



WKD 2022 Report

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Country: Saint Lucia

Number of events organized/collected in your country: A program of health promotion activities have been planned in collaboration with other public health departments within the Ministry of Health and affiliate community based non-governmental organizations. During the month, five core community-based interventions have been scheduled, with focus on population segments at higher risk of kidney disease.

Activities of note (please give a brief description of the activity with links to online sources that mentioned it):

A community-based health screening program was one of the activities planned and was conducted on World Kidney Day; March 8, 2022.

This community health program was targeted at residents of Vanard, a hinterland community in Saint Lucia. Amongst these residents there is a tendency for limited health seeking behaviors and a proclivity self-management of chronic illness through the use of herbal treatments and poor concordance to prescribed medications. A clinical screening program was undertaken by a team of clinical practitioners and public health specialists. This aided in identifying community members with risk factors for poor kidney health (and other chronic disease conditions) and to promote proactive approaches for managing health and achieving overall well-being.

List of media that published WKD press releases or mentioned WKD related activities (newspapers, magazines, online publications, TV, radio, etc..) – please provide link to online sources:

<https://fb.watch/bLyn3grisN/>

List of celebrities involved and short description of their involvement

A well-known herbal medicine practitioner from the national Rastafarian Community, Honorable Priest Kailash, was part of the activity informing participants of the importance of safe use of herbs to prevent detrimental impact on health, particularly amongst people diagnosed with kidney disease.



Attach representative pictures



