EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT OF ACTIVITIES
January 2016 – December 2016

1. The Australian Direct Aid Program approved an HCC grant to fund the Caribbean Civil Society Cervical Cancer Prevention Initiative (C4PI) one-year, multi-country project in Belize, Guyana and Haiti for the period February 2015 to February 2016. January 2016.

2. HCC President and Executive Director conducted country visit to Trinidad & Tobago to meet with Australian High Commissioner Ross Tysoe and the members of newly formed TT National NCD Alliance. Trinidad & Tobago. January 26, 2016.

3. HCC President invited to be a member of the Pan American Health Organization/World Health Organization (PAHO/WHO) Advisory Group on Advancing the Noncommunicable Diseases (NCD) Agenda in the Caribbean. February 2016.


5. HCC Policy Advisor Nicole Foster attended a Thematic Session on Law and the Prevention and Control of Noncommunicable Diseases hosted by the International Development Law Organization (IDLO) in collaboration with the world health organization (WHO) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) at UN headquarters, New York, USA. February 9, 2016.


8. HCC President and Executive Director attended the Port of Spain Declaration Evaluation and Implementation Workshop in Trinidad & Tobago. The HCC is one of the collaborating institutions for the POSDEVAL project. February 24-25, 2016.

9. HCC Executive Director attended the PAHO Saltsmart: Defining a Caribbean Social Marketing Campaign: The Workshop. The HCC is one of the collaborating institutions for the PAHO Caribbean Dietary Salt Reduction Social Marketing Initiative. Miami, USA. March 1-4, 2016.


12. Executive Director Maisha Hutton and Member of the HCC Board of Directors, Laura Tucker-Longsworth, attended and presented at the PAHO/ PAHO Foundation/ Miami Institute for the Americas and the Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center at the University of Miami/ Breast Cancer Initiative 2.5 meeting: Women’s Cancers in the English Caribbean: A regional multi-sector discussion to define feasible strategies to improve the effectiveness of breast and cervical cancer programs. Miami, USA. March 11-12, 2016.

14. HCC Board of Directors member Dr. Victor Coombs facilitated at The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) NCD and Community-Based Heath and First Aid (CBHFA) Healthy Lifestyles Module workshop. The HCC has an MOU with the IFRC and was a partner on this NCD initiative. Trinidad & Tobago. April 26-28, 2016.

15. Executive Director attended the Women Deliver 2016 Conference with funding from NCD Alliance/Women Deliver; and presented at two NCD side events. Denmark, Copenhagen. May 16-19, 2016.


17. HCC/NCD Alliance awards small grants to the Barbados Family Planning Association (BFPA) and Cancer Support Services (CSS) in support of civil society contributing to health systems strengthening (HSS) at the country-level. June 2016.


   i. Dr. Victor Coombs: Current HCC Board Member; Past Chairman, Trinidad & Tobago Partners Forum
   ii. Mrs. Laura Tucker-Longsworth MSN. RN.: Current HCC Board Member; President, Belize Cancer Society
   iii. Professor Sir Trevor Hassell: Current HCC Board; Board Member, Heart and Stroke Foundation of Barbados; Chairman NCD Commission, Barbados
v. Dr. Homer Bloomfield: Longstanding Member of the Cancer Society of the Bahamas and current Board Member.


25. HCC Member of the Board of Directors Mrs. Laura Tucker-Longsworth attended **Women’s Cancers in the Americas: Strategies for Synergy**. University of Miami, Miami, USA. October 5-6, 2016.

26. HCC launches Caribbean Sugar Infographic illustrating sugar content of international and endemic soft drinks and sweetened juices.

27. HCC Executive Director attended University of Trinidad and Tobago (UTT)/Healthy Caribbean Coalition and City of Hope, Center of Community Alliance for Research & Education (CCARE) the **Inaugural Caribbean Cancer Survivorship Conference**. Trinidad and Tobago. October 21, 2016.
   a. HCC/NCD Alliance hosted a community consultation with cancer survivors to inform a Caribbean Patient Led Cancer Advocacy Agenda

28. President attended and presented at the **WHO Global Dialogue Meeting on the role of non-State actors in supporting Member States in their national efforts to tackle noncommunicable diseases (NCDs) as part of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development**. Balaclava, Mauritius. October 19–21, 2016.

29. President and Executive Director attended and presented at the **UICC World Cancer Congress 2016**. Paris, France. October 31-November 3, 2016. Presentations are listed below:
   a. Sir Trevor Hassell
      i. Harnessing the media landscape for advocacy and effective health communications. *Using the media to generate public demand in the Caribbean.* Speaker.
      ii. Complex realities – Innovative solutions: identifying priorities and mobilising action in the areas of nutrition, physical activity, alcohol and overweight and obesity. *Session Chair.*
      iii. Advancing cancer prevention and early detection in Latin America and the Caribbean through regional collaboration. *Raising awareness and mobilizing communities for cancer prevention in the Caribbean.* Speaker.
   b. Mrs. Maisha Hutton
      i. Mobilising NCD civil society in the Post-2015 era: Caribbean experiences in building capacity among CSOs in SIDS/LMICs to support cancer and NCD Programmes in Post-2015. Speaker.


31. HCC Tobacco Control Policy Advisor, Barbara McGaw, attended the Pre-COP7 regional meetings for the Americas region, co-organized by the Convention Secretariat and AMRO. Mrs. McGaw attended as a civil society representative. Panama City, Panama. 4-6 October 2016.
32. HCC Tobacco Control Policy Advisor, Barbara McGaw, attended the Seventh session of the Conference of the Parties (COP7). Delhi, India. 7 – 12 November 2016.

33. HCC Member of The Board of Directors, Dr. Homer Bloomfield attended the Caribbean Global Health Security Agenda Roadmap Development Workshop. Miami, USA. November 14-18, 2016.


35. HCC publishes an Open Letter To Hon. Freundel Stuart, Prime Minister of Barbados: ‘Congratulations on 'Standing Up" to the Beverage Industry’. November 24, 2016.


38. HCC Tobacco Control Policy Advisor, Barbara McGaw, attended The Institute for Global Tobacco Control (IGTC) at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health (JHSPH), 2016 Latin America and Caribbean Tobacco Control Leadership Program. Santiago, Chile. December 4-10, 2016.

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