Below is a summary of activities undertaken during the course of the 2020.


2. HCC Executive Director and GHAI team members attended the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Barbados meeting: Exploring Enhanced approaches to increased taxation on sugar sweetened beverages in Barbados. Barbados. January 17, 2020.


4. HCC President accepted invitation to become a member of the International Advisory Board for SPECTRUM. January 2020.


9. HCC third phase of funding from the Global Health Advocacy Incubator (GHAI) 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 III. February 1, 2020.
10. HCC welcomed new team member, Ms. Danielle Walwyn, full-time Advocacy Officer on the Global Health Advocacy Incubator Food Policy Project. February 1, 2020.

11. HCC Board Member, Mr. Michael Diamond, represented the HCC at the CARPHA Effective Partnership Training. February 3-5, 2020.

   
a. The Caribbean team consisted of:
   
i. HCC President/ NCD Alliance Board member
   
ii. HCC Executive Director
   
iii. HCC Youth Technical Advisor /NCD Child/NCDA Young Leader
   
iv. HCC Board Member/ Chair of the Trinidad and Tobago NCD Alliance
   
v. HCC Our Views Our Voices Trainer, Diabetes Association of Trinidad and Tobago (HCC member) representative
   
vi. Caribbean Sporting and Development Agency (HCC member) director
   
vii. Heart Foundation of Jamaica, Executive Director/NCDA Board member
   
viii. Student researcher George Alleyne Chronic Disease Research Centre/ NCD Child/NCDA Young Leader

b. Summary of roles:
   
i. HCC Executive Director member of the Forum Planning Committee.
   
ii. HCC President/NCD Alliance Board member, Chair Opening Plenary: Bridging the gaps, seizing the moment for NCD prevention and control.
   
iii. HCC Executive Director Workshop Speaker: The power of data to fuel systems reform for NCD’s: leveraging evidence to achieve planetary and human health.
   
iv. HCC Executive Director Workshop Speaker: Win-win interventions: leveraging policy to address NCDs and reduce gender inequities in health.
   
v. HCC Board Member/ Chair of the Trinidad and Tobago NCD Alliance, Speaker: Our views, our voices event ImPatient for change: the Power of Lived Experiences in Bridging the Gap for NCD’s.
vi. HCC Board Member/ Chair of the Trinidad and Tobago NCD Alliance, Speaker: Beyond the declaration: maximizing political momentum on you HCC for NCD’s and mental health.

vii. HCC Youth Technical Advisor (NCD Child/NCDA Young Leader), Moderator: Elevating the youth NCD narrative to high-level stakeholders.

viii. HCC Youth Technical Advisor (NCD Child/NCDA Young Leader), Panellist: Plenary 3: Enhancing accountability for all people with NCDs everywhere through transformative and inclusive governance.

ix. HCC/NCD Child/ University of Edinburgh, Healthy Latin America Coalition: David versus Goliath: strategies for managing conflict of interest in countering industry interference in public health policy.

1. HCC President/NCD Alliance Board Member, Co-Moderator.
2. Heart Foundation of Jamaica, Executive Director/NCDA Board member, Speaker.

x. HCC/World Obesity Federation Joint Workshop: Transforming the narrative of childhood obesity.

1. Youth Technical Advisor (NCD Child/NCDA Young Leader), Speaker.


13. HCC published an Open Letter Calling on CARICOM Heads of State and Government to take a closer look at processed food imports as part of an ambitious plan to reduce the food import bill by 25% in the next five years. February 28, 2020.

14. HCC Executive Director attended PAHO Subregional Workshop on the Use of Law to address Noncommunicable Diseases in the Caribbean: March 3-5, 2020.


17. HCC Communications Officer invited to present on “Engaging With Your Audience Online” 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 Chicago. March 28, 2020. **The event was cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

18. HCC vacated Secretariat located in the offices of Caribbean Catalyst Inc on River Road, St. Michael, Barbados. March 2020.


22. HCC President attended a virtual meeting of the Board of the NCD Alliance. April 27, 2020.


25. HCC Executive Director invited to be a member of the WHO Global Coordinating Mechanism (GCM) on the Prevention and Control of NCDs NCD Lab on Women and NCDs. May, 2020.


27. HCC President and Executive Director attended virtual sessions of the 73rd World Health Assembly. May 18-19, 2020.


30. HCC President attended a virtual meeting of the Board of the NCD Alliance. *June 8, 2020.*

31. HCC hosted the 6th Meeting of *Regional Network (RN) of Chairs of CARICOM National NCD Commissions (NNCDCs) or their equivalents*. June 16, 2020.


36. HCC Tobacco Control Advisor, Barbara McGaw, invited to be a member of the *CROSQ Regional Technical Sub-Committee (RTC) for Requirements for Tobacco* for the DCRS 60: 201X Requirements for Tobacco Advertising, Promotion and Sponsorship. July 7, 2020.


38. HCC hosted a training on *Identifying, Mitigating and Managing Conflict of Interest in The Caribbean HCC Capacity Building Series for CSOs PART II: Developing a Conflict*


40. HCC renewed MOU with COMTRUST (CIBC FirstCaribbean Bank) for an additional three (3) years to support workplace wellness across the Caribbean. July 29, 2020.

41. HCC awarded the NCD Alliance Civil Society Solidarity Fund (SF) grant on NCDs and COVID-19 aimed at accelerating the response to the pandemic under Category 2: Developing a comprehensive and cohesive NCD advocacy and communications strategy for the COVID-19 response to implement the project A New Transformative NCD Agenda for Building Back Better in the Caribbean. July 2020.

42. HCC relocated Secretariat to Sagicor Life Inc Offices. August 2020.


44. HCC Board of Directors Paid Tribute to the Former Honorable Prime Minister of Barbados Owen Arthur for his contribution to the CARICOM NCD Response. August 3, 2020.


47. HCC and Sagicor Life Inc. hosted one webinar entitled: Staying Healthy During the Pandemic. September 2, 2020.

48. HCC launched regional campaign entitled: It’s Time to Act on NCDs, Time to Act on Childhood Obesity as part of the NCD Alliance’s annual Global Week for Action on NCDs campaign. September 7, 2020.

49. HCC and CIBC FirstCaribbean hosted a webinar entitled Workplace Wellness During the Pandemic and Beyond. September 24, 2020.


54. HCC awarded a grant from Vital Strategies to implement a 15-month project aimed at supporting the accelerated implementation of healthy food policy in the Caribbean. September 2020.


56. HCC President and Executive Director wrote a letter to Mr. Michael Fakhri, Special Rapporteur on the Right to Food and Ms. Tlaleng Mofokeng, Special Rapporteur on the Right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health in the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) congratulating them on their recent appointment. September 28, 2020.


60. HCC Executive Director presented virtually at NCDA Advocacy Institute Training on meaningful involvement of people living with NCDs. October 8, 2020.

61. HCC Youth Technical Advisor, Pierre Cooke Jr, sent a high-level advocacy letter to WHO Director General, Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, following the WHO/ NCD Child joint webinar held on October 2, 2020. October 10, 2020.


64. HCC President attended and presented virtually at PAHO/WHO Advisory Group (TAG) on Advancing the Noncommunicable Diseases (NCDs) Agenda in the Caribbean. The presentation was entitled: How should PAHO and Civil society address the commercial determinants of NCDs now and post-Covid. October 20, 2020.

65. HCC GHAI project team attended the 2-day virtual regional strategic planning meetings. October 26-27, 2020.


67. HCC releases video Do You Want to Know What’s in Your Food? to promote the introduction of front of package nutrition warning labels. October 30, 2020.

69. HCC President and Executive Director attended virtual sessions of the 73rd World Health Assembly. November 9-14, 2020.

70. HCC, in partnership with the Rotary District 2030 and the Caribbean Association of Nutritionists and Dieticians (CANDi) hosted a joint special webinar within the COVID-19 and NCDs Caribbean series entitled: Transforming the way we eat: The relationship between agriculture, food and nutrition and NCDs. November 13, 2020.


72. HCC published an Open Letter Calling on CARICOM Heads of State and Government and Ministers of Health calling on them to commit to the Elimination of Cervical Cancer in support of the WHO Global Strategy to Accelerate the Elimination of Cervical Cancer. November 17, 2020.


   a. The Webinar moderated by HCC Executive Director with introductory remarks from Dr. Tamu Davidson, Head of Chronic Disease and Injury Department at CARPHA and presentations from: Dr. Maristela Monteiro, Alcohol and Substance Abuse Advisor at PAHO; Dr. John Dillet, Consultant Psychiatrist, Mental Health Professional, The Bahamas; Ms. Safiya Clarke-Mendes, Recent MHP Graduate, HCC Volunteer Researcher, Youth Advocate; and Professor Rohan Maharaj, HCC Alcohol Policy Advisor and Professor of Family Medicine of University of the West Indies. The webinar was attended by over 100 individuals.

   b. Infographics were also launched and can be found on the CARD 2020 webpage.

      i. Alcohol and COVID-19: What you should know
      ii. Alcohol and COVID-19: The way forward
75. HCC President invited to sit on a Review Committee for the International Development Research Centre (IDRC)’s new Research Ideas Competition. November 25, 2020.


77. HCC was awarded the NCD Alliance 2020 Act on NCDs Campaign Fuel Award in recognition of HCC’s Global Week for Action on NCDs campaign It’s Time to Act on NCDs, Time to Act on Childhood Obesity. November 25, 2020.


79. HCC Project Assistant and member of Healthy Caribbean Youth, Kerrie Barker, released a blog for Barbados Independent Day entitled: If Left to Chance, Gains Achieved in the Caribbean since Independence can be Wiped out BY NCDs. November 28, 2020.

80. HCC President and Board Member, Dr. Karen Sealey attended and presented, respectively, at the United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) Expert Group Meeting on addressing non-communicable diseases in the Caribbean in fulfilment of the Sustainable Development Goals and the SAMOA Pathway. November 30, 2020.


83. HCC President, HCC Executive Director, HCC Policy Advisor, Mrs. Nicole Foster, HCC Trade and Policy Advisor Mr. Vincent Atkins, and HCC Board Member Dr. Carlene Radix held a virtual meeting with Ms. Tlaleng Mofokeng, Special Rapporteur on the Right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health in the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR). December 7, 2020.

85. HCC Alcohol Advisor, Professor Rohan Maharaj, submitted an HCC intervention via the WHO in response to the web-based consultation on a working document for development of an action plan to strengthen implementation of the Global strategy to reduce the harmful use of alcohol. December 8, 2020.

86. HCC President attended a virtual meeting of the Board of the NCD Alliance. December 18, 2020.

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