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PRESS RELEASE

The Institute for Gender and Development Studies (IGDS) at The University of the West Indies, St. Augustine Campus is pleased to endorse government’s recent decision to allocate $23 million TT dollars to construct two Girls Empowerment Centres in Trinidad and Tobago.

We join the Network of NGOs for the Advancement of Women in celebrating this initiative that adds significantly toward enhancing the status and well-being of at-risk girls and juvenile delinquents. Such centres would certainly benefit the currently sparse resources and limited number of secure spaces for rehabilitation necessary for empowering young people who are at-risk and reintegrating them successfully into society.

The IGDS remains willing to share our expertise in conducting research or policy implementation required in this area. We stand firm in our commitment to achieving gender equality and equity for our citizens young and old and we applaud initiatives that enable these goals.