



## **Launch of Next Generation of PEPFAR Indicators Project** *Technical Experts Invited to Join Consultation*

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Washington, DC – On Wednesday, January 16, the U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) will launch a project to examine its program reporting indicators. As PEPFAR moves into its next phase, the program aims to better support national reporting systems and increase the relevance of results reporting to both the field and headquarters.

Towards this goal, PEPFAR is coordinating a process that results in recommendations for the next generation of monitoring and evaluation (M&E) indicators reported by U.S. Government country teams to PEPFAR. All PEPFAR partners are invited to participate in this indicator development effort. The Global Health Council is partnering with PEPFAR to ensure a process for the successful participation of PEPFAR implementing partners. The project will draw on the expertise of the PEPFAR program area technical working groups, with additional input from implementing partners and other experts in the field.

### **Launch Meeting – Next Generation of PEPFAR Indicators Project**

Date: January 16, 2008

Participation: Open to external program area and M&E partners

Venue: **Peace Corps Headquarters**

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Participants are asked to RSVP for the **Launch Meeting** with an email notice to Smita Baruah at [sbaruah@globalhealth.org](mailto:sbaruah@globalhealth.org).

### ***Who should attend?***

**Representatives with the appropriate expertise to address the identification and definition of monitoring and evaluation indicators are encouraged to attend.** PEPFAR is seeking this specific technical skill – rather than programmatic, policy, advocacy, etc. – as the products to be generated are restricted in content.

### ***What are the goals of the project?***

- To better align M&E indicators with national outcomes and impacts where PEPFAR programming occurs (not only the outputs);
- To provide strategies for meaningful feedback to program planners at all reporting levels for quality improvement;
- To harmonize M&E indicators with international standards;
- To further integrate U.S. Government program and partner monitoring efforts with host country monitoring systems;
- To strengthen the sustainability of these national M&E systems; and
- To address recommendations put forth by the Institute of Medicine PEPFAR evaluation by ensuring that all programs have robust monitoring and evaluation systems for use in programmatic decision making.

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