



SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF ACTIVITIES

January 2015 – December 2015

1. The **Australian Direct Aid Program** approved an HCC grant to fund the **Blood Pressure Control Through Community Action Phase I (BPCCA I)** one-year, multi-country project in Dominica, Haiti, Jamaica St. Lucia, and St. Vincent & the Grenadines for the period January 2015 to November 2015. *January 2015.*
2. HCC Executive Director moderated and presented at the **American Cancer Society Leadership Summit**, Global Health Special Session on Cervical Cancer. *January 2015.*
3. HCC announced **ACS funded Meet the Targets Grant II** aimed at building on **Cervical Cancer Screening and Treatment** Initiatives in Belize (BCS) and Jamaica (JCS) and documenting of the **Civil Society Tobacco Advocacy (JCTC)**. *January 2015.*
4. HCC Special Advisor on Alcohol Policy and Programmes attended the PAHO **Expert Meeting on Alcohol Marketing Regulation**, Washington DC, January 11-14, 2015.
5. HCC President invited to **Temporary Adviser to the WHO** as a member of The WHO GCM/NCD Working Group on how to realize governments' commitments to engage with the private sector for the prevention and control of NCDs. *January 2015.*
6. HCC President invited to serve as a member of the **Planning Committee to the Global NCD Alliance Forum**. *January 2015.*
7. The **Commonwealth Secretariat** approved HCC funding for a regional project: **The NCD Commissions Strengthening Project (NCDOSP)** for the period January 2015 to August 2015. *January 2015.*
8. Start up Meeting for the Commonwealth Secretariat funded **NCD Commissions Strengthening Project (NCDOSP)** held in Barbados and Trinidad and Tobago involving meetings with key stakeholders from the Ministry of Health and NCD Commissions across the region. *February 2015.*
9. HCC President attended, as a Member of the Working Group and Temporary Advisor to the WHO, the **First Session of The WHO GCM/NCD Working Group on how to realize governments' commitments to engage with the private sector for the prevention and control of NCDs**. *February 2015.*
10. HCC President, Executive Director and Barbados based members attended the PAHO/ Ministry of Health **'Workshop on Development of Multisectoral Action Plan for Childhood Obesity in Barbados – Moving from Evidence-based Data to Action'**. *February 2015.*



11. HCC President, HCC Executive Director and GSHTP Barbados Project PI attended the **Global Standardized Hypertension Treatment Project (GSHTP): Scaling Up!** 2nd International Workshop, Miami, Florida. *March 2015.*
12. HCC signed an **MOU** with **Caribbean Public Health Agency (CARPHA)** for the period January 2015 – December 2017. *March 24 2015.*
13. **Blood Pressure Control Through Community Action Phase I (BPCCA I)** Community BP Screening 1-Day Training Workshop conducted with subgrantee the Heart Foundation of **Jamaica (HFJ)**. *March 25, 2015.*
14. HCC President and Executive Director met with **Commonwealth Deputy Secretary-General** (Economic and Social Development) Mr. Deodat Maharaj. *March 27, 2015.*
15. HCC **Policy Brief 'Promoting healthy diets, food security and sustainable development in the Caribbean through joint policy action: The role of civil society'** completed. *March 2015.*
16. **Blood Pressure Control Through Community Action Phase I (BPCCA I)** Community BP Screening 1-Day Training Workshop conducted with subgrantee the **Dominica** Diabetes Association (DOMDA). *April 1, 2015.*
17. **Blood Pressure Control Through Community Action Phase I (BPCCA I)** Community BP Screening 1-Day Training Workshop conducted with subgrantee the Lions Club of Kingstown **St. Vincent** and the Grenadines. *April 13, 2015.*
18. **United Nations InterAgency Task Force on the Prevention and Control of NCDs:** Barbados Mission:
 - a. HCC President and Executive Director attended UNIATF civil society meeting. *April 14, 2015.*
 - b. HCC President/ Chair Barbados NCD Commission attended UNIATF meeting on NCD Commissioners. *April 16, 2015.*
 - c. HCC President met with Dr. Oleg Chestnov, Assistant Director General of the World Health Organization. *April 16, 2015.*
19. **Blood Pressure Control Through Community Action Phase I (BPCCA I)** Community BP Screening 1-Day Training Workshop conducted with subgrantee the **St. Lucia** Diabetes and Hypertension Association (SLDHA). *April 17, 2015.*
20. **Blood Pressure Control Through Community Action Phase I (BPCCA I)** Community BP Screening 1-Day Training Workshop conducted with subgrantee the Fondation **Haitienne** de Diabète et de Maladies Cardio-Vasculaires (FHADIMAC). *April 23, 2015.*
21. HCC President attended the **World Cancer Research Fund (WCRF) International High-level Policy Advisory Group** as a member. London, UK. *April 2015.*
22. HCC renewed contract with Task Force for **Global Health for implementation of the Global Standardised Hypertension Treatment Project Barbados (GSHTP) Pilot Year 2** for period April 2015 – March 2016. *April 2015.*



23. HCC signed a **MOU** with the **NCD Alliance/ Medtronic Philanthropy** for continued funding under programme '**Strengthening Health Systems, Supporting NCD Action**' for period March 2015 – March 2016. *May 2015.*
24. HCC/PAHO/USF (University of South Florida) '**Building Capacity of Civil Society for Dietary Salt Reduction Applying Social Marketing Training and Technical Assistance**' launched in three countries Antigua, Jamaica, and St. Vincent & the Grenadines for the period May – October 2015. *May 2015.*
25. HCC held its first **Youth4NCDs chat room** via Google chat. Chat room led by Youth4NCDs lead Krystal Boyea and Shawn Hercules. *May 2015.*
26. HCC co-sponsored the National Cancer Institutes (NCI)/ American Cancer Society (ACS) /HCC **Caribbean Cancer Control Leadership Forum** held in Barbados. The meeting was also held in partnership with CARPHA and PAHO. *May 11-13, 2015.*
27. HCC managed GSHTP Barbados Pilot Principle Investigator presented GSHTP Pilot updates at the **2015 ASH Annual Scientific Meeting & Exposition**, NY, NY. *May 15-19, 2015.*
28. HCC hosted Commonwealth Secretariat funded meeting: '**Measuring and Engaging the Business Sector Response to NCDs: The Caribbean NCD Private Sector Forum**' in partnership with CARPHA and the NCD Alliance in Barbados. *June 4, 2015.*
29. HCC hosted Commonwealth Secretariat funded meeting: '**Strengthening The Multi-Sectoral Response to NCDs in the Caribbean: National NCD Commissions**' in partnership with CARPHA, PAHO and the NCD Alliance in Barbados. *June 5, 2015.*
30. HCC hosted NCD Alliance funded meeting: '**Caribbean CIVIL SOCIETY Regional Preparatory Meeting In preparation for the Global NCD Alliance Forum November 2015**' in Barbados. *June 6, 2015.*
31. HCC President attended '**Forum of Key Stakeholders on NCDs: Advancing the NCD agenda in the Caribbean**' organized by the Pan American Health Organization /World Health Organization (PAHO /WHO) in collaboration with the Ministry of Health of Barbados held in Barbados. *June 7-8, 2015.*
32. HCC President presented at the Medical Association of Jamaica **Golden Jubilee Symposium 2015: Celebrating 50 years of service to Jamaica: Theme: "Chronic Non-Communicable diseases: the 21st century tsunami"** in Jamaica, June 7 – 14, 2015.
33. HCC President attended, as a Member of the Working Group and Temporary Advisor to the WHO, the **Second Session of the GCM/NCD Working Group on how to realize governments' commitments to engage with the private sector for the prevention and control of NCDs**, 17-18 June 2015, Geneva, Switzerland.
34. **High Level Advocacy.** HCC Board sent an official letter to the Honourable Prime Minister of Barbados Freundel Stuart congratulating the Barbados government on the new **tax on Sugar Sweetened Beverages**. *June 2015.*



35. HCC announced the appointment of volunteer '**Policy Advisor**' Mrs. Nicole Foster, Attorney at Law and Law Lecturer at the University of the West Indies; a former international trade diplomat with expertise in international law, international trade and international organisations. *June 2015.*
36. **High Level Advocacy.** An **official congratulatory letter** from the HCC Executive Director was sent to the Prime Minister of Barbados with copy to the Minister of Finance and the Governor of the Central Bank, in support of the introduction of a **10% Excise Tax on Sugar Sweetened Beverages in Barbados (effective August 1st 2015)**. *June 2015.*
37. **High Level Advocacy.** An official letter from the HCC President was sent to Heads of Government in honour of **The 36th Regular Conference of Heads of Government of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM)** urging the Heads to prioritise NCDs and presenting them with a copy of the HCC Civil Society NCD Regional Status Report. *July 2015.*
38. Secretary-General Ban-Ki-moon hosted an interactive session with youth of Caribbean region at the University of the West Indies Cave Hill Campus in Barbados: **#CaribbeanYouthSpeak**. The session was attended by Shawn Hercules, Youth4NCDs co-lead. *July 3, 2015.*
39. **High Level Advocacy.** An **official congratulatory letter** from the HCC President was sent to the Prime Minister of Dominica (with copy to the Secretary General of the CARICOM, The Health Lead of CARICOM, the Executive Director of CARPHA/ HCC Special Advisor, and the Director Emeritus of PAHO/ Patron of HCC), in support of the introduction of a **10% Excise Tax on Sugar Sweetened Beverages and Foods in Barbados and increase in 10% tax on cigarettes and alcohol (effective September 1st 2015)**. *August 2015.*
40. HCC President and Executive Director attended and presented at the 4th Meeting of the PAHO **Salt Smart Consortium: Implementing social marketing to change the social norm on salt/sodium consumption**. The HCC/PAHO/USF (University of South Florida) also met with the four country teams for the development of the national social marketing strategies. The meetings were held in Antigua. *September 17-18, 2015.*
41. HCC President attended the **3rd meeting of the WHO Working Group for the Global Coordination Mechanism on the Prevention of Noncommunicable Disease (GCM/NCD)** in Geneva, Switzerland. *September 23-24, 2015.*
42. HCC released three reports, to coincide with the United Nations Sustainable Development Summit 2015 and in support of partnerships to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals. September 21st, 2015.
 - a. **A Civil Society Report on National NCD Commissions in the Caribbean: Towards a more Effective Multisectoral Response to NCDs. Part I**
 - b. **The Caribbean Private Sector Response to Non Communicable Diseases (NCDs): A Situational Analysis and Framework for Action.**
 - c. **Measuring and Engaging the Business Sector Response to NCDs: The Caribbean NCD Private Sector Forum Meeting Report.**



43. HCC President and Executive Director attended the **United Nations Sustainable Development Summit 2015** in New York. *September 25 – 27, 2015.*
44. Dr. Rohan Maharaj, HCC Alcohol Policy Advisor, attended and presented two oral presentations (see below) at the **Global Alcohol Policy Conference, Momentum for change: research and advocacy reducing alcohol harm** in Edinburgh, Scotland. *October 7-9, 2015.*
 - a. **Alcohol Policy In The English-Speaking Caribbean: A Civil Society Perspective.**
 - b. **The National Alcohol Survey Of Households In Trinidad and Tobago (Nashtt): Willingness To Support Changes In Policy, Laws And Regulations.**
45. The **Global Standardised Hypertension Treatment Project (GSHTP) 1-year Pilot Evaluation** site visit to Barbados. CDC Project Lead Dr. Pragna Patel and colleagues including a PAHO representative participated in the visit with the local Barbados team. *October 13 – 16, 2015.*
46. Commonwealth Secretariat Health Advisor, Dr. Magna Aidoo, visited the region to conduct country visits in Barbados, St. Vincent & the Grenadines and Grenada to follow up on the launch of the **Draft National NCD Commissions Implementation Framework**. Dr. Aidoo was accompanied by HCC President and Executive Director and in both countries met with senior officials at the Ministry of Health including St. Vincent & the Grenadines Minister of Health Hon. Clayton Burgin and Grenada Minister of Health Hon. Nickolas Steele. *October 30 – November 3, 2015.*
47. HCC becomes an official member of the **Global Alcohol Policy Alliance (GAPA)**. November 2015.
48. **WHO Global Coordinating Mechanism (WHO/GCM) Dialogue on Mobilizing International Cooperation on Noncommunicable Diseases** Photo Story: *The Power of International Cooperation to tackle Noncommunicable Diseases* featuring three global stories including Healthy Caribbean Coalition piece on the Belize Cancer Society and the Jamaica Cancer Society. Photographers for Hope visited Belize and Jamaica. *October 26 – 31, 2015; November 2 – 7, 2015.*
49. HCC President attended High-level meeting in Bellagio, Italy. **Improving health through better governance – strengthening the governance of diet and nutrition partnerships for the prevention of chronic diseases.** The meeting was coordinated by the UK Health Forum in collaboration with colleagues from WHO, the Institute of Population and Public Health, Canadian Institutes of Health Research, and World Obesity Federation. *October 27-29, 2015.*
50. HCC released report: **A DRAFT Framework for the Establishment and Strengthening of National NCD Commissions: Towards a more Effective Multisectoral Response to NCDs. Part II.** *November 8, 2015.*
51. HCC released report: **Caribbean Civil Society Regional Preparatory Meeting Report.** *November 8, 2015.*
52. Nicole Foster, HCC Policy Advisor attended **PAHO Drafting Working Group on Alcohol Marketing** in Washington DC. *November 12-13, 2015.*



53. HCC President and Executive Director attended the **Global NCD Alliance Forum 2015: NCD Advocacy and Accountability in the Post-2015 Era**, in Sharjah, United Arab Emirates. *November 13-15, 2015*. Roles included:
 - a. Workshop Co-lead with The Partnering Initiative (TPI): *Advancing Effective Multisectoral Action for NCDs*
 - b. Speaker: *Mechanisms for Multisectoral Partnerships – National NCD Commissions*
 - c. Speaker: *Achieving “25 x 25”: Accountability as a Force for Change*
 - d. Session Moderator
54. HCC President attended the **9th World Alliance for Risk Factor Surveillance (WARFS) Global Conference** in Antigua as a keynote speaker presenting on NCD Surveillance in the Caribbean. *November 17-20, 2015*.
55. HCC Member of the Board of Directors, Laura Tucker-Longsworth attended and presented, *‘Defender of women living with NCDs: championing the rights to health care of women living in remote and poor areas of Belize’* at the **WHO Global Coordinating Mechanism (WHO/GCM) Dialogue on Mobilizing International Cooperation on Noncommunicable Diseases** in Geneva. *November 29 - December 1, 2015*.
 - a. **Photo story** launched at the Dialogue with 8 photos featuring the Belize Cancer Society and the Jamaica Cancer Society cervical cancer programmes.
 - b. Video launched: **‘Stories from Belize, Jamaica, the Philippines and Uganda. International Corporation to complement domestic resources and effort, and CD related targets in the 2030 agenda for sustainable development.’**
56. HCC President attended and presented at the International Diabetes Federation **World Diabetes Congress (WDC)**, Vancouver Canada. *November 30 – December 4, 2015*.
57. HCC President and Executive Director attended as panellists the **Pan American Forum for Action on Noncommunicable Diseases (PAFNCD): A dialogue on how to advance multi-sector approaches to NCDs in the Americas**. *December 3 – 4, 2015*.

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