

## Data Sheet

<b>USAID Mission:</b>	Caribbean Regional Program
<b>Program Title:</b>	HIV/AIDS
<b>Pillar:</b>	Global Health
<b>Strategic Objective:</b>	538-010
<b>Status:</b>	New in FY 2004
<b>Planned FY 2005 Obligation:</b>	\$4,695,000 CSH
<b>Prior Year Unobligated:</b>	\$0
<b>Proposed FY 2006 Obligation:</b>	\$4,733,000 CSH
<b>Year of Initial Obligation:</b>	2004
<b>Estimated Year of Final Obligation:</b>	2009

**Summary:** USAID's program will build on previous interventions to achieve measurable impact on increasing risk reduction practices to prevent transmission of HIV/AIDS and to expand access to and use of HIV prevention, treatment and care services. The geographic focus is primarily the nine sovereign island nations not served directly by one of the four USAID bilateral missions in Haiti, Guyana, Dominican Republic, and Jamaica. Due to the high degree of mobility and inter-island migration within the Caribbean region, USAID will carry out its regional HIV program in coordination with USAID bilateral countries with particular emphasis on highly mobile populations. This will ensure broad and comprehensive USAID programming in HIV/AIDS throughout the Caribbean's sovereign nations. Given the relatively low prevalence of HIV in the general population on many islands but double digit rates among vulnerable populations, a special focus of the new strategy will be to target activities to most at-risk and vulnerable populations, including people living with HIV/AIDS. In addition, due to the highly stigmatized environment surrounding HIV in the Caribbean, a cross cutting theme of the new strategy will focus on reducing stigma and discrimination. USAID continues to plan activities in close collaboration with the Centers for Disease Control, including working on a joint U.S. Government strategy.

### **Inputs, Outputs, Activities:**

**FY 2005 Program:** Reduce Transmission and Impact of HIV/AIDS (\$4,686,000 CSH). Technical assistance will be provided to nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) or other informal networks to target prevention and behavior change interventions focused on most-at-risk-populations in select countries.

Activities will include community-based and national scale prevention efforts focused primarily on most-at-risk populations within each island nation. A special emphasis will be placed on identifying high-risk settings or "hot spots", including highly mobile transient points. Integrated within these activities will be referral mechanisms to prevention, care, treatment, and support services. The emphasis will be on achieving results in terms of behavior change and, ultimately, reductions in HIV infection.

USAID activities aimed at boosting use of prevention and treatment services will include increasing the number of trained counselors providing counseling and testing services, training clinical health care providers in the prevention of mother-to-child transmission services, and the care and treatment of HIV-infected patients, including the use of anti-retroviral medications. A regional network of training centers, called the Caribbean HIV/AIDS Regional Training (CHART) Initiative, has been established to increase capacity throughout the region in a cost-efficient manner. These centers will be used as the framework for all training activities under the new strategy. All training will include the cross-cutting theme of reducing stigma and discrimination. If funding allows, focused technical assistance will be provided at a sub-regional and national level to ensure logistics and delivery systems are functioning to facilitate availability of adequate supply of drugs (particularly anti-retrovirals and drugs for opportunistic infections) and health

commodities and supplies (particularly HIV test kits).

USAID will also focus activities on enhancing the enabling environment for an HIV/AIDS regional response. The Caribbean region is unique in that regional organizations, structures and policy dialogue forums are actively functioning to coordinate and target all HIV resources coming into the region, to develop and reform laws and policies, and to program regional activities. Under the new strategy, activities to enhance the current environment for HIV programming across the region will include support to improve both regional and national level HIV surveillance and monitoring and evaluation systems, establish new laws and reform existing laws related to HIV/AIDS, and a multi-media regional campaign on stigma and discrimination. This support will be provided to the already established regional organizations focusing in these areas. The Caribbean region recently submitted and received approval for a regional application to the Global Fund on AIDS, TB and Malaria, and specific support will be provided to ensure these funds are targeted towards the most appropriate regional interventions and that high performance is achieved.

Implementation of these activities will be through USAID's partner, the International HIV/AIDS Alliance (IHAA), the University of North Carolina, and the University of Washington.

**FY 2006 Program:** Reduce Transmission and Impact of HIV/AIDS (\$4,733,000 CSH). USAID will continue to strengthen NGO capacity in the eastern Caribbean through provision of technical assistance to NGOs or other informal networks to target prevention and behavior change interventions in most-at-risk-populations. Participatory assessment and mobilization of key populations in four additional countries will be followed by programs designed and tailored for each country. Grants will be given to groups that target prevention interventions to high risk groups and the involvement of people living with HIV/AIDS. Technical assistance workshops will be conducted to assist NGOs to develop advocacy plans in support of making health services for sexually transmitted infections and voluntary counseling and testing more friendly to marginalized populations. Distribution of condoms as well as condom social marketing activities will continue.

USAID's program to increase the use of prevention and treatment services will continue to strengthen National Training Centers as well as the Regional Coordinating Unit of the Caribbean HIV/AIDS Regional Training (CHART) initiative. A cadre of locally-based trainers in each center will begin to be developed in order to ensure the transfer of knowledge to local providers. A cross-cutting theme will be the reduction of stigma and discrimination especially among health-care workers. An overall business plan for the entire CHART initiative will be finalized by the end of 2006.

To further enhance the enabling environment for an HIV/AIDS regional response, USAID will continue to work with the Centers for Disease Control and other local and regional partners on establishing and consolidating the "Three Ones" (one coordinating body, one monitoring and evaluation plan, and one strategic framework) in the Caribbean region. Country-level technical assistance in monitoring and evaluation will continue with the aim of standardizing national systems across the region. USAID will continue to work with the Caribbean Regional Epidemiology Center (CAREC) as well as national AIDS programs on strengthening surveillance capacity.

Implementers are the same as above.

**Performance and Results:** This is a new program with no performance data to report yet. By the end of the strategy period, the region will have achieved an increase in risk reduction behaviors among most at risk and vulnerable populations; greater access to and use of voluntary counseling and testing services, prevention of mother-to-child transmission services, anti-retroviral treatment for HIV, and treatment for opportunistic infections related to HIV; and increased access to and use of community-based support services for those living with HIV/AIDS and their families, particularly vulnerable children and orphans. In addition, national level

surveillance and monitoring and evaluation systems will have been strengthened and countries will be reporting accurately on the globally agreed to HIV/AIDS indicators requested annually by UNAIDS. Through law reform and regional stigma campaigns, discrimination will have been reduced particularly in the workplace and clinical care setting.

## US Financing in Thousands of Dollars

### Caribbean Regional Program

538-010 HIV/AIDS	CSH	ESF
<b>Through September 30, 2003</b>		
Obligations	0	0
Expenditures	0	0
Unliquidated	0	0
<b>Fiscal Year 2004</b>		
Obligations	2,016	1,000
Expenditures	0	0
<b>Through September 30, 2004</b>		
Obligations	2,016	1,000
Expenditures	0	0
Unliquidated	2,016	1,000
<b>Prior Year Unobligated Funds</b>		
Obligations	0	0
<b>Planned Fiscal Year 2005 NOA</b>		
Obligations	4,695	0
<b>Total Planned Fiscal Year 2005</b>		
Obligations	4,695	0
<b>Proposed Fiscal Year 2006 NOA</b>		
Obligations	4,733	0
Future Obligations	6,056	0
Est. Total Cost	17,500	1,000