



CARIBBEAN FOOD & NUTRITION INSTITUTE



*The Derrick B. Jelliffe Library.
(DBJL) of the CFNI
The Caribbean's largest source of Nutrition
Information*

What is CFNI

The Caribbean Food and Nutrition Institute (CFNI) is a specialized centre of the Pan American Health Organization/ World Health Organization (PAHO/WHO) and is located on the Mona Campus, University of the West Indies (UWI), Jamaica, with a sub-centre on the St. Augustine Campus, UWI, Trinidad and Tobago. Dr. Derrick B. Jelliffe, a pioneer of health in the Caribbean was the first Director of the Institute.

The Derrick B. Jelliffe Library

- The largest and most comprehensive collection of materials in food and nutrition on the Caribbean region.
- 4000 volumes and 100 journal titles.
- 2000 user requests annually.
- Used by medical students, and other academic persons, senior personnel from the health ministries, upper high schools, teachers and the general public.
- Region-wide reach by telecommunication facilities and the internet to the Caribbean and worldwide.
- CFNI publications, PAHO publications and those of other UN bodies supplied from the library
- Documents include conference and workshop proceedings, select multi-volume reference works, theses, research studies and reports, current awareness collections, journals (and journal articles accessed from cooperating institutions), pamphlets, audiovisual materials and PAHO publications.



What is available:

- Videos
- Journals
- Books
- Newspaper Articles
- Internet Searches
- Encyclopedias
- Newsletters

- Update automated information retrieval facilities.
- Create awareness of CFNI in communities with displays for community group activities, information flyers to focal centres-Libraries, Church Halls, Schools, Clinics and Health Centres.
- Update the documentation resources and replace out-dated materials
- Create a regional nutrition information network.
- Provide a central location for reference to documents and publications pertinent to the nutrition focus in the Caribbean.
- Create nutrition archives.
- Provide CFNI website access, and links to other relevant organizations and information resources.
- Market the information service to users of this service, and encourage feedback, to enable continuous improvement.

Website

CFNI website is located on the World Wide Web at <http://www.paho.org/cfni>

It provides:

- Publications, promotional information and announcements
- Overview of current work program and priorities
- General nutrition information
- Member Country profiles
- Contact information.

"What we Do" chart



Virtual Health Library(VHL)

- The CFNI Library is part of the PAHO/BIREME Virtual Health Library (VHL) initiative.
- It is an integral part of the flow of scientific and technical health information from countries of the Latin American Region, Caribbean and Spain.
- The VHL is national and Caribbean-wide. CFNI's role is to centralize nutrition resources in the VHL.
- Information resources available from CFNI are also accessible through the VHL. In Jamaica the VHL was launched in 2002.
- The VHL may be accessed at: <http://www.bireme.org>

Conclusion

- The Derrick B. Jelliffe Library is an integral part of the functions and activities of the CFNI.
- It is a key information dissemination mechanism for the institute.
- The Library supports the work of the Institute; and contributes to the formulation of nutrition policy and programs in member countries of the Caribbean.



- Topics cover Breastfeeding, Complementary feeding, Diabetes, Cancer, Hypertension, Obesity, Weight control, Heart Disease, Anemia, Under-nutrition, Food security, Food policy, Sports nutrition, Food service, Food safety, Geriatric nutrition, Nutrition and HIV/AIDS.
- Location on the University of the West Indies' two campuses facilitates easy access to our regional membership.

Strategy

- Assess information needs in food and nutrition in the region and design products to meet the identified needs.
- Enhance inter-library and inter-institutional networks, on-line data-sharing systems with the information retrieval network systems of BIREME/PAHO and other international databases.

