



TENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF ACTIVITIES

January 2018 – December 2018

1. HCC hosted the Chair of the **Grenada National Non-Communicable Diseases Commission** and the Grenada MOH NCD Focal Point for a **2-day Observership** with the **Barbados National NCD Commission** as part of the collective work on strengthening CARICOM National NCD Commissions. *January 11-12, 2018.*
2. The HCC hosted a **CSO capacity building workshop** with the **Cancer Society of The Bahamas (CSOB)** as part of the **CDB grant-funded** project: **Capacity-building of Civil Society Organisations to Address Childhood Obesity Prevention** in Borrowing Member Countries (BMCs). Nassau, The Bahamas. *January 22-24, 2018.*
3. The HCC hosted a **CSO capacity building workshop** with **Heart Foundation of Jamaica (HFJ)**, as part of the **CDB grant-funded** project: **Capacity-building of Civil Society Organisations to Address Childhood Obesity Prevention** in Borrowing Member Countries (BMCs). Kingston, Jamaica. *January 30-31, 2018.*
4. HCC President and Executive Director attended the **Grenada National Non-Communicable Diseases Commission 1-Day Strategic Planning Retreat** in Grenada as part of the collective work on strengthening CARICOM National NCD Commissions. *February 3, 2018.*
5. The HCC hosted a **CSO capacity building workshop** with **The Belize Cancer Society (BCS)**, as part of the **CDB grant-funded** project: **Capacity-building of Civil Society Organisations to Address Childhood Obesity Prevention** in Borrowing Member Countries (BMCs). Belize City, Belize. *February 5-7, 2018.*
6. HCC President and Executive Director attended the launch of the **P20 (NIH) Funded Centre for Cardio Metabolic Disease and Cancer Research in the Caribbean** as members of the outreach core team. Kingston, Jamaica. *February 8, 2018.*
7. HCC President attended a **Technical Advisory Committee meeting - Coalition for Access to NCD Medicines & Products**. Geneva. *February 13-14, 2018.*



8. HCC announced its newest team member working on the Global Health Advocacy Incubator Project: [HCC Communications and Advocacy Officer, Francine Charles](#). March 1, 2018.
9. HCC hosted a [1-day Regional Consultation](#) with the 5 grantees of the [CDB-funded HCC Childhood Obesity Prevention \(COP\) Project](#). Barbados. March 2, 2018.
10. HCC President named as a member of the WHO [Civil Society Working Group on the third UN HLM on NCDs](#). March 8, 2018.
11. HCC President, Executive Director and Policy Advisor attended the [PAHO High-Level meeting on the use of Law to tackle NCDs](#). Port of Spain, Trinidad. March 10, 2018.
12. HCC President and Patron attended a [Joint High-Level Session of the Permanent Council of the OAS and the Inter-American Council for Integral Development](#). Washington, DC. USA. March 19, 2018.
13. HCC President and Executive Director attend the **Global Health Advocacy Incubator Jamaica Strategic Planning Workshop**. March 26-28, 2018.
14. HCC had a soft [launch of the Childhood Obesity Prevention Petition online platform](#). March 23, 2018.
15. HCC Policy Advisor and Law Lecturer at the University of the West Indies' Cave Hill Campus Nicole Foster, gave a [lunchtime talk at Georgetown Law Centre's O'Neill Institute for National and Global Health Law on 'A CARICOM Perspective on The Role of Law in Addressing the NCDs Epidemic'](#). Washington DC. USA. April 5, 2018.
16. First Inaugural Virtual Meeting of the HCC **Civil Society Action Team to support the Childhood Obesity Prevention Call to Action**. April 20, 2018.
17. NCD Alliance invited HCC **Our Views Our Voices Technical Advisor** to sit on the **Steering Group for a Community of practice for the WHO GCM on meaningful involvement of People Living with NCDs**. April 2018.
18. HCC **Our Views our Voices Technical Advisor** invited to be a member of the NCD Alliance [Our Views Our Voices Global Advisory Committee for 2018](#). April 24, 2018.
19. Publication launched. [Technical Document for the Caribbean NCD Forum: Supporting national and regional advocacy in the Caribbean in lead up to the 3rd UN High Level Meeting on NCDs in 2018](#). April 23, 2018.



20. HCC hosted World Diabetes Foundation-funded regional multistakeholder meeting: [Caribbean NCD forum: Supporting national and regional advocacy in the Caribbean in the lead up to the 3rd UN High-Level Meeting on NCDs in 2018](#). Kingston, Jamaica. *April 23-25, 2018.*
 - a. [Caribbean NCD Forum webpage](#).
 - b. [Caribbean NCD Forum Resources](#).
21. 2nd Meeting of Regional Network (RN) of Chairs of CARICOM National NCD Commissions (NNCDCs) or their equivalents and finalization of the Terms of Reference for the Group. *April 24, 2018.*
22. [Formal launch of the Childhood Obesity Prevention Call to Action](#) (formerly online petition) at the Caribbean NCD Forum. *April 24, 2018.*
23. 20th Meeting of HCC Board of Directors. Kingston, Jamaica. *April 25, 2018.*
24. HCC published an [Open Letter to Honourable Andrew Holness, Prime Minister of Jamaica, in response to the Wysinco Group Limited Lawsuit](#) against the Heart Foundation of Jamaica. *April 25, 2018.*
25. HCC and partners led by the NCD Alliance released a statement in support of the Heart Foundation in light of the Wysinco lawsuit: [Underscoring the Importance of Public Awareness Campaigns to Prevent NCDs](#). *May 1, 2018.*
26. The World Heart Federation releases a [video](#) in support of the Childhood Obesity Prevention Call To Action. *May 3, 2018.*
27. HCC launches [HCC Advocacy Priorities for the 3rd UN High-Level Meeting on NCDs Outcome Document](#). *May 4, 2018.*
28. Publication launched: [Preparing CARICOM Ministries of Foreign Affairs for the 3rd UN High Level Meeting on NCDs and Beyond: A briefing note contribution from Civil Society](#). *May 5, 2018.*
29. Civil Society HLM3 Briefing Note for Ministries of Foreign Affairs used as a resource and referenced in the Communiqué emerging out of the [21st Meeting of the Council for Foreign and Community Relations \(COFCOR\)](#). *May 7-8, 2018.*
30. HCC President appointed to the **Steering Committee of the Caribbean Cooperation in Health Phase IV 2016 - 2025 (CCH IV)**. *May 9, 2018.*



31. The HCC Board Member, Dr. Karen Sealey, appointed as **WHO Senior Advisor for the 3rd HLM of the UNGA on NCDs in 2018**. *May 2018*.
32. HCC President attended the **Commonwealth Health Ministers Meeting**. Geneva, Switzerland. *May 20, 2018*.
33. HCC President, Executive Director and Youth Advocate, Daniel Alleyne, attended the [71st UN General Assembly](#). Geneva, Switzerland. *May 21-26, 2018*.
 - a. Participated in the WHO **Walk the Talk: The Health Challenge for All** on Sunday May 20th and [collated youth videos](#) in support of Wak the Talk in lead up to the WHA.
 - b. Attended the **Annual Caucus of CARICOM Ministers of Health and Heads of Delegation**. President made an intervention around HCC preparations for the upcoming HLM3.
 - c. HCC President and Executive Director met with **Ambassador and Permanent Representative, Cooperative Republic of Guyana**, United Nations Office and International Organizations Geneva.
 - d. HCC President and Executive Director met with **Honourable Mary Isaacs, Minister of Health, St. Lucia**.
 - e. HCC/ Heart and Stroke Foundation/ NCD Child Youth Advocate, Daniel Alleyne accompanied HCC Executive Director and attended a **WHA Youth Townhall** as a formal participant.
 - f. HCC **co-hosted side event** with World Obesity Foundation, World Economic Forum, Government of Denmark, Novo Nordisk, NCD Child, Healthy Caribbean Coalition: **Changing the Story, Creating a New Obesity Narrative**. Featured speaker was HCC/ HSF/ NCD Child Youth advocate.
34. [HCC Signs 3rd MOU with Sagikor Life Inc. for a 3-year period 2018- 2021](#). *June 8, 2018*.
35. HCC President, Executive Director and Communication and Advocacy Officer attended the **Bloomberg Partners Meeting/ VS (Vital Strategies)/ GHAI (Global Health Advocacy Incubator)**. *June 3-7, 2018*.
36. HCC Youth Advocate, Ashley Foster-Estwick [attended and presented](#) at a half-day workshop entitled **Integration of Non-communicable Diseases into Global Health**



- Programs: The Roadmap to Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals in 2030** with the support of **NCD Child** and **CORE Group NCDs Interest Group**. This was followed by a meeting with the **Barbados Permanent Mission to the United Nations**. Washington, DC./ New York. NY. USA. *June 6-8, 2018.*
37. HCC President attended the **63rd Annual CARPHA Meeting** and participated in the [ECHORN meeting](#). *June 14 -16 2018*
 38. HCC published [an Open Letter to the Honourable Dr. Christopher Tufton, Minister of Health Jamaica](#), congratulating him on the announcement that Parliamentary announcement of a restriction on sugar sweetened beverages (SSBs) in Jamaican schools and public health facilities effective January 2019. *June 15, 2018.*
 39. Establishment of **HCC HLM3 Advocacy Team** with two virtual meetings held on May 18, 2018 and June 22, 2018. Virtual Zoom Meetings. *May 15, 2018.*
 40. HCC hosted the Chair (CMO MOH) and 2nd Chair (NCD Focal Point MOH) as well as one Commissioner of the **Guyana National NCD Commission** and PAHO Guyana Specialist in NCDs and Family Health for a **2-day Observership** with the **Barbados National NCD Commission** as part of the collective work on strengthening CARICOM National NCD Commissions. *June 20-21, 2018.*
 41. 3rd [Meeting](#) of **Regional Network (RN) of Chairs of CARICOM National NCD Commissions (NNCDCs) or their equivalents**. *June 21, 2018.*
 42. PAHO Guyana, the Ministry of Public Health and the Guyana National NCD Commission hosted the HCC for part 2 of the [NNCDC Study Tour/ Observership](#) consisting of meetings with the: Hon. Prime Minister and First Vice-President; Hon Minister of Public Health; and Minister in the Ministry of Public Health; the PAHO PWR; and the members of the National NCD Commission. *June 25-28, 2018.*
 43. HCC/ CSO Action Team/ UWI Open Campus collaborated to host the **Call To Action Regional Media Sensitization**. *June 29, 2018*
 44. HCC published an [Open Letter](#) to **CARICOM Heads of Government and State** in lead up to the 39th Regular Meeting of the Conference of Heads of Government in Jamaica on July 4-6 asking them to **prioritise attendance at the 3rd UN High Level Meeting on NCDs**. *June 29, 2018.*



45. [HLM3 CARICOM Heads Asks Infographic Launched](#). *June 29, 2018.*
46. HCC Enough HLM3 [Social Media Campaign #caricomwalkthetalkhlm3](#) launched. *June 29, 2017.*
47. HCC Executive Director, HCC Civil Society Representatives, Policy and Practice Technical Advisor and HCC Board Member, attended the **United National Civil Society Hearing**. NY, NY, USA. *July 4-5, 2018.*
 - a. HCC CSO Representatives
 - i. Dr. Williamson Chea - Cancer Society of the Bahamas
 - ii. Dr. Christine Chin - Cancer Society of the Bahamas
 - iii. Dr. Adelia Benjamin - Bovell Cancer Diabetes Foundation, Trinidad & Tobago
 - iv. Ms. Julia Mandeville - Barbados Association of Endometriosis and PCOS
 - b. HCC Policy and Practice Technical Advisor and Director of the George Alleyne Chronic Disease Research Centre, [Professor Alafia Samuels presented Caribbean perspectives in Panel 1: Scaling up action for the prevention and control of chronic diseases](#).
 - c. Executive Director read an [intervention](#) from the floor during Panel 4.
48. HCC published an [Open Letter](#) to **CARICOM Heads of Government and State** congratulating them on their commitment to support the inclusion of regional NCD priorities in the outcome document / political declaration and to attend the 3rd UN High Level Meeting on NCDs as documented in the Communique emerging from the 39th Regular Meeting of the Conference of Heads of Government in Jamaica. *July 9, 2018.*
49. HCC and the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Barbados and the Breastfeeding and Child Nutrition Foundation of Barbados hosted their first [Barbados Childhood Obesity Prevention Coalition Meeting](#) as part of the GHAI and CDB grants. *July 20, 2018*
50. Publications/ initiative launched: **HCC [Childhood Obesity Prevention Fact Sheets](#)**. *August 13, 2018.*



51. HCC Tobacco Policy Advisor attended and presented at **PAHO Preparatory meetings for the 8th session of the Conference of Parties to the WHO FCTC** for the Region of the Americas. Washington DC. USA. *August 27 – 31, 2018.*
52. HCC Publication: [Caribbean NCD Forum Report](#). *August 31, 2018.*
53. HCC/ HSFBNCD Child NCD Youth Advocate [Op-ed: Mission to end Childhood Obesity](#) printed in the Barbados Nation Newspaper. *September 23, 2018.*
54. HCC President attended the **Council for Human and Social Development (COHSOD) Meeting**. Washington DC. USA. *September 22, 2018.*
55. HCC President (member of the Barbados Delegation), Executive Director and HCC/ HSFBNCD Child NCD Youth Advocate Daniel Alleyne, attended the **3rd UN High Level Meeting on NCDs**. NY, NY. USA. *September 24 – 28, 2018.*
 - a. Executive Director presented on Accountability at the NCD Alliance Civil Society Advocacy Briefing.
 - b. HCC President [shared](#) perspectives on civil society's contribution to multisectorality in Panel 2.
 - c. HCC **co-hosted side event** with World Obesity Foundation, World Economic Forum, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark, Novo Nordisk, NCD Child, Healthy Caribbean Coalition: **Obesity and Sustainable Development Goals; Accelerating Innovative Partnerships**. One of [featured speakers](#) was HCC/HSFB/ NCD Child NCD Youth Advocate.
 - d. HCC **Our Views Our Voices Advisor** presented at the NCD Alliance side event: No turning back. Charting opportunities to intensify and invigorate the NCD response.
 - e. HCC President and Executive Director attended and presented the HCC publication [HCC 10 Year Anniversary Report](#) and the [Call to Action Brochure](#) to CARICOM Heads of Government at the **CARICOM High Level Breakfast Meeting: Moving Caribbean People towards healthier lives: Step it Up!**
 - f. HCC Publication launched: [Celebrating 10 years of a civil society regional response to the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases in the Caribbean](#).



56. HCC in collaboration with CSO partners including HSFB launched [Schools Initiative for Childhood Obesity Prevention](#). Barbados. *October 1, 2018.*
57. HCC participates in the **GHAI Barbados Strategic Planning Meeting**. Barbados. *October 3-4, 2018.*
58. HCC President and Executive Director attend **Caribbean Week of Agriculture**. Barbados. *October 8 – 12, 2018.*
 - a. HCC President delivered **feature address**.
 - b. *Executive Director presented on HCC Advocacy for School Nutrition/ Physical Activity Policies during FAO-led workshop School Feeding Programmes as a Policy Instrument for Food and Nutrition Security in the Caribbean.*
59. Initiatives launched [My Healthy Caribbean Schools \(MHCS\)](#) and the [Childhood Obesity Prevention Scorecard \(COPS\)](#) in the HCC News Roundup in Celebration of World Obesity Day 2018. *October 11, 2018.*
60. Sagikor Life Inc. presented HCC with a gift in recognition of HCC's 10-year anniversary. Barbados. *October 22, 2018.*
61. HCC President provided the feature address at the **Caribbean Nurses Organisation Conference**. *October 24, 2018.*
62. Publication launched: [Caribbean Fruits and Vegetables Recommended Serving Sizes](#) in the HCC News Roundup. *October 22-27, 2018.*
63. HCC **Our Views Our Voices Technical Advisor**, Tara Lisa Persaud, featured in NCD Alliance Publication [Meaningfully Involving People Living with NCDs: What is being done and why it matters](#). *October 2018.*
64. **4th Meeting of Regional Network (RN) of Chairs of CARICOM National NCD Commissions (NNCDCs) or their equivalents**. *October 30, 2018.*
65. Fourth (4th) HCC General Assembly. *November 7, 2018.*
66. HCC and HSFB jointly hosted the [BEYOND THE CALL TO ACTION EVENT: Towards School Policies in support of Childhood Obesity Prevention](#) held on Universal Children's Day with funding through the Global Health Advocacy Incubator. Barbados. *November 20, 2018.*



67. Twenty first (21st) Virtual Zoom Meeting of the HCC Board of Directors. *November 27, 2018.*
68. HCC President accepted invitation to act as an **Expert Consultant** to accelerate the implementation of the **World Health Organization (WHO)'s HEARTS technical package** for hypertension management, **SHAKE technical package** for reduction of salt intake and **REPLACE action package** for elimination of artificial trans-fat. *November 28, 2018.*
69. HCC **Third Annual Caribbean Alcohol Reduction Day: Youth Let's Talk About Alcohol.** The 3rd Annual CARD was hosted in partnership with PAHO, CARPHA, CARICOM and the University of the West Indies Open Campus. *November 29, 2018.*
 - a. **Webinar** with presentations from Dr. Maristela Monteiro, Dr. Rohan Maharaj and youth consultant for CARD Krystal Boyea. Attended by 52 individuals.
 - b. Infographics launched:
 - i. **Know the Facts: A Snapshot of Youth and Alcohol**
 - ii. **Youth and Alcohol Don't Mix**
 - iii. **The Sobering Myths and Misconceptions**
 - iv. **Your Kids and Alcohol: Start Talking 2 Prevent Drinking**
 - c. Videos Launched:
 - i. **Your Kids and Alcohol: Start Talking 2 Prevent Drinking**
 - ii. **The Sobering Myths and Misconceptions**
70. HCC President attended the Yale TCC – ECHORN Meeting. *December 5-6, 2018.*
71. HCC President attended the International Symposium on Understanding the Double Burden of Malnutrition for Effective Interventions. Vienna, Austria. *December 10-13, 2018.*



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