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A Sexual Culture of Justice: Strengthening LGBTQI & GBV Partnerships, Capacity & Efficacy to Promote & Protect Rights in T&T

#sexualcultureofjustice

Duration: 2017 - 2020

Overall Objective:

To reduce the violence, legal discrimination, bullying and homelessness related to pervasive attitudes in society about sexuality, gender norms and stereotypes in Trinidad and Tobago.

Project Description/Activities

The project seeks to create an enabling environment to effectively address the issues of gender-based violence and LGBTQI discrimination in Trinidad and Tobago. The project seeks to do this in a few key ways:

- Develop a knowledge database (E-portal) on GBV and LGBTQI issues.
- Train men to be messengers and agents of change on GBV matters and use them in the production of video messages
- Train educators – school teachers, counsellors and others on sex/gender diversity, bullying and violence prevention
- Partner with the Equal Opportunities Commission to train police officers to develop new ways of dealing with domestic violence and LGBTQI violence
- Establish a community outreach/support centre to be run jointly by six small LGBTQI organizations
- Partner with other EU-funded human rights and governance projects for events, campaigns and actions in support of GBV prevention and LGBTQI rights.
- Policy advocacy through social media, television appearances and radio ad campaign for legislative reform.

The project team is a consortium led by the University of the West Indies, St Augustine Campus – Institute of Gender and Development Studies (IGDS) and including CAISO, Friends for Life, I Am One, The Silver Lining Foundation, WOMANTRA and The Women's Caucus of Trinidad & Tobago.

Objectives

1. To make local knowledge accessible in order to strengthen the efficacy of human rights actions on GBV and LGBTQI issues
2. To build the resilience, commitment and competence to scale up human rights actions among key stakeholders and within the community.



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3. To increase knowledge-sharing, collaboration and collective action on GBV and LGBTQI advocacy among six LGBTQI groups and to leverage innovation in the pursuit of sustained change.

Outcomes

The project aims to protect and promote human rights through:

- Changes in attitudes and beliefs about gender norms
- Enactment of protective human rights legislation
- Improved capacity for advocacy/lobbying among human rights groups