



**MINISTRY OF NATIONAL SECURITY**  
GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

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## MINISTER HINDS LAUNCHES NATIONAL DRUG POLICY



At a ceremony held on Friday July 01, 2022, Minister of National Security the Honourable Fitzgerald Hinds M.P. officially launched the National Drug Policy and the Operational Plan for 2021-2025, as part of the Ministry's activities to recognise the International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking 2022.

Delivering the feature address at the ceremony held at the NALIS Audio Visual Room, Port of Spain, Minister Hinds stated, "I heartily commend the shapers and drafters of this important National Policy and I give the assurance that it would undergird all that we do, or must do, in this ongoing battle against drug use and drug abuse."

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**The theme for International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking 2022 is “Addressing drug challenges in health and humanitarian crises.” The recognition activities commenced with the official launch of the National Drug Policy and the Operational Plan 2021-2025, which was approved by Cabinet in 2021 and the launch of a month long TikTok Challenge, which will engage the youth populace on matters relating to Drug Abuse and Illicit Drug Trafficking.**

**The implementation of the Policy and all the activities in recognition of the International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking will be coordinated by the National Drug Council, Ministry of National Security, in collaboration with its stakeholders.**

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## ODPM URGES ALL COMMUNITIES TO BECOME MORE DISASTER AWARE



The Office of Disaster Preparedness and Management is urging the national community to become more 'disaster aware', so that the population can help mitigate the serious impacts from adverse weather events such as Potential Tropical Cyclones (PTC) in the future.

Speaking in the wake of tense preparations for the passage of PTC#2 on Tuesday night of this week, Chief Executive Officer of the Office of Disaster Preparedness and Management (ODPM), Major General (Retired) Rodney Smart noted, "While Trinidad and Tobago experienced minimal damage from the passage of PTC2, the threat and others like it must be taken seriously. What we hope for and what our work at the ODPM is focused on, to a large extent, is getting all of us, in every community in Trinidad and Tobago more disaster resilient and disaster prepared."

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To learn more about how to become more disaster aware and better prepared for a disaster, please visit the ODPM pages at: <https://www.odpm.gov.tt/> Facebook: [ODPMTT](#), Twitter: [ODPM\\_TT](#)

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## TTPS VWSU FACILITATES YOUTH MENTORSHIP PROGRAMME

Recently, the Victim and Witness Support Unit (VWSU) of the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service (TTPS) collaborated with the St. Joseph Convent Port of Spain's Past Pupils' Association to facilitate a seminar for 150 students of Nelson Street Girls' Roman Catholic School.



The seminar is part of a mentorship programme entitled "Education Gives You Choices". The programme is an ongoing one, aimed at encouraging persons of vulnerable age groups to focus on their education and to not fall prey to influences that may lead to a life of delinquency and crime.



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