



Trinidad and Tobago



Describe a successful or challenging e-health initiative your country has taken.

Currently the ministry is embarking on the implementation of a National Health Information System sector-wide.

What were the financial challenges and costs associated with implementation of this programme?

Funded by the GORTT and approved by Cabinet.

What have been the main technological challenges to implementing e-health in your country?

Because Trinidad and Tobago Health Sector has no legacy systems in operation, the possibility of implementing an e-health National Information System is optimum. The major challenge is the change from management issues in the transformation of the present National Health administration into an information-based administration.

Have any ethical issues been raised during the design and implementation of e-health programmes?

Ownership of the patient health records and remote access to it with the corresponding security scheme.

Has the implementation of e-health programmes required any legal or regulatory changes?

The Health Sector Reform Programme e-health initiative must have the corresponding legal framework to operate from a centralized database IT structure, and allowing patient's data to be accessed by different stake holders.

What have been the outcomes of your e-health initiatives?

In the development process.