




seven Councilors and two Aldermen who are responsible for the management of the city's affairs and its 500 employees. The city's funding comes from the central government, but according to Hadeed, there is an impending change to Trinidad's local government structure which will soon require each municipality to collect its own funds from property taxes in order to underwrite any future development projects.

Current projects in Arima include the building of the 150-bed Arima Hospital, which is a project of the central government, and two new community centers and a senior citizens' activity center which is a municipal project. In addition, says Hadeed, "We continue with our usual infrastructure in terms of our drains and sidewalks. We are also going to refurbish our sidewalks in the town center, and we are installing a welcome arch into the town."

Many other revitalization projects are summarized



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