



**THE NATIONAL GAS COMPANY  
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## WHEN A REFORESTATION **drive** REALLY TAKES ROOT

Cedar and apamate. Chataigne and pommerac. These are just some of almost 16,000 flourishing seedlings planted under NGC's Reforestation Programme. As a past winner in The Energy Chamber's first CSR Initiatives and Leadership Awards, the Programme commits to to a 'no net loss' philosophy and is part of a much wider vision NGC has for promoting green values: conservation, energy efficiency and renewable energy.

NGC has long implemented Horizontal Directional Drilling, which bypasses sensitive habitats. Where surface clearing is unavoidable, we replant an equivalent area with useful fruit-bearers and prized timber. To date we have reforested nearly 267 hectares of degraded forests spanning Mayaro, Moruga, Rio Claro, Rousillac, Guapo and Parrylands in Southern Trinidad.

The Programme covers the planting to maintenance of saplings which are reintegrated into the Forestry Division's conservancy. The Reforestation Programme's seedling survival rate is 85%—higher than the benchmark set by the Forestry Division, whose experts take over the care of the young trees once we have established growth.

Beyond our concern for the environment, NGC's investment in social responsibility focuses on uplifting communities and benefiting the economic well-being of residents. Critical to the Reforestation Programme's success is the enthusiastic contribution of area residents who benefit from employment and acquire skills which they can use in the future. Training includes proper clearing procedures, building fire traces, and pruning high-level growth, and Community Re-leaf Groups have been formalised as a result. Members are vigilant protectors of our seedling nurseries, and conduct fire patrols in the dry season.

**NGC is a passionate believer in contributing to all spheres of our national heritage for future generations to enjoy.**



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