

Improving Household Nutrition Security and Public Health in the CARICOM (FaN) Bulletin- May 2018

Inception Workshop: 21 – 22 March 2018

The researchers, major collaborators and stakeholders from the three study countries were in attendance. The meeting served as a platform to launch the project, gather ideas from key players across the region, and initialize the process of identifying the best methodologies for implementing the project in CARICOM.



The researchers, collaborators and stakeholders who attended the Inception Workshop

The major themes that emerged from the workshop include:

1. Leveraging on-the-ground knowledge
2. Mapping and leveraging success
3. Identifying champions for community-level change
4. Focusing on vulnerable populations

Advertisement of 2 MPH Scholarships

This activity is part of Objective 4- Work Package 4.1 of FaN. These scholarships are one of the methods being undertaken to build regional capacity.

In March 2018, personnel from the Ministries of Health in St. Vincent and the Grenadines and St. Kitts and Nevis were provided with pertinent information

regarding the scholarships, including matriculation requirements and an outline of the selection process. Click [here](#) to view the MPH hand book.

CSEC® Human and Social Biology Review Meeting: 23 – 25 April 2018

This activity is an element of Objective 3 of FaN. The aim of the meeting was to review all aspects of the Human and Social Biology Syllabus and to recommend revision in light of the review, with 3 specific objectives. One of these spoke directly to the “analysis of stakeholders’ comments and concerns expressed in questionnaires and by the GA-CDRC, and to recommend amendments to the syllabus in light of these comments and concerns”.

Based on comments from the above sources, a draft syllabus was generated by the close of the meeting. The draft must now be sent to the Sub-Committee of the School Examinations Committee (SUBSEC) and be reviewed by a focus group of teachers and students; GA-CDRC; and subject specialists. The final syllabus will be decided at CXC Panel meeting in October 2018 and returned to SUBSEC 2019 for approval. Successful completion in keeping with these timelines will make possible the release of the revised syllabus in September 2019 with first exam in 2021.

CARICOM Regional Organisation for Standards & Quality (CROSQ) Meeting: 4 May 2018

This activity also falls under Objective 3 of FaN. At this meeting the proposal for the revision of CRS 5: 2010 Labelling of Pre-Packaged Foods was reviewed. The objective is to revise the above-mentioned standard “in light of the new research data/reports” and to modernize the standard “to include Front of Package Labelling requirements”.

The aim is to present the final draft standard to the Council for Trade and Economic Development (COTED) in May 2019 for final approval.