

## Data Sheet

<b>USAID Mission:</b>	LAC Regional
<b>Program Title:</b>	Health Advancement
<b>Pillar:</b>	Global Health
<b>Strategic Objective:</b>	598-024
<b>Status:</b>	New in FY 2004
<b>Planned FY 2005 Obligation:</b>	\$9,662,000 CSH
<b>Prior Year Unobligated:</b>	\$0
<b>Proposed FY 2006 Obligation:</b>	\$5,345,000 CSH
<b>Year of Initial Obligation:</b>	2004
<b>Estimated Year of Final Obligation:</b>	2006

**Summary:** The LAC Regional health program will provide technical assistance and support to improve access and delivery of equitable, quality, and sustainable health care to the most impoverished in the region. The program includes four main areas: family planning and reproductive health; health systems strengthening; infectious diseases (including HIV/AIDS); and maternal and child health.

All family planning assistance agreements will incorporate clauses that implement the President's directive restoring the Mexico City Policy.

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

**FY 2005 Program:** Build Health Systems Capacity (\$589,000 CSH). USAID will provide technical assistance and training to expand the use of integrated information systems through assessment and recommendations for improving existing systems; strengthen the steering role of the health authorities, especially as it focuses on their ability to lead and regulate the health sector; expand the knowledge of essential public health functions in the health sector, especially those involving the public health workforce, public health infrastructure and public health research; and improve the health sector management capacities of municipal and district health authorities through the development of specific management tools. Principal contractors and grantees are Pan American Health Organization (PAHO), Management Sciences for Health (MSH), and University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill.

Prevent and Control Infectious Diseases of Major Importance (\$4,881,000 CSH). USAID will provide technical assistance and training to address malaria regionally through the Amazon Malaria Initiative; determine the quality of antimicrobial drugs and provider and consumer practices regarding the use of antibiotics through the South American Infectious Disease Initiative; and build human capacity in administering and evaluating tuberculosis programs. Principal contractors/ grantees are PAHO, Centers for Disease Control, United States Pharmacopeia, and MSH.

Improve Maternal Health and Nutrition (\$684,000 CSH). USAID will provide technical assistance and training in maternal health programming that focuses on enhancing pre and in-service efforts that establish competency-based education programs for skilled birth attendants; policy and national studies to address maternal mortality reduction; and introduction of evidence-based practices (for example, post-partum hemorrhage prevention and treatment) through professional associations. Principal contractors and grantees: PAHO, Johns Hopkins University and MSH.

Improve Child Survival, Health and Nutrition (\$690,000 CSH). In collaboration with efforts to improve maternal health and nutrition, USAID will provide technical assistance and training to address the major killers of newborn infants (birth asphyxia and infection). Principal contractors and grantees: same as above.

Support Family Planning Programs (\$861,000 CSH). USAID will continue to support regional efforts to help ensure contraceptive security in Latin America as USAID support for contraceptive commodities and family planning assistance gradually phase down in the region. USAID will provide technical assistance in nine LAC countries in developing national contraceptive security plans that address policy, financing, organizational and human capacity, demand, logistics, service delivery, and the roles of the public and private sectors. Effective regional interventions to address contraceptive security will be developed. USAID will help accelerate change by sharing experiences and lessons learned, improving donor coordination, and generating a supportive environment for policy change across countries. An assessment will be conducted in selected LAC countries to determine the extent to which post-partum and post-abortion programs in the region continue to include family planning. Principal contractors and grantees: John Snow Inc., the Population Council, and The Futures Group (all prime).

Reduce Transmission and Impact of HIV/AIDS (\$500,000 CSH). The assessment mentioned above will also help determine the extent to which family planning programs include HIV/AIDS prevention, care and treatment; and mother to child transmission of HIV/AIDS (PMTCT) programs include family planning. Based on the findings, USAID will identify the issues and challenges, and develop operations research to determine the best ways to move these programs forward and ensure their sustainability. USAID will also continue to provide technical assistance on HIV/AIDS to bilateral and subregional programs. Principal contractor: Population Council (prime).

**FY 2006 Program:** Build Health Systems Capacity (\$698,000 CSH). USAID will expand health systems capacity building activities begun in FY 2005. Same implementers as above.

Prevent and Control Infectious Diseases of Major Importance (\$1,045,000 CSH). USAID will carry out the biannual malaria sentinel surveillance study, continue integrated vector management for malaria prevention, expand efforts to prevent antimicrobial resistance, and continue to build regional expertise in tuberculosis programming. Same implementers as above

Improve Maternal Health and Nutrition (\$550,000 CSH). Technical assistance and training will build on activities underway with a continued emphasis on improving the quality of skilled attendants at birth. Same implementers as above

Improve Child Survival, Health and Nutrition (\$552,000 CSH). Technical assistance will be provided to assist in the expansion of newborn programs and adoption of evidence-based clinical practices. Same implementers as above

Support Family Planning Programs (\$1,200,000 CSH). The country-specific and regional activities aimed at ensuring contraceptive security will build on previous activities. Successful contraceptive security efforts, especially ones that have produced more supportive local environments for increased contraceptive security, will be documented and shared, and regional mechanisms for procuring contraceptives will be identified and tested. Same implementers as above

Reduce Transmission and Impact of HIV/AIDS (\$1,300,000 CSH). Building on the assessment of post-partum, post-abortion and PMTCT programs carried out in FY 2005, USAID will provide technical assistance to design and carry out operations research to identify the most effective and efficient ways to ensure that these programs continue to prevent unwanted pregnancy, ensure adequate child spacing, and prevent HIV/AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases. The results of this research will be widely disseminated so that others can learn from the findings. USAID will also continue to provide technical support on HIV/AIDS to bilateral and subregional missions. Same implementers as above

**Performance and Results:** Implementation of the program began late in FY 2004; therefore,

there are no results to report.

By the end of FY 2007, USAID expects that the evidence base for health priorities will be increased; LAC decision makers will be better informed. USAID also anticipates that policy dialogue will be increased with an overall goal of expanded equity, quality, and sustainability of health care in the region.

## US Financing in Thousands of Dollars

LAC Regional

598-024 Health Advancement	CSH
<b>Through September 30, 2003</b>	
Obligations	0
Expenditures	0
Unliquidated	0
<b>Fiscal Year 2004</b>	
Obligations	11,479
Expenditures	0
<b>Through September 30, 2004</b>	
Obligations	11,479
Expenditures	0
Unliquidated	11,479
<b>Prior Year Unobligated Funds</b>	
Obligations	0
<b>Planned Fiscal Year 2005 NOA</b>	
Obligations	9,662
<b>Total Planned Fiscal Year 2005</b>	
Obligations	9,662
<b>Proposed Fiscal Year 2006 NOA</b>	
Obligations	5,345
Future Obligations	2,176
Est. Total Cost	28,662