



# National Centenarian Programme

The National Centenarian Programme seeks to recognise older persons as worthy and resourceful members of society, and highlights their achievements.

To Register information on persons who are 100 years or older (or persons 99 years of age and soon to be 100), log on to the Ministry's website: [www.social.gov.tt](http://www.social.gov.tt) and complete the online form OR print a downloadable form for completion.

*Let us celebrate, commemorate and salute our nation's centenarians!*



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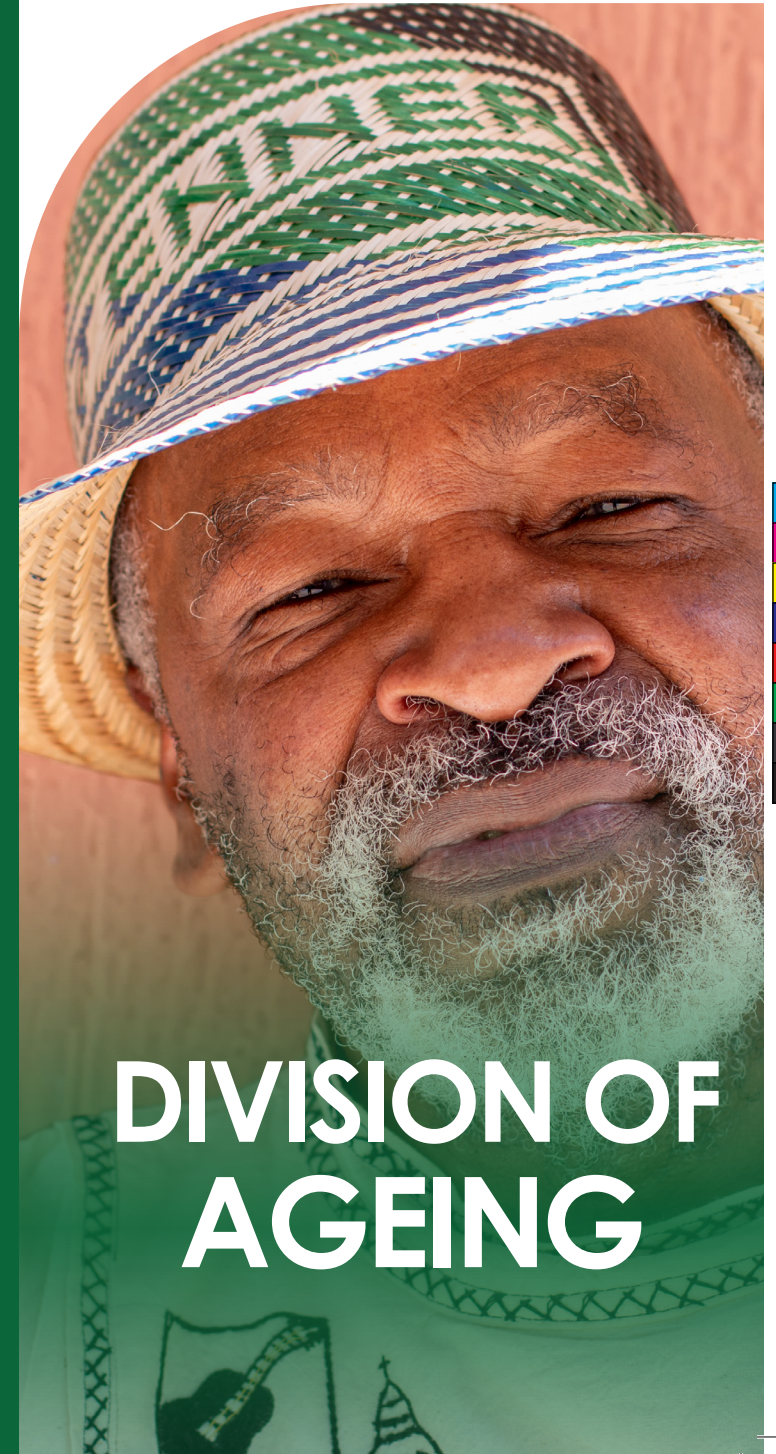
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## Core functions of the Division:

- Develop standards of care for older persons and facilitate compliance with standards;
- Monitor and coordinate the implementation of the National Policy on Ageing;
- Organize and coordinate training programmes, seminars and workshops for care providers of older persons;
- Develop and implement programmes and projects for the benefit of older persons;
- Conduct research on matters pertaining to ageing and older persons;
- Conduct public sensitization programmes nationwide for issues on ageing;
- Operate an Older Persons Information Centre (Help Desk) to provide information on products and services available to older persons;
- Network with social-sector Ministries, the private sector, and civil society to develop and coordinate the implementation of the National Plan of Action on Ageing.



# DIVISION OF AGEING



# Who Are We?

The Division of Ageing (DOA) was established in August 2003, and is dedicated 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 sectors, 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 data from the 2010 National Census, older persons make up 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 Services Do We Offer?

The Division of Ageing provides services and support for the ageing population of Trinidad and Tobago which include:

## Community Care Programme (CCP)

The CCP (Community Care Programme) helps vulnerable individuals aged 55 and above, especially those medically discharged from hospitals and requiring ongoing care. They're placed in community Homes for Older Persons offering shared living spaces and appropriate support, upon meeting the program's criteria.

## Senior Citizens' Pension

This grant provides financial assistance to eligible older persons who are sixty-five (65) years and over in Trinidad and Tobago.

## Special Achievers Grant (SAG)

The SAG provides support to persons who made a significant contribution(s) to the development of Trinidad and Tobago and who are experiencing severe financial hardship. Support in the areas of health, housing and income is provided. A Special Achiever is considered to be a citizen of Trinidad and Tobago whose record of services and/or performance is publicly distinguishable, as an extraordinary contribution to national development and/or raises the international profile of the country.



# 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.