

## Improving Household Nutrition Security and Public Health in the CARICOM (FaN) Bulletin- May & June 2019

FaN CONGRATULATES PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR, SAMUELS AND RESEARCH LEAD, DUNN

Prof Samuels (inset) has been named a Lancet Commissioner on One Health (click [here](#)) and she recently received the 2019 CARPHA award for “Outstanding Contribution in Public Health and Epidemiology of Chronic non-communicable Diseases Research”. She was also invited to contribute to the publication “Health – A Political Choice: Delivering Universal Health Coverage 2030” prepared for the G20 meeting in Osaka. Her article was entitled “ Universal Health Coverage in Small Island Developing States” -Available [here](#). The whole book is available [here](#).



Standing from left: Mavis Guiste (Dominica), Alicea Bigby-Smart (Jamaica), Charisse Gumbs (St. Kitts & Nevis), Joselyn Theophile-Richardson (Anguilla), Pamela Hunte (Barbados), Donna Giles (CXC, Barbados), Waneisha Jones (UWI, Barbados), Alsian Brown-Perry (CXC, Jamaica), Catherine Clifford (Trinidad & Tobago)

HEALTH AND FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION (HFLE)  
CURRICULUM REVISION WORKSHOP, BRIDGETOWN,  
BARBADOS, 28-30 MAY 2019

The third in the series of meetings to develop an HFLE curriculum for the Early Childhood Development (ECD) level (ages 3-4 yrs.) and to revise the existing HFLE Primary (ages 5-12 yrs.) Curriculum Framework, was held in Barbados with teachers and curriculum officers.



Dr. Leith Dunn (left) has been named among the Global Top 100 on Gender Policy and Equality (click [here](#)). The project has benefited and continues to benefit from her excellent work in gender analysis and guidance on gender-sensitive interventions.

CXC CARIBBEAN CERTIFICATE OF SECONDARY LEVEL  
COMPETENCE (CCSLC) INTEGRATED SCIENCE PANEL  
MEETING BRIDGETOWN, BARBADOS, 13-17 MAY 2019

The panel meeting for the revision of the CXC CCSLC Integrated Science syllabus, to determine the final syllabus, was informed by comments from teachers and subject specialists. The final draft will be sent to the Sub-Committee of the School Examinations Committee (SUBSEC) for approval.



Standing from left: Patricia Warner (MOE, Barbados), Patricia Welch (MOE, Barbados), Celestine Murray (MOE, Barbados), Morella Joseph-Jean Baptiste (Lead Convenor, St. Lucia), Ian Marshall (MOE, Barbados), Andrea Baptiste (MOE, Barbados), Cyriene Willoughby (MOE, Barbados), Mary Chase (MOE, Barbados), Hedda Phillips-Boyce (MOE, Barbados)

The first draft of the revised curriculum out of these meetings has been reviewed by other teachers in CARICOM via an online survey and their comments will be used to further refine the curriculum, prior to presentation to Ministers of Education Oct 2019.

LAUNCH OF POSDEVAL REVISTA SUPPLEMENT, 20 JUNE 2019, PORT-OF-SPAIN, TRINIDAD

The PAHO Journal of Public Health December 2018 dedicated POS Evaluation supplement was printed and launched at the annual scientific meeting of the CARPHA (Caribbean Public Health Agency) on 20 June 2019 during the Opening session. The supplement can be found [here](#).



Prof Samuels (right) presenting a copy of the supplement to Dr. Carissa Etienne (left), PAHO Director.

## RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

### Consumer Interviews

This work is led by Dr. Madhuvanti Murphy and Dr. Leith Dunn to provide an analysis of what drives dietary preferences and patterns within households including gender differences.

Focus groups were conducted in SKN and SVG between 15-18 May 2019 (4 in St. Kitts; 4 in St. Vincent) and eight (8) focus groups were completed in Jamaica, commencing 27 June 2019.

### Food Insecurity and Vulnerability Assessment & Mapping in SKN and SVG

This work is led by Prof Henry and was completed during this period. Surveys concerning food security as well as focus groups regarding hunger, stressors, coping and identifying needs were conducted. Reports are in progress.

### Community-based School Feeding Program (CBSFP)

This work led by McGill is underway in Nevis. It is a research intervention which seeks to improve understanding of how interventions in the CBSFP in St Kitts and Nevis can change social capital dimensions to better facilitate community-level innovation in the area of obesity prevention among children.

### ENHANCING HUMAN CAPACITY

Ms. Leonor Guariguata (one of FaN's Research Assistants) conducted 2-day training in June 2019 hosted by Yale Transdisciplinary Collaborative Center for Health Disparities Research and the George Alleyne Chronic Disease Research Centre. Participants included researchers on the Eastern Caribbean Health Outcomes Research Network (ECHORN) study, FaN researchers and the FaN project manager.



Left to right: Carol Oladele (Yale, ECHORN), Rosa Rosario (Puerto Rico, ECHORN), Heather Harewood (UWI/FaN), Saria Hasan (Yale, ECHORN), Catherine Brown (UWI/FaN), Stephanie Whiteman (UWI), Waneisha Jones (UWI/FaN), Euclid Morris (Barbados, ECHORN), Brita Roy (Yale, ECHORN), Arlette Saint Ville (McGill/FaN), Madhuvanti Murphy (UWI/FaN), Raveed Kahn (Trinidad, ECHORN), Amy Schweizer (USVI, ECHORN), Leonor Guariguata (UWI/FaN), Natalie Greaves (UWI/FaN)

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