



Evaluating the Port of Spain Declaration on NCDs

How far have we come?

How far do we need to go?

How do we get there?



We need to urgently tackle NCDs in our region and the 2007 Port of Spain Declaration is helping us rise to the challenge. We are now evaluating the Declaration and this critical process will show us where we have succeeded and where we can do better as we strive for a healthier Caribbean.

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Port of Spain Declaration



In 2007 CARICOM leaders held the world's first summit on NCDs and produced the ground-breaking Port of Spain Declaration, an ambitious programme of 15 mandates and 27 commitments.

These commitments include creating supportive environments to reduce risk factors; improving health care; establishing multisectoral National NCD Commissions, mobilising resources and launching an annual Caribbean Wellness Day.

The Declaration also spearheaded action in the international arena and helped pave the way for the global United Nations High-Level Meeting on NCDs in 2011.

A critical issue



In the Caribbean

- Every year 250,000 people die from NCDs
- 100,000 of them before they reach 70 years of age
- 1 in 2 men and 3 in 4 women are either overweight or obese
- Diabetes and hypertension account for between 1.4% and 8% of GDP

How are we doing?



Has the Declaration produced notable improvements in policy, practice and results?

What are the major successes and challenges?

How can we improve monitoring, implementation and outcomes, as we seek to deliver the NCD objective in the UN's new Sustainable Development Goals?

A comprehensive, systematic Port of Spain Declaration Evaluation is being undertaken to answer these key questions.

