

## Antigua and Barbuda - Update 2009-04-20

Antigua and Barbuda is one of the countries that have been making great strides in the use of the Five Keys concept.

Antigua and Barbuda has been using the Five Keys To Safer Food since 2007 for the training of Foodhandlers. The training Manual itself was modified by Antigua and Barbuda to suit Antigua and Barbuda local situation. To date, they have trained some 4000 foodhandlers in Restaurants, Hotels, Snack Shops, Street Food Vendors, Cook Shops, and Church and sports groups.

Training personnel were drawn from Ministry of Health, Central Board of Health, Antigua and Barbuda Bureau of Standards, Ministry of Agriculture, Department of Analytical Services, and Inter-American Institute for Corporation on Agriculture (IICA).

Two different sets of posters on the Five Keys To Safer Food have been used by that country. The original Five Keys poster and a modified poster, reflecting the Caribbean local situation. The modified poster was shared with several other Caribbean countries. These have also been distributed to Foodhandlers during training programmes. Training programmes have been very well attended.

In 2009, the Ministry of Health has used the training materials to train 120 persons in January and 110 persons in February. They continue to conduct monthly training sessions using the Five Keys approach.