

INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS

Within the Child Survival and Health Programs Fund \$251.5 million is requested in FY 2004 for international health partnerships: HIV/AIDS \$204.5 million; and Child Survival and Maternal Health \$47.0 million, compared with a total of \$226.5 requested in FY 2003.

- **HIV/AIDS and Infectious Diseases: FY 2003 \$173.0 million; FY 2004 \$204.5 million**

The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (GFATM) was established by a group of international public and private sector partners to leverage increased resources to support prevention and treatment programs in the fight against the three diseases. The fund will support an integrated approach to combating the diseases, combining prevention, treatment, and care. Current GFATM partners include bilateral donors, multilateral agencies, private foundations, nongovernmental organizations and developing country representatives. USAID requests \$100 million for the Global Fund for FY 2004.

USAID requests \$15 million in FY 2004 for the development of microbicides for the prevention of HIV/AIDS and sexually transmitted diseases. USAID has been partnering with both U.S. Government and international partners to ensure a coordinated effort to develop an effective microbicide. As a part of these efforts, U.S. Government agencies, including the National Institutes of Health, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and Health Resources and Services Administration, have generated a comprehensive plan to support microbicide development. The U.S. Government is requesting a total of \$35 million in FY 2004.

In addition, \$89.5 million is requested in FY 2004 for both on-going and new partnerships. Examples of ongoing partnerships are the International AIDS Vaccine Initiative (IAVI) and the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS). The goal of IAVI is to leverage and apply resources towards the global effort to develop an AIDS vaccine. UNAIDS provides global leadership and promotes consensus on policy and programmatic approaches to fighting the HIV/AIDS pandemic. UNAIDS strengthens national government programs by assisting them in the development of appropriate HIV/AIDS policies and strategies.

- **Child Survival and Maternal Health: FY 2003 \$53.5 million; FY 2004 \$47.0 million**

USAID requests \$45 million in FY 2004 for the Global Alliance for Vaccines and Immunization (GAVI) Vaccine Fund. The goal of GAVI is to increase the availability of essential life-saving vaccines in developing countries. Strategic objectives shared by GAVI partners are to improve access to and expand use of vaccines, accelerate vaccine research and development, and make immunization coverage a centerpiece in the design and assessment of international development efforts.

In FY 2004, USAID requests \$2.0 million for the Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition (GAIN). GAIN is a newly-formed alliance of public and private sector organizations seeking to improve health through the elimination of vitamin and mineral deficiencies. GAIN was founded by initial pledges from USAID, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, and the Canadian International Development Agency. GAIN's primary strategy will be to provide grants to developing countries in support of commercially sustainable food fortification programs. GAIN partners include bilateral donors, foundations, multilateral agencies and private sector organizations.