

## CARIBDATA AUG 2025 UPDATE

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### CARIBDATA WEB RESOURCE

We have now completed our online operations manual – called the CaribData Resource Hub – which is the administrative repository for all CaribData outputs. This is not the website that will be the front-end for our storytelling platform – that platform, under the control of our Angry Health consultants – continues its development.

You can access our Resource hub here:

<https://docs.caribdata.org/>

ALL COMPLETED OUTPUTS mentioned in this and future update can be accessed via our Resource Hub.

### COMPONENT 1: Infrastructure

#### Desk Review of UWI Data Producers

We've completed a desk review that identifies potential data stakeholders and data resources at the Cave Hill Campus, using a range of institutional outputs prior to initiating direct engagement. This process included the following activities:

- Reviewed annual reports and research publication records to identify university groups and individuals actively engaged in data-generating activities.
- Compiled an initial list of data stakeholders and associated data resources based on the outputs identified in the review.
- Started development of a curated repository to organise and store administrative resources and documentation gathered during the review process. This repository will serve as an ongoing reference for stakeholder engagement and data mapping.
- Read more at: [https://docs.caribdata.org/01\\_C1\\_Infrastructure/10-assessment/](https://docs.caribdata.org/01_C1_Infrastructure/10-assessment/)

#### Data sharing facilitators and barriers survey for NSOs

- Our NSO survey is under development to determine facilitators and barriers to data sharing
- The pilot for this survey has been completed – the refined survey questions and the results of this pilot are available for download: [https://docs.caribdata.org/01\\_C1\\_Infrastructure/10-assessment/](https://docs.caribdata.org/01_C1_Infrastructure/10-assessment/)

## New infrastructure training courses

Based on requests from our Guyana NSO partner, we've developed TWO asynchronous training courses. These are currently being amended in line with comments from the Guyana team. We do still need some materials from the Guyana team. The courses are hosted on our new CaribData training platform, which sits on our secure server (Moodle software).

- You can access our Moodle site here: <https://moodle.caribdata.org/lms>
- For guest access, please contact Jacqui Campbell: digitaldataservices246@gmail.com

## COMPONENT 2: Training and data stories .

### Storytelling training

Angry Health have completed their second deliverable, linked to planning the data communications infrastructure. Beta testing of the storytelling course has been completed with input from our Guyana and Belize partners. The AngryHealth team have had no responses yet to their requests for NSO staff to help finalise this "flagship" storytelling training course. One last attempt will be made at the steering committee and then we will plan a launch, potentially to selected participants from across the region.

### Data Stories

We have now written and published 5 stories (monthly since March):

- Mar: Data scarcity across the Caribbean. Distributed via LinkedIn and email.
- Apr: Hidden salt content in our diets / impact on health. Distribution as above + YouTube (avatar news feed)
- May: Regional data sovereignty. Distributed as above + X (formerly Twitter).
- Jun: NCD Progress in Belize. Experimented with x3 story versions for different audiences. Distributed via 4 feeds and directed to Govt 'decision-makers'
- Jul: Urban walkability
- Aug: Digital transformation in Guyana. In preparation, collaborating with our Guyana NSO partner.

All stories are available via our story archive: [https://docs.caribdata.org/00\\_C0\\_Stories/](https://docs.caribdata.org/00_C0_Stories/)

For the rest of the year we are planning monthly releases. Key here is that we are using these monthly releases to test and improve our data storytelling process, building in new developments in AI automation, with all of this feeding directly into our project business plan / sustainability.

## Further development of the storytelling infrastructure

This is funding for third party contractors to build a storytelling front end and prototype backend. Progress is slower than we would like, held up a bit by the process for funds approval. We will get final contractor quotations before the end of August, then will send to UWI for processing.

## Storython

Planning is underway (see admin below).

## COMPONENT 3: Policies and Guidelines

### Legislation review: Regional

We have updated and expanded the original legislation review from 2023 to now include new information from 2024/2025. The review has been reviewed by the CaribData PSC. You can read the legislation review here: [https://docs.caribdata.org/00\\_CO\\_Stories/Caribbean-data-laws/](https://docs.caribdata.org/00_CO_Stories/Caribbean-data-laws/)

### Legislation Review: Belize

We have developed a review of the Belize national open data landscape, to identify legislative barriers and facilitators for data sharing for Belize. This second review is currently under review by the Belize team. Once reviewed it will be added to our Resource Hub.

### Guidelines

Guides on data sharing and data re-use are currently being reviewed by our Belize NSO partner. Once reviewed these will be added to our Resource Hub.

## COMPONENT 4: Public awareness

In conjunction with AngryHealth we have identified a supplier to develop and deliver the public awareness campaign. We have submitted a request for non-objection and will process via UWI.

## ADMIN

Selvi has submitted a draft of the 6 monthly progress report (July 2025) and is awaiting comments

Actions currently awaiting non-objection:

- Engaging a firm for public awareness campaign
- Engaging a firm for storytelling infrastructure development
- Contract extension for Front-end Support consultant and movement of funds from Component 4 to Component 1 to fund this contract extension
- Allocation of prize money (Component 1) and Data conference fund (Component 2) to Angry Health for storython.

## SUSTAINABILITY

We are now starting to think carefully about our route to sustainability. You can read some of our early ideas on our sustainability here: [https://docs.caribdata.org/06\\_Sustainability/20-sus-plan/](https://docs.caribdata.org/06_Sustainability/20-sus-plan/)