



CARPHA
CARIBBEAN PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCY

The Caribbean Public Health Agency (CARPHA) is the single regional public health agency for the Caribbean.

CARPHA's mission is to provide strategic direction, in analysing, defining and responding to the public health priorities of CARICOM, in order to prevent disease, promote health and to respond to public health threats and emergencies.



Combatting Non-Communicable Diseases

Cardiovascular disease, cancers, diabetes and chronic respiratory diseases are the greatest contributors to morbidity and mortality in the Caribbean region. Surveillance of non-communicable diseases (NCDs) is therefore a major component of CARPHA's Work Plan.

The IARC Caribbean Cancer Registry Hub facilitates strengthening of cancer surveillance in the region, thereby improving the information available for planning for cancer control and complements CARPHA's efforts to support evidence-based decision making for NCD prevention and control.



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IARC Caribbean Cancer Registry Hub

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Cancer Data for Cancer Prevention and Control in the Caribbean



The **IARC Caribbean Cancer Registry Hub** became operational in 2015 and supports strengthening cancer registration in all independent countries and territories located within the Caribbean basin.



The IARC Caribbean Cancer Registry Hub is based at the **Caribbean Public Health Agency (CARPHA)** in Trinidad & Tobago and is a collaborative effort with several key, international partners:

- International Agency for Research on Cancer (**IARC**)
- US National Cancer Institute (**NCI**)
- US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (**CDC**)
- North American Association of Central Cancer Registries (**NAACCR**)
- Pan American Health Organization (**PAHO/WHO**)

MISSION

To improve the availability of high-quality cancer data to guide decision-making for improved patient care and treatment and prevention of cancer in the Caribbean region.

Key Hub Activities

- Engage country stakeholders
- Conduct in-country assessments
- Coordinate and facilitate training courses and opportunities to support cancer registration
- Develop and disseminate tools and guidelines to support standardization of cancer registration processes
- Evaluate quality and completeness of data collected in cancer registries
- Conduct analyses of data to inform decision-making and to generate scientific reports



**CANCER DATA
FOR
CANCER ACTION**

For more information on the IARC Caribbean Cancer Registry Hub, please visit <http://caribbeancrh.carpha.org/>

IARC's Global Initiative for Cancer Registry Development (GICR)

Health and demographic transitions are projected to place the greatest future burden of cancer in low- and middle-income countries. To mitigate the impact, effective evidence-based cancer control programmes are needed. The Global Initiative for Cancer Registry Development (GICR) is a partnership based on a commitment from key international organizations to address inequities by helping underserved countries prevent cancer and improve outcomes. **The focus of the GICR is to accelerate improvements in the coverage, quality and use of cancer data worldwide to better inform cancer control.**

A system of six **IARC Regional Hubs** have been established to directly support countries in Asia, Africa, the Caribbean, Latin America and Oceania. Collectively, the GICR targets over 150 countries with a coverage of approximately six billion people (85% of the world population).

See <http://gicr.iarc.fr/> for further details.