

## Four more sporting facilities illuminated

Almost one week after the passing of Tropical Storm Bret, which affected areas all across Trinidad, four communities in Sangre Grande and Santa Cruz welcomed the illumination of their recreational facilities by T&TEC.

The first two events were held on June 27 at the Damarie Hill Basketball Court and the Paharry Recreation Ground, Sangre Grande. Residents of Damarie Hill were delighted at the lighting of the Basketball Court three years after their recreation ground was illuminated.

Both events were attended by the then Minister of Public Utilities, the Honourable Fitzgerald Hinds, T&TEC's Chairman, Keith Sirju and General Manager, Kelvin Ramsook. The Executive team was joined by the Councillor for Sangre Grande Northwest, Ms. Elizabeth P. Wharton and residents for a photo opportunity to turn on the lights at Damarie Hill. Minister Hinds later delivered the feature

address at a ceremony at the Paharry Recreation Ground ceremony. Also addressing the residents, Mr. Sirju commented that T&TEC's crews "worked tirelessly to ensure that communities were put back on supply in the shortest possible time" following the passing of Bret.

The next day, June 28, T&TEC's Public Lighting caravan was in Santa Cruz to commission an upgraded lighting system at the Brian Lara Recreation Ground and new lights at the Gasparillo Village Recreation Ground. At the Brian Lara Recreation Ground, an additional 28 lights were switched on to enhance visibility for night sports on the Ground as was, for the first time, the adjacent basketball court. Similarly to Damarie Hill, an official photo was taken to mark the moment.

At the Gasparillo Village Recreation Ground, T&TEC's Deputy Chairman, Glenford Cyrille told the gathering that "with these lights, all of you – the worker, pensioner,

homemaker, children and young people alike – now have extended hours to engage in recreational and social activities that would improve the quality of life." He added that "this community is poised to accomplish many positive benefits with these lights."

The ceremony was concluded with the much anticipated switching on of the new lights.

The national Public Lighting Programme is a Government funded initiative that is executed by T&TEC's Public Lighting Department.



**Then Minister of Public Utilities, the Hon. Fitzgerald Hinds and Chairman of the Sangre Grande Reg. Corporation, Terry Rondon react after switching on the lights to the Damarie Hill Basketball Court. Joining them are (from left) T&TEC's Chairman, Keith Sirju; Councillor Elizabeth P. Wharton; Manager for the MPs Office, Barbara Solomon-Kerr; Deputy Chairman Glenford Cyrille; and happy residents.**



**Councillor Lyndon Lara and Chairman of the San Juan/Laventille Reg. Corporation, Anthony Roberts, surrounded by residents of Gasparillo Village, Santa Cruz, flip the switch to illuminate their Recreation Ground. T&TEC officials joining them were Deputy Chairman, Glenford Cyrille, Ag. General Manager, Courtenay Mark (right) and Curvis Francois, Ag. Assistant General Manager - Distribution (left).**



**Minister Hinds and Mr. Rondon do the formal switching on at Paharry Recreation Ground, Sangre Grande, while Chairman, Mr. Sirju (left); T&TEC's General Manager, Kelvin Ramsook (right); and other officials, look on.**