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MINISTRY OF NATIONAL SECURITY WORKS TO MAKE HUMAN TRAFFICKING A NON-EXISTENT PRACTICE IN TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

The Ministry of National Security through its Counter Trafficking Unit (CTU) is working to make the trafficking in persons a difficult, non-profitable and eventually a non-existent practice in Trinidad and Tobago.

Staffed by civilian, Police and Immigration officials, the CTU is the competent national agency mandated to address the issue of human trafficking.

The Unit is responsible for training a number of stakeholders in the country, including members of the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service, Immigration Officers, NGOs and other relevant partners who may have a role to play in the anti-human trafficking exercises that are conducted frequently.

To facilitate smoother inter-agency cooperation, the procedures utilized in day-to-day operations of each agency are adjusted where the victims are children, or individuals who often need specialized treatment because of their age or specific circumstances.

The Ministry and the Counter Trafficking Unit continue to work steadfastly to counter the illegal and dehumanizing practices of human trafficking and its presence in Trinidad and Tobago.

Citizens are encouraged to call the CTU at **800-4CTU/4288** if they know of or suspect any human trafficking activities. All calls are anonymous.

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