

## Data Sheet

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| <b>USAID Mission:</b>                      | East Timor                             |
| <b>Program Title:</b>                      | Improved health of the Timorese people |
| <b>Pillar:</b>                             | Global Health                          |
| <b>Strategic Objective:</b>                | 472-006                                |
| <b>Status:</b>                             | New in FY 2005                         |
| <b>Planned FY 2005 Obligation:</b>         | \$2,956,000 ESF                        |
| <b>Prior Year Unobligated:</b>             | \$2,500,000 ESF                        |
| <b>Proposed FY 2006 Obligation:</b>        | \$2,000,000 ESF                        |
| <b>Year of Initial Obligation:</b>         | 2005                                   |
| <b>Estimated Year of Final Obligation:</b> | 2009                                   |

**Summary:** The USAID East Timor health program seeks to improve the health of the Timorese people, especially women and children at greatest risk, through the increased use of key maternal and child health practices and the use of effective interventions to reduce the threat of priority infectious diseases. To strengthen technical capacity and skills at the local and national levels, USAID will promote the deployment of best practices in maternal and child health and infectious diseases through in-country training programs and targeted regional or U.S. programs for selected individuals.

### Inputs, Outputs, Activities:

**FY 2005 Program:** Improve Child Survival, Health, and Nutrition (\$1,478,000 ESF, \$1,300,000 ESF Prior Year Unobligated). USAID will train approximately 1,500 health professionals, including district health managers, facility-based providers, and community health workers to improve the use of key maternal and child health practices (e.g., breastfeeding, hand-washing and appropriate care-seeking behavior). USAID will work in collaboration with the Ministry of Health to increase the demand for and utilization of essential maternal and child health services (e.g., oral rehydration therapy, immunization and Integrated Management of Childhood Illness). USAID's centrally-funded field support mechanisms (i.e. BASICS III and BASICS Immunization) will provide technical and advisory support to Ministry of Health officials, district health professionals, and local non-governmental organizations (NGOs) focused on the introduction and widespread implementation of key child health interventions related to malnutrition, pneumonia, diarrhea, and immunization. USAID will provide technical assistance to the Ministry of Health's Expanded Program of Immunization to reduce under-five mortality. This will improve East Timor's performance on a key MCA indicator. Approximately \$50,000 in small grant support will foster a community health network among local NGOs and faith-based organizations, including the Catholic Church. USAID will provide technical assistance and training to Ministry of Health providers and local NGOs to improve the quality of care for pregnant women and mothers. A major focus of this program will be to ensure that Timorese women deliver with a skilled provider, and that they receive appropriate prenatal and postnatal care, including recognition of danger signs, safe delivery and breastfeeding counseling. The program will be implemented by Health Alliance International, a U.S.-based Private Voluntary Organization (PVO) funded by USAID Global Health Bureau's Child Survival Grants Program.

Prevent and Control Infectious Diseases of Major Importance (\$1,478,000 ESF, \$1,200,000 ESF Prior Year Unobligated). East Timor has identified malaria, tuberculosis, dengue and HIV/AIDS as priority infectious diseases. USAID's malaria control efforts, working in collaboration with Ministry of Health and NGO health providers, will include best practices for malaria control, including the distribution of approximately 100,000 long-lasting insecticide-treated bed nets to pregnant women and under-five children and education on appropriate care-seeking behavior. USAID will work at the national policy level to ensure that best practices for pregnant women and young children, such as intermittent presumptive therapy, prompt diagnosis, and effective treatment of fevers, and the establishment of new treatment protocols to address emerging anti-malarial drug resistance are adopted in East Timor. Malaria efforts will also include support for complementary prevalence and resistance surveys and expert technical guidance for implementation of the national malaria strategy. Malaria control activities will be carried out by BASICS III in conjunction with the Ministry of Health and local partners. Strengthening national capacity and support for management of tuberculosis via Direct Observed Treatment Short Course will be accomplished via BASICS III and local partners as part of the Ministry's overall effort to strengthen control of priority infectious diseases at the district level.

USAID will provide technical assistance for the expansion of a newly-established national HIV/AIDS program to ensure effective outreach among high-risk groups. Family Health International, a U.S.-based PVO with well-recognized technical excellence in the prevention and control of HIV/AIDS and several years of direct experience in East Timor, will provide continued technical and training support to the Ministry of Health and local NGOs.

**FY 2006 Program:** Improve Child Survival, Health and Nutrition (\$1,000,000 ESF). USAID will continue to provide technical assistance and training to expand existing activities as well as design new program activities to further increase the use of key maternal and child health "best practices" which promote behavior change. Approximately 1,500 local health professionals and selected NGOs will continue to receive technical training on best health practices and in project design and implementation to positively change essential health behaviors. USAID will continue to support in-country training programs administered through local NGOs and coordinated with the Ministry of Health to promote best health practices through targeted interventions that can be sustained over the long-term at the local and national level.

Prevent and Control Infectious Diseases of Major Importance (\$1,000,000 ESF). USAID will continue to support and expand current activities and increase the use of effective interventions to reduce the threat of priority infectious diseases such as malaria, tuberculosis, dengue, and HIV/AIDS in targeted rural areas. Local health professionals and NGOs will continue to receive technical assistance and targeted training on best practices and receive assistance in project design and implementation to promote behavior change. Technical assistance and advisory support will be provided to the Ministry of Health and NGOs in supporting strategic planning, advocating policy reforms, project management, and monitoring supported programs implemented directly and indirectly by the government to mitigate and prevent infectious diseases in targeted rural areas.

**Performance and Results:** There are no results to report since this is a newly created Special Objective for Health approved as part of a new five-year Country Strategy for FY 2005 to FY 2009 on October 1, 2004. By the end of the new strategy period, USAID will have significantly increased the percentage of women who were attended by a skilled care provider during delivery, thus directly contributing toward a significant reduction in maternal mortality. Likewise, child mortality will be decreased as a result of reduction in priority infectious diseases and improvements in child health practices and services. Finally, local and national capacity to sustain these key interventions will have been significantly increased, both at service delivery points as well as in communities.

## US Financing in Thousands of Dollars

East Timor

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| 472-006 Improved health of the Timorese people | <b>ESF</b> |
| <b>Through September 30, 2003</b>              |            |
| Obligations                                    | 0          |
| Expenditures                                   | 0          |
| Unliquidated                                   | 0          |
| <b>Fiscal Year 2004</b>                        |            |
| Obligations                                    | 0          |
| Expenditures                                   | 0          |
| <b>Through September 30, 2004</b>              |            |
| Obligations                                    | 0          |
| Expenditures                                   | 0          |
| Unliquidated                                   | 0          |
| <b>Prior Year Unobligated Funds</b>            |            |
| Obligations                                    | 2,500      |
| <b>Planned Fiscal Year 2005 NOA</b>            |            |
| Obligations                                    | 2,956      |
| <b>Total Planned Fiscal Year 2005</b>          |            |
| Obligations                                    | 5,456      |
| <b>Proposed Fiscal Year 2006 NOA</b>           |            |
| Obligations                                    | 2,000      |
| Future Obligations                             | 0          |
| Est. Total Cost                                | 7,456      |