

Data Sheet

USAID Mission:	Caribbean Regional Program
Program Title:	Regional Response to HIV/AIDS
Pillar:	Global Health
Strategic Objective:	538-x11
Proposed FY 2004 Obligation:	\$0
Prior Year Unobligated:	\$0
Proposed FY 2005 Obligation:	\$4,708,000 CSH
Year of Initial Obligation:	FY 2005
Year of Final Obligation:	FY 2009

Summary: USAID's strategy will build upon previous interventions to achieve a measurable impact on increasing risk reduction practices to prevent transmission of HIV/AIDS and to expand access to and use of HIV prevention, treatment, and care services. The geographic focus includes the nine island nations not served directly by one of the four USAID bilateral missions in the region. This new program will build upon previous interventions to achieve measurable impact on HIV/AIDS risk reduction, treatment, and care. Special focus in the program will be given to most at-risk populations and combating stigma and discrimination, with increased attention going to the countries not served by USAID bilateral programs. Due to the high degree of mobility and inter-island migration in the Caribbean region, programmatic synergies will be established with USAID bilateral countries with particular emphasis on highly mobile populations, thus ensuring broad and comprehensive USAID programming in HIV/AIDS throughout the Caribbean's island nations. Given the concentrated epidemics in several island nations, with relatively low prevalence of HIV in the rest of the Caribbean region, a special focus of the new strategy will be to target activities on at-risk populations and vulnerable populations, including people living with HIV/AIDS. In addition, due to the highly stigmatized view of HIV in the Caribbean, a cross cutting theme of the new strategy will focus on reducing stigma and discrimination. USAID will continue to plan activities in close collaboration with the Centers for Disease Control.

Inputs, Outputs, Activities:

FY 2004 Program:

No activities will be carried out in FY 2004. This program will begin in FY 2005 under the USAID's new regional strategic plan for the Caribbean for FY 2005 - FY 2009.

FY 2005 Program:

Increased use of risk reduction practices among at-risk populations (\$1,500,000 CSH). Activities will include community-based and national scale prevention efforts focused primarily on at-risk populations in each island nation and a multi-media information campaign throughout the region delivering behavior change messages, including abstinence, monogamy (be faithful), and the reduction of high risk behaviors. Specific activities will be tailored to high-risk settings and common transportation points such as seaports and airports. Faith-based organizations will be engaged in community-based prevention efforts with a particular focus on reducing stigma and discrimination. Implementers to be selected.

Increased use of prevention and treatment services (\$2,612,000 CSH). Activities will include establishing HIV voluntary testing and counseling sites with qualified trained counselors; and training clinical health care providers in prevention of mother to child transmission services, treating HIV positive patients with anti-retroviral treatment, and treating opportunistic infections. Given the significant need for health care providers and public health professionals with specialty training in HIV/AIDS, as well as the unique challenges of the Caribbean geography with numerous small island nations, a regional network of training centers called the Caribbean HIV/AIDS Regional Training Initiative has been established. This network will increase capacity throughout the region in a cost-efficient manner and will be used as the framework for all training activities under the new strategy. All training will include the cross cutting theme of

reducing stigma and discrimination. Focused technical assistance will be provided at a sub-regional and national level to ensure logistics and delivery systems are functioning to ensure adequate supply of drugs (particularly anti-retrovirals and drugs for opportunistic infections) and health commodities and supplies (particularly HIV test kits) are available. Implementers to be selected.

Enhanced enabling environment for an HIV/AIDS regional response (\$1,500,000 CSH). The Caribbean region is unique in that regional organizations, structures, and policy dialogue fora are coordinating and targeting all HIV resources coming into the region, developing and reforming laws and policies, and programming regional activities. Under the new strategy, activities to enhance the current environment for HIV programming across the region will include support to improve both regional and national level HIV surveillance, monitoring, and evaluation systems; establish new laws and reform existing laws related to HIV/AIDS; and implement a multi-media regional campaign on stigma and discrimination. This support will be provided to the already established regional organizations focusing in these areas. The Caribbean region recently submitted and received approval for a regional application to the Global Fund on AIDS, TB and Malaria, and specific support will be provided to ensure these funds are targeted towards the most appropriate regional interventions and that performance achieved. Implementers to be selected.

Performance and Results: Results to be achieved by the end of the strategy period FY 2009 are an increase in risk reduction behaviors among most at-risk and vulnerable populations; an increase in the access to and use of voluntary counseling and testing services; prevention of mother to child transmission services; anti-retroviral treatment for HIV and treatment for opportunistic infections related to HIV; and an increase in access to and use of community-based support services for those living with HIV/AIDS and their families, particularly vulnerable children and orphans. In addition, national level surveillance and monitoring and evaluation systems will have been strengthened, and countries will be reporting accurately and timely on the HIV/AIDS indicators requested annually by the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS). Through law reform and regional stigma campaigns, discrimination will have been reduced particularly in the workplace and clinical care setting.

US Financing in Thousands of Dollars

Caribbean Regional Program

538-x11 Regional Response to HIV/AIDS	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	0
Total Planned Fiscal Year 2004	
Obligations	0
Proposed Fiscal Year 2005 NOA	
Obligations	4,637
Future Obligations	74,000
Est. Total Cost	78,637