

ECONOMIC COST OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE: DESK AND LITERATURE REVIEW

Working definition of domestic violence from the WHO: "any act of gender-based violence that results in, or is likely to result in, physical, sexual, or mental harm or suffering to women, including threats of such acts, coercion or arbitrary deprivation of liberty, whether occurring in public or in private life."

Part I: Desk Review-- Trinidad & Tobago

- **Local Partners:** Organization for Abused and Battered Individuals (OABI) and Sherna Alexander
- **Country profile:** Trinidad & Tobago
 - WEF Gender Gap Index & Rating (WEF 2021): Index: .749 & Rank: 37/156)
 - HDI Index & Ranking (UNDP, 2020): Index: .796 & Rank: 67/189
- **Context**
 - Sustainable Development Goals
- **Legal protection system**
 - International conventions
 - Legal policy
- **Coordination Mechanisms**
 - Police: Gender Based Violence Unit
 - NGO's
 - Hotlines
 - Legal aid
 - Health services
 - Other related government agencies or initiatives
 - Activist movements
- **Social/Cultural Norms**
 - **Contextualizing violence:** history of colonialism, machismo & masculinity
 - Inheriting gender violence
 - Acceptance of violence
 - Common Help-Seeking Behaviors
- **Resource List**

Part II: Literature Review of DV Costs

