



# The Bulletin

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## International Women's Day Celebration

The Office of the Prime Minister (OPM) in commemoration of International Women's Day (IWD) partnered and participated in several activities. Here are some highlights from the various observance:

### 4<sup>th</sup> WOMEN'S RIGHTS RALLY & MARCH

The University of the West Indies' Institute for Gender and Development along with other women's organisations hosted the 4<sup>th</sup> Women's Rights Rally & March at the Queen's Park Savannah on the 7<sup>th</sup> March, 2020 under the theme **Power in Action**. The Rally was built on the legacy of the Life in Leggings initiative which addressed violence and injustice. This year's observance, participants were called to 'Speak their Truth' for empowerment of women and girls and to be fearless in pushing for progress. #PowerInAction



Photos (above & below): The Hon. Ayanna Webster-Roy, Minister of State, OPM



We are Generation Equality!

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## National Union of Government and Federated Workers Women's Executive Council Celebrates

### International Women's Day



The Honourable Ayanna Webster-Roy, Minister of State in the Office of the Prime Minister delivered the feature address at the National Union of Government and Federated Workers (NUGFW) Women's Executive Council on the 6<sup>th</sup> March, 2020.

Minister Webster-Roy in her address stated that *"I am proud of the fact that notwithstanding our shortcomings, our country continues to blaze the trail with women and girls participating in spheres that we did not have access to years ago."*

Mr. James Lambert, President General of NUGFW indicated that *"women play an important role in the development of not only the NUGFW but of the entire world."*

Participants were engaged in the following presentations which included topics on Women and Health, A Balance Woman, Woman and Finance as well as the Honourable Minister's address on Women in the Work Place.



## Art Meets Gender at Rotunda



An afternoon of fine art in commemoration of International Women's Day (IWD) was launched on the 8<sup>th</sup> March, 2020, at the Red House, Office of the Parliament. The Rotunda Gallery IWD Exhibition displayed Trinidad and Tobago's political and cultural heritage.

Artists and collectors were invited to submit pieces for the IWD Exhibition which ran until March 27, 2020. The youngest exhibitor was a 14 year old girl from Bishop Anstey High School East - Ms. Naomi Joseph.

Ms. Jacqueline Johnson, Permanent Secretary, Office of the a Prime Minister (Gender and Child Affairs) and Mrs. Bridgid Annisette-George, Speaker of the House of Representatives delivered remarks at the event.

Members of the public were given an opportunity to view the art pieces free of charge.



*"I thank the Parliament for providing this platform, as art enables the expression of emotions which may not always be captured by words."  
Ms. Jacqueline Johnson, Permanent Secretary – OPM*

Realizing Women's Rights





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## PROCLAMATION READ



His Worship Alderman Joel Martinez, Mayor of Port of Spain read the official proclamation in honour of International Women’s Day. Ms. Jackie Burgess, President of the Network of NGOs received the proclamation. In attendance were retired Justice and first female to act as Chief Justice, Mrs. Jean Parmanand and Ms. Hazel Brown, President of the Network of NGOs for the advancement of women.



## I AM WOMAN



The Fyzabad Community Council in collaboration with the Ministry of Community Development, Culture and the Arts hosted an event in support of International Women’s Day in the Administrative District of St. Patrick under the theme I am Generation Equality: Realizing Women’s Rights — **I AM WOMAN**.

This event recognized the increased abuse against women in Trinidad and Tobago. Ms. Jacqueline Johnson, Permanent Secretary Office of the Prime Minister (Gender and Child Affairs) presented on a ‘**Life free from Gender-Based Violence**’. Ms. Johnson in her presentation discussed the legislation and the amendments to the law and how it will serve to protect women, men and children from domestic violence.



## My Sister’s Keeper



The Office of the Prime Minister gave support in the form of an information booth at the Equal Opportunity Commission's International Women's Day Rally entitled "**My Sister's Keeper**" held on March 6 2020 at the Centre City Mall in Chaguanas.

Participants were provided with critical information on the Domestic Violence Hotline 800-SAVE (7283) and other services. The event was held to promote gender equality and solidarity with women, girls and all victims of domestic violence.

Each for Equal





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## WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP



The Caribbean Women in Leadership in collaboration with ParLAmericas and the Parliament of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago hosted a Young Women in Leadership Trinidad and Tobago Leadership Workshop in the Hilton Trinidad on the 6<sup>th</sup> March, 2020. The Workshop was held for women between the ages of 18-25 years interested in public leadership.

The Workshop which was held in commemoration of International Women’s Day (March 8) allowed participants to be engaged in:

- Skill-building workshops on transformational leadership
- Parliamentary procedures and participate in a special YWiL sitting in parliament to debate of a motion.
- Development of a personal plan to apply new learning and skills to their communities.
- Exchanges with peers, members of parliament, and experts on women’s leadership and gender equality.

This initiative provided young women with the knowledge, skills and access to networks to support their efforts to positively impact their communities and country. The Office of the Prime Minister was able to participate in the Workshop which also involved an informational booth to engage the young women in gender equality and other aspects of the work of the Gender and Child Affairs Division and the National AIDS Coordinating Committee Secretariat.



### TNT’s Young Female Leaders

The Office of the Parliament hosted its 1<sup>st</sup> Young Women Parliamentary Sitting on the 9<sup>th</sup> March, 2020.



The Sitting was to promote the participation of young women in political life. This is in alignment with The National Development Strategy of Trinidad and Tobago 2030 Vision of ‘*Putting People First: Nurturing Our Greatest Assets.*’

The young women were given the opportunity to present as member of Parliament. The full and equitable participation of young women in public life is essential to building and sustaining strong, vibrant democracies.





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## WORLD METEOROLOGICAL DAY



March 23 marked the **70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the World Meteorological Organisation** and the observance World Meteorological Day. This day serves as a global reminder of how far weather forecasting has come over the years and how much further it needs to go to help humanity weather the storm of climate change.

The Office of the Prime Minister, Central Administrative Services Tobago (OPM-CAST) joined the global community in the observance of World Meteorological Day 2020 under the theme – **Climate and Water**.

The OPM-CAST through the Meteorological Service Tobago is doing its part to champion climate change. The Meteorological Service Tobago provides reliable data on weather and other environmental conditions for Aviation at the ANR Robinson International Airport and tourism forecast.

The Division has made notable achievements over the years in public outreach, training and infrastructural/technological advancement. These include but are not limited to:

- **Outreach Programmes including Lectures/Workshops, Open House and Career Fairs** and the observance of World Meteorological Day in which over three hundred (300) students in Tobago benefit annually.
- **Six Trainees completed their Entry Level Meteorological Technician Training Program** at the Caribbean Institute for Meteorology and Hydrology in Barbados and continued their on the job training at Piarco Trinidad. Upon successful completion of the Entry Level Meteorological Technician Training Program all of the officers were absorbed within the Meteorological Service Division, Crown Point, Tobago.
- In supporting the overall improvement of services for the ANR Robinson Airport, a **new Office Building for the Meteorological Service Division** was completed 2017 and officially opened by the Prime Minister Dr. the Honourable Keith Rowley in January 2017.
- **Installation of Low Level Wind Shear Alerting System as a component of the Automated Weather Observing System.** This system provides measurement of all parameters which may be needed for safe operations at the Airport including but not limited to approach, landing and take-off.

- **Automatic Weather Stations** – installation of Automatic Weather Stations (AWS) to be placed at different sites throughout Tobago to complement those already installed at Louis Dor, the Scarborough Port and at the ANR International Airport in Crown Point. These stations contain various meteorological sensors to monitor the weather conditions in the respective area and allows for transmission of data back to the office.

The Meteorological Service Tobago will continue to build human and technological capacity to improve the services offered and to expand its reach.



Photo: Installed Satellite Receiving Dish



Photo: Ms. Ethlyn John, Permanent Secretary OPM-CAST, observes a demonstration of the operations of the Ground Satellite Receiver.



## We Rocked Our Socks



Photo above: The Central Administrative Services Tobago (CAST) Crew.

The Office of the Prime Minister' (Central Administrative Services Tobago, Gender and Child Affairs) rocked their socks in support of World Down Syndrome Day under the theme 'We Decide'.

Minister Webster-Roy in her message to the nation stated that *"Let us be advocates for those who are differently abled and empower each other in this fight to ensure that no one is left behind."* Amidst our current adversity, let us truly reflect and implement all the ways we may contribute in the safeguarding and upholding of all our universal human rights.



Photos above & right: Ms. Ethlyn John, Permanent Secretary, CAST and Ms Christy De Souza, Self Advocate and her mother Ms. Joanne De Souza.



"We Decide"

**DID YOU KNOW:** World Down Syndrome Day is commemorated on March 21 each year which symbolically shows the extra chromosome (21<sup>st</sup>) that develops during the mother's third trimester.



## Our Little Ones Rocking Their Socks



Despite being away from school due to the global pandemic, students from **Sasha's Little Scholars Academy** took the time to rock their socks in support of World Down Syndrome Day observed on March 21<sup>st</sup>.

Special thanks to the principal, teachers and parents for sharing photos of the little ones.



## KIDS CORNER

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### Crossword

B V Y C Z O Z J L I E E D O W N S Y N D R O M E  
 Y G C V O U V U P D A H M E R L V W V K F Z G Z  
 L J L T I P J T X H E M O S O M O R H C J M D S  
 V L X L Z D S X E S F I K S Z I S K T T R G G R  
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 I J A V J P A R R E L A T I O N S H I P S I N O  
 C Y N Z K V D E G J G N X X E T N I L M P I Y D  
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 R Y E V E B A K Q H M G O T L R J G B J F Y J P  
 P W P U Y I S U I S A E N F Y E A Z J R Q T C P  
 F Q U J B G X C H G U X E P W G I K B O P Y X F  
 S S E N E R A W A U T C S W Y W Q X V G H T L D

### Did You Know:

Down Syndrome was named after English Doctor, Johan Langdon Down, who was the first to categorized the common features of people with an extra copy of he 21st chromosome.

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|-------------|-----------|---------------|---------------|
| Learning    | Awareness | Interest      | Personality   |
| Feelings    | Genes     | Relationships | Expressions   |
| Eye contact | Language  | Chromosome    | Down Syndrome |



## KIDS CORNER ... CONTINUES

### BACK TO SCHOOL

Math crossword  
**6**  
puzzles

Fill in the missing numbers

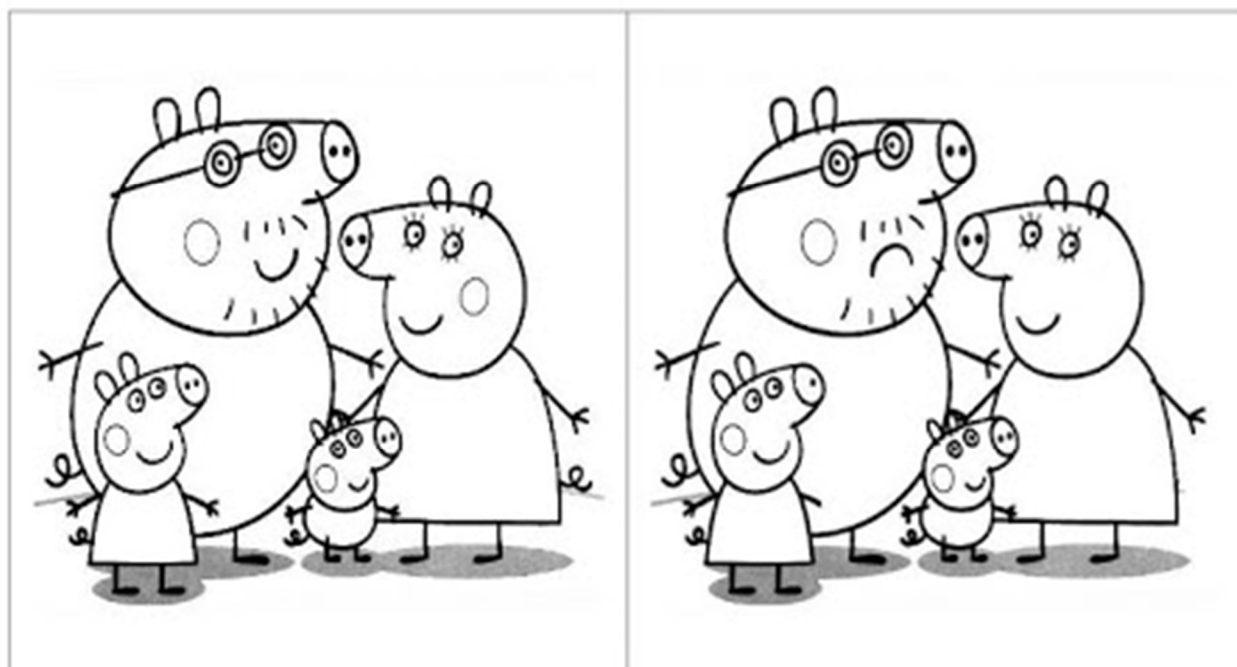
$\square - 2 = 10$	$1 + 7 = \square$	$3 - \square = \square$	
$\square + \square = \square$	$\square + \square = \square$	$\square + \square = \square$	$\square + \square = \square$
$\square + 2 = 15$	$\square - 2 = \square$	$\square + \square = 9$	

$\square - 4 = 2$	$9 - \square = \square$	$5 - \square = 1$	
$\square + \square = \square$	$\square + \square = \square$	$\square + \square = \square$	$\square + \square = \square$
$3 + \square = \square$	$\square + 5 = \square$	$\square - 6 = \square$	

## SPOT THE DIFFERENCES & COLOUR

spot 5 differences





## COVID — 19 Prevention

### Helping women, girls and health workers in the global COVID-19 response

With each passing day, the scale of the COVID-19 crisis and its consequences are becoming ever more apparent and alarming. Yet governments, partners, UN agencies and donors are setting up business continuity plans at all levels, in order to serve the most vulnerable in societies.

As with most crises, this pandemic has severely disrupted access to life-saving sexual and reproductive health services and hampered authorities' ability to respond to gender-based violence, at a time when women and girls need these services most. United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) is working with governments and partners to prioritize the particular needs of women and girls, in line with their goals to end unmet need for family planning, end preventable maternal deaths, and end gender-based violence and harmful practices by 2030.

UNFPA's efforts will focus on strengthening health systems, procuring and delivering essential supplies to protect health workers, ensuring access to sexual and reproductive health and gender-based violence services, and promoting risk communication and community engagement.

UNFPA is providing material support to affected health systems and protecting health workers. UNFPA has outlined a number of guidance documents recently published on [UNFPA.org](https://www.unfpa.org).

Please join us in standing up for the dignity and health of women and girls when they need it the most.

*Summaries statement from UNFPA Executive Director Dr. Natalia Kanem*



Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago  
Ministry of Health

## Avoid Getting Sick By Washing Your Hands:



- After using the washroom
- Before, during and after preparing food
- After coughing or sneezing
- When caring for persons who are sick
- Before eating
- When hands are dirty
- After handling animal waste

**Healthy Me...Healthy You...Healthy Trinidad and Tobago**



[www.health.gov.tt](http://www.health.gov.tt)



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## We Are On The Move

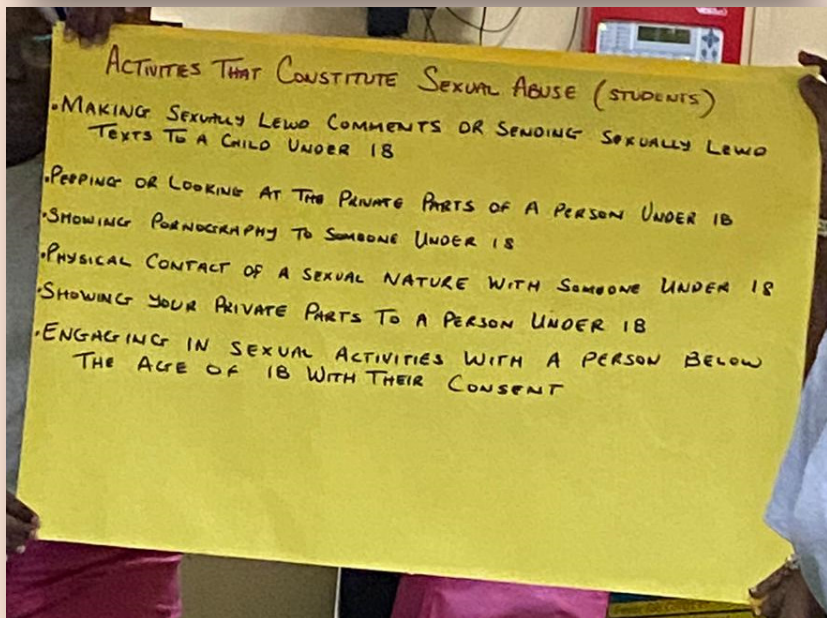
The Office of the Prime Minister (OPM) has been on the move in support of empowering communities across Trinidad and Tobago. The OPM has been engaged in outreaches through the Eastern Regional Health Authority and the Ministry of Social Development and Family Services. The OPM took the opportunity to engage residents from **Matelot, Cumana, Grande Riviere and Morgua**.

The OPM's booth engaged participants with information on violence, child abuse, HIV and AIDS; the availability of services and critical hotline numbers and information which offer assistance. Additionally presentations on Domestic Violence and Child Abuse were held in the communities of **Matelot, Cumana and Grande Riviere**.

**#Vision2030Initiative**  
**#PuttingPeopleFirst**



**Highlights**  
(left and below):  
**Morgua**



**Highlights** (left top and bottom):  
**Cumana and Grand Riviere**