



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April, 2016

### **NCPD Commemorates World Day for Safety and Health at Work**

World Day for Safety and Health at Work is celebrated by the International Labour Organisation (ILO) annually on April 28<sup>th</sup>. The day seeks to promote the prevention of occupational accidents and diseases globally, and seeks to focus attention on emerging trends in the field of occupational safety and health. This year's theme was "**Workplace Stress: A Collective Challenge**".

National Centre for Persons with Disabilities (NCPD) commemorated World Day for Safety and Health at Work at NCPD on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April, 2016. The event was geared towards promoting a health and safety culture within the organisation, with a focus on persons with disabilities. NCPD recognizes that in fulfilling its mandate in providing vocational training and preparing trainees for the world of work, it must prepare trainees to consider Safety and Health issues in the workplace.

The following organisations discussed Safety and Health matters during the day's activities:

- Trinidad and Tobago Fire Services – Fire Prevention Division
- DRETCHI
- TTEC
- South West Regional Health Authority
- Trinidad and Tobago Critical Incident Support Team
- Elder Associates Limited
- Ministry of Health
- Office of Disaster Preparedness
- Disaster Management Unit
- OSH Agency
- ISD Health Solutions
- Health Food Specialist

Dr. Hassan Ndahi of the International Labour Organisation (ILO) visited and toured the displays. Parents and guardians of the trainees as well as students from St. Benedict's College also attended the event. The event was a success as attendees had a better understanding of the importance of health and safety in the workplace and at home. NCPD takes this opportunity to thank all the above named organisations, for their assistance in making this event a success.

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### **ABOUT NCPD**

NCPD is a non-governmental agency (NGO) which promotes equalization of opportunities for persons with disabilities through training, information, research and consultative services. For more information on the National Centre for Persons with Disabilities, please visit our website, [www.ncpdtt.org](http://www.ncpdtt.org), or contact us by telephone at 652-4880 or via email at [ncpd1@hotmail.com](mailto:ncpd1@hotmail.com).



Photo 1: NCPD trainees visit the South West Regional Health Authority's Dieticians to learn more about healthy diets.



Photo 2: Dr. Hassan Ndahi, ILO Representative and NCPD trainees listen to the ODPM representative speak about disaster preparedness



Photo 3: Mrs. Yordanna Garcia-Blackman interprets for deaf trainees during a visit to the Ministry of Health representatives who conducted blood pressure and blood sugar testing