



# MINISTRY OF NATIONAL SECURITY

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**The Ministry of National Security's Counter Trafficking Unit (CTU) on Wednesday January 19, 2022, began a four-day training workshop geared towards equipping Coast Guard Officers with the necessary expertise for Effective Screening for Human Trafficking Indicators.**

**The training, which concludes on Thursday January 27, 2022, will provide four different groups of (20) specially identified border officers with the necessary tools to conduct preliminary screening of nationals and non-nationals for indicators of Human Trafficking, in an effort to prevent and suppress Human Trafficking exercises at our nation's sea borders.**

**Delivering remarks to the Officers on Wednesday, Director of the Counter Trafficking Unit, Ms. Alana Wheeler encouraged participants to make the most of this training opportunity. Ms. Wheeler also gave the assurance of the Ministry of National Security's commitment to continue, through the CTU, to prevent and counteract Human Trafficking in all its forms. To date, the Counter Trafficking Unit has delivered training to over 300 Coast Guard Officers.**

**The training is being delivered by Ms. Wheeler; Superintendent of Police, Trinidad and Tobago Police Service, Mr. Michael Veronique; and Legal Officer, Trinidad and Tobago Police Service, Mr. Zaheer Ali.**

## ODPM ADVANCES A COMPREHENSIVE NATIONAL PROGRAMME TO REDUCE DISASTERS

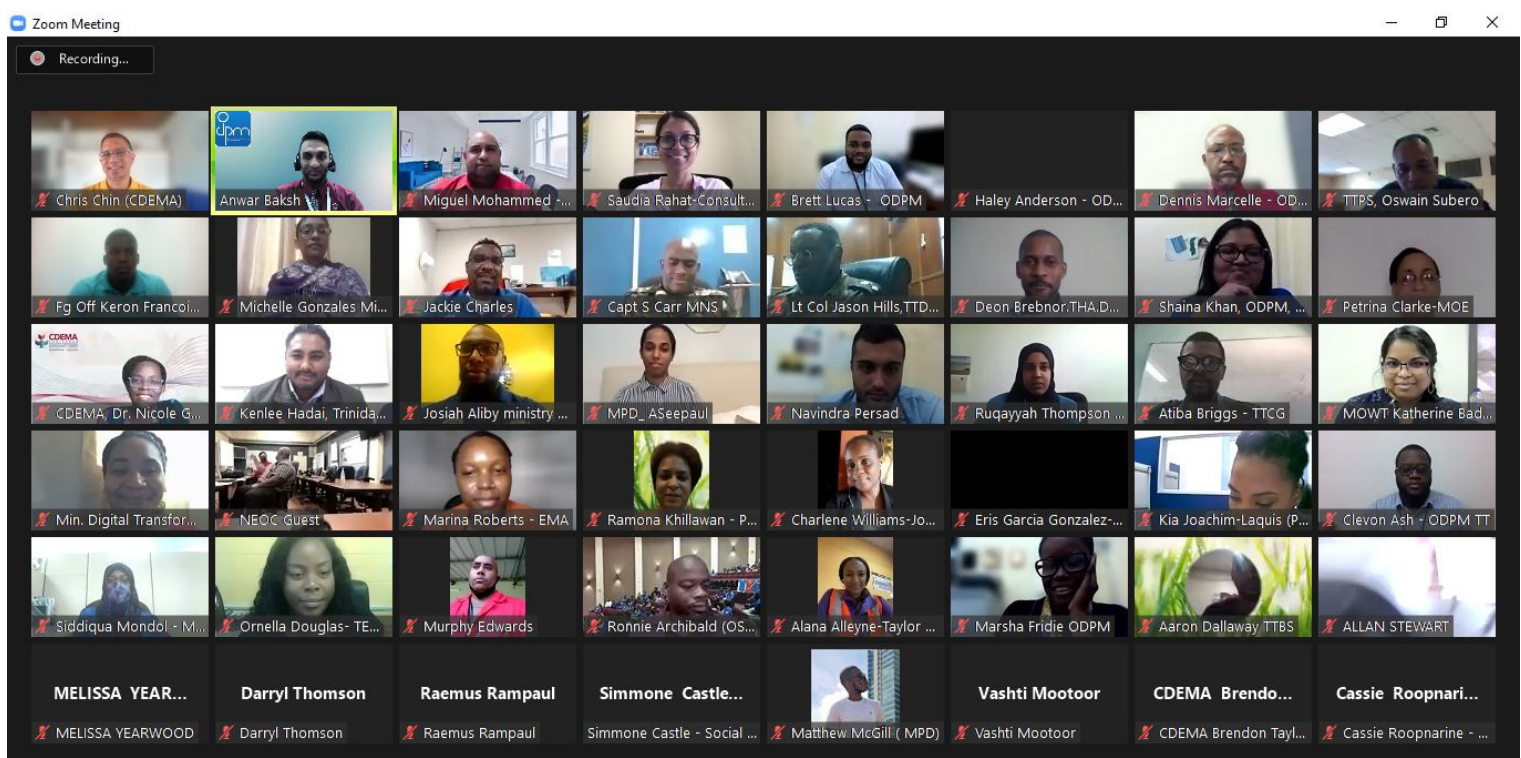
The Office of Disaster Preparedness and Management (ODPM) continues to work towards advancing Trinidad and Tobago's national disaster resilience through the implementation of globally utilized policies, strategies and legislation focused on reducing and eliminating disaster risks. In this regard, the ODPM hosted a virtual meeting with stakeholders on January 13, 2022 to discuss a Comprehensive Disaster Management Country Work Programme (CWP), a five (5) year strategic plan, that will be guided by components of the Comprehensive Disaster Management (CDM) policy.

The CDM policy, which is in its final stage of development, aims to substantially reduce loss of lives, property and livelihoods, as well as improve response to disasters and emergencies. The policy also seeks to empower and encourage communities and sectors to develop and implement their own risk reduction plans.

Meeting participants included representatives from the Ministry of Rural Development and Local Government's Disaster Management Units, Ministry of Works and Transport, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Social Development and Family Services, the Tobago Emergency Management Agency (TEMA), Trinidad and Tobago Defence Force (TTDF), Trinidad and Tobago Police Service (TTPS), Trinidad and Tobago Fire Service and the Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency (CDEMA).

The online session, which was facilitated by Ms. Saudia Rahat, CDEMA's regional consultant, focused on the strategic priorities of the CWP under thematic areas including enhancing operational readiness, mainstreaming comprehensive disaster management into sectors, and strengthening community resilience and institutional arrangements.

Discussions also centred on priority areas for action at the community level such as drills and annual testing of community emergency plans.





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**I am not ready to be vaccinated. I want to wait. Why all the rush?**

Variants. The more a virus spreads, the more chances it has to mutate and create a variant. These variants may spread more easily and may cause more severe disease. At an individual level, it is important to protect yourself and your loved ones as soon as possible.



**∴ DON'T DELAY ∴**  
GET VACCINATED TODAY!