development Zones that will benefit from targeted fiscal incentives. This approach is intended to incentivise higher levels of private investments in strategic locations.

ii. Agriculture and Agro-Processing

Government will remove the corporate taxes on agriculture and agro-processing businesses. This will increase retained earnings and enable greater investments to boost production and productivity.

iii. Revise Export Allowance

Government will expand the list of products eligible for export allowance to include timber value added products. This will enhance the competitiveness of qualifying exporters and lower their effective costs by reducing their tax payable, thereby allowing them to price their goods more competitively in international markets.

iv. Removal of VAT on Locally Made Furniture

Government will remove VAT on locally made furniture including doors, moulding, and beds, to increase competitiveness of the forestry sector, lower cost of construction, and support our local manufacturers.

2026 KEY MEASURES

v. Removal of VAT on Locally Produced Jewellery

Government will extend its support to the local jewellery subsector by removing VAT levied on locally manufactured jewellery.

vi. Removal of Residency Requirements for Destination Weddings

Government will remove the 14 days residency requirement for destination weddings. This measure is expected to expand tourism-related economic activity to the benefit of the hospitality industry.

vii. Removal of Duty and VAT on Security Equipment

Government will remove duty and VAT on security equipment including security cameras and alarm systems, in alignment with its agenda of building safer communities and augmenting national efforts to combat crimes.

b. FINANCIAL EMPOWERMENT

i. Establishment of Guyana Development Bank

Budget 2026 allocates US\$100 million to be injected into the Guyana Development Bank. This institution will provide SMEs, young entrepreneurs, women, and persons living with disabilities, with access up to \$3 million in micro-credit loans at zero interest, with zero collateral requirement for targeted investments in specified sectors.

Additionally, Government will embrace a co-investment model, effectively sharing the financial risks, providing support so that SMEs may be able to access up to an additional \$7 million at preferential interest rates from participating commercial banks. Government will extend to the commercial banks similar fiscal concessions as are granted for low-income housing.

2026 KEY MEASURES

c. REDUCING THE COST OF HOME OWNERSHIP



i. Increase in Low-Income Mortgage Ceiling

Government will increase the low-income mortgage ceiling from \$20 million to \$30 million, which will make housing loans at commercial bank more affordable to borrowers.

ii. Extend Low-Income Mortgage Ceiling Window to Insurance Companies

Extend a low-income mortgage ceiling window of \$30 million to approved insurance companies that offer housing loans under similar arrangements that apply to commercial banks.

iii. Housing Improvement Subsidy

Government will provide \$7.5 billion to support households to upgrade their homes.

d. REDUCING THE COST OF VEHICLE OWNERSHIP AND HINTERLAND TRANSPORT

i. Double-Cab Pick-Ups

Government will introduce a flat tax of:

- a. \$2 million on double-cab pick-ups less than 2,000 cc, irrespective of age.
- b. \$3 million on double-cab pick-ups between 2,000 cc and 2,500 cc, irrespective of age.

2026 KEY MEASURES

ii. Removal of VAT on Vehicles below 1500 cc

Government will remove VAT on new vehicles below 1500 cc (new refers to vehicles less than four years old), to reduce the cost of importing such a vehicle.

iii. Hybrid Motor Vehicles

Government will remove VAT on hybrid motor vehicles below 2000 cc. This measure is a further reflection of Government's commitment towards low-carbon development and intended to support the gradual shift towards more environmentally friendly transportation alternatives.

iv. All Terrain Vehicles

Government will remove all import duties and taxes on ATVs for all categories.

v. Outboard Engines

Government will be eliminating all taxes and duties for outboard engines up to 150 horsepower, in efforts to reduce the cost of transportation within hinterland and riverain communities,



2026 KEY MEASURES

e. EASING THE COST OF LIVING

i. Containing the Cost of Fuel

Government will continue to maintain a zero percent excise tax on petroleum products as a safeguard against the volatility of global energy markets and as a means to mitigate the transmission of high fuel prices to citizens.

ii. Reduction in Freight Charges

Government will extend once again the application of freight cost adjustment for a further 12-month period from January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2026, at an estimated annual cost of \$6 billion.

iii. Other Cost of Living Measures

In 2026, Government will set aside \$9 billion to further ease cost of living pressures, ensuring that our interventions remain responsive to the needs of all Guyanese.

f. SUPPORTING THE VULNERABLE

i. Because We Care Student Grant

Government will further increase of the BWC Grant to \$60,000 to the benefit 206,000 children in public and private schools, placing an additional \$2 billion into households with school children. This will result in an estimated \$12.4 billion being transferred to parents under the BWC programme.

ii. Introduction of Annual Transportation Support Grant for School Children

Government will be introducing an annual Transportation Support Grant amounting to \$20,000 per child and totalling \$4.1 billion of additional disposable income to parents.

As a result, the BWC grant of \$60,000, the uniform voucher allowance of \$5,000, and the Annual Transportation Grant of \$20,000 will aggregate to a total transfer of \$85,000 per child, amounting to \$17.5 billion for the year.

2026 KEY MEASURES

iii. Support for Caribbean Examinations

Government will maintain the policy of paying for up to eight CSEC and CAPE subjects per child in public and private schools. This intervention will benefit almost 14,000 students, increasing disposable income of parents by over \$850 million.

iv. Increase in Old Age Pension

With effect from January 1, 2026, OAP will be increased from \$41,000 to \$46,000 per month. Approximately 95,000 pensioners will benefit from this increase, with an additional \$5.7 billion of disposable income available to them. This would bring to the total annual old age pension payment to over \$52 billion this year.

v. Introduction of Annual Transportation Support Grant for OAP Pensioners

Government will introduce an annual Transportation Support Grant of \$20,000 to every OAP pensioner, providing an additional injection of \$1.9 billion in support.

Together with the OAP Pension, these measures will see an annual transfer of over \$54 billion being paid to 95,000 pensioners.

vi. Increase in Public Assistance

With effect from January 1, 2026, public assistance will be further increased from \$22,000 to \$25,000 per month. This measure will benefit over 46,000 persons, placing an additional \$1.7 billion in their hands and providing critical support to some of our most vulnerable. The total public assistance payout for 2026 will amount to almost \$14 billion.



2026 KEY MEASURES

vii. Support for Elderly and Child Care Provision

Government will:

- a. Remove the corporate taxes on companies that provide child care and elderly care services.
- b. Provide \$1.5 billion to support co-investment in child and elderly care facilities on the condition that companies benefiting from the co-investment support agree on a specified rate for these services.

g. INCREASING DISPOSABLE INCOME

i. Increase in Stipend for Workers

Pathway workers, Community Enhancement workers, Community Service Officers, and Community Policing Groups will benefit from an increase in stipend from \$40,000 to \$50,000 per month, with effect from January 1, 2026.

The adjustment in stipend for these workers will place an additional \$2.8 billion of additional disposable income in their hands and aggregate to an annual injection of \$14 billion.

ii. National Cash Grant

Citizens aged 18 and older will once again benefit from a National Cash Grant of \$100,000 in 2026. Once completed, a total of over \$60 billion is expected to be transferred to Guyanese citizens.

ii. Net Property Tax on Individuals

Government will remove the net property tax on individuals, which will increase the disposable income of these persons by over \$1.4 billion. This measure is applicable from year of assessment 2026.

iii. Income Tax Threshold

Increase in the threshold from \$130,000 to \$140,000 monthly, with effect from year of income 2026. This will result in the removal of 5,000 persons from the tax net whilst adding over \$2 billion in disposable income to workers.

MACROECONOMIC HIGHLIGHTS



1. 2026 REAL GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

- Overall growth is projected to be **16.2 percent** for 2026.
- Growth in the non-oil economy is projected to be **10.8 percent** for 2026.

2. AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, AND FISHING

The agriculture, forestry, and fishing sector is projected to grow by **7.6 percent** this year, with expansion expected across all subsectors.

- The sugar growing subsector is projected to expand by **67.9 percent**.
- The rice growing subsector is expected to grow by **1.8 percent**.
- The other crops subsector is projected to grow by **9.8 percent**.
- The livestock subsector is projected to expand by **2.6 percent**.
- The forestry subsector is projected to grow further this year by **7.6 percent**.
- The fishing subsector is projected to expand by **2 percent**.

MACROECONOMIC HIGHLIGHTS



3. EXTRACTIVE INDUSTRIES

The mining and quarrying sector is projected to grow by **17.6 percent** in 2026.

- The oil and gas sector is projected to expand by **17.9 percent**.
- The gold and bauxite mining subsectors are expected to expand by **5.4 percent** and **19.3 percent**, respectively.
- Other mining and quarrying subsector is projected to grow by **10.3 percent**.

4. MANUFACTURING

Growth in the manufacturing sector is projected at **12.9 percent** in 2026.

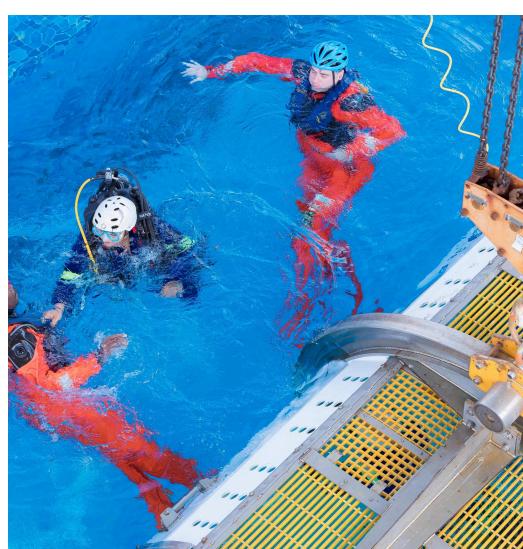
- **67.9 percent** growth in sugar manufacturing.
- **2.6 percent** growth in rice manufacturing.
- **13.5 percent** growth in other manufacturing.

5. CONSTRUCTION

The construction sector is projected to grow by **25.4 percent** in 2026.

6. SERVICES

The services sector is projected to grow by **6.8 percent** in 2026.



EDUCATION

\$183.6 billion is allocated to support Government's interventions in the education sector. These include:

- ▶ **\$24.3 billion** earmarked for the completion of more than 40 new schools including Falls Top and Kanapang nursery schools, Cracrana and Diamond No. 2 primary schools, as well as Karaudarnau and Kwebanna secondary schools, alongside the continuous rehabilitation and maintenance of existing schools.
- ▶ Advance works on student dormitories at Jawalla, North West, Port Kaituma, Santa Rosa and Waramadong.
- ▶ Improve the number of specialist trained teachers at CPCE in mathematics, science and music.
- ▶ **\$2.3 billion** budgeted to replenish textbooks, workbooks and reading materials across all levels.
- ▶ **\$3.1 billion** allocated to continue the distribution of school grants in 2026.
- ▶ **\$176.1 million** allocated to continue operations of the Guyana Digital School and it is expected that all grades at the secondary level will have access to the school by March 2026.
- ▶ **\$7 billion** allocated to continue the school feeding programme.
- ▶ Continue to implement the Education Management Information System to improve administrative systems.
- ▶ **\$14.5 billion** to finance the ongoing and expanded operations of UG.
- ▶ **\$5.8 billion** to provide more scholarships through the Guyana Online Academy of Learning.
- ▶ **\$100 million** budgeted to begin construction of a practical instructional centre at Mahdia.
- ▶ **\$723.1 million** allocated to train over 2,000 more persons in areas such as electrical installation, welding and fabrication, plumbing and furniture making.
- ▶ **\$2.5 billion** allocated to expand access to TVET.



HEALTH

\$161.1 billion is budgeted to propel Guyana's healthcare system into a new age of modernisation and technological advancement. These include:

- ▶ **\$24 billion** budgeted to advance construction on the Paediatric and Maternity Hospital and six regional hospitals in Moruca, West Demerara, New Amsterdam, Bartica, Kato and Lethem.
- ▶ **\$1.5 billion** budgeted to upgrade the GPHC and complete polyclinics at Campbellville and Industry, along with other critical infrastructure upgrades.
- ▶ **\$12.6 billion** budgeted to construct, retrofit and maintain other health facilities.
- ▶ **\$1.1 billion** allocated to constructing the National Neurological Rehabilitation Centre and a modern oncology centre.
- ▶ **\$3.1 billion** allocated to expand and upgrade, where needed, the fleet of medical equipment.
- ▶ Construct five regional distribution centres in Mabaruma, Onderneeming, Williamsburg, Lethem and Bamia.
- ▶ **\$34.9 billion** budgeted for the supply and delivery of drugs and medical supplies.
- ▶ **\$764 million** to fully implement the national electronic health records system at GPHC.
- ▶ **\$1 billion** budgeted to advance works for the two health sciences training complexes and their accompanying dormitories in Suddie and New Amsterdam.
- ▶ Train an additional 162 doctors to specialize in various fields including neurosurgery, urology, and anaesthesia and intensive care, as well an additional 5,440 persons in the areas of nursing and allied health professionals

- ▶ Expand initiatives to reduce the incidence of diabetes, hypertension and cancers through preventative programmes and digital surveillance systems.
- ▶ Expand the public dialysis programme and make available dialysis units for the first time at several regional hospitals.
- ▶ Continue to upscale the HEARTS protocol to reach more than 400 facilities.
- ▶ Continue to roll out basic medical screening on additional students, and include an expanded pre-school child health screening for autism.
- ▶ **\$3.7 million** budgeted to operationalise a new Guyana Medical Emergency Authority.



HOUSING

\$159.1 billion is allocated to support Government's developments in the housing sector. These include:

- ▶ Continue the development of new and existing housing areas including Moleson Creek, Hogstye, Providence, Overwinning, Experiment, De Endragt, Chateau Margot, Le Ressouvenir, Wales, Hoff–Van–Aurich, Onderneeming, Mabaruma, Bartica, Silica City, Wismar, Kwakwani and Lethem.
- ▶ **Allocate 15,000 house lots** across all income categories in areas such as Moleson Creek, Providence, Vryheid's Lust, Leonora and Charity.
- ▶ **Facilitate the construction of a further 8,000 homes** in areas such as Moleson Creek, Overwinning, Providence, Better Hope, Montrose, Vryheid's Lust, Groenveldt, Leonora and Charity.
- ▶ **Issue over 7,000 titles and transports** which allows property owners to use the titles/transport as collateral for mortgage loans and provide security of tenure.
- ▶ Continue works on Silica City to ensure that it reflects Government's sustainable approach to modern housing development.
- ▶ **\$8 billion** budgeted to construct concrete interlock drains along the concrete roads already constructed in villages countrywide.
- ▶ Develop new and improved recreational facilities and green spaces.
- ▶ Install community street lighting in main access roads, major junctions, and heavy traffic areas, in the first instance, and further roll these out in the communities.
- ▶ Develop designated mini-industrial areas for certain categories of business to be located in order to reduce noise and dust pollution in heavily populated areas.

WATER

\$21.6 billion is budgeted to progress on improvements across the water sector.

Access to Potable Water

- ▶ Advance works on several new wells including Westminster, Yarrowkabra, and No. 56 Village benefiting over 81,000 residents.
- ▶ **\$1.5 billion** budgeted to provide access to water to over 37,000 hinterland residents through key interventions such as:
 - ▶ Construction of new wells and water distribution systems at areas including Port Kaituma, Mabaruma, Bethany, Sand Hills, Batavia, Mora Camp, Campbelltown, Mahdia, Kumu and Shea.
 - ▶ Deploying solar PV systems to enhance reliability and reduce operating costs at Baramita, Waramuri, Kwebenna and Jawalla, among other areas.
 - ▶ Procure and install electromechanical components and critical spares to ensure operational reliability and long-term sustainability of existing systems.

Water Quality and Service

\$8.2 billion is budgeted to increase treated water coverage countrywide.

- ▶ Advance works on the 24 million litres per day (mld) capacity surface water treatment plant at Hope to benefit over 35,000 residents in the Cane Grove to Cove and John corridor.
- ▶ Commence construction of a second 26 mld surface water treatment plant at Diamond to service over 36,000 residents on the EBD corridor.
- ▶ Upgrade Shelterbelt to improve the water treatment capacity from 45 to 65 mld to serve the Greater Georgetown community, benefiting over 60,000 residents upon completion.

SANITATION AND SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT

\$7.9 billion is budgeted to pursue a comprehensive approach to solid waste management with a particular focus on strengthening local level management.

- ▶ Construct access roads and landfill facilities in Zorg-En-Vlygt, Laurentia Catherina, Lusignan, Zorg-en-Hoop, Manarabisi, 10 Miles, Bon Success and Mabura/Rockstone.
- ▶ Deploy compactor trucks and bins and advance procurement on additional waste management equipment.
- ▶ Continue the national solid waste clean-up programme, including the waste recycling and separation initiative aimed at sustainable waste processing practices.





AMERINDIAN AND HINTERLAND DEVELOPMENT

\$7.5 billion is earmarked in 2026 to continue to support Amerindian Communities.

- ▶ **\$400 million** budgeted to further advance the land titling programme.
- ▶ **\$5 billion** budgeted to continue support to our Amerindian communities through the Amerindian Development Fund and Presidential Grants.
- ▶ **\$1.9 billion** budgeted to continue the CSO programme.
- ▶ **\$133.8 million** budgeted under the Hinterland Scholarship Programme to benefit over 800 students.
- ▶ **Continue** the GOAL scholarship programme for hinterland students.
- ▶ **Continue** to ramp up the construction of schools at all levels, health centres, wells, and water distribution systems across the hinterland.
- ▶ **Continue** to support Amerindian Heritage celebrations.

CHILDREN, WOMEN AND ELDERLY

\$78.3 billion is allocated to support targeted interventions in social services for our children, women and senior citizens, as well as for persons living with disabilities.

Government will continue to provide **childcare** support and services as follows:

- ▶ Complete the construction of day and night care centre at Providence.
- ▶ **\$300 million** budgeted to commence construction of four additional day and night care centres in Regions 2, 5, 6 and 10.
- ▶ Co-invest with qualified private individuals to provide childcare services.
- ▶ Continue the one-off cash grant for newborns.
- ▶ Continue to train persons to provide basic and advanced childcare services.
- ▶ Invest in safe child-friendly spaces to promote recreational activities for families and communities.
- ▶ In relation to initiatives that will empower our **women**, Government will continue to expand ongoing initiatives in an effort to promote entrepreneurial opportunities and provide essential life skills.

Government will deliver more to the **senior citizens**:

- ▶ Expand home-based care services, increase access to healthcare through telemedicine and mobile health units for rural and underserved areas and virtual clinics.
- ▶ Construct a new senior citizen home and improve the quality of the care for the current residents of the Palms.
- ▶ Co-invest in elderly care facilities.



PERSONS LIVING WITH DISABILITIES

Government has long recognised the invaluable contributions that differently abled persons can make and has worked tirelessly to create a more caring and humane society by providing support to, and opportunities for PWDs to be empowered economically and financially to sustain themselves.

- ▶ **\$316.5 million** is budgeted to begin construction of the country's first school for the autistic at CPCE, SEN centres in every region, and a SEN Unit at Port Kaituma Primary.
- ▶ Provide skills training to more than 1,200 PWDs across multiple regions, and make available, entrepreneurial loans to more than 70 PWDs.
- ▶ Government will work with the private sector with a view to offer opportunities to PWDs to enter the workforce as a means of achieving full empowerment.

YOUTH AND SPORTS

Youth

\$1.2 billion is budgeted in 2026 to continue to support youth development. Initiatives include:

- ▶ Continue to expand the Youth Entrepreneurial and Skills Training programme to train approximately 350 participants to achieve CVQ certification.
- ▶ Expand the apprenticeship stipends and youth engagement activities to allow more young people to transition into the world of employment, entrepreneurship, leadership and national service.



Sport

\$6 billion is budgeted to continue our commitment to sports development, including **\$1.3 billion** to maintain and upgrade grounds across the country. Key initiatives include:

- ▶ Complete the Palmyra International Stadium, Anna Regina and McKenzie multipurpose sports facilities, and the New Amsterdam Synthetic Track.
- ▶ Advance works on the Good Hope Cricket Academy, a boxing facility at Angoy's Avenue, a chess facility at Providence Stadium, as well as multi-purpose halls across the country.
- ▶ Initiate construction of Guyana's first power lifting and high performance conditioning facility, as well as a cricket academy at Albion.
- ▶ Provide coaching and training for athletes in the hinterland, to help nurture and develop their talents.



LEVERAGING THE ORANGE ECONOMY

Guyana's rich and diverse cultural heritage has defined our identity as a people. It has shaped our beliefs, values and emotional connections to this country our home.

\$3.7 billion is budgeted in 2026 to further support development of the orange economy.

- ▶ **\$1.3 billion** budgeted to advance works on the state-of-the-art museum and art gallery as well as the Palmyra Cultural Market.
- ▶ Recording studios in Bayroc, Reliance and Uitvlugt, are expected to be completed this year.

AGRICULTURE AND FOOD SECURITY

Agriculture and food security sit at the centre of Guyana's economic strategy for resilience. In 2026, **\$113.2 billion** is budgeted to continue the development of the agriculture sector.



SUGAR

- ▶ **\$13.4 billion** is budgeted to continue to upgrade and support the sugar industry.

RICE

- ▶ **\$430 million** is budgeted to support the development of the rice industry.

OTHER CROPS

- ▶ **\$3.3 billion** is budgeted to support the other crops subsector.

Corn and Soya Bean

- ▶ Continue to support interventions for corn and soya bean with the aim of achieving production growth targets of 8.9 percent and 22.3 percent, respectively.

Coconuts

\$195 million is budgeted to support initiatives in the sector.

- ▶ Construct a state-of-the art, industrial facility for the processing of coconut waste and promote value added coconut products and by-products.
- ▶ Expand cultivation by 5,000 acres and distribute high-yielding coconut seedlings.

Spices

- ▶ Continue to support the expansion of cultivation, distribute planting materials and train farmers to further expand the production and reduce imports.

Citrus

- ▶ Continue interventions in horticulture propagation of mixed orchard saplings, including citrus, passion fruit, soursop, cherries, guava and pineapple.
- ▶ Continue training for farmers in horticulture cultivation and management.

High-Value Crops

- ▶ Continue construction of additional shade houses and provision of planting materials for cultivation of crops such as cauliflower, broccoli, onion, bell pepper, coffee, cocoa and roses.



AGRO-PROCESSING

\$745 million is budgeted to implement government's plans for agro-processing.

- ▶ Commence works an agro-processing facility at Parika, and a fruit pulping hub at Lethem.
- ▶ Upgrade agro-processing facilities across the country in line with continued training of agro-processors and the promotion of local products.

LIVESTOCK

\$1.9 billion is budgeted in 2026 to continue the expansion of the livestock industry. Interventions include:

- ▶ Operationalise the incubators and hatcheries acquired in 2025.
- ▶ Distribute improved livestock breeds and other inputs to farmers.
- ▶ Install equipment at the modular duck processing facility to ensure improved quality poultry meat.
- ▶ Continue the development of the honey industry.



FISHERIES AND AQUACULTURE

\$1.5 billion is budgeted to continue the development of the fisheries sector. This includes:

- ▶ Complete the feed mill and shrimp hatchery.
- ▶ Install an additional 200 tracking devices on fishing vessels.
- ▶ Launch a digital seafood market platform allowing fisherfolk to connect directly with local and international buyers.

DRAINAGE AND IRRIGATION

\$81.9 billion is budgeted to advance works in drainage and irrigation.

- ▶ Continue to progress works on the Hope-like structures in Regions 5 and 6, and commence in Region 3.
- ▶ Complete works on eight pump stations in Regions 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6.

SUSTAINABLE TOURISM

Government has long recognised the economic potential of the tourism sector, and has been supporting the growth of the sector with a clear policy direction that will translate to more jobs and opportunities for persons in the sector. Key interventions for 2026 include:

- ▶ Open the new Hospitality and Tourism Institute which will have the capacity to train over 700 individuals.
- ▶ Host the State of the Industry Conference, a key Caribbean Tourism Organisation event, focused on the future innovation and sustainability of the sector in Guyana and the wider Caribbean.
- ▶ Position Guyana as a preferred destination for conferences, weddings and reunions, especially amongst the diaspora market.
- ▶ Continue ongoing discussions with other major carriers to expand airlift capacity in Guyana.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

\$100.3 billion is earmarked to further build out a modern, robust, well equipped and technology driven security sector.

Guyana Police Force

\$36.2 billion is budgeted to support the activities of the GPF in 2026.

- ▶ **\$3.6 billion** is budgeted to further enhance the infrastructural capacity of the GPF through the following initiatives:
 - ▶ **\$1.2 billion** budgeted to advance the construction of the Brickdam Police Station.
 - ▶ **\$475.7 million** budgeted to complete 11 additional police stations in Anna Regina, Bonasika, Leguan, Alberttown, Beterverwagting, East La Penitence, Sisters, Orealla, Ituni, Kwakkani and Mabura.
 - ▶ **\$139.8 million** allocated to advance works on a modern police training academy campus at Dora.
- ▶ **\$900 million** is budgeted to further expand the Force's transport capabilities.
- ▶ **\$5 billion** is earmarked for the continuation of the Safe Country Initiative.
- ▶ **\$245.8 million** is budgeted to continue to expand our community policing networks.
- ▶ **\$250 million** is allocated towards the training of 5,000 ranks.



Guyana Prison Service

\$6 billion is earmarked to continue the comprehensive transformation of the GPS in 2026.

- ▶ **\$1.5 billion** is allocated toward further upgrades to the prison infrastructure.
- ▶ **\$141.8 million** is budgeted to conduct comprehensive, advanced prison management and human rights training for 400 officers to ensure proficiencies aligned with the new correctional mandates, as well as train 1,500 inmates in various areas to facilitate their reintegration into society.



Guyana Fire Service

\$6.3 billion is earmarked for the GFS in 2026.

- ▶ **\$1.1 billion** budgeted for planned infrastructural investments including the completion and commissioning of seven additional fire stations in Onderneeming, Campbellville, Ruimveldt, Timehri, Mahaicony and Tarlogie, as well as the construction of the Rosignol and No. 38 Village fire stations and a Marine Fire Station in Port Georgetown.
- ▶ **\$1.6 billion** earmarked to procure additional firefighting equipment including two airport firefighting vehicles, four water tenders and two water bowsers.
- ▶ **\$250 million** budgeted for the procurement more hydrants.
- ▶ **\$50 million** allocated for training in basic and advanced firefighting techniques.

STRENGTHENING GOVERNANCE AND PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS

Governance

Government stands unwavering in its commitment to the principles of inclusivity, participatory governance, transparency and accountability.

- ▶ Government is committed to establishing a dedicated anti-corruption unit to help strengthen our institutional architecture for fighting corruption
- ▶ Expand the cohort for the International Human Rights Law Certificate Course which aims to strengthen the capacity of public officials, civil society actors, and private sector representatives to understand and apply human rights principles in governance, policymaking, and service delivery.
- ▶ Government will continue to implement recommendations and meet its obligations under the ratified treaties and conventions, building resilient institutions to strengthen the country's governance, anti-corruption, and human rights frameworks.

Strengthening the Justice System

Government will continue to take all the necessary and appropriate steps to ensure continuous strengthening of the justice sector through institutional reform, sustained investment, and digital transformation.

\$9.3 billion is budgeted to continue to finance the expansion and operations of the justice system.

Court Infrastructure Expansion

- ▶ In 2026, **\$2 billion** is budgeted to advance work at various courts including Timehri, La Parfaite Harmonie and Providence Magistrate's Court, further widening access to justice countrywide.

PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

Revenue Management - Digital Solutions

- ▶ By March 2026, all taxpayers will be able to apply for compliances online, reducing the need to go to GRA offices.
- ▶ By July 2026, all licences for drivers, businesses and motor vehicles will be printed at regional offices, removing the need for persons to visit the GRA Headquarters.

Procurement

- ▶ **\$145.2 million** is budgeted to support NPTAB's strengthening

Data Systems Strengthening

The Bureau of Statistics presented the Preliminary Census Results for our 2022 National Population and Housing Census early January 2026.

The results revealed a nation in the midst of an unprecedented demographic resurgence. Guyana recorded its highest annual growth rate in four decades, reaching a population of 878,674 by September 2022. This momentum has continued, and based on administrative data, our population is estimated to have reached 956,044 by the end of 2024. It is now estimated that we have crossed the million person mark, with an estimated population of 1,025,334 people at the end of 2025.

PRELIMINARY RESULTS OF THE NATIONAL POPULATION & HOUSING CENSUS 2022				
Population 878,674 (as at September 15, 2022) 956,044 at the end of 2024	Households 271,946	Average Household size 3.23 PERSONS PER HOUSEHOLD	Population Density 4.09 persons per square kilometre	Buildings 311,742
Sex				Local and Foreign-Born Populations
 50.18% 440,882 49.82% 437,792 Sex ratio= 101 males to 100 females				Guyana's local population represented 96.93% of the resident population, while the foreign-born represented 3.07%. This compares to 98.90% and 1.10% in 2012 respectively.
		2012	2022	
	LOCAL	98.90%	96.93%	
	FOREIGN BORN	1.10%	3.07%	

DIGITALISATION AND DECENTRALISATION

In 2026, several initiatives will be advanced towards the realisation of Digital Guyana to ensure client and user experience with Government agencies is both timely and responsive. Notable among these are:

- ▶ GovConnect app which will offer online scheduling of appointments and queue management to reduce waiting times. Users will be guided through the appointment and once completed will be able to provide feedback on service quality and satisfaction via the mobile app.
- ▶ Citizen Connect App will allow the public to submit complaints or concerns to Government while ensuring accountability in the resolution towards satisfaction of our citizens and is on schedule to be launched later this month.
- ▶ AskGov, a 24/7 AI assistant will answer questions and guide users through government transactions.
- ▶ Government will develop a MyGuyana Citizen Portal as a whole-of-government single central gateway allowing every citizen to access government services. The portal in conjunction with the eID card system will enable an efficient citizen-centered interaction.
- ▶ Government will continue to roll out additional Integrated Service Centres (ISC) to other regions of the country. The ISC will offer eID, passport, tax administration and general registry services in a one stop shop experience.

STRENGTHENING LOCAL GOVERNMENT

- ▶ **\$2 billion** is budgeted to commence rebuilding of Stabroek and Bourda markets.
- ▶ **\$1.9 billion** is budgeted to upgrade and modernise municipal and local community markets to well established commercial centres and develop designated vending zones to provide safe and pleasant shopping experience for shoppers.
- ▶ **\$550 million** is budgeted to construct 12 additional LDO buildings.
- ▶ **\$2.8 billion** is budgeted to provide subvention to all LDOs.
- ▶ **\$13.6 billion** is budgeted to continue local level environmental and capacity support through the Community Enhancement Workers Programme and the National Pathway Workers Project.
- ▶ Government will fully operationalise the citizens' help desk to improve timely service delivery, through effective assistance in accessing basic government services.
- ▶ Government will provide further capacity building support and training for LDOs nationwide.



TRANSFORMATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE

ENERGY EXPANSION AND DIVERSIFICATION

\$119.4 billion is allocated for the continued implementation of Government's energy strategy.

- ▶ **\$10.7 billion** budgeted for the GtE project
- ▶ Continue activities to advance the second phase of development at Wales, which envisions an additional 300 MW power plant and NGL facility.
- ▶ Continue works to advance the development of a second natural gas pipeline to Berbice.
- ▶ **\$66.2 billion** budgeted to upgrade the transmission and distribution network.
- ▶ Improve power management by operationalising a full-scale smart grid, implementing advanced metering infrastructure, and increasing technical capacity.
- ▶ Continue to upgrade the distribution networks in Mabaruma, Matthew's Ridge and Port Kaituma to the benefit of over 2,600 households and businesses.

RENEWABLE ENERGY INTERVENTIONS

The sum of **\$6 billion** is budgeted for renewable energy interventions, including

- ▶ Install an additional 100 MW of solar power.
- ▶ Complete works on the **installation of 10 new solar mini-grids** to benefit over 6,200 households in hinterland and riverain communities.
- ▶ Continue works on the construction of the 15 MW solar farm in Linden.
- ▶ Resuscitating Amaila Falls Hydropower Project.

TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE

Roads and Bridges

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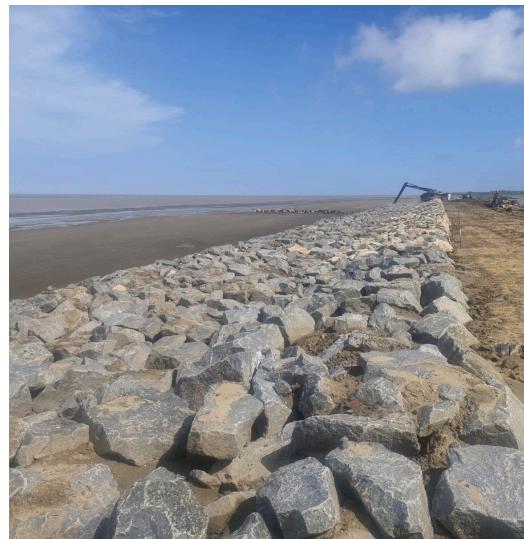
- ▶ **\$6.1 billion** to continue the Railway Embankment four lane highway from Sheriff Street to Orange Nassau, and onwards to the Mahaica River Bridge. The next phase of this project will extend the four -lane highway from Mahaica to D'Edward, which is expected to commence in 2026.
- ▶ **\$13 billion** to continue the Ogle to Eccles Highway onwards to Providence and then to Diamond to provide additional access to EBD and the BJDRB.
- ▶ **\$28.6 billion** to continue the Heroes Highway from Buzz Bee Dam to Land of Canaan.
- ▶ **\$8.4 billion** to continue the upgrade of the Good Success to Timehri Road on the EBD.
- ▶ **\$13.1 billion** to continue the Soesdyke to Linden Highway.
- ▶ **\$10.4 billion** to continue the Linden to Mabura Hill Road.
- ▶ **\$7.6 billion** to continue the Mabura Hill to Kurupukuri Road.
- ▶ **\$15.1 billion** to advance construction of the Palmyra to Moleson Creek four lane highway.
- ▶ **\$6.5 billion** to advance the Parika to Goshen route and the Sand Hills to Makouria link.
- ▶ **\$12.2 billion** to construct new bridges at Berbice and Kurupukari, complete the Wismar bridge and continue engagement with Suriname counterparts for the construction of the Corentyne River Bridge.

- ▶ **\$40.2 billion** to continue to construct, rehabilitate and maintain community roads and drains.
- ▶ **\$10 billion** to commence works on hinterland roads in areas such as Achiwib, Central Rupununi, Kaburi, Karisparu, Rupertee and Shea.



Key interventions to improve road safety include:

- ▶ **\$382.9 million** to roll out a fully automated speed ticketing system as part of a broader Safe Road Intelligent System that uses advanced cameras and radar speed signs to allow for real time offence detection and automated issuance of penalties.
- ▶ Installing 8,000 auto control speed regulators on trucks to limit their speed.
- ▶ Developing dedicated parking facilities for large vehicles, with an initial facility in Grove to accommodate over 390 trucks, in efforts to confront the longstanding challenge of heavy-duty trucks parking along public roadways.
- ▶ Government will continue to establish additional testing sites and strengthen the legislative and regulatory framework to enforce the established maximum weight limit of 15-ton per axle limit on trucks.



Air Transport

- ▶ **\$3.2 billion** allocated to advance works on the new 150,000 square foot arrival terminal building at CJIA.
- ▶ Embark on the construction of two new municipal airports at Rose Hall/Canje and Lethem.
- ▶ **\$4 billion** to complete works on Ekereku Bottom, Jawalla, Kaikan and Matthew's Ridge airstrips, and commence works on other airstrips including Mahdia, Linden and Mabaruma.
- ▶ Facilitate the establishment of an aviation school to equip Guyanese and persons from the Caribbean with the full range of aviation skills including certified training of pilots, engineers, inspectors, air traffic control officers and other aviation related expertise.

River Transport

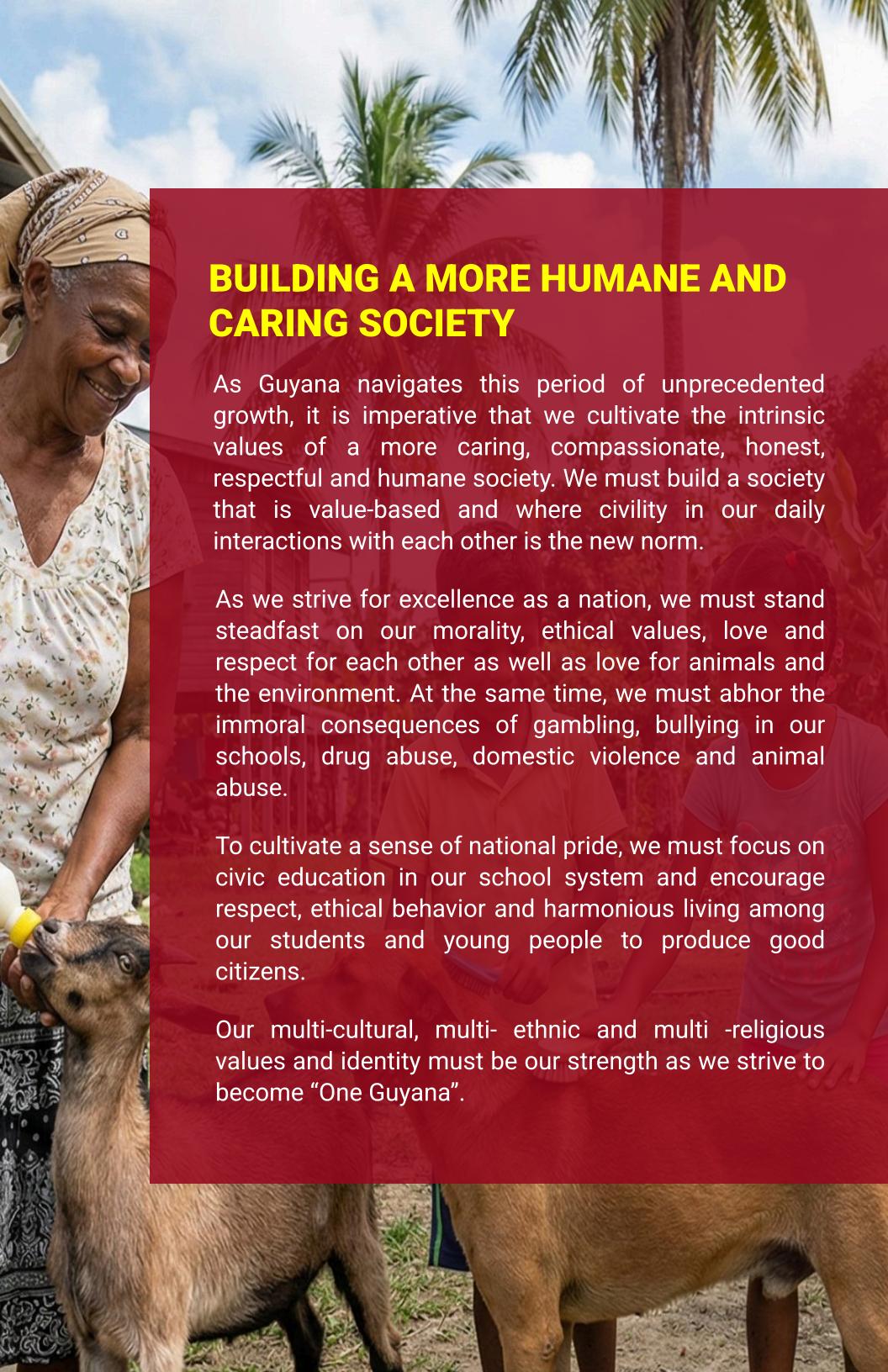
\$11.2 billion is budgeted to further develop the river transport sector.

- ▶ **\$2.2 billion** budgeted to advance the construction of the New Parika Ferry stelling and waterfront development project.
- ▶ **\$6.3 billion** allocated to advance dredging activities at the mouth of the Demerara River.

Sea and River Defence

\$11.3 billion is budgeted for development and reinforcement of our sea defences.

- ▶ Works will continue to strengthen resilience to hydraulic impacts and restore marine defences, and commence in areas such as Belladrum, Cane Garden, Cullen, and La Jalouse.

A photograph of a woman with a yellow headscarf and a floral top, smiling and holding a small brown goat. The background shows palm trees and a clear sky.

BUILDING A MORE HUMANE AND CARING SOCIETY

As Guyana navigates this period of unprecedented growth, it is imperative that we cultivate the intrinsic values of a more caring, compassionate, honest, respectful and humane society. We must build a society that is value-based and where civility in our daily interactions with each other is the new norm.

As we strive for excellence as a nation, we must stand steadfast on our morality, ethical values, love and respect for each other as well as love for animals and the environment. At the same time, we must abhor the immoral consequences of gambling, bullying in our schools, drug abuse, domestic violence and animal abuse.

To cultivate a sense of national pride, we must focus on civic education in our school system and encourage respect, ethical behavior and harmonious living among our students and young people to produce good citizens.

Our multi-cultural, multi- ethnic and multi -religious values and identity must be our strength as we strive to become "One Guyana".

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