

## Data Sheet

<b>USAID Mission:</b>	Europe Regional
<b>Program Title:</b>	Health Promotion and Care
<b>Pillar:</b>	Global Health
<b>Strategic Objective:</b>	180-0320
<b>Proposed FY 2004 Obligation:</b>	\$2,019,000 AEEB; \$250,000 CSH
<b>Prior Year Unobligated:</b>	\$571,000 AEEB; \$250,000 CSH
<b>Proposed FY 2005 Obligation:</b>	\$1,522,000 AEEB; \$250,000 CSH
<b>Year of Initial Obligation:</b>	FY 1998
<b>Year of Final Obligation:</b>	FY 2008

**Summary:** The regional program makes USAID's health investments more cost-effective by enhancing and securing the results of the bilateral programs and by filling critical gaps not addressed through country-specific programs. Through technical assistance, training, analysis, and outreach, the programs increase knowledge for region-wide reform efforts; share/assure the application of critical health information across the region. FY 2004 and FY 2005 programs reflect the higher priority given to controlling HIV/AIDS, while recognizing the importance of seeing the fight against HIV/AIDS within the context of broader health issues and health care systems.

### Inputs, Outputs, Activities:

#### FY 2004 Program:

Prevent the spread of HIV/AIDS and expand the care and treatment programs for HIV/AIDS victims (\$793,000 AEEB, \$90,000 AEEB carryover, \$250,000 CSH, \$250,000 CSH carryover). Cross-border activities to control the epidemic include regional training, NGO strengthening and technical assistance. Regional funds will provide short-term, targeted technical assistance to support AEEB countries in their application for grants from the Global Fund to fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (GFATM), as well as in the implementation of GFATM activities. The Southeast Europe HIV/AIDS Initiative (RiskNet) will build NGO capacity to collaborate in cross-border prevention activities and increase HIV/STI prevention work among high risk groups. YouthNet will bring HIV information and education services to broader youth populations. It will build regional capacity to implement peer education programs and to empower youth to become active partners in the effort to control the epidemic. The American International Health Alliance (AIHA) Health Partnerships program will disseminate HIV/AIDS publications and increase access to HIV/AIDS information through its EurasiaHealth Website. Other activities include: inputs to an updated regional health strategy; a regional assessment of HIV/AIDS activities to date; a workshop on antiretroviral (ARV) therapy; exploration of a regional HIV/AIDS network; and sharing of lessons learned at a regional health officers' workshop. Principal partners are Family Health International, Population Services International, Synergy Project, GFATM, UNFPA, and AIHA.

Control the spread of drug-susceptible and drug-resistant tuberculosis (TB) and other infectious diseases (\$293,000 AEEB; \$350,000 AEEB carryover). The program includes efforts to increase high-level political support in the region for the International/ DOTS (Directly Observed Treatment Short Course) TB control strategy. USAID expects to design and establish an E&E regional TB network to improve the sharing of best practices across borders, including experience with MDR-TB. Regional funds will support translation and distribution of international technical documents and protocols. There will also be targeted, short-term technical assistance to countries preparing GFATM TB proposals and for GFATM program implementation. AIHA will disseminate information on infection control and develop a model safe-blood volunteer program. Other regional activities include inputs to an updated regional health strategy and a regional health officers' workshop. Principal partners are the World Health Organization, Tuberculosis Coalition for Technical Assistance, and AIHA.

Address critical health issues related to child survival, maternal health, vulnerable children, and other causes of mortality and morbidity (\$566,000 AEEB). Prevention of iodine deficiency disorder (IDD) will address the leading preventable cause of mental retardation in Europe. AIHA's information dissemination will support primary health care, neonatal resuscitation, and nursing services. AIHA's 37 Learning Resource Centers supply health professionals with current information on the most effective practices within their specialization. Other activities include an assessment of the causes and trends in morbidity and mortality with a focus on infants, children, and cardiovascular disease; and inputs to an updated regional health strategy and a regional health officers' workshop. Principal grantees and agencies include AIHA, Kiwanis, and UNICEF.

Strengthen reproductive health care (RHC) (\$367,000 AEEB). The regional program links RHC in four women's wellness centers, two primary health care centers and two healthy communities. These networks identify, develop, and disseminate lessons learned and improve treatment guidelines. AIHA will disseminate RHC information through its publications program and EurasiaHealth Network website. Regional funds will also support a regional RHC impact study, inputs to a regional health officers' workshop and an updated regional health strategy. The principal is AIHA. All family planning agreements will incorporate clauses that implement the President's directive reinstating the Mexico City Policy.

Program Development Support (\$131,000 AEEB carryover). Program funded staff, travel, conferences and meetings will continue to support the above program areas.

#### **FY 2005 Program:**

Across all technical areas, regional funds will support additional analysis, outreach, and staff assistance to inform effective program implementation. In the specific technical areas programs will:

Prevent the spread of HIV/AIDS/ID (\$800,000 AEEB, \$250,000 CSH). USAID expects to continue RiskNet, YouthNet and targeted assistance for GFATM-related activities. Assistance related to care and support activities may be expanded and a regional HIV/AIDS network may be launched. Additional analysis will further inform effective program implementation. AIHA will continue its support to the regional MTCT training and information dissemination activities.

Control the spread of TB and other infectious diseases (\$252,000 AEEB). USAID expects to strengthen regional TB networks, continue targeted assistance for GFATM-related activities, and continue its infection control information dissemination activities.

Improve child survival, maternal health and health reform (\$220,000 AEEB, \$400,000 AEEB prior year recoveries). Additional funding will consolidate efforts to reduce IDD. AIHA will continue information dissemination in the areas of primary care and neonatal resuscitation.

Strengthen RHC (\$250,000 AEEB). AIHA will continue to maintain RHC networks and disseminate information relating to reproductive health.

**Performance and Results:** In Kosovo, DOTS coverage has reached 100% and treatment success rates are approaching the WHO target of 85%. In Latvia, acquired MDR-TB has decreased from 54% to 28%, partially through assistance to the National TB and Lung Disease Center. That Center has trained 81 clinicians from eight countries in MDR-TB. In Estonia, a TB care and treatment model has been developed and Latvia has improved coordination among TB and HIV specialists. The Southeastern Europe HIV/AIDS Initiative has linked NGOs, helped them reach high-risk behavior groups more effectively and translated/distributed the brochure, "Not Worth the Risk" into Croatian, Romanian, Macedonian, and Bulgarian. USAID assistance helped four CEE countries receive GFATM grants totaling \$49.7 million. In FY 2003 Macedonia became the first E&E country to announce the elimination of IDD as a public health problem. The Women's Wellness Center in Tirana, Albania is providing training and assistance to two such centers in Kosovo. The Ministries of Health and Interior in Romania are supporting nationalization of the domestic violence prevention program developed through USAID's Healthy Community partnership program. AIHA's EurasiaHealth Web site received over 20,000 unique visitors per month.