



NHF to Fund Survey on Eating Patterns of Jan

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Story Highlights

In another two years, key informed data on eating p Health Fund (NHF) \$14.6 Technology (UTech).

Under the project called , at UTech, several entities dealing with health promotion and protection will be able to acces nutritional status of the population.

It will also aid in deepening the understanding of the nutritional status and micronutrient def data to the Ministry of Health, Ministry of Agriculture, the food manufacturing industry, and t

Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the NHF, Everton Anderson, says health research is an ir interventions in health care, and his agency is always open to fund such projects.

“In the planning of health promotion programmes and campaigns, the use of research is cri so we welcome this research, that will be valuable to us, as well as our parent Ministry, and

Director of Dietetics and Nutrition at UTech, Ava Simpson, says given the rapid growth in th communicable diseases (NCDs), a need exists for evidence-based information on the food patterns.

The Director explains that the information is needed to buttress the formulation of policy, gu response to the burgeoning obesity problem through research, and wellness solutions.”

She points out that consumption patterns and trends of the population will be surveyed at th calculate intake of energy, nutrients and other components of the foods eaten.

To boost the reach of the campaign to target groups, two wellness centres will be set up, or

communities.

Dean of the College, Dr. Ellen Campbell-Grille, says the project is multi-disciplinary, with pa the confidence that the National Health Fund has bestowed in us,” she tells **JIS News**.

The National Health Fund was established to provide financial support to the national health the Jamaican population through two categories of benefits – individual and institutional.

The individual benefits include assistance to persons in the purchase of specific prescription designated chronic illnesses. The agency also conducts public education drives to educate management.

Persons seeking individual benefits must be certified by a registered private or public doctor register with the agency. Once approved, the beneficiary is issued with an NHF card and w approved participating pharmacies.

The UTech College of Health Sciences conducts researches, which address and provide sc The College comprises three schools – Caribbean School of Nursing, School of Pharmacy :

The college offers a wide range of graduate and undergraduate courses to health professio as Pharmacy, Nursing, Dietetics and Nutrition, Medical Technology, Child and Adolescent I Administration and Complementary Medicine.

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