ACCELERATING NUTRITION POLICIES IN THE CARIBBEAN

Creating Supportive Environments for Healthy Children: Commitments

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The Nassau Declaration that the Health of the Region is the Wealth of the Region 2001. It identified three Disease Priorities for the Region with the context of Caribbean Cooperation in Health II:

- CNCDs,
- HIV/AIDS
- Mental Health
CCHD Report 2005

• Article II of the Nassau Declaration created the Caribbean Commission on Health and Development
  - the creation of a Caribbean Technical Regional Task Force on Health and Development within COHSOD to advocate, review and help to propel health to the centre of the development process and to draw on the body of research and development (R&D) that provides for evidenced based decision making at all levels.

The Report of the Caribbean Commission on Health and Development identified NCDs as the most significant health challenge to our Region.
Declaration of Port of Spain on Non-Communicable Diseases 2007

- The 28th Meeting of the Conference of Heads Of Government agreed to its full participation in the Summit on Non-Communicable Diseases, to be held in Port-of-Spain, Trinidad and Tobago, on 14 September 2007. This resulted in the first in the world Heads of Government Summit on NCDs. It produced the Port of Spain Declaration: 15 points and 27 actions.
Outcomes

- Regional Strategic Plan;
- Caribbean Wellness Day;
- Regional Standard for Tobacco Labelling
- Healthy Caribbean Coalition
Internationalisation of POSD

- Three High level UN meetings at UN in view of the Development concerns associated with Global epidemic.
- 2011 Political Declaration set Global Strategy on NCDs prevention and control
- 2014 Provided Targets;
- 2018 advocated for cross sectoral involvement;
- It has resonated with SDGs 2015 included in Goal 3
• POS Declaration evaluation whilst acknowledging clear progress in the implementation of the Declaration revealed deficits in implementation –
• in particular related to multisectoral actions:
• It was clear that the regulatory frameworks needed for the protection of human health were lagging
Interventions by 37th meeting of the Conference of Heads of Government

- 37th Meeting of the Conference received the report of the POS Declaration Evaluation.
- Mandated a raft of measures:
  - Smoke-free Region;
  - Compulsory food labelling;
  - Curbing Advertising to Children;
- Urged the formation of a multisector taskforce managed by COHSOD and COTED;
The 38th Meeting of the Conference

- Heads of Government supported the use of inter-sectoral approaches to address current health;
- They noted with concern that obesity in children represented the greatest threat to the health of future generations discussed potential interventions such as SSB regulation;
- Advocated for increased physical education and improved access to indigenous foods.
Intersectoral Action

- First Joint meeting of joint COHSOD and COTED to deliberate on sustainable trade policies related to NCDs is scheduled for November 2019 on a mandate of the 37th Meeting of COTED November 2017;
  - Harmful Use of Alcohol;
  - Unhealthy diets are main themes;
- There is strong collaboration from Regional experts of CARICOM, CARPHA, UWI, CROSQ, HCC with technical support from PAHO
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