TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO PAHO/WHO COUNTRY COOPERATION STRATEGY 2025-2030

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INTRODUCTION

The PAHO/WHO Country Cooperation Strategy (CCS) is the medium-term strategic framework for PAHO/WHO's collaboration with a Member State, in support of the country's National Health Development Policy, Strategy, and Plan. The PAHO/WHO Country Cooperation Strategy for Trinidad and Tobago: 2025-2030, was developed through extensive consultations with the Ministry of Health (MOH), other health-related line ministries, the United Nations Country Team (UNCT), the private sector, legislators, development partners and civil society to objectively identify factors hindering effective health service delivery and recommend solutions.

The five strategic priorities of the PAHO/WHO CCS for Trinidad and Tobago: 2025-2030 are based on PAHO/WHO's comparative advantage and are aligned to the National health priorities of the MOH, the PAHO Strategic Plan (SP), the Sustainable Health Agenda for the Americas (SHAA2030), and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

ABOUT US

The Pan American Health Organization, Regional Office for the Americas of the World Health Organization based in Trinidad and Tobago (PAHO/WHO TTO) is responsible for the delivery of PAHO/WHO's technical cooperation services for Trinidad and Tobago and the Dutch Caribbean Islands. The PAHO/WHO TTO has 25 members of staff.

PARTNERSHIP ENVIRONMENT

PAHO/WHO collaborates actively with a range of humanitarian and development partners, UNCT, and the 58 operational partners convened by the PAHO/WHO-led Health Cluster.

COUNTRY CONTEXT

Trinidad and Tobago is a twin island republic located in the Southern Caribbean. The country reported a population of 1.53 million in 2023, a 3% increase from 2022. The economy is heavily reliant on oil and natural gas, which contribute 37% to gross domestic product. Trinidad and Tobago's health system includes public and private sectors and non-governmental organizations. All public sector health services are free, funded by the government and taxpayers. Trinidad and Tobago is committed to achieving the SDGs.

PROGRESS ON HEALTH OUTCOMES

The country has made some measured progress on health outcomes. Routine immunization coverage was reported at 94%. In addition, there has been a declining trend in the prevalence of the human immunodeficiency virus. The level of maternal, neonatal, and child deaths also continue to decline. Latest figures show a maternal mortality rate of 12.3 per 100,000 live births. Trinidad and Tobago continues to witness an increase in the burden of noncommunicable diseases (NCDs), along with the threat of climate impacts on human health.

KEY CHALLENGES

Some key health challenges in the country include limited access to specialized services, violence and injuries, rising cases of depression and anxiety, ongoing threats of communicable diseases, high risk of NCDs with continuous high rates risk factors, climate change and the effects of air pollution, challenges with digital transformation and interoperability of data systems and health emergencies and disaster preparedness.

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OUR STRATEGIC PRIORITIES & DELIVERABLES



01 Resilient Health Systems supported within the context of Universal Health

STRATEGIC DELIVERABLES

- Improved organization of health systems and services, including emergency medical services and public health infrastructure.
- Strengthened capacities for the implementation of essential public health functions to deliver integrated care based on the primary health care approach.
- Capacities for managing health emergencies in the context of disaster preparedness and response integrated and enhanced

02 Multi-sectoral Action toward the prevention and control of NCDs and their Risk Factors; Violence & Injuries; and Mental Health addressed throughout the Life course

STRATEGIC DELIVERABLES

- Strengthened policy framework and legislative environment for the reduction of NCDs, their risk factors, violence and injuries and to address mental health.
- Strengthened institutional capacities to accelerate the prevention and control of NCDs within the Better Care for NCDs Initiative and other initiatives to address Violence & Injuries and Mental Health.
- Support the National NCD Coordinating Mechanism to provide an oversight role for implementation and monitoring of evidence-based interventions across various sectors that contribute to reducing the burden of NCDs.

03 Accelerate and sustain the Prevention, Control & Elimination of Communicable Diseases

STRATEGIC DELIVERABLES

- Communicable disease prevention strengthened through governance, policy and legislation.
- Integrated, multi-sectoral approach toward the elimination of transmission of selected communicable diseases within the One Health Approach.

04 Strengthen National Capacity to Address the Impact of Climate Change on Health through improved health sector resilience and multi-sectoral action

STRATEGIC DELIVERABLES

- Intersectoral mechanisms to monitor and evaluate the health co-benefits of climate change adaptation and mitigation strengthened.
- Implementation of Health National Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation Plan for building health sector resilience supported.

05 Accelerate Digital Transformation of the Health Sector

STRATEGIC DELIVERABLES

- Support the implementation of Sustainable and interoperable digital health solutions and information systems.
- Strengthened national capacities for the adoption of artificial intelligence and other relevant emerging technologies and promote international cooperation.

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