

HEALTH SYSTEM STRENGTHENING SUPPORTING NCD ACTION

Healthy Caribbean Coalition
The NCD Alliance, PAHO, CARPHA
Ministry of Health, Dominica, Dominica Cancer Society

Perspective

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RE HSS & SUPPORT FOR NCD ACTION

Cross Cutting Themes

- Integration
- People/Patient Empowerment
- Multi-sectoral Collaboration

Objectives

1. To share/showcase experiences, lessons learned, best practices
2. To identify and discuss HSS barriers and challenges and recommend solutions.
3. To build momentum for greater CSO advocacy
4. To support a CSO 'Call/Declaration'

EXPECTED OUTCOMES

Parties better aware and informed about HSS imperatives in their and others health care delivery sphere of influence and action .

CSO 'memorandum of commitment' / 'declaration' for HSS improvements.

PERSPECTIVE OF A COUNTRY CMO

WHERE THE RUBBER MEETS THE ROAD

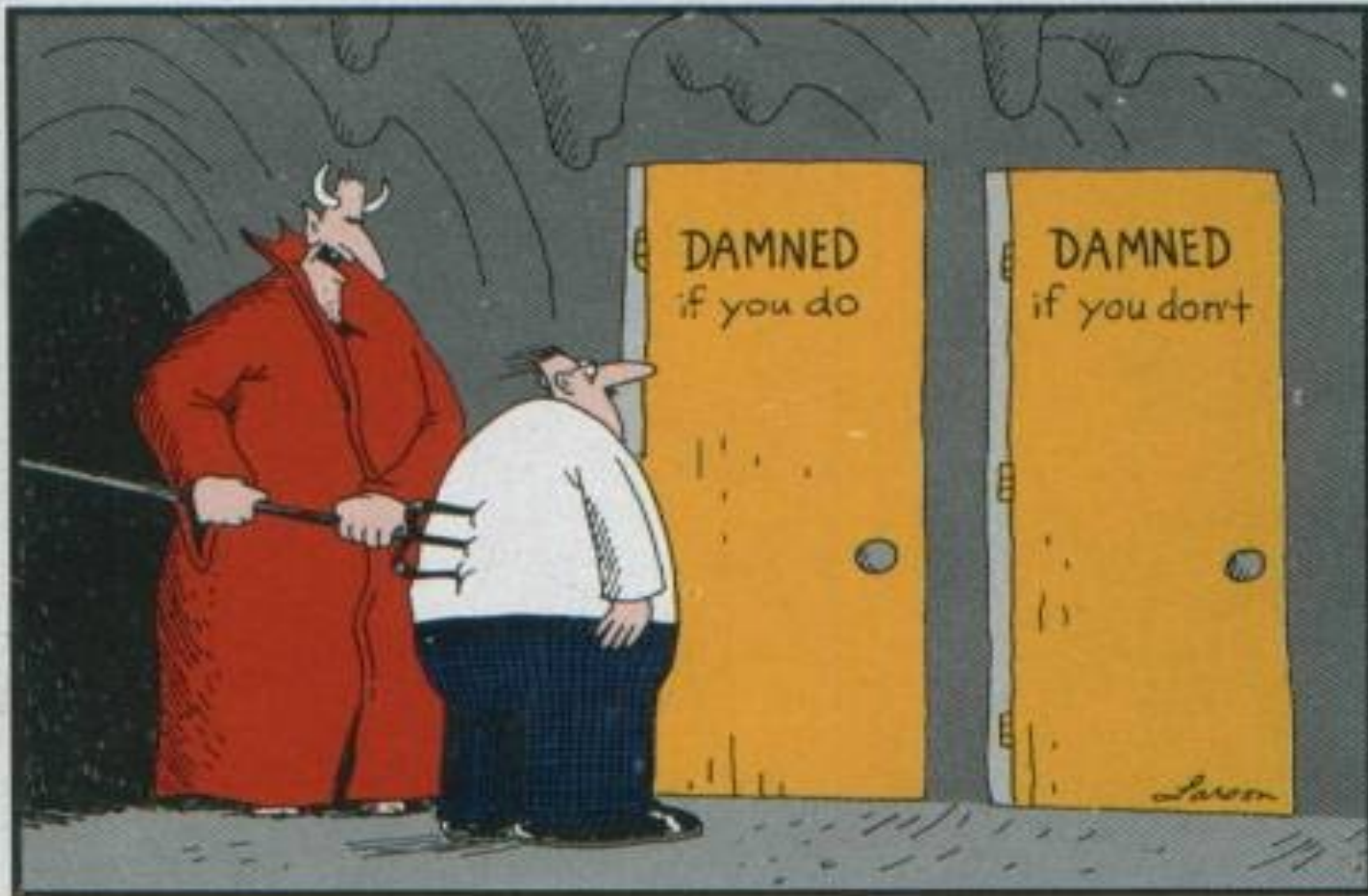
Sitting (or hanging by the neck) on the interface of public health and politics

Presentation Focus and Flow

- Background Challenges & Situation
- Opportunities



IN PUBLIC HEALTH



"C'mon, c'mon — it's either one or the other."

WHY ARE WE REALLY HERE

HCC and partners desire to see higher performing health systems in the Caribbean

Private Sector & CSOs must play a meaningful role in HSS while supporting NCD programming.

There are HSS challenges to address. They are not insurmountable.

BACKGROUND SITUATION & CHALLENGES

Communicable Disease Era – Up to 1980's

- Governments did the heavy-lifting
- Responsible for health care service delivery and financing.

SITUATION & CHALLENGES

Current Era

- Multiple risks and threats.
- GDP-eroding new, emerging and chronic conditions.
 - Unsustainable spending for Hemodialysis, radiotherapy, quadruple bypass, etc.
plus
 - Opportunity costs of premature morbidity, disability, mortality
- Health expenditure should an investment in human development

BENEFITS OF CHIKV & EBOLA

- Forced intense examination of capacities of national health systems.
- Jump-start allocations for HSS

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EBOLA!!!

OBESITY:
300,000
DEATHS PER YEAR

TOBACCO:
450,000
DEATHS PER YEAR

ALCOHOL:
88,000
DEATHS PER YEAR



LESSONS BEFORE CHIKV & EBOLA

Since 1980's – Re NCDs and HIV

- Chronic conditions best addressed in integrated and comprehensive approaches
 - Attend to upstream determinants as well as health systems issues.

Since 2002 – Re Health System Strengthening

- Building-block formula

➤ 6 Pillars

1. Leadership & Governance
2. Financing
3. Quality-Oriented Service Delivery
4. HRH Development & Training
5. Equitable Access to Medical Products & Technologies
6. Systems of Health Information

EINSTEIN WAS CORRECT

Insanity is doing the same thing over and over again but expecting and resu

translation

Health care systems have to be re-configured post-haste out of traditional modes

The present and future of a strong national health system mean integrated and comprehensive approaches.

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❖ Current demands are huge

- Occurring when governments operate in a tight fiscal space
- Many economies reeling or barely emerging from 2008 economic downturn.

❖ Governments looking for partners in health care service delivery

- Spells opportunity for HCC and partners to engage more assertively

WE CAN *GO FORWARD*

1: WE HAVE AGREEMENT ON INTERSECTORIALITY

Strong Health Systems enable integrated approaches and sustained NCD action

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NCDs share common modifiable risk factors (WHO)

Must be addressed as a group

Prevention must be integrated into population approaches

Integrated approaches = **Working Across Sectors**

2: WE HAVE AGREEMENT ON DETERMINANTS

NCDs risk factors embedded in the conditions in which people are conceived, born, raised, live, work and age

Economic: Trade & Tariff Rules

- Imported junk food is cheaper than indigenous, fresh, wholesome food
- Facilitate consumption of obesogenic diets

Cultural: TV & Social Media time → Sedentariness.

Social: Over-stress leads to self-medication via alcohol, marijuana, stimulants and analgesics

NCD Burdens starting in early adolescence.

THE EQUITY FACTOR





www.stopthecoonery.com

3. WE HAVE A REALIZABLE TARGET

A 25% reduction in premature death from NCDs (and less taxes) by 2025

adopted by

UNGA, WHO, NCDA

AHO, CARPHA, HCC

National Governments

4. WE HAVE A STRATEGY

❖ Plethora of strategies

Speak to integrated and comprehensive approaches to combat the “Big 4”

- Cancer, cardiovascular disease, respiratory diseases and diabetes.

3 Action Domains

Surveillance, Prevention and Control (Essential Public Health Functions)

Strategic Objectives

1. Reduce avoidable mortality and morbidity
2. Minimize exposure to risk factors
3. Maximize exposure to protective factors

**CARIBBEAN PEOPLE CYNICAL ABOUT
STRATEGIES**

WHAT SHOULD THE PEOPLE SEE & FEEL

Affordable prices of healthy food

If they get sick, adequate, predictable, sustainable and affordable (free) supply of doctors, nurses, essential medicines and lab tests (not strategies)

Safe and secure spaces for exercise.

- Professionally run exercise programs out of community health centers

Less stressful school-life for their children (↓ academic overload)

WHAT SHOULD THE PEOPLE SEE & FEEL

Coordinated multi-sectoral and resourced plan for action

Opinion leaders continually championing Wellness, Equity and Solidarity

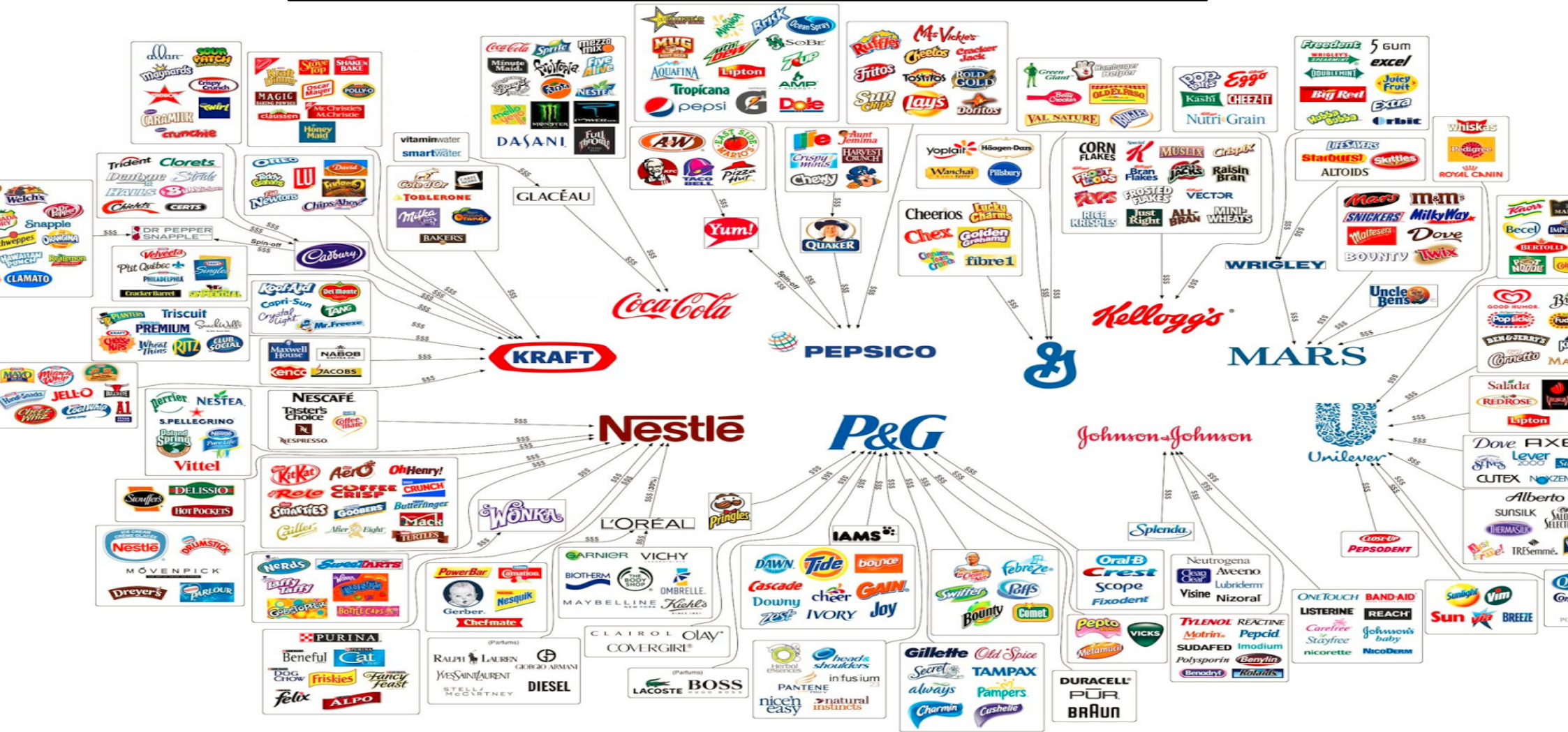
Capacity built in MOHs to

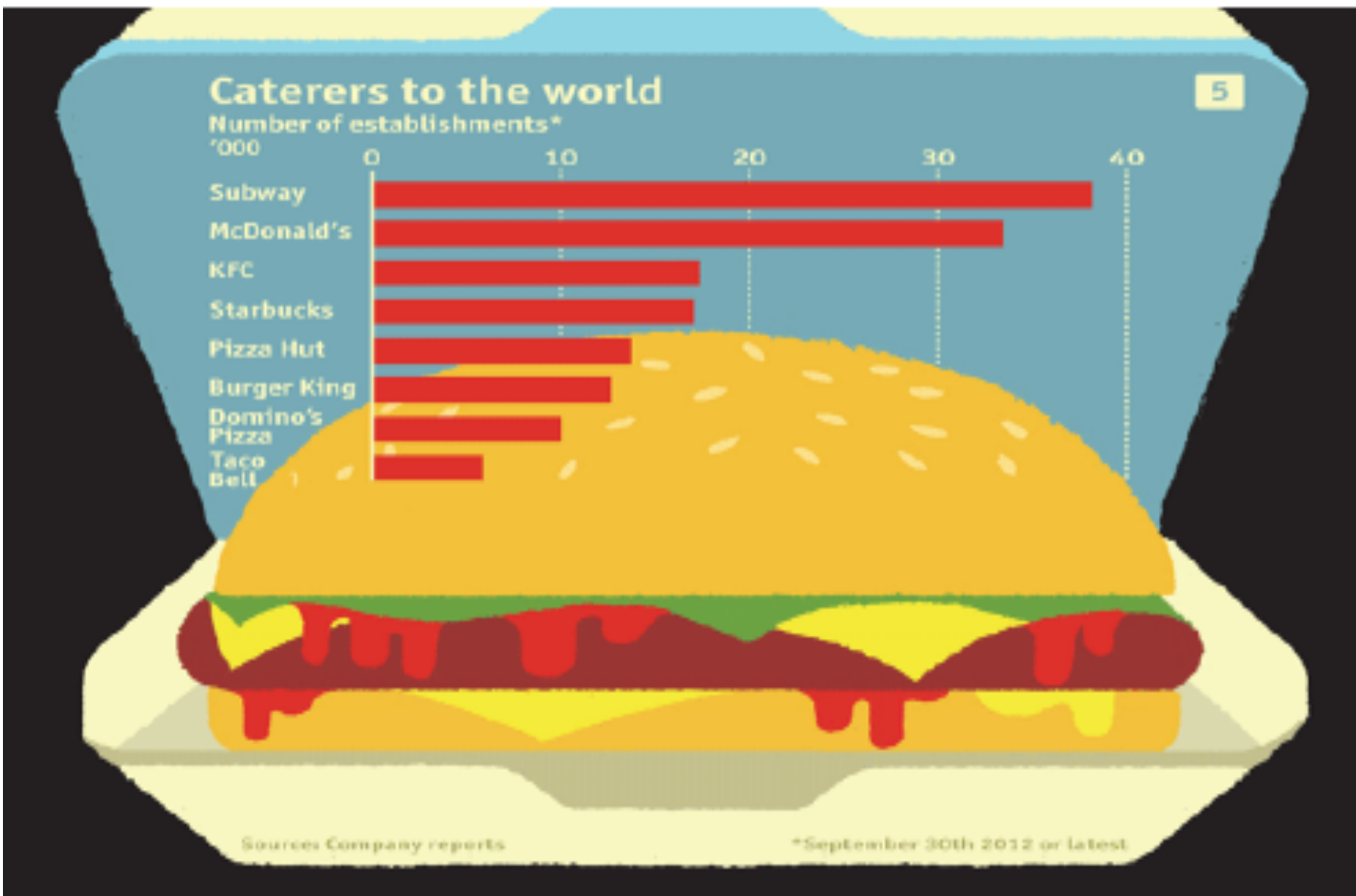
- Develop PLFs with teeth
- Conduct costing analyses
- Recruit & retain good talent
- Manage inventory
- Conduct KAP surveys and communicate results

Assertive Messaging e.g. Radio & TV ads; **To Win Hearts, Minds & Wallets**

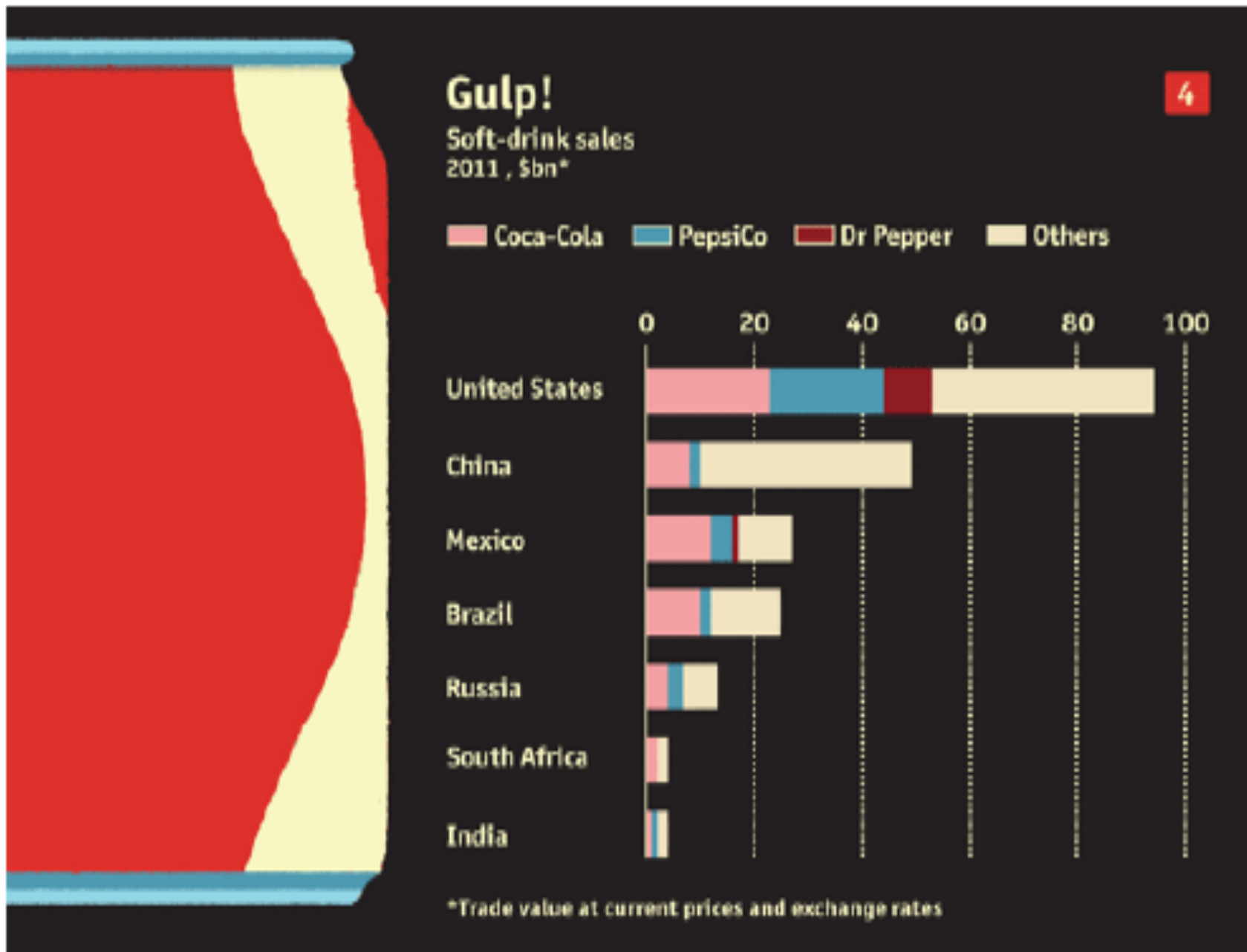
10 COMPANIES THAT RULE THE WORLD

Via Slick Campaigns for Hearts, Minds & Wallets





The Economist: Special Report on Obesity



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“All of government” and “all of society”
approaches needed to reduce the
socioeconomic burden of NCDs.

... All of me All of you ...

Adapted from John Legend

KEYS TO HSS

▶ Enjoin the Public Sector, Private Sector and Civil Society Organizations

Who leads the advocacy, convening, resourcing? Options

✓ Global Level – UNGA, WHO, NCDA

✓ Hemispheric Level – PAHO, World Bank, IDB, OAS

✓ Regional Level – CARPHA, PAHO, HCC, CDB, OECS Secretariat

✓ National Level – Office of Head of State or Government, Major Figure with deep pockets and wide influence (ala Bill Gates)

HSS FOR EFFECTIVE & SUSTAINED NCD ACTION

Building Block	Improvement Activities by Private Sector & CSOs	Key Partners
Leadership & Governance	Support Development of Effective Policy & Legislative - Templates	OECS & CARICOM Secretariats
Financing	Fund Raising for National Intersectoral Body's Plan for Action	National Secretariats
Service Delivery Quality	Support Strategy Formulation Support Program of Certification and Recertification	CARPHA, PAHO
HRH Development & Training	Advocate for Curricula Reform in Professional Schools Continuing On-the-Job Education	CARPHA, PAHO MOHR
Equitable Access to Medical Products	Advocacy / Negotiation for Affordable Prices	OECS-PPS MOFs
Health Information Systems	Support Database Development	CARPHA

THANK YOU

QUESTIONS & COMMENTS WELCOME