

CIVIL SOCIETY ACTION PLAN 2017-2021

PREVENTING CHILDHOOD OBESITY IN THE CARIBBEAN

Enabling Caribbean civil society's contribution to national and regional action for healthier, happier children.



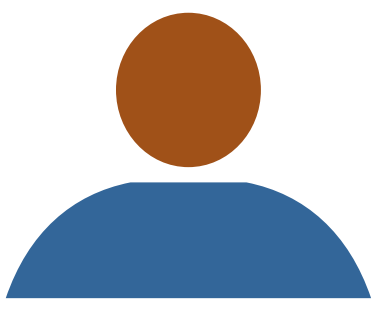
CARICOM HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT

HEALTHY NUTRITION POLICIES = HEALTHY CHILDREN AND COMMUNITIES

YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO KNOW

CARICOM Heads of State and Government have acknowledged the urgency of childhood obesity and committed to respond through strong policy action

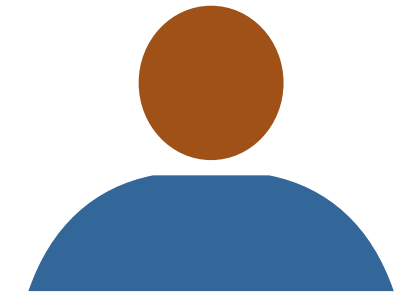
Heads *"to address issues such as banning advertisement of potentially harmful foods which specifically target children; and elevating taxes on foods high in sugar, salt and trans-fats"*



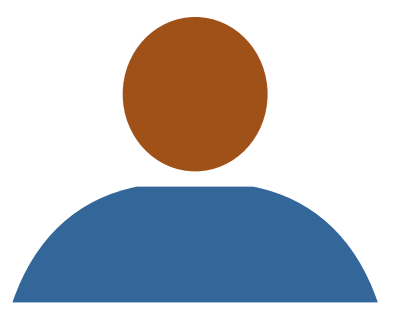
Communiqué, 37th Regular Meeting of CARICOM Heads of Government, 2016

Heads *"noted with concern that obesity in children represented the greatest threat to the health of future generations with the level of overweight and obesity being more than 30 % in both primary and secondary school populations in many Member States...and urged the promotion of Physical Exercise in school-age children"*

Communiqué, 38th Regular Meeting of CARICOM Heads of Government, 2017, in the 10-year anniversary of the Port of Spain Declaration



Heads endorsed a number of priorities for the 3rd UN High Level Meeting on NCDs including: *"implementing policies geared to preventing childhood obesity, including health-promoting school environments and Front of Package (FOP) labelling"*.



Communiqué, 39th Regular Meeting of CARICOM Heads of Government, 2018, preceding the 3rd UN High Level Meeting on NCDs

YET ... Childhood obesity is on the rise and ONLY...



3/20 Countries have SSB taxes



3/20 Countries have mandatory bans or restrictions on SSBs in schools



0/20 Countries have mandatory Front of Package Nutrition Labelling

WHERE IS THE ACCOUNTABILITY? ENOUGH. ACT NOW

1 in 3 Caribbean Children is OVERWEIGHT or OBESE

HCC recommends a package of policies to tackle childhood obesity



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