

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

Project Set-up

The Project Advisory Committee (PAC) of FaN is now complete, with the addition of Hon. Dr. Chelston Brathwaite and Ms. Nisa Surujbally. The PAC has been invited to convene in late January 2019 to hear the outputs from the stakeholder workshops and make recommendations re interventions to enhance healthy eating in CARICOM.

Objective 2: Qualitative Data Collection

The qualitative team, led by Dr. Murphy, completed 15 stakeholder interviews in St. Vincent and the Grenadines, while the Jamaica team, led by Dr. Dunn, completed 42 interviews. In both countries they interviewed importers, distributors, farmers, government and civil society.

Objective 2: Model Building Workshops

- **Jamaica**- 23 and 24 Oct 2018
- **St. Vincent and the Grenadines**- 02 Nov 2018
- **St. Kitts and Nevis**- 21 and 22 Nov 2018

These workshops will receive reports from the stakeholder interviews, map components and relations within food systems, and make recommendations for interventions to scale up healthy food patterns in the region.

Objective 3: Farm to Fork follow-up

A 1-day meeting with Farm to Fork (F2F) project stakeholders will be held in St. Kitts and Nevis, on 20th November 2018, to identify and re-engage previous and new stakeholders and based on the lessons learned from F2F, seek their recommendations for improving school meals in CARICOM.

Objective 3: Interventions

CXC



We are working with CXC to enhance the curriculum for CSEC Human & Social Biology re NCD risk factors and drivers. There will be a CXC focus group 18 September 2018, with subject specialists, to review the revised syllabus. Subsequently, there will be a CXC panel meeting 22 – 25 October 2018, where the final syllabus will be decided then sent to the Sub-Committee of the School Examinations Committee (SUBSEC) to be finalised.

Another CXC intervention is the revision of the CCSLC Integrated Science Syllabus. The review meeting for this will be held 17 – 19 October 2018, in Barbados.

CROSQ

We have signed a letter of agreement to support CROSQ to revise the regional standard for front of package labelling.



Objective 4: MPH Scholarship

One candidate from St. Kitts and Nevis has been offered an MPH scholarship.

Objective 4: Dissemination

FaN has offered support to Caribbean Week of Agriculture, 8 – 12 October 2018 and will be presenting to CARICOM Ministers of Agriculture and other Senior Officers. Pamphlets on the project, describing its activities, how Ministers can be involved and the eventual roll-out of effective interventions to all CARICOM states, will be distributed.

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