

Data Sheet

USAID Mission:	Mexico
Program Title:	Investing in People
Pillar:	Global Health
Strategic Objective:	523-023
Status:	New in FY 2004
Planned FY 2005 Obligation:	\$3,164,000 CSH
Prior Year Unobligated:	\$71,000 CSH
Proposed FY 2006 Obligation:	\$3,230,000 CSH
Year of Initial Obligation:	2004
Estimated Year of Final Obligation:	2008

Summary: USAID supports the efforts of the Government of Mexico (GOM) to prevent and control both HIV/AIDS and tuberculosis (TB) in vulnerable populations. For HIV/AIDS, the focus is to contain and reduce the virus within vulnerable populations to prevent its spread to the general population. For tuberculosis, the focus is to improve the quality and sustainability of Directly Observed Therapy--Short Course (DOTS) in the 13 states that account for 70% of the TB cases in Mexico.

Funding will be used to improve surveillance and reporting for both diseases, train health workers, conduct public information campaigns and provide equipment for TB detection and education. HIV/AIDS prevention and education activities include behavior change communication and promotion of health-seeking practices; mitigation of the impact of HIV/AIDS through reduction in stigma and discrimination, and an improved policy environment for HIV/AIDS.

Inputs, Outputs, Activities:

FY 2005 Program: Reduce Transmission and Impact of HIV/AIDS (\$2,182,000 CSH). Through behavior change communication incorporating the "ABC" approach to HIV/AIDS prevention (A for abstinence, B for being faithful, and C for correct and consistent condom use), USAID will support promotion of health-seeking behaviors among the most at-risk groups for HIV/AIDS in Mexico. HIV/AIDS prevention messages promoting safe behavior will also be aired in brief TV and radio spots. USAID will support a survey on behavior and HIV status among vulnerable populations in Mexico. The results will be used to monitor the epidemic as well as target planning and resources. USAID will play a substantive role in promoting cross-border multisectoral collaboration on HIV/AIDS along the U.S.-Mexico border, starting with key border areas such as Tijuana-San Diego, and state-level collaboration between Texas and Tamaulipas, with the goal of expanding collaboration to cover the U.S.-Mexico border. Principal contractors and grantees are: Family Health International, Population Services International, and Futures Group.

Prevent and Control Infectious Diseases of Major Importance (\$978,000 CSH). USAID will implement activities to strengthen the capacity of Mexico's National TB Program to meet collaboratively identified goals for a strengthening of the DOTS strategy and the identification and supervision of TB patients. Continued support will be provided to community outreach activities in Baja California. The principal grantee is Project Concern International.

FY 2006 Program: Reduce Transmission and Impact of HIV/AIDS (\$2,200,000 CSH). USAID will continue to support behavior change activities aimed at the most at-risk groups for HIV/AIDS in Mexico. Activities will include promotion of safer behaviors, including abstinence, fidelity, delay of sexual debut, and condom social marketing for the most at-risk groups. USAID will continue to work with Mexican and U.S. organizations to encourage cross-border collaboration for prevention and control of HIV/AIDS. Implementers are the same as above.

Prevent and Control Infectious Diseases of Major Importance (\$1,030,000 CSH). USAID will continue to implement activities to strengthen the laboratory and administrative capacity of Mexico's National TB Program. Implementers are the same as above.

Performance and Results: USAID will continue to work with the Ministry of Health to support national infrastructure for TB prevention and control in 13 Mexican states. During FY 2004, USAID worked with the Ministry to establish needs and purchase equipment for seven additional Mexican states. This new equipment is expected to be in place by the end of the second quarter of FY 2005. USAID funded a grant to promote a U.S.-Mexican university partnership to develop an infectious disease graduate level program, research projects, and student/professor exchanges, in close partnership with the Health Ministry. USAID also co-funded a grant to Project Concern International to implement community based TB strategies in the border area of Baja California.

In FY 2004 USAID initiated activities aimed at promoting behavior change among the most at-risk groups using the ABC approach. A total of 3,988 behavior-change communication events were conducted in Mexico with target groups, exceeding the goal of 3,250. USAID trained national level officials in a specialized model to guide program budgeting and planning for HIV/AIDS at the national and state level. A survey on workplace policies was carried out among the top 20 U.S. firms doing business in Mexico as a first step toward involving business in the fight against AIDS in the workplace and in their communities. USAID also provided technical assistance to the Mexico City AIDS Program to analyze prevalence and socioeconomic data.

Continued progress in this objective will mean that by FY 2010, vulnerable populations in Mexico will have adopted safer behaviors, reflected in a lower HIV prevalence. Although the number of reported TB cases may actually increase due to improved detection in target areas, it is expected that the number of TB deaths will decline, and the proportion of cases cured in USAID-assisted areas will increase.

US Financing in Thousands of Dollars

Mexico

523-023 Investing in People	CSH
Through September 30, 2003	
Obligations	0
Expenditures	0
Unliquidated	0
Fiscal Year 2004	
Obligations	3,629
Expenditures	2,630
Through September 30, 2004	
Obligations	3,629
Expenditures	2,630
Unliquidated	999
Prior Year Unobligated Funds	
Obligations	71
Planned Fiscal Year 2005 NOA	
Obligations	3,164
Total Planned Fiscal Year 2005	
Obligations	3,235
Proposed Fiscal Year 2006 NOA	
Obligations	3,230
Future Obligations	16,406
Est. Total Cost	26,500