OPPORTUNITIES FOR ENGAGING YOUTH
For NCD Prevention & Control

**LOCAL**

**POLITICAL PARTICIPATION**
- Actively support youth councils and youth parliaments
- Include a youth voice in policy development and consultations, particularly those that are youth focused e.g. National Youth Policies, National School Nutrition Policies
- Integrate youth policies within other policies
- Representation on national NCD Commissions
- Promote the accessibility of elected officials to youth

**EDUCATION**
- Support for local universities and youth-focused initiatives
  - Facilitate and provide funding for youth training initiatives
  - Provide comprehensive education and training opportunities to vulnerable youth groups, such as out-of-school children and adolescents, migrants and refugees, disabled people, people from disadvantaged socioeconomic groups and those with a limited education
  - Provide opportunities for youth to engage in research
  - Provide media training opportunities

**HEALTH AND WELLBEING**
- Supportive policies for healthy living e.g. school nutrition policies, bans on marketing of unhealthy commodities to minors, mandatory physical education in schools
- Health education and support NCDs, sexual health, mental health
- Providing youth health friendly health services
- Capacity building opportunities for health care professionals to provide quality services for children and young people
- Mentoring and training youth leaders and engage youth in decision-making and strategic planning on issues of climate change and the environment and its impact on health.

**REGIONAL**

**POLITICAL PARTICIPATION**
- Actively support regional high-level youth organisations like CARICOM Youth Ambassadors, Regional Youth Parliament, Caribbean Youth forums
- Representation on regional NCD Commissions and COVID response commissions and planning committee
  - Including youth representatives in national delegations to the UN General Assembly and other UN meetings

**EDUCATION**

**OPPORTUNITIES & CIVIC PARTICIPATION**
- Facilitating internships, mentorship and employment (specifically investing in professional growth and leadership) opportunities
- Provision of meaningful opportunities in civil society organisations
- Support youth organisations financially, technically, educationally or otherwise

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