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International UN Volunteer Dr Samwarite Gebremariam (Eritrea) supports the implementation of an initiative to reduce obesity in Trinidad and Tobago at Roy Joseph Health Centre (UNV, 2016)

Sports to fight child obesity in Trinidad and Tobago

Childhood obesity is a growing concern for children worldwide, but in Trinidad and Tobago the statistics are so alarming that some are calling it an epidemic that requires the full support of schools, communities, families and the children themselves to tackle it. Research done in different areas of the country revealed that one in four children are overweight in the county of St George, and one in three in South Trinidad. The Regional Health Authorities have taken matters in their own hands to help support children and provide them with different avenues to deal with weight management. [Continue reading](#)

Operationalising Transformation in Caribbean SIDS

On Friday June 17th 2016, UNDP Trinidad and Tobago convened a Technical Meeting on Operationalising Transformation in Caribbean SIDS to achieve the SDGs. The success of the SDGs and the 2030 Agenda requires mobilisation of key partnerships, an action-oriented and participatory approach. Through UNDP's current work with the Government of Aruba and in collaboration with the Big Fast Results Institute (BFR), UNDP was able to secure the expertise of Dr Idris Jala. [Continue reading](#)



In keeping with the UN Conventions on the Rights of the Child, child offenders should be diverted away from the formal court system and alternative solutions be considered.

We Follow What We See

Members of the Juvenile Court Project (JCP) team asked 6 young persons who got into trouble with the law, what would have prevented them from getting into trouble in **the first place**. **"We follow what we see,"** said Curt, a 19-year-old who was convicted and committed to the Youth Training Centre (YTC) while he was a minor. The team also spoke with the young men and women to hear their views on the challenges of children who get into trouble with the law. Among the messages that the young people shared was the desire to be given a second chance.

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High Level Consultations on the 2030 Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals in Aruba

On Tuesday June 14th and Wednesday June 15th 2016, UNDP Trinidad and Tobago hosted two High Level Consultations in Aruba. These consultations acted as the catalyst to transform Aruba into achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The centralised feature of these consultations entailed the mainstreaming of the SDGs into Aruba through successful execution of the localisation process and the mobilisation of key government officials.

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