

Data Sheet

USAID Mission:	Ghana
Program Title:	Improve Health Status
Pillar:	Global Health
Strategic Objective:	641-007
Status:	Continuing
Planned FY 2005 Obligation:	\$18,220,000 CSH
Prior Year Unobligated:	\$0
Proposed FY 2006 Obligation:	\$17,300,000 CSH
Year of Initial Obligation:	2003
Estimated Year of Final Obligation:	2009

Summary: USAID/Ghana's Health program focuses on: empowering individuals and communities to adopt positive health practices; expanding access to quality health services; and strengthening institutional capacity to plan and manage health programs. The program addresses aspects of reproductive health, HIV/AIDS, and maternal/child health; systems strengthening in logistics management, surveillance, training, supervision, and human resource management; and sustainable improvements in health behaviors and advocacy to foster individual empowerment, community participation, and government commitment to maintain and improve health indicators.

Inputs, Outputs, Activities:

FY 2005 Program: Reduce Transmission and Impact of HIV/AIDS (\$5,800,000 CSH). USAID will provide appropriate HIV prevention and sexually transmitted infections (STI) services among most-at-risk groups. USAID will support research on issues such as sero-prevalence and place mapping to refine interventions and identify locations for new interventions. To mitigate the impact of HIV/AIDS, associations of people living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHA), and orphan and vulnerable children (OVC) groups will be organized to provide basic care and psycho-social support, food rations and/or educational support. Community caregivers will also be trained. USAID will also support up to 18 sites for prevention of mother-to-child transmission in high-prevalence areas and train providers to offer improved care. USAID will leverage the establishment of counseling and testing sites for at risk groups, and help launch a stand-alone site for the general population. USAID will focus on developing decentralized HIV/AIDS operational plans, behavioral and sero-prevalence testing capabilities, and private sector management/implementation skills. USAID will design and implement targeted behavior change campaigns, such as the "ABC" (Abstinence, Be faithful, and Consistent use of condoms) programs and others.

Prevent and Control Infectious Diseases of Major Importance (\$2,000,000 CSH). USAID will support and expand the integrated disease surveillance and response (IDSR) system. USAID will promote and socially market insecticide-treated nets (ITNs). USAID will continue supporting the Ministry of Health's (MOH) use of intermittent presumptive therapy (IPT) protocols in coordination with Global Fund activities, and new malarial drug introduction and use. Efforts will ensure drug manufacturing and packaging quality standards, as well as behavior changes regarding the proper administration and use of the drugs by caregivers and consumers. USAID will provide assistance to develop standards of care for HIV testing at tuberculosis (TB) service sites, and for TB diagnosis among HIV-positive individuals.

Improve Child Survival, Health and Nutrition (\$3,610,000 CSH). USAID, through the Community-based Health Planning and Services program (CHPS) initiative and in collaboration with the Ministry of Health (MOH), will complete protocols, curricula, and training manuals. USAID will establish training sites in about eight districts to offer practical in-service training and upgrade an estimated six community health schools. Up to 100 communities will establish CHPS in over 25 health zones. USAID will establish supervision and referral networks and will expand community participation and testing.

Reduce Unintended Pregnancy and Improve Healthy Reproductive Behavior (\$5,110,000 CSH). USAID will assist Ghana's reproductive health program to disseminate, apply, and revise standards, and monitor their use using regional quality assurance teams. Promotional activities will address misconceptions

about contraceptives and encourage use of long-term methods. USAID will strengthen social marketing and establish franchised private sector sites, strengthen contraceptive forecasting and procurement practices, and expand integrated logistics management training. USAID, with other donors and the government, will implement Ghana's Contraceptive Security Strategy.

Build Health Systems Capacity (\$1,700,000 CSH). USAID will support behavior change and health information campaign planning, development and implementation, and expand and strengthen surveillance and data for decision-making. USAID will support advocacy skills to ensure adequate funding for health and poverty alleviation objectives (e.g. CHPS, malaria, HIV/AIDS, and contraceptive security). USAID will also support development of skills in program planning and implementation (e.g. HIV/AIDS response, logistics management, community-level planning, care and support) and launch personnel performance management and strengthened supervision.

Principal contractors and grantees (for all components): Academy for Educational Development, EngenderHealth, Population Council, Deliver Inc., Opportunities Industrialization Centers International, Malaria Action Coalition, and Macro International (primes); JHPIEGO, Abt Associates, Futures Group and CARE (subs); and others.

FY 2006 Program: Reduce Transmission and Impact of HIV/AIDS (\$5,500,000 CSH). USAID will focus on reducing and stopping HIV/AIDS transmission; strengthening and expanding treatment, including logistics and monitoring; and improving care and support of people infected and/or affected by HIV/AIDS.

Prevent and Control Infectious Diseases of Major Importance (\$1,500,000 CSH). USAID will continue to support the MOH in implementing the new anti-malarial drug policy. IDSR will be expanded.

Improve Child Survival, Health and Nutrition (\$3,400,000 CSH). USAID will further expand and strengthen community integrated management of childhood illnesses, and strengthen management information systems, operations research, monitoring and evaluation, and adherence to service delivery protocols. USAID will also focus on the prevention of malaria and promote breastfeeding.

Improve Maternal Health and Nutrition (\$1,900,000 CSH). USAID will continue to provide technical assistance and related support to strengthen and expand malaria, STI, and HIV prevention and treatment programs targeted at pregnant women, in coordination with Global Fund and World Bank interventions. Emergency obstetric care and life saving skills will be expanded.

Reduce Unintended Pregnancy and Improve Healthy Reproductive Behavior (\$3,500,000 CSH). USAID will continue technical assistance for quality family planning services, promotion and market segmentation among public and private sectors, and will provide limited commodity support.

Build Health Systems Capacity (\$1,500,000 CSH). USAID will continue support to systems strengthening in logistics, training, monitoring and evaluation, and performance management; and to improve the planning, management, and financial oversight skills of planning and implementing organizations.

Same implementers as FY 2005, plus others to be determined.

All family planning assistance agreements will incorporate clauses that implement the President's directive restoring the Mexico City Policy.

Performance and Results: Program coordination, planning, and implementation are aligned with the government's health sector-wide approach. Principal outcomes for the life of the strategic objective will be a stabilization in the rate of HIV/AIDS prevalence and 30,000 fewer infections; a lessened burden on 10,000 orphans and vulnerable children; 20,000 people living with HIV/AIDS provided with home-based care and nutritional supplements and 40,000 benefiting from HIV-related treatments; 192,000 fewer unplanned pregnancies; and 46,500 fewer mothers and children dead from preventable diseases.

US Financing in Thousands of Dollars

Ghana

641-007 Improve Health Status	CSH
Through September 30, 2003	
Obligations	8,392
Expenditures	71
Unliquidated	8,321
Fiscal Year 2004	
Obligations	15,520
Expenditures	4,070
Through September 30, 2004	
Obligations	23,912
Expenditures	4,141
Unliquidated	19,771
Prior Year Unobligated Funds	
Obligations	0
Planned Fiscal Year 2005 NOA	
Obligations	18,220
Total Planned Fiscal Year 2005	
Obligations	18,220
Proposed Fiscal Year 2006 NOA	
Obligations	17,300
Future Obligations	70,320
Est. Total Cost	129,752