

Data Sheet

USAID Mission:	Mexico
Program Title:	Investing in People
Pillar:	Global Health
Strategic Objective:	523-023
Proposed FY 2004 Obligation:	\$5,000,000 CSH
Prior Year Unobligated:	\$0
Proposed FY 2005 Obligation:	\$0
Year of Initial Obligation:	FY 2003
Year of Final Obligation:	FY 2008

Summary: USAID's Infectious Disease objective has been designed to support the efforts of the Government of Mexico (GOM) to prevent and control both HIV/AIDS and tuberculosis (TB) in vulnerable populations. For HIV/AIDS, the focus is to contain and reduce the virus within vulnerable populations to prevent its spread to the general population. The approach will be to reduce barriers to behavior change and care-seeking and increase access to services that facilitate safer behavior. For tuberculosis, the focus is to improve the quality and sustainability of Directly Observed Therapy--Short Course (DOTS) treatment in 13 states that account for 70% of TB cases in Mexico.

Inputs, Outputs, Activities:

FY 2004 Program:

Improving the policy environment (\$2,000,000 CSH). USAID will support continued progress toward building political will and increasing community and civil society participation in confronting HIV/AIDS in Mexico. Activities will include strengthening the national network of multisectoral citizen groups through training in advocacy, and working with the media. Activities designed to diminish stigma and discrimination will focus on four areas: internal stigma, stigma and discrimination among health service providers, policy and the legal environment, and mass media. USAID will provide technical assistance to the National AIDS Program (CENSIDA) to develop Mexico-specific effectiveness rates to project the impact of various HIV/AIDS program interventions and to allow national and state programs to better allocate of resources. USAID will provide technical assistance to the Mexico City AIDS Program to analyze prevalence and socio-economic data and map the data. The immediate impact of this work will be to identify patterns that explain the wide variation in impact of the HIV/AIDS epidemic in Mexico City, where the largest number of cases is concentrated, and thereby allow for improved targeting of prevention and treatment programs. USAID will assist the HIV community and donors in Mexico in integrating gender effectively into HIV prevention, including recommendations for policy changes and training for approximately 40 women, of which at least half are HIV positive, in advocacy and leadership skills and gender issues. USAID will support training in project design and in monitoring and evaluation for selected non-governmental organizations, as well as the participation by local HIV/AIDS leaders to deliver presentations on their work and/or conduct workshops at international and regional conferences. The principal contractor is the Futures Group International. Sub-contractors include the Mexican National Institute of Public Health, and CENSIDA.

Behavior change communication (\$1,800,000 CSH). USAID will support behavior change activities aimed at the most at-risk groups for HIV/AIDS in Mexico. The activities will include promotion of safer behaviors, including abstinence, fidelity, delay of sexual debut, and condom social marketing for most at risk groups. The principal contractor is Population Services International.

Surveillance/Research (\$1,200,000 CSH). USAID will support activities designed to monitor the status of the epidemic, measure the impact of prevention, and provide data for decision makers in selecting and targeting prevention activities. USAID will support a survey to estimate coverage of key HIV/AIDS services in the various public sector institutions that provide health care services as part of a global

survey of coverage for the World Health Organization survey. The survey will provide updated estimates on the extent to which essential HIV/AIDS services are provided by the public sector in Mexico. The data will be used to better target interventions, advocacy, and resources. The principal grantees are Family Health International and Futures Group International.

FY 2005 Program:

Improving the policy environment (\$1,300,000 CSH). USAID will continue building political will and increasing civil society participation in confronting HIV/AIDS in Mexico. The principal grantee will be the Futures Group International.

Behavior change communication (\$1,200,000 CSH). USAID will support behavior change activities aimed at the most at-risk groups for HIV/AIDS in Mexico. The activities will include promotion of safer behaviors, including abstinence, fidelity, delay of sexual debut, and condom social marketing for most at risk groups. Principal grantee is Population Services International.

Research and Surveillance (\$800,000 CSH). USAID will support activities designed to monitor the status of the epidemic, measure the impact of prevention, and provide data for decision makers in selecting and targeting prevention activities. The principal grantee is Family Health International.

TB control program implementation and community awareness (\$2,700,000 CSH). Efforts will include ongoing program oversight for DOTS, consolidation of the information and epidemiological surveillance system, continued collaboration of resources, skills, and information among key stakeholders in the public and private sectors; continued training of medical and paramedical personnel in DOTS; improved DOTS services for special populations, including migrants, indigenous people, migrant farm workers in Mexico, and those with HIV/AIDS, malnutrition, diabetes, and addictions; and through strengthening information and surveillance systems for monitoring program and outcome indicators, and program evaluation. USAID will finance ongoing activities in a TB health promotion campaign in order to promote active involvement of community in the detection and control and treatment of TB patients.

Performance and Results: USAID has delivered over \$3 million in laboratory and computer equipment to the Mexican Secretariat of Health. This equipment is designed to strengthen Mexico's TB laboratory network and information systems in 13 target states. During FY 2003, USAID secured the agreement of the Mexican Secretary Health to designate the National Institute of Respiratory Diseases (INER) as the primary implementing agent. Working directly with INER, rather than through an intermediary, will provide better opportunities for enhanced and sustainable local capacity and reduce administrative overhead costs for the program.

As a result of the infectious disease prevention activity and related activities undertaken by the National AIDS program, it is expected that the HIV/AIDS epidemic in Mexico will not become generalized to the population-at-large. This will occur as the result of effective behavior change interventions, improved surveillance, and a more enabling environment, including a decrease in stigma and discrimination toward people living with HIV/AIDS. It is expected that the number of TB cases will actually increase due to improved and enhanced case detection in target areas, but that the number of tuberculosis deaths will decrease. This result will be attained, provided that 90% of expected TB cases in target areas are identified, 90% of TB cases are treated under DOTS, and 90% of TB cases are cured.

US Financing in Thousands of Dollars

Mexico

523-023 Investing in People	CSH
Through September 30, 2002	
Obligations	0
Expenditures	0
Unliquidated	0
Fiscal Year 2003	
Obligations	0
Expenditures	0
Through September 30, 2003	
Obligations	0
Expenditures	0
Unliquidated	0
Prior Year Unobligated Funds	
Obligations	0
Planned Fiscal Year 2004 NOA	
Obligations	3,700
Total Planned Fiscal Year 2004	
Obligations	3,700
Proposed Fiscal Year 2005 NOA	
Obligations	3,230
Future Obligations	0
Est. Total Cost	6,930