

Strengthening the Health System's Response for NCDs

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Ministry of Health and Wellness' Strategic Objectives

- 1) To increase by 10%, the access to equitable, comprehensive and quality health care for patients living with non-communicable diseases who use the public health sector by 2024
- 2) To reduce mortality from priority communicable diseases by 5% by 2024
- 3) To strengthen the stewardship of the Ministry by implementing the monitoring and evaluation, risk management and quality management systems by 2024
- 4) To advocate for an average annual increase of 6.5% of the budget allocated to the health ministry and its agencies to attain WHO benchmark of 6% of GDP for government expenditure on health by 2030

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- 5) To reduce the critical human resources for health (HRH) skills gap by 5% by 2024
- 6) To reduce the attrition rate of critical health workers by 5% by 2024
- 7) To improve the collaboration with other MDAs to achieve health in all policies to address the social determinants of health
- 8) To ensure 85% of major infrastructure projects are completed within scope, schedule and budget by 2024

Health Systems Building Blocks Approach



1. Leadership & Governance

- ▶ National Committee on NCDs launched
 - ▶ Multisectoral Advisory Group
- ▶ National Policy for Model of Care (Chronic Care Model) for NCDs developed in 2020
- ▶ Evaluation of current, and development of a new National Strategic Plan for NCDs to 2030 in progress
- ▶ Primary Care Renewal Policy which gives focus to improving the Integrated Health Service Delivery Network

1. Leadership & Governance

- ▶ Tobacco Control Act: Joint Select Committee in progress
- ▶ Harmful Use of Alcohol Policy submitted to the Cabinet
- ▶ National Food Industry Task Force
 - Interim Guidelines for Beverages in Schools implemented in 2019
 - National School Nutrition Standards developed
 - Production Reformulation workshops with manufacturers (sugar reduction)

2. Service Delivery: COVID-19 & Mental Health

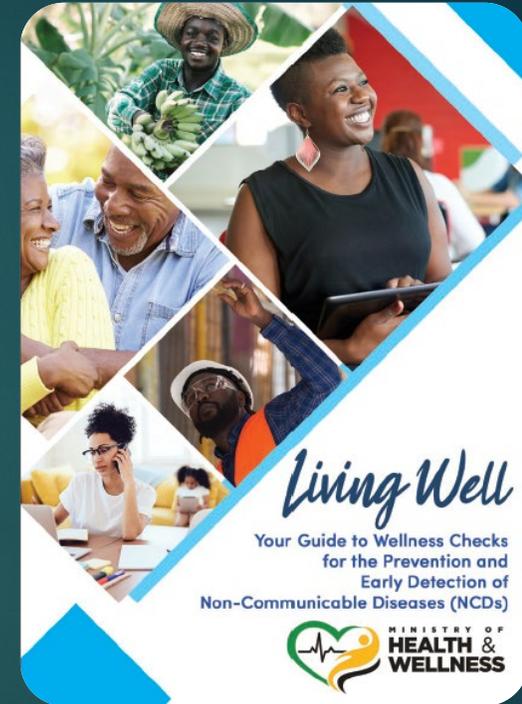
- ▶ Multi-media messages/tips, and presentations on mental health care
 - ▶ Families, older persons, frontline workers, private sector
- ▶ Group and individual mental health sessions in partnership with Jamaica Psychological Association, Jamaica Psychiatric Association and the Jamaica Red Cross
- ▶ 24-hour Mental Health Helpline
- ▶ Staff at COVID-19 isolation/quarantine facilities trained in delivering Psychological First Aid

2. Service Delivery: Jamaica Moves



- ▶ JM in Schools
- ▶ JM in Workplaces
- ▶ JM in Communities

Wellness Booklet
developed
to support engagement
in preventive care/
screening



2. Service Delivery: Ja Moves/Communities

- ▶ Physical Activity and COVID-19 Guide developed
- ▶ Work out sessions aired
- ▶ Physical Activity videos produced
- ▶ Physical Activity Radio ads placed
- ▶ Market pop ups
- ▶ Home garden wellness kits distributed
- ▶ “Better For You” menu initiative launched with 8 major Quick Service Restaurants



2. Service Delivery: Ja Moves/Schools

- ▶ Physical Activity Guide for Physical Activity breaks developed
- ▶ National Schools Move Day (April 2020)
- ▶ Physical Activity & Nutrition signage placed
- ▶ Nutrition video presentations completed
- ▶ Online engagements regarding substance abuse
- ▶ School health/NCD registers distributed



*activities supported by a JMIS Coordinator

2. Service Delivery: Ja Moves/Workplaces

- ▶ Corporate Wellness Manual developed
 - ▶ Wellness Coordinator's checklist
 - ▶ Physical Activity Toolkit and Guide
 - ▶ Guide for the Promotion of Health Eating in Workplaces
 - ▶ Nutrition Environment Assessment tool
- ▶ Physical Activity videos produced
- ▶ Healthy Eating videos produced (targeting employers and employees)
- ▶ GOJ nutritionists trained to support workplaces



2. Service Delivery

- ▶ Launch of the Public Private Partnership (PPP) for NCDs in 2020
 - ▶ Shared care initiative with private practitioners for diabetes and hypertension
- ▶ Improvement in Sickle Cell Disease Management – public sector drug access for private sector patients approved by the Cabinet
- ▶ Enhancing Health Care Services delivery Project (2019) – PPP - access the diagnostic and radiology services – over 22,500 tests conducted

2. Service Delivery: Guidelines & Service Standards

- ▶ Food Based Dietary Guidelines
- ▶ National Screening Guidelines for NCDs completed in 2020
- ▶ Interim guidelines for the management of Diabetes and Hypertension completed in 2020
- ▶ Protocol for the Nutritional Management of NCDs completed in 2019

2. Service Delivery

IDB-supported activities

- ▶ Infrastructure upgrades of 3 hospitals and 10 health centres
- ▶ Support for the implementation of the Chronic Care Model for NCDs
- ▶ Care pathways and protocols for NCDs
- ▶ Continuous quality improvement for M&E
- ▶ Telemedicine to support mentoring of clinicians
- ▶ TeleECHO to train and mentor HCWs
- ▶ NCD App to support behaviour change
 - ▶ Wellness component
 - ▶ Disease Management component



3. Health Information

- ▶ Front of Package Warning Label study (PAHO)
 - ▶ Black "high in" octagon label preferred
- ▶ Trans-fat Study (UTECH)
 - ▶ First in the Caribbean
 - ▶ Almost 40% of commonly consumed foods have trans fats
- ▶ Electronic Health Records to be rolled out (IDB-supported)



4. Medicines & Technologies

- ▶ Purchase of medical equipment (IDB-supported)
 - ▶ Improve screening and diagnostic capabilities to improve clinical and resolute capacity
- ▶ In-country capacity to analyze for trans-fats (only Caribbean country)
- ▶ Expansion of HbA1C Programme for Diabetes to include Point of Care testing in Health Centres in progress

5. Financing

- ▶ Consistent allocation of funding from the MOFPS
 - ▶ Allocation/Expenditure guided by the burden of disease
- ▶ National Health Fund
 - ▶ Screening activities
 - ▶ Health promotion activities

6. Human Resources

- ▶ Almost 18% increase in the number of HCWs especially in primary care
 - ▶ > 1,000 Community Health Aides recruited and trained
 - ▶ Will serve to strengthen Primary Health Care beyond the COVID-19 response

On the Horizon

- ▶ Public Education under the Jamaica Moves Brand
 - ▶ Unhealthy Foods
 - ▶ Labeling
 - ▶ NCD Website
 - ▶ Physical Activity Web-page
 - ▶ NCD Screening “Know Your Numbers” Campaign
 - ▶ Public Education Campaign – Tobacco, Harmful Use of Alcohol
- Formal Surveys
 - ▶ Sodium/Salt in Foods
 - ▶ Marketing of Foods to Children
 - ▶ Research for Wellness
 - ▶ Physical Activity
 - ▶ Jamaica Health and Lifestyle Survey IV
 - ▶ Needs Assessment among Persons with Sickle Cell Disease



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Thank you.

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