About CAREC

VISION

CAREC, a public health information, service and consulting organisation, dedicated to being the best at providing information that people need to improve health and prevent disease in the Caribbean.
Mission Statement

To improve the health status of Caribbean people by advancing the capability of member countries in epidemiology, laboratory technology and related public health disciplines through technical cooperation, service, training, research and a well trained motivated staff.
Shared Values

- Improving customer service
- Managing for impact
- Empowerment and accountability
- Leadership and innovation
- Self-respect and respect for others

The Caribbean Epidemiology Centre, (CAREC)

is administered on behalf of 21 Member Countries by the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO), the World Health Organization's Regional Office for the Americas. CAREC enjoys an international reputation for its work in support of Public Health in the Caribbean. Under a Multilateral Agreement CAREC provides laboratory reference and epidemiology services to 21 Member Countries.

The need for such a Caribbean Centre was first recognized in the early 1970's by Dr. Eric Williams, then Prime Minister of Trinidad and Tobago. CAREC came into existence in 1975, following an endorsement by the Caribbean Health Ministers' Conference held in Dominica in 1973. Under a Bilateral Agreement (Annex) with PAHO, Trinidad and Tobago took up the role of host country because of the existing strength of the Trinidad Regional Virus Laboratory and well established links with research agencies such as the British Medical Research Council. CAREC today occupies a complex of buildings in Federation Park, Port of Spain, the capital city of Trinidad and Tobago. This includes security laboratories and a variety of specialized units such as an experimental mosquito colony. Several epidemiological databases are maintained within a LAN infrastructure. Support facilities include a lecture theatre, a training laboratory, a library, offset print shop, a museum, an audio-visual unit, and an active preventive maintenance unit.

Multilateral Agreement
Our Member Countries:Anguilla | Antigua & Barbuda | Aruba | Bahamas | Barbados

Belize | Bermuda | British Virgin Islands | Cayman Islands

Dominica | Grenada | Guyana | Jamaica | Montserrat

Netherlands Antilles | St. Kitts & Nevis | St. Lucia

St. Vincent & the Grenadines | Suriname | Turks & Caicos

Bilateral Agreement (Annex)

Host Country:
Trinidad & Tobago