

## **Regional Training on ICD-10 Underlying Cause of Death Coding in the English Speaking Caribbean**

As part of a regional approach in support of the International ICD-10 Underlying Cause of Death Coding Exam offered by the WHO-FIC Education and Implementation Committee, instructors from the National Center for Health Statistics in Research Triangle Park, NC partnered with PAHO and the Caribbean Epidemiology Centre (CAREC) to conduct a Basic Underlying Cause of Death coding course for English and Dutch-speaking Caribbean countries.

A total of 25 students attended this workshop representing 22 of the 23 CAREC Member Countries. The prerequisite for students attending this course was to complete all of the pre-classroom training. The pre-classroom materials used came from the WHO training products and included the WHO Electronic ICD-10 Training Tool.

Over the period 2005 – 2011, CAREC has provided underlying cause training to the sub-region through six 1-week-long training workshops. Offering the complete 2-week training workshop and the collaboration between NCHS and CAREC was completed for the first time in this region of the world in June 2012. This endeavor proved to be a valuable and productive effort and was well-received by both students and agencies. The success of this initial attempt at regional partnership demonstrates that it could be a worthwhile and productive venture, should resources and personnel allow