About the HIV/AIDS Coordinating Unit

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Vision
To lead the Ministry of Health’s response in the reduction of the incidence of HIV infections in Trinidad and Tobago and also mitigating the impact of HIV/AIDS in persons infected and affected in Trinidad and Tobago.

Background
The Ministry of Health’s National AIDS Programme was renamed the HIV and AIDS Coordinating Unit (HACU) through a Cabinet minute No. 166 of August 2006. HACU is responsible for policy formulation, standard setting, funding, regulatory functions and coordination of the activities of the five Regional Health Authorities (RHAs). Regarding policy formulation, significant ones include the National HIV Testing and Counselling Policy, Health Sector Workplace HIV and AIDS Policy, the Prevention of Mother to Child Transmission policy and the Post Exposure Prophylaxis Policy, all approved in 2010. This unit coordinates, advises on policy direction, monitors and evaluates the implementation of the Ministry of Health’s response to the HIV epidemic a Health Sector Plan covers the following priority areas:

- Priority Area I: Prevention
- Priority Area II: Treatment, Care and Support
- Priority Area III: Advocacy and Human Rights
- Priority Area IV: Strategic Information

Mission
To provide a comprehensive, coordinated approach and leadership to all stakeholders involved in the health sector response to HIV/AIDS.