



**SUB-REGIONAL
PREPARATORY MEETING OF
THE XIV REGIONAL
CONFERENCE ON WOMEN
JUNE 17-18**

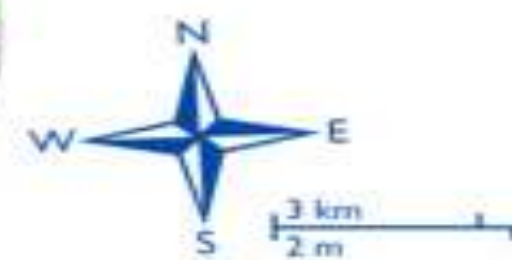
**Consideration of progress made,
and challenges faced in the
implementation of the Montevideo
Strategy in synergy with the
Beijing+25 review**

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DEPARTMENT OF GENDER AFFAIRS TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS

- The Department of Gender Affairs, falls under the realm of the Ministry of Education, Youth, Culture, Social and Library Services.
- Based on our Geographical make-up, the department has two locations situated within two Zones.
- Zone 1: Grand Turk, Salt Cay and South Caicos
- Zone 2: Providenciales, North and Middle Caicos and Pine Cay.

TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS



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- Women In Prison
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WOMEN IN PRISON

- **TWO (2) INMATES ACCOUNT FOR THE FEMALE POPULATION WITHIN HER MAJESTY'S PRISON, GRAND TURK, TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS.**
- **ADULT CORRECTIONAL EDUCATION**
OFFERING THE CARIBBEAN SECONDARY EDUCATION CERTIFICATE (CSEC) EXAMINATION TO INMATES TO OBTAIN CERTIFICATES CONTRIBUTING TO SUCCESS POST INCARCERATION.
- **FAMILY FUN DAY OUTREACH PROGRAMME**
 - ACTIVITIES WITH SPOUSES AND CHILDREN**
 - DISCUSSIONS GEARED TOWARDS ISSUES AND CONCERNS**
 - MOTIVATIONAL SPEECHES**
 - INTRODUCTION OF NEW CRAFT INITIATIVES**

WOMEN IN PRISON

- The challenge remains with the cost effectiveness of educational, vocational, and drug treatment programs to facilitate inmates long-term.
- Agencies must focus on building collaborative partnerships to meet needs.

WOMEN WITH DISABILITIES

- **The Community within the Turks and Caicos has physical , social emotional and financial barriers that continue to be challenging.**
- **Unfortunately, focus usually remains on the disability rather than the individual.**
- **Persons are offered sympathy rather than celebrating their abilities and achievements.**

WOMEN LIVING WITH DISABILITIES

1. SNAP Center - Providenciales

Motto: "I am a Promise and a Possibility"

Ages 4-24

2. Wellness Centers

Two Locations: Grand Turk and South Caicos

The Wellness Centers are designed to provide twenty-four hour care to vulnerable persons (elderly/special needs) who may not have immediate relatives to provide adequate care, protection and lacks financial resources to access care.

3. National Registry of Persons with special needs

WOMEN MIGRANTS

[Tiny Turks and Caicos overwhelmed by Haitian influx | World | Malay ...](https://www.malaymail.com/news/world/2019/02/10/...turks-and-caicos.../1721423)

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Feb 10, 2019 - Haitian **immigrants** wait to be deported at a community centre at Salt Cay, **Turks and Caicos**, on January 17, 2019. The port district of ...

[84 Haitian Migrants Found Adrift Near Turks & Caicos](https://www.voanews.com/a/haitian-migrants-found...turks-caicos-/4636865.html)

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Oct 31, 2018 - 84 Haitian **migrants** on a 42-foot vessel approximately 30 miles southwest of **Turks and Caicos** Islands, Oct. 28, 2018. While on routine patrol ...

[Haitian migrants dead off Turks and Caicos after boat ... - Miami Herald](https://www.miamiherald.com/news/nation-world/world/.../article228668224.html)

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Mar 31, 2019 - **Turks and Caicos** police have launched a search operation for Haitian **migrants** after a twin-engine outboard boat smuggling **migrants** sinks off the island of West **Caicos** in the British dependent territory.

WOMEN LIVING WITH HIV/AIDS

Sex	HIV		Deaths	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Male	284	49.7	51	56.0
Female	288	50.3	40	44.0
Total	572*	100	91*	100.00

- Likely an underestimation; a full review of all cases and deaths among HIV positive persons is currently underway.
- Of the 572 persons who tested positive for HIV in the TCI since the start of the epidemic, 284 (49.7%) were male and 288 (50.3%) were female.
- The greatest number of cases was recorded among Haitians followed by Turks and Caicos Islanders ([TCIs]; 42.3% and 21.0% respectively).

WOMEN LIVING WITH HIV/AIDS

Age Group	Number of PLHIV at the end of 2015			Number of persons living in the Turks and Caicos at the end of 2015		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
0 - 5	0	0	0	1342	1301	2643
5 - 14	1	1	2	2308	2320	4628
15 - 24	2	4	6	2403	2520	4923
25 - 34	20	38	58	3370	3386	6756
35 - 44	58	77	135	3997	3743	7740
45 - 54	68	68	136	3025	2735	5760
55 - 64	38	23	61	1512	1330	2842
65+	9	12	21	732	665	1397
Unknown	37	25	62			
Total	233	248	481	18689	18000	36689

THE IMPORTANCE OF SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH SERVICES

- Getting to Zero Campaign

Nationwide campaign with inclusion of woman in messages that directly address stigma and discrimination. The campaign includes posters targeted to adult women and female children in English, Creole and Spanish.

- Rapport

Rapport and Outreach Officers has reached a wide cross section of persons via one on one or group sessions which address proper condom use; delayed sexual initiation; self-esteem; making informed decisions, stigma and discrimination, drugs and HIV/STI information.

- Check Under Your Bonnet

Initiative encouraging women to screen for Sexually Transmitted Infections.

THE IMPORTANCE OF SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH SERVICES

ZIKA PLAN AND COMMUNICATION STRATEGY

- Developed to address Zika and other vector borne diseases. A campaign addressing women and complications of Zika during pregnancies.
- Pregnant women who access antenatal care within primary health care are given mosquito nets and mosquito repellent during their visits along with advice on how to stay safe and ensuring a Zika free baby.
- Posters, PSAs and commercials have been developed and aired via mass media. Information again is developed in the three prominent languages.

THE IMPORTANCE OF SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH SERVICES

SOCIAL SERVICES

- S.E.A-Social Enhancement Aid
- HOME HELP SERVICES

HEALTH CARE SYSTEM

- INDIGENT PLANS

THANK YOU!