

Main achievements and challenges towards the implementation of the Montevideo Consensus in the Caribbean

Achievements

National co-ordinating mechanism – multi sectoral; government ministries and the private sector

Political Will

Crafting of laws and policies to enhance the implement of the consensus

- National Social Protection Strategy
- National Poverty Reduction Strategy
- Launch of Enhanced Country Assessment (November 2017)
- Establishment of National Mechanism for Reporting and Follow up (2017)
- Passage of Domestic Violence Act (2014)
- Education Sector Plan (2017 – 2021)
- Ministry of Education White Paper on Education Development 2009 – 2019
- Draft National Policy on Ageing 2018 – 2028

Poverty Reduction

- Community housing programme
- Poverty halved since 1999.
- Assistance to underprivileged and vulnerable

Ageing

- Subsidized utilities programme
- Public assistance
- Hot meals programme
- Seniors recreation programme
- Celebration of milestones
- Subsidized transport – free bus passes
- Training of caregivers

Youth

- Youth Advisory Board
- Fashion and Music Expo
- Youth On The Go
- Summer job attachment programme
- Most Remarkable Teens
- Youth Parliament
- Bullying Awareness campaign
- Easter Camp

Gender Equality

- Gender sensitization and awareness programmes
- International Women's Day celebrations
- International Men's Day celebrations

Sexual and Reproductive Health

- Free HIV testing (free counselling and testing)
- Free pap smears
- Free contraceptives
- Men's wellness clinics

Challenges

- Financial resource
- Human resource
- Data collection and dissemination
- Climate change
- Vulnerability to external shocks
- Crime
- Health issues including mental health
- Gender inequality