

Mission Statement

To educate and sensitize key stakeholders and the general public on ageing issues; and to enhance the quality of life of the older persons throughout Trinidad and Tobago, by providing an enabling environment for their continued development.

Vision Statement

An innovative, resilient Division committed to improving and enhancing the quality of life of older persons and building a society for all ages.



Core Values

Communication

Integrity

Training & Development

Courtesy

Dedication

Leadership

Success



**A Division of the Ministry of Social
Development and Family Services**



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DIVISION OF AGEING

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Who Are We?

The Division of Ageing was established in August 2003, and is dedicating to facilitating and encouraging a healthy and vibrant ageing population within Trinidad and Tobago.

The Division of Ageing collaborates with various agencies on programme and policy initiatives from both private and public sector, to promote awareness of issues related to the elderly, develop support networks and implement action items designed for older persons.

Why Were We Established?

According to a data from the 2010 National Census, older persons makeup 13.4% of the population of Trinidad and Tobago. The figure is expected to rise to 20% by 2025 with increased life expectancies and decreasing population growth.

Ageing brings with it many changes. Our seniors are threatened by increased risk of diseases and social ills.

The Division seeks to enable older persons to fulfil their potential contributions to their communities, while helping them to understand and prepare for the issues associated with the ageing process.

What We Do?

The functions of The Division of Ageing include:

- Developing national standards of care for older persons;
- Monitoring and Coordinating the Implementation of the National Policy of Ageing;
- Developing and implementing programmes and projects for the benefit of older persons;
- Conducting Research on matters pertaining to older persons and ageing;
- Providing assistance to vulnerable older adults;
- Networking with social sector agencies and Ministries, the private sector and civil society in interest of older persons



How Do We Do It?

- Joint Establishment and Monitoring of Senior Citizens Centres across Trinidad and Tobago for educational and recreational use.
- Hosting Annual Retirement Planning Seminars for the private and public sectors.
- Hosting activities in commemoration of the International Day of Older Persons to raise awareness and sensitize the public on issues related to the elderly.
- Organizing and conducting seminars and workshops for Care Providers of older persons.
- Management of an Older Persons Information Centre (OPIC) to provide information on options and services available to older persons.
- Providing research support to multilateral agencies including the UN and tertiary education institutions on elder issues and statistics.