

Data Sheet

USAID Mission:	Caribbean Regional Program
Program Title:	HIV/AIDS
Pillar:	Global Health
Strategic Objective:	538-008
Proposed FY 2004 Obligation:	\$3,733,000 CSH
Prior Year Unobligated:	\$0
Proposed FY 2005 Obligation:	\$0
Year of Initial Obligation:	FY 2001
Year of Final Obligation:	FY 2004

Summary: HIV/AIDS in the Caribbean is far more than a medical concern; it poses a direct threat to the region's economic growth and competitiveness. USAID's regional HIV/AIDS program works to mitigate the destructive effects of the epidemic and prevent its further spread. The program works in collaboration with both private and public sector partners and is comprised of a range of activities that boost the capacity of local non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and national and regional organizations to mount a coordinated, multisectoral regional response.

Inputs, Outputs, Activities:

FY 2004 Program:

Increase NGO and community-based organizational capacity to deliver HIV/AIDS programs (\$700,000 CSH). Through the NGO strengthening program, USAID will work with national governments in public-private partnerships to develop multi-year HIV prevention plans under each country's National Strategic Plan on HIV/AIDS. To accomplish this, USAID will engage NGOs and government counterparts in prevention and behavior change and communications strategy development. USAID-funded activities are expected to reach approximately 400,000 people with prevention education messages. Support for prevention activities targeted to particularly vulnerable populations will be continued. Principal contractors and grantees are Family Health International and the International HIV/AIDS Alliance.

Increase government capacity to implement a response to HIV/AIDS (\$3,033,000 CSH). USAID will continue to provide support to expand the number of countries with National Strategic Plans on HIV/AIDS. Emphasis will be placed on improving surveillance, and monitoring and evaluation in the region to ensure the availability of accurate and reliable information for HIV programming. USAID will conduct behavior surveillance studies in six countries, with a focus on filling information gaps on the status of the epidemic in high-risk groups. In addition, USAID will support a mapping exercise to identify the current status of HIV prevention and treatment services being delivered in the Caribbean. Institutional support will continue for the Caribbean Coalition of National AIDS Program Coordinators, the Caribbean Epidemiology Centre, and the Pan Caribbean Partnership Against HIV/AIDS to strengthen their capacity to carry out regional programming and to address human rights, stigma, and discrimination issues. USAID assistance will be provided to six Caribbean HIV/AIDS regional training centers to further expand the number of HIV specialty-trained health care providers and public health professionals in the region. Specific training in preventing mother to child transmission will benefit 400 clinical providers, and HIV voluntary counseling and testing training will be expanded to two additional countries (for a total of seven). Principal contractors and grantees are the Caribbean Epidemiology Center, CARICOM Secretariat/Pan Caribbean Partnership against AIDS, the Ministry of Health in Jamaica, the Ministry of Health in Barbados, the University of Washington, and the University of North Carolina.

FY 2005 Program:

No new funds will be obligated under the current strategy in FY 2005. During FY 2004, the program will focus on ensuring the sustainability of program impacts and facilitating a smooth transition to the Mission's new regional strategy for the Caribbean for FY 2005 - FY 2009. Given the transition from a

strategy focused predominantly on institutional capacity building to one more impact focused, specific activities will include data collection and analysis to establish baseline indicators for behavioral change and service delivery activities.

Performance and Results: During this reporting year, performance for this program was high, results were achieved under both activity areas, and targets were met. USAID established a close collaborative working relationship with the newly established Centers for Disease Control office in Trinidad, and the two organizations are working towards a common strategy. Three years ago, very few countries had up-to-date national HIV strategic plans developed and formally in place. By the end of FY 2003, a total of 17 countries had formally established plans, up from 13 countries at the end of FY 2002. The end-of-strategy target of 21 countries is expected to be achieved by the end of FY 2004. With regards to NGOs, three additional NGO networks were established (Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago, and Guyana) for a total of six NGO networks to date. The NGO networks represent approximately 54 NGOs. During this past year, community-based prevention activities through these NGO networks reached approximately 50,000 people in six countries. The final target for this activity is six networks established, and the focus in FY 2004 will be to increase these NGO networks' capacity to implement prevention efforts under each country's National Strategic Plan on HIV/AIDS. New programs and linkages with hard-to-reach populations have been established in the Eastern Caribbean. Additionally, the Caribbean HIV/AIDS Regional Training Initiative has been launched, and the first regional training for clinical providers on anti-retrovirals was held. A total of 486 counselors have been trained to date in HIV voluntary counseling and testing (VCT), and of these 43 have been program-certified as trainers and are actively conducting trainings themselves. Through these trained counselors, voluntary counseling and testing services are being provided in 225 sites across the region. Also, as a result of USAID assistance, the Caribbean Coalition of National AIDS Program Coordinators is now a legal entity with an established office and secretariat.

By the end of the strategy period in FY 2004, there will be an increased number of NGOs that provide HIV/AIDS prevention and care services, and greater government capacity to implement a coordinated and effective response to HIV/AIDS towards a regional reduction in further HIV transmission.

US Financing in Thousands of Dollars

Caribbean Regional Program

	CSH	ESF
538-008 HIV/AIDS		
Through September 30, 2002		
Obligations	5,047	2,000
Expenditures	2,934	1,185
Unliquidated	2,113	815
Fiscal Year 2003		
Obligations	4,250	2,000
Expenditures	3,533	453
Through September 30, 2003		
Obligations	9,297	4,000
Expenditures	6,467	1,638
Unliquidated	2,830	2,362
Prior Year Unobligated Funds		
Obligations	0	0
Planned Fiscal Year 2004 NOA		
Obligations	3,733	0
Total Planned Fiscal Year 2004		
Obligations	3,733	0
Proposed Fiscal Year 2005 NOA		
Obligations	0	0
Future Obligations	0	0
Est. Total Cost	13,030	4,000