



Every Caribbean Woman Every Caribbean child Initiative

**PAHO/WHO Workshop
Strengthen Capacity of Health Systems
to Prevent and Respond to Violence Against
Women**

Trinidad and Tobago

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Background

- 2010 the UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon launched “Every Woman, Every Child” (EWEC) during the United Nations Millennium Development Goals Summit
- The Every Caribbean Woman, Every Caribbean Child (ECWECC) initiative ... established in April 2015 is a commitment to the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals

International Obligations and Framework

- - [Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination Against Women \(CEDAW\)](#)
- - International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD +4)
- - [Convention on the Rights of the Child \(CRC\)](#)
- - 2030 Agenda for [Sustainable Development and Goals \(SDGs\)](#)
- - 2016 UN High Level Meeting Political Declaration on fast tracking the End of HIV

Regional Mandates

- CCH1V (2016) executed jointly with PAHO/WHO
- COHSOD XXIV - Integrated Strategic Framework for the Reduction of Adolescent Pregnancy in the Caribbean (UNFPA – CARICOM)
- [MOU](#) between the CARICOM Secretariat and UN Women (January 2017)
- Regional Framework for Action for Children (2008 – 2015)
- CARICOM Youth Development Action Plan (2012 - 2017)

Overview of the Caribbean Initiative

- Clinton Global Initiative
- Focus is on improving the development and lives of women , children and adolescents through empowerment and special attention to sexual reproductive health and rights.
- Four Priority areas:
 - Adolescent pregnancies
 - Violence against women and children (to include trafficking)
 - Cervical Cancer
 - Mother to Child transmission of HIV

Common Gaps and Barriers

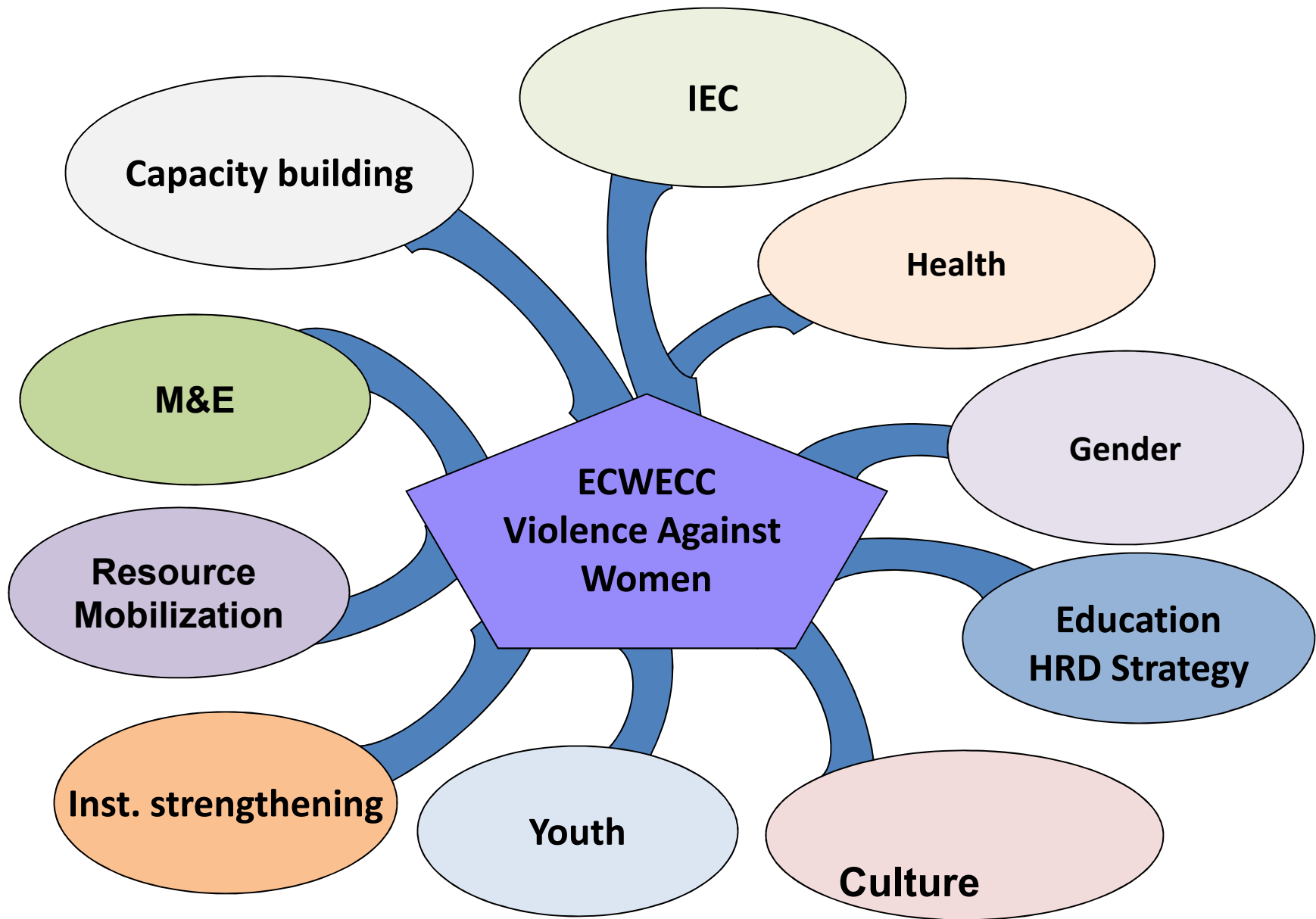
- Lack of data – age dis-aggregated
- Lack of policies and or supportive legislation
- Inaccessible services/programmes
- Human resource constraints
- Financial resource constraints
- Cultural biases and myths

Strategies for Regional Roll Out

- Technical know-how and implementation support
- Political support and advocacy
- Strategic Partnership
- Communication and Information
- Monitoring and Evaluation

Cross Cutting Issues

- Lessons learnt
 - from Ja. pilot, best practices
- National Priorities
- Advocacy
- Communication and Information



Where are we Now?

- Forum of First Ladies/Spouses of CARICOM Heads of Government
 - Guyana, Belize, T&T, Haiti, Jamaica, Suriname
 - Gilead Sciences Inc.

- The aim of the Forum was to agree on priorities and strategies for implementing a programme of work to enhance the health and well-being of Caribbean women and children.

Consultation of Agencies

- Discuss and plan the advancement of a Regional ECWECC Programme taking into consideration the recommendations from the First Ladies Forum,
- identify strategies for rolling out the Every Caribbean Woman Every Caribbean Child Commitment from the Jamaica pilot to the wider Caribbean
- decide on collaborative approaches that harness technical resources available; and
- identify sources of financial support and in particular, the proposed presentation of the strategies for achieving the goals of the ECWECC Commitment to the corporate donors of the Clinton Global Initiative in March/April 2017.

DECISIONS

Decisions: Forum of First Ladies/Spouses

- **Establish** a CARICOM First Ladies/Spouses Network to champion the ECWECC Initiative and other activities in keeping with 2030 Sustainable development Goals #5 empowering women, girls and adolescents.
- **Charge** the Consultation of Agencies as a follow up to the Forum to produce a report on the critical steps, goals timelines and funding required to complete ECWECC Commitment for presentation to development partners, including to corporate donors of the Clinton Global Initiative in March/April, 2107
- **Request** the Honourable Prime Minister of Antigua and Barbuda to urge his colleague CARICOM Heads of Government to support the Initiative which focuses on the reduction of teenage pregnancy, cervical cancer and violence against women and children and the elimination of mother to child transmission of HIV in the Caribbean

Decisions: Consultation of Agencies

- Develop a strategy for information sharing among countries and partners
 - Encourage countries to highlight country-specific priorities or country programmes that contribute to an understanding of the overall aims of the ECWECC Initiative.
 - Identify partners with expertise and mandates that contribute to achieving the general and specific goals:
 - Make proposals for overcoming data limitations which are major barriers to developing evidence-based policy formulation.
- Establish the elements of a public education campaign that simultaneously targets in and out of school youth and women, especially the marginalised areas of Caribbean society
 - Present priorities of a training programme for health, social welfare, youth and community officials that would facilitate the implementation of the ECWECC Initiative

Consultation of Agencies

Agreed to accelerate the roll out by:

- Finding the formula to select best practices and promote them as models;
- Framing a programme of activities that would allow development and other partners to support specific elements ECWECC at the country and regional levels;
- Knowledge management to rationalize resources;
- The institutionalization of the CARICOM First Ladies/Spouses Network will be an asset to advocacy and promoting the ECWECC

Next Steps

- Establish an inventory ECWECC related projects/programmes that exist and/or are in the pipeline at country/regional levels;
- Identify complementary programmes being undertaken by agencies involved in the ECWECC partnership;
- Provide an estimated budget and/or budget projections where possible for country/regional initiatives and sources of funding by Corporate donors / counterparts (Short, medium and long term phases);
- Propose a mechanism for aligning national action plans with the ECWECC priorities;

Next Steps

- Recommend a strategy for inter-sectoral action and collaboration with private sectors and other partners;

- Plan to implement the roll out of the ECWECC Initiative including resource mobilization and advocacy strategies in short (2017-2020), medium (2021-2025) and long term (2026-2030) phases

Decisions: Consultation of Agencies

- Plan for further collaboration particularly with GILEAD and other strategic partners
- Pledge the support of ECWECC Steering Committee and collaborating partners for the Caribbean First Ladies/Spouses Network

Next Steps

- Complete the progress report to ECWECC Focal point at the CGI by 28 February;
- Consult with CGI Focal Point on arrangements for Presentation of the ECWECC roll out to its Corporate donors in mid June and advise CARICOM Lead Head and First Ladies on required procedures ;
- Establish an open line of communication with the First Ladies/Spouses Network and individual First Ladies/Spouses to provide the necessary technical assistance and other support required for their collective or individual programmes;

THANK YOU