

Data Sheet

USAID Mission:	Caribbean Regional Program
Program Title:	HIV/AIDS
Pillar:	Global Health
Strategic Objective:	538-010
Status:	Continuing
Planned FY 2006 Obligation:	\$6,435,000 CSH
Prior Year Unobligated:	\$0
Proposed FY 2007 Obligation:	\$5,640,000 CSH
Year of Initial Obligation:	2004
Estimated Year of Final Obligation:	2009

Summary: USAID's regional HIV/AIDS program builds on previous interventions to support national and regional efforts to address HIV/AIDS issues, primarily in the areas of access to and use of HIV prevention, treatment and care services, improved monitoring of the epidemic and further preventing HIV transmission among high risk groups. The geographic focus is primarily nine sovereign nations not served directly by one of the four USAID bilateral missions in Haiti, Guyana, Dominican Republic, and Jamaica. The program also supports key regional organizations, such as the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) and the Organization of Eastern States (OECS). 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 approach will ensure broad and comprehensive USAID programming in HIV/AIDS throughout the Caribbean. Given the relatively low prevalence of HIV in the general population on many islands, a special focus of the new strategy will be to target activities to most-at-risk and vulnerable populations. In addition, due to the highly stigmatized environment surrounding HIV/AIDS in the Caribbean, a cross cutting theme of the new strategy will focus on reducing stigma and discrimination. USAID continues to plan and implement activities in close collaboration with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and other US Government agencies under a joint USG HIV/AIDS framework for the eastern Caribbean.

Inputs, Outputs, Activities:

FY 2006 Program:

Reduce Transmission and Impact Of HIV/AIDS (\$6,435,000 CSH). USAID provides technical assistance to increase the use of prevention and treatment services; increase the number of trained counselors providing counseling and testing services, train 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 technical capacity throughout the region. All training includes the cross-cutting theme of reducing stigma and discrimination. Should additional funding be made available, focused technical assistance will be provided at a sub-regional and national level to facilitate the availability of an adequate supply of drugs (particularly anti-retrovirals) and health commodities and supplies (particularly HIV test kits) by working to ensure that logistics and delivery systems are functioning to facilitate availability of these essential items.

USAID provides assistance to enhance the enabling environment for a regional HIV/AIDS response. The Caribbean region is unique because the regional organizations, structures and policy dialogue forums are actively functioning to coordinate and target all HIV/AIDS resources available to the region, to develop and reform laws and policies, and to program regional activities. USAID supports efforts to improve both regional and national level HIV/AIDS surveillance and monitoring and evaluation systems. This support is provided to the established regional organizations focusing in these areas as well as targeted at the national level within nine countries in the eastern Caribbean. Future discussions with non-governmental organizations (NGOs) will determine whether USAID will provide technical assistance to NGOs that focus on prevention and behavioral change interventions for most-at-risk-populations in selected countries. USAID activities include community-based and national scale prevention efforts within nine eastern Caribbean island nations. A special emphasis will be placed on identifying high-risk settings or "hot

spots”, including highly mobile transient points. Integrated within these activities are referral mechanisms to prevention, care, treatment, and support services. The emphasis is on achieving results in terms of behavioral change and, ultimately, reductions in HIV infection. Principal implementers: International HIV/AIDS Alliance (IHAA), University of North Carolina, and University of Washington.

FY 2007 Program:

Reduce Transmission and Impact Of HIV/AIDS (\$5,640,000 CSH). USAID's program to increase the use of prevention and treatment services will continue to strengthen the Caribbean HIV/AIDS Regional Training Initiative (CHART) to increase the number of quality trained HIV/AIDS service providers in the region. A cross-cutting theme will be the reduction of stigma and discrimination especially among health-care workers. To further enhance the enabling environment for an effective regional response to HIV/AIDS, USAID will continue to provide country-level technical assistance in monitoring and evaluation, with the aim of standardizing national systems across the region. USAID will continue to work with the regional Caribbean organizations, such as CARICOM and the Caribbean Regional Epidemiology Center (CAREC) as well as national HIV/AIDS programs on strengthening surveillance capacity. USAID may provide technical assistance to NGOs that focus on prevention and behavioral change interventions for most-at-risk-populations in selected countries. Given the modes of HIV transmission within the Caribbean, emphasis will be placed on identifying high-risk settings or “hot spots”, including highly mobile transient points to best target most at risk populations. The emphasis remains on achieving results in terms of behavioral change and, ultimately, reductions in HIV infection. Principal implementers: International HIV/AIDS Alliance (IHAA), University of North Carolina, and University of Washington.

Performance and Results: The summary of results achieved during the first reporting year include 691 HIV/AIDS service providers trained and providing services in 315 voluntary counseling and testing sites and 46 antiretroviral treatment clinics in the region. Additionally, over 7000 HIV positive patients received antiretrovirals within these 46 clinics this past year. Improvements in HIV monitoring have been demonstrated, particularly in the reporting of information from the smaller countries in the eastern Caribbean, and critical information gaps in two areas (HIV/AIDS services and high risk behavior) are being filled. Lastly, eighteen prevention programs were supported in nine countries that targeted HIV behavior change interventions for over 8,000 people, most of which were hard to reach vulnerable persons. At the end of the program, USAID will have enhanced the response to the Caribbean HIV/AIDS epidemic by expanding access to prevention and treatment services, improving the availability and use of accurate and reliable information on HIV/AIDS, and expanding access to risk reduction behavior change interventions in target countries. The planned achievements at the end of the strategy are as follows: 8,500 persons will receive anti-retroviral treatment (ART) services, 551 clinical sites will provide voluntary counseling and testing (VCT) services, 11 service outlets will provide community outreach and HIV behavior change services, 1,500 persons will benefit from community outreach behavior change services in 6 OECS countries, and all 6 OECS countries will have national strategic information capacity and systems for HIV/AIDS prevention, care and treatment programs.

US Financing in Thousands of Dollars

Caribbean Regional Program

538-010 HIV/AIDS	CSH	ESF
Through September 30, 2004		
Obligations	2,016	1,000
Expenditures	0	0
Unliquidated	2,016	1,000
Fiscal Year 2005		
Obligations	4,695	0
Expenditures	1,159	864
Through September 30, 2005		
Obligations	6,711	1,000
Expenditures	1,159	864
Unliquidated	5,552	136
Prior Year Unobligated Funds		
Obligations	0	0
Planned Fiscal Year 2006 NOA		
Obligations	6,435	0
Total Planned Fiscal Year 2006		
Obligations	6,435	0
Proposed Fiscal Year 2007 NOA		
Obligations	5,640	0
Future Obligations	12,000	0
Est. Total Cost	30,786	1,000