



## ELEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF ACTIVITIES

January 2019 – December 2019

Below is a summary of activities undertaken during the course of the 2019.

1. HCC Executive Director attended the **GHAJ Jamaica Strategic Planning Meeting**. Kingston, Jamaica. *January 14-15, 2019*
2. The 22<sup>nd</sup> Virtual Meeting of HCC Board of Directors. *January 23, 2019.*
3. HCC second phase of funding from the Global Health Advocacy Incubator (GHAJ) to support regional work in the area of childhood obesity prevention: **Caribbean Civil Society Tackling Childhood Obesity: Creating Healthier Countries, Communities and Schools through Policy Advocacy PART II**. *February, 2019.*
4. **HCC Guiding Principles, Policies and Operating Procedures** developed. *February 2019.*
5. HCC Executive Director attended the World Cancer Research Fund International (WCRF) **Expert face2face meeting on Confronting Obesity: Co-creating policies with youth**. London, UK. February 20-21, 2019.
6. HCC Executive Director invited to be a member of the Steering Group for the WHO's Global Coordination Mechanism on NCDs (WHO/GCM) online Community on Women and NCDs. *February 22, 2019.*
7. HCC President attended the Annual Member Meeting of the Coalition for Access to NCD Medicines and Products. Geneva, Switzerland. February 27-27, 2019.
8. HCC hosted PAHO-funded regional multistakeholder meeting: [Managing Conflict of Interest in the Caribbean](#). Bridgetown, Barbados. *March 26-27, 2019.*
  - a. [Meeting Report](#)
9. HCC Youth advocates Krystal Boyea and Pierre Cooke Jr presented at the **NCD Child Global NCD Forum on Children and Youth**. Sharjah, United Arab Emirates. *March 25-26, 2019.*



10. HCC President attended the PAHO High-level Commission "Universal Health in the 21st Century: 40 Years of Alma-Ata". Mexico City, Mexico. *April 9-10, 2019.*
11. HCC Director, Dr. Christine Chin Chea, presented at the third meeting of the 'Forum of the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean for Sustainable Development'. Santiago, Chile. *April 23, 2019.*
12. The Australian Direct Aid Program approved a fifth HCC grant to fund the **Caribbean Civil Society Cervical Cancer Prevention Initiative (C4PI)** one-year, multi-country project in Belize and Guyana for 2019/20. *May 2019.*
13. HCC Executive Director attended the **Global Health Advocacy Incubator (GHA) Obesity Prevention Program Legal Workshop**. Miami, USA. *May 6-8, 2019.*
14. HCC Executive Director attended an NCD Alliance **Training on the Elimination of Industrially-Produced Trans Fats (iTfAs)**. Geneva, Switzerland. *May 22-23, 2019.*
15. **HCC President elected to the Board of Directors of the NCD Alliance** for the period May 2019 to May 2021. *May 2019.*
16. HCC President attended the **72<sup>nd</sup> World Health Assembly** as a member of the **St. Vincent and the Grenadines Country Delegation** and Defeat NCDs Partnership. Geneva, Switzerland. *May 18-24, 2019.*
  - a. Attended the **Annual Caucus of CARICOM Ministers of Health and Heads of Delegation**. President made an intervention around HCC preparations for the upcoming 1<sup>st</sup> UN High Level Meeting on Universal Health Coverage. *May 20, 2019.*
  - b. HCC President attended the **WHO Civil Society Working Group Meeting**. *May 22, 2019.*
  - c. HCC President launched the HCC Publication [First United Nations High-Level Meeting on Universal Health Coverage - Technical Brief for CARICOM Countries: A Contribution from Civil Society \(and Executive Summary\)](#).
    - i. [Full Technical Brief](#)
    - ii. [Executive Summary](#)
    - iii. [HCC Advocacy Priorities for the HLM-UHC 2019](#)
17. HCC hosted a webinar: [Childhood Obesity – Time for a New Narrative](#). *April 25, 2019.*



18. The 23<sup>rd</sup> Virtual Meeting of HCC Board of Directors. *April 30, 2019.*
19. HCC Civil Society [First United Nations High-Level Meeting on Universal Health Coverage - Technical Brief for CARICOM Countries: A Contribution from Civil Society \(and Executive Summary\)](#) shared with CARICOM Ministers of Foreign Affairs. *June 23, 2019.*
20. HCC invited to be a member of the STRiDE Dementia Project Jamaica National Advisory Group (NAG). *June 14, 2019.*
21. HCC President attended the **3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the PAHO Caribbean High Level Technical Advisory Group on NCDs**. Washington, D.C. USA. *June 4, 2019.*
22. HCC Director, Dr. Victor Coombs, attended a CARPHA/CARICOM Secretariat led **Regional Consultation Meeting on Reduction of Salt Consumption for the Prevention and Control of Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs) in the Caribbean**. Kingston, Jamaica. *June 4 - 5, 2019.*
23. HCC hosted the 5<sup>th</sup> Meeting of **Regional Network (RN) of Chairs of CARICOM National NCD Commissions (NNCDCs) or their equivalents**. *June 16, 2019.*
24. HCC Director, Dr. Victor Coombs, attended the **27<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Chief Medical Officers hosted by the Caribbean Community Secretariat** which precedes Caribbean Public Health Agency's (CARPHA) Sixty-Fourth Annual Health Research Conference. Trinidad and Tobago. *June 17-18, 2019.*
25. HCC Executive Director and Dr. Kenneth Connell, President of Heart and Stroke Foundation of Barbados (HCC Member CSO), represented the HCC at the **CARPHA Inter-Agency Technical Committee on the 6-Point Policy Package (PPP)** at CARPHA's Annual Health Research Conference. Trinidad and Tobago. *June 18-19, 2019.*
26. HCC hosted a webinar: **Pushing and Pulling: The Caribbean Experience Moving Towards Front-Of-Package Nutrition Labels**. *June 21, 2019.*
27. HCC published an [Open Letter to CARICOM Heads of Government and State in lead up to the 40<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting of the Conference of Heads of Government](#) in Saint Lucia on July 3-5 asking them to attend the *1st United Nations High-Level Meeting on Universal Health Coverage* to be held on September 23<sup>rd</sup> in New York during the 74<sup>th</sup>



- session of the UN General Assembly *and recommit to prioritise the reduction of childhood overweight and obesity in CARICOM. June 28, 2019.*
28. HCC Advocacy Officer accompanied by regional representatives attended the **NCD Alliance Our Views, Our Voices (OVOV) Train-the-Trainer Workshop**. Geneva, Switzerland. *June 26-28, 2019.*
  29. HCC President and Executive Director attended the **Bloomberg Partners Meeting/ VS (Vital Strategies)/ GHAI (Global Health Advocacy Incubator)**. New York, NY. *July 8-10, 2019.*
  30. HCC Director, Dr. Carlene Radix attended the **Caribbean Foodscapes Research Project Workshop 2**. Kingston, Jamaica. *July 10, 2019.*
  31. HCC Policy Advisor, Nicole Foster, attended the **CROSQ 3rd Face to Face meeting (F2F) of Regional Technical Sub-committee (RTSC) –Labelling of pre-packaged foods (revision)**. Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago. *July 24-25, 2019.*
  32. HCC Executive Director invited to be a member of the **Planning Committee for the Third Global NCD Alliance Forum** in Sharjah, United Arab Emirates. *July 2019.*
  33. The 24<sup>th</sup> Virtual Meeting of HCC Board of Directors. *August 13, 2019.*
  34. HCC Communications Officer, Sheena Warner-Edwards, attended and presented on *“Leveraging Social Media for Health”* at the **World Heart Federation Meet and Share Forum** due to take place during the World Congress of Cardiology in partnership with the American College of Cardiology (ACC.20) in Paris, France. *August 31, 2019.*
  35. HCC hosted regional multistakeholder meeting: [Accelerating Nutrition Policies in the Caribbean – Creating Supportive Environments for Healthy Children](#). Bridgetown, Barbados. *September 17-19, 2019.*
    - a. [Civil Society Policy Brief: Priority Nutrition Policies for Healthy Children in the Caribbean](#).
    - b. [Meeting Report](#)
  36. HCC inaugural ‘Walk the Talk’ awards for excellence in NCD prevention and control awarded to Team Jamaica led by Dr. Hon Christopher Tufton, Minister of Health and Wellness of Jamaica; and the Bermuda Multisectoral Team. HCC Regional Meeting on Accelerating Nutrition Policies. Bridgetown, Barbados. *September 17, 2019.*



37. HCC President attended the **1<sup>st</sup> United Nations High Level Meeting on Universal Health Coverage** on the margins of the 74<sup>th</sup> United Nations General Assembly. NY, USA. *September 21-26, 2019.*
  - a. HCC President attended the UN HLM-UHC as a member of the Barbados Delegation. *September 23, 2019.*
  - b. On behalf of the HCC, HCC President accepted the [United Nations Interagency Task Force on the prevention and control of Non-communicable Diseases \(UNIATF\) 2019 Award for Outstanding Non-state actors](#) in recognition of the HCC's outstanding contribution to multisectoral action in the prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases (NCDs) and the NCD-related Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). *September 23, 2019.*
  - c. HCC President was a panelist on the side event at the United Nations General Assembly: **Ensuring Access and Equity in Adolescents, Children and Women's Health** hosted by SCLAN- Spouses of CARICOM Leaders Action Network. *September 24, 2019.*
38. HCC President and Policy Advisor, Mrs. Nicole Foster, presented at the **Thirty-Seventh Meeting of The Council for Human and Social Development (COHSOD)**. September 27-28, 2019. Washington, DC., USA.
39. HCC launched [A Civil Society Call to Urgent Action for the Caribbean Region to Accelerate Nutrition Policies for the Creation of Healthy Environments for Caribbean Children](#). *September 30, 2019.*
40. HCC announced newest [HCC Technical Advisor, Pierre Cooke Jnr](#), in the capacity of **Youth Technical Advisor**. *October 2019.*
41. HCC [A Civil Society Call to Urgent Action for the Caribbean Region to Accelerate Nutrition Policies for the Creation of Healthy Environments for Caribbean Children](#) shared with CARICOM Heads of Government and State, CARICOM Secretary General, CARICOM Ministers of Health, Education, Trade and Finance. *October 2019.*
42. HCC President attended the first face to face **Meeting of the Board of Directors of the NCD Alliance**. London, UK. *October 3-4, 2019.*



43. HCC Tobacco Control Advisor, Barbara McGaw, presented *The Tobacco Industry Interference in Jamaica and in the Region* at the **Multisectoral workshop for WHO FCTC parties in the Caribbean region to promote the protocol to eliminate illicit trade in tobacco products**. Montego Bay, Jamaica. *October 8-10, 2019*.
44. HCC President attended **Yale-TCC** (Transdisciplinary Collaborative Center for Health Disparities Research Focused on Precision Medicine) **Governing Board Member Meeting**. Connecticut, US. *October 10-11, 2019*.
45. HCC President, Executive Director, Policy Advisor, Nicole Foster, and Policy and Practice Advisor, Professor Alafia Samuels, attended the **Virtual Meeting of Officials Preparatory to the Fifth Joint Meeting of COTED and COHSOD**. *October 29, 2019*.
46. HCC participated in the **GHAJ Barbados Strategic Planning Meeting**. Barbados. *October 23-24, 2019*.
47. HCC Youth Technical Advisor and Tobacco Control Policy Advisor presented at a workshop co-hosted by NCD Child at the **Caribbean Congress on Adolescent and Youth Health**. Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago. *October 15-17, 2019*.
48. The HCC published a series of [Front of package nutrition warning labels \(FOPL\) Graphics](#) in support of front of package nutrition warning labels under the theme 'You Have the Right to Know'. *October 30, 2019*.
49. HCC President presented at the Caribbean Development Bank 'brown bag lunch discussion' on **NCDs in the Caribbean: Understanding Challenges and Development Priorities**. Barbados. *November 4, 2019*.
50. HCC published an [Open Letter To Dr. The Honourable Duane Sands Minister of Health of the Bahamas and to the Honourable Jeffrey Leonard Lloyd Minister of Education of the Bahamas](#) congratulating them on the announcement of a ban on sugar sweetened beverages in Bahamian schools and healthcare facilities effective December 1, 2019. *November 5, 2019*.
51. HCC Policy Advisor, Nicole Foster, and Policy and Practice Advisor, Professor Alafia Samuels, attended the **Fifth Joint Meeting of COTED and COHSOD**. *November 19, 2019*.



52. HCC Policy Advisor, Nicole Foster, presented at the **Heart Foundation of Jamaica Forum: Moving Towards Front-of-package (FOP) nutrition labelling in Jamaica – Empowering consumers to make healthier choices.** *November 19 & 21, 2019.*
53. HCC Advocacy Officer and OVOV Peer Trainer hosted the first of two Caribbean NCD Alliance **Our Views, Our Voices (OVOV) Peer-led Advocacy Training Workshop.** Bridgetown, Barbados. *November 28-29, 2019.*
54. HCC published an [Open Letter to The Honourable Emmalin Pierre Minister of Education of Grenada and The Honourable Nikolas Steele, Minister of Health, Social Security and International Business of Grenada](#) congratulating them on the announcement of a ban on carbonated beverages and sweet snacks in public and private schools in Grenada, effective 1 January 2020. *November 29, 2019.*
55. [The HCC and the National Consumers League of Jamaica \(NCJL\) released a Joint Statement](#) calling on Caribbean governments, CROSO, National Bureaus of Standards of the Caribbean and Caribbean citizens to support the adoption of the revised regional standards with mandatory front of package nutrition warning labels. *November 29, 2019.*
56. HCC Executive Director presented virtually on School Policies in the Caribbean at the **6th Council of OECS Health Ministers: Expanding our reach through solidarity, policy and legislative approach.** St. Lucia. *December 4-5, 2019.*
57. HCC hosted the [4<sup>th</sup> Annual Caribbean Alcohol Reduction Day \(CARD\): Women and Alcohol.](#) The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual CARD was hosted in partnership with PAHO and CARPHA. *December 6, 2019.*
  - a. [Concept Note](#)
  - b. [Webinar](#) moderated by Professor Rohan Maharaj (HCC Alcohol Policy Advisor) with presentations from Professor Alafia Samuels (HCC Policy and Practice Advisor), Professor Simon Anderson (Director GA-CDRC, UWI) and Dr. Stephanie Date (CARD 2019 Consultant). Attended by 48 individuals.
  - c. Infographics launched:
    - i. [Women and Alcohol: Know the Facts](#)
    - ii. [Women and Alcohol: Predictions for 2030 if no action is taken](#)



- iii. [Women and Alcohol: Health impacts of alcohol](#)
  - iv. [Women and Alcohol: Key Predictions](#)
58. HCC launched the Publication [2019 Sweet Beverages in the Caribbean Infographic Series: How much sugar is in your beverage?](#) *December 13, 2019.*
  59. Fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) HCC General Assembly. *December 16, 2019.*
  60. HCC in partnership with the Lancet and other regional and national partners, hosts a Launch Event: **Climate Change and NCDs in the Caribbean - Launch of the 2019 Lancet Countdown on Health and Climate Change Report.** Bridgetown, Barbados. *December 19, 2019.*

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