

WASA: More water for south-west Trinidad

THE South-western ends of Trinidad are set to benefit from increased access to water supplies, according to the Water and Sewerage Authority (WASA), as a result of the implementation of its water improvement programme.

In a release yesterday, WASA noted two decades worth of distress within communities such as Icacos, Cedros, Palo Seco and Santa Flora due to its location along the extremities of the water distribution system. Through its improvement programme, WASA said these very communities will now benefit from a consistent water supply.

The programme facilitated the drilling of three Granville wells, the construction of boosters in Bonasse Village and along the South Central Main Road in Cedros, while Techier Wells 13 and 21 were refurbished.

According to WASA, these works were among other measures taken to improve supplies but were the most extensive. In addition to this, it said that the Granville Water Treatment Plant is now operating at full capacity for the first time and the Cap-de-Ville Tank is utilising its full capacity after 15 years.

'Moving from a supply level of once every nine days or worse, residents can now have reliable access to a pipe-borne water supply. Moving forward, the Authority remains dedicated to addressing the needs of all unserved and under-served communities, and ensuring access to a pipe-borne water supply for all stakeholders,' WASA said.

It added: 'Plans for future projects are already in the works, aimed at expanding our reach and improving our infrastructure as we transform to better serve all citizens with a 24/7 universal supply, as the target in the shortest possible time.'

The areas of Chatham, Point Coco, Granville, Coromandel, Bois Bough, St Marie, Fullerton, Columbus Bay, New Village and Egypt Village, it said, are now benefiting from a 24/7 supply, while Quarry village will receive water supplies four days of the week.

Santa Flora, Sheila Lamorel, Palo Seco, Waddle Village,

Los Bajos, Erin and Carapa will receive water three days a week, and two days in Bamboo and Icacos.