

APACPH: Obesity Prevention Collaborating Centre – July 2017

1. We are identifying priority areas for action by doing economic evaluations of 40 non-health sector interventions.
2. In September 2016, Professor Steve Allender and Professor Colin Bell contributed to the 4th REGIONAL WORKSHOP ON STRENGTHENING LEADERSHIP AND ADVOCACY FOR THE PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF NONCOMMUNICABLE DISEASES (LeAd-NCD) by providing short-course training on systems approaches to 21 representatives from China, Fiji, Hong Kong SAR (China), Malaysia, Micronesia (Federated States of), Mongolia, the Philippines, Samoa, Singapore, Tonga and Viet Nam.
3. We supported preparation for and implementation of the Regional Workshop on Regulating the Marketing and Sale of Foods and Non-alcoholic Beverages at Schools held from 1 to 3 June 2016 in Manila, Philippines. Through Ms Erica Reeve we provided technical advice on food provision and marketing in schools and on nutrient profiling. A presentation was provided on applying nutrient profiling approaches in schools along with a meeting report. Ms Reeve also conducted field work in Philippines regarding school food provision and marketing.
4. We provided technical advice through Professor Colin Bell to the Informal Consultation on Childhood Obesity Surveillance in the Western Pacific Region” from 21-22 March 2016, in Tokyo Japan.
5. The PEN calculator which we developed has been used by WHO Suva office to train a number of countries to develop their own costing scenarios for PEN development. Prof Marj Moodie presented at a briefing to Members of Parliament in Fiji on NCDs. We have completed a study for UNDP and WHO Suva Office on the costs of NCDs in Fiji. This includes the development of a calculator designed to allow other member states to complete the same costing exercise.
6. In partnership with WHO, we prepared a grant titled 'rethinking Pacific Food Systems' for funding from a USAID and DFAT Australia 'Food Launch' partnership. (Unsuccessful)
7. We reviewed successful 2013 and 2015 Health Islands projects and produced a 'Healthy Islands Best Practice Guide'. This includes advice and information on creating healthier food environments.
8. We completed a mission in the Cook Islands to provide technical advice and support on implementing and evaluating a food environment intervention in schools and retail settings.
9. We Assisted WHO in preparation of documents related to Conflict of Interest in nutrition.

10. We provided comprehensive comments on the first draft of the Work Programme of the UN Decade of Action on Nutrition, 2016-2015

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