Caribbean EcoHealth Programme

Public and Environmental Health Interactions in Food and Waterborne Illnesses

Description	A four-year research program designed to pioneer research in critical environmental areas essential to the Public Health of the Caribbean region. There is an urgent need for the building of capacity and capability, knowledge translation and technology transfer among public and environmental health professionals in the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) region. The Caribbean Eco-Health Program will create research and capacity building opportunities that encourage professional development. The program will focus initially on persistent organic pollutants, burden of illness studies and the microbial contamination of rainwater cisterns. It will look to expand to include studies on seafood safety and recreational water quality, and will offer a variety of training programs, including a field course on Coastal Waters and Human Health and a master's level distance education course focused on Food Safety.
Purpose	The program will create multi-disciplinary teams among key Caribbean and Canadian institutions to investigate priority health problems and design effective multi-sectoral interventions. By linking the academic community with the research needs of key regional institutions, the program will help create a cadre of engaged professionals interested in the link between human and environmental health.
Scope	Regional – Caribbean
Primary Funders	Teasdale-Corti Team Grant (http://web.idrc.ca/es/ev-134236-201-1-DO_TOPIC.html)
Participants & Key Collaborators	International Development Research Centre (IDRC), Laval University, University of the West Indies, St. George's University, Caribbean Epidemiology Centre (CAREC), Caribbean Environmental Health Institute (CEHI), the Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC), the Bermuda Institute for Ocean Studies, and the Pan-American Health Organization (PAHO).
Definition of One Health	Not Available.
Monitoring & Evaluation Strategy	Not Available.
Sources of Information	https://baysgu35.sgu.edu/calendars/sgugazette.nsf/GazettePastIssue?OpenForm&Date=10/15/2007, http://www.onehealthinitiative.com/publications/OHOW_Compendium_Case_Studies.pdf, http://web.idrc.ca/en/ev-134249-201-1-DO_TOPIC.html
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