

ABSTRACT

The Significance and the Effects of the Role of Aid
in the Development of Trinidad and Tobago: 1983-1995.

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This thesis seeks to prove that socio-economic development through Official Development Assistance does not truly bring about sustainable development. The premise of this research is that development should be determined internally by the cultural dynamics of a social entity.

The study will focus on the role of ODA in the development of Trinidad and Tobago. The analysis proceeds from the assumption that ODA has been effectively linked to institutional reform measures undertaken through Trinidad and Tobago's Structural Adjustment programme. A study of these reform measures is therefore fundamental to a determination of how much development has taken place.

The methodology used is based upon institutional criteria established by Morss and Gow which assists in determining the developmental prospects ODA offers through reform measures. The analysis reveals that ODA has not been significant to Trinidad and Tobago's

development because of an insular decision making process which leads to an atmosphere of mistrust and suspicion.

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