

# Global Climate Change Alliance Plus Trinidad and Tobago

**“Support to the Implementation of Trinidad and Tobago’s Nationally Determined Contribution”**

## BRASSO SECO COMMUNITY CENTRE



Described by some as a ‘hidden treasure’, Brasso Seco, a community of approximately 300 residents, is nestled among the forested peaks of the Northern Range in Trinidad. Just 45 minutes away from the town of Arima and 7.5 miles (by hike) from the famous Paria Waterfall, this proud community actively engages in farming, eco and agrotourism, and cocoa conservation. With a rich history, this community is exemplary in its approach to preserving and sharing the unique experiences of their village.



A combination of culture, craft and cuisine delights the senses of visitors and at the same time presents an opportunity for villagers to showcase their talents. In Brasso Seco talents turn into experiences and experiences into income – forest tours and hiking engage eco-tourists, specialty food products and produce markets attract buyers and foodies, while special events draw in groups seeking out a taste of rural life and culture in the Caribbean.

The Brasso Seco Community Centre is a focal point in the village and provides a meeting place for a diverse array of activities. It is home to the community based Brasso Seco Paria Tourism Action Committee (TAC), which continuously develops strategies to uplift the visitor experience, provide a sustainable environment for the growth of the village and ensure the welfare of the people of the area.



The Community Center is a meeting place for villagers to gather and have dialogue, engage in capacity building training, and is a store house for local farmers. Important research into the internationally recognized high grade, locally grown cocoa is facilitated at the center, which is also home to the Brasso Seco Chocolate Company and its products. In addition, the Community Centre is also the village crisis center. It is imperative therefore that there is a reliable source of electricity as it provides shelter in times of need.



In addition to sustaining planned activities, the members of the TAC and the people of Brasso Seco, are eager to have a solar PV installation that will help regularize the supply of electricity to the Community Centre. They believe that this installation will benefit both the village and its visitors through the provision of a sustainable, reliable source of clean energy.



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## TECHNICAL SPECS:

Site Name	Brasso Seco Village Council
Load Characteristics	Community Centre
PV system size	15 kW
Estimate Annual Energy Production (kWh)	26003
Estimated CO <sub>2</sub> Emissions avoided annually ( kg of CO <sub>2</sub> ).	16955.5
Core Business	Community Activities

## ALIGNMENT TO SUSTAINABLE GOALS (SDGs):



<https://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/>

### ABOUT GCCA+

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