

Trinidad and Tobago

The Foundation is concerned that clandestine abortion is the cause of a high rate of maternal mortality due to infections and complications from procedures performed under unsanitary conditions by untrained personnel. The Black Caucus Foundation is also deeply concerned about the living conditions of prisoners and detainees, especially with regard to access to health care and adequate food and basic facilities.

The Foundation is concerned that problems of persisting overcrowding in hospitals, lack of staffing and non-accessibility of basic drugs have put great strain on the public health service, which have detrimental effects on access to basic health-care facilities, goods and services, especially for the disadvantaged and marginalized groups of society. The Black Caucus Foundation urges the government to enact specific legislation and adopt measures necessary to improve the living conditions of prisoners and detainees.