

USAID HIV/AIDS E-Newsletter
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Dear subscriber:

I am pleased to welcome you to USAID's HIV/AIDS E-Newsletter. I hope you find it a useful tool for information dissemination within USAID's HIV/AIDS portfolio. I encourage USAID Missions and partner agencies to contribute items of interest. Sharing lessons, successes, and news across countries and agencies will strengthen all of our efforts in the fight against HIV/AIDS.

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XIV INTERNATIONAL AIDS CONFERENCE/BARCELONA

➤ **USAID, Partners Plan Full Slate of Sessions, Press Conferences**

In preparation for the XIV International AIDS Conference, scheduled for July 7 - 12, 2002, in Barcelona, Spain, USAID has compiled a complete list of satellite, oral, and poster sessions that include USAID or partner agency participation. To view the list, go to:

http://www.usaid.gov/pop_health/aids/News/conference.html

USAID-sponsored satellite sessions are as follows:

- Addressing Stigma and Disclosure: Fresh Approaches and Lessons Learned from the Field: Monday, July 8, 6:00-8:00 p.m.
- What is the Future of Prevention in the Era of ARVs and Vaccine and Microbicide Trials? Tuesday, July 9, 6:00-8:00 p.m.
- Lessons Learned from Experiences in Prevention and Care in Latin America and the Caribbean: Tuesday, July 9, 8:30-10:30 p.m.
- New Approaches In HIV/AIDS Programming: Wednesday, July 10, 6:00-8:00 p.m.
- Scaling up: Grounded Realities: Thursday, July 11, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

USAID press conferences are tentatively planned to address the following topics (subject to change):

- U.S. Delegation to Barcelona: Sunday, July 7, 3:00 pm
- The Demographic Impact of HIV/AIDS: Monday, July 8, 1:00 pm
- Children on the Brink 2002: A Joint Report on Orphan estimates and Program Strategies: Tuesday, July 9, 1:00 pm
- USAID's Care Programs: Wednesday, July 10, 1:00 pm
- Successful Prevention Strategies: Thursday, July 11, 1:00 pm

➤ **USAID To Release Children on the Brink 2002 and OVC Project Profiles**

At the XIV International AIDS Conference, USAID's Office of HIV/AIDS will release two new documents addressing the plight of children affected by HIV/AIDS. "Children on the Brink: A Joint Report on Orphan Estimates and Program Strategies" represents a collaborative effort by USAID, UNAIDS, and UNICEF to develop a consistent set of orphan estimates for 88 countries, in addition to a standard set of strategies and recommendations on programming for children affected by HIV/AIDS. An updated "USAID Project Profiles: Children Affected by HIV/AIDS," originally published in October 2001, will also be released on CD-ROM. The report includes project descriptions and contact information for 78 USAID-supported projects to assist children affected by HIV/AIDS worldwide.

Both reports will be available on the USAID web site in July. Go to:

http://www.usaid.gov/pop_health/aids/Publications/index.html

RECENT EVENTS

➤ **House Hears USAID Testimony on Children Affected by HIV/AIDS**

On April 17, Anne Peterson, USAID Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Global Health, testified before the House International Relations Committee on USAID's response to children affected by HIV/AIDS. USAID currently supports 78 projects to assist children affected by HIV/AIDS worldwide, the vast majority of which are in sub-Saharan Africa. To read Peterson's full statement, go to:

http://www.usaid.gov/press/spe_test/testimony/2002/ty020417.html

Laelia Gilborn of the Population Council/Horizons Program also testified before the Committee on the benefits of programs to support children before they are orphaned. To read her testimony, go to:

<http://www.popcouncil.org/pdfs/gilborntestimony.pdf>

➤ **USAID Co-Sponsors West and Central African Meeting on Children Affected by HIV/AIDS**

USAID, together with UNICEF, Family Health International, UNAIDS, and the International Save the Children Alliance, co-hosted an April 8-12 West and Central Africa regional workshop on children affected by HIV/AIDS. Delegates from 21 countries pledged to expand national plans of action, conduct awareness campaigns to destigmatize AIDS orphans and other affected children, increase collaboration with governments, and enhance local and international partnerships. For more information, contact Peter McDermott, USAID/Africa Bureau, at pmcdermott@afr-sd.org.

➤ **USAID Hosts Sessions at U.N. Special Session on Children**

USAID, together with UNICEF and the International Federation of the Red Cross, co-hosted a panel discussion on "Orphans and Other Children Affected by HIV/AIDS: The Way Forward" at the May 8-10 United Nations General Assembly Special Session on Children, held in New York. The session highlighted the emerging global consensus on programming principles and strategies to achieve goals to mitigate the impact of HIV/AIDS on children. USAID also held a briefing on "Responding to Children Affected by AIDS" to discuss the impact of HIV/AIDS on children and USAID interventions to mitigate this impact. For more information, contact Peter McDermott, USAID/Africa Bureau, at pmcdermott@afr-sd.org.

➤ **Religious Leaders Meet in Nairobi to Discuss Children Affected by AIDS**

On behalf of the Hope for African Children Initiative, the World Conference on Religion and Peace convened a June 10-12 meeting of African religious leaders in Nairobi, Kenya, to discuss the impact of HIV/AIDS on children and to launch a continent-wide campaign to further engage religious communities in efforts to expand care for those living with HIV/AIDS. For more information, see:

http://www.wcrp.org/RforP/NEWS_NAIROBIASSEMBLY_MAIN.html

➤ **GHC Holds Briefing on HIV/AIDS and TB in Russia, Central Asia**

On June 13, the Global Health Council (GHC) held a Congressional briefing on the emerging threat of HIV/AIDS and tuberculosis in Russia and Central Asia. Speakers included Bonnie Ohri, USAID Bureau

for Europe and Eurasia, and Kenneth Castro, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. For more information, contact Efu Orleans-Lindsay/GHC at eorleans-lindsay@globalhealth.org.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

➤ **USAID Announces New Cooperative Agreement with FHI**

In April, USAID awarded Family Health International (FHI) and its partners \$161.9 million over the next five years to permit USAID Missions to expand and scale-up HIV/AIDS prevention, care and mitigation programs. The new agreement will allow the FHI/IMPACT project to continue its work without disruption. For USAID press release, see: <http://www.usaid.gov/press/releases/2002/pr020403.html>

➤ **USAID Releases Statement on Use of Nevirapine**

In April, USAID released a statement reaffirming its support for the use of Nevirapine to prevent mother-to-child transmission of HIV. The statement came in response to a recent National Institutes for Allergies and Infectious Diseases finding that data on Nevirapine use drawn from the HIVNET 012 clinical trial, conducted in Uganda, did not conform to Food and Drug Administration reporting requirements.

For full text of USAID statement, see:

<http://www.usaid.gov/press/releases/2002/pr020402.html>

UPCOMING MEETINGS/CONFERENCES

➤ **GHC Plans Congressional Briefing on HIV/AIDS in Latin America**

The Global Health Council (GHC) will hold a June 19 Congressional briefing on HIV/AIDS in Latin and Central America. Speakers and location are yet to be determined. For more information, contact Efu Orleans-Lindsay/GHC at eorleans-lindsay@globalhealth.org.

➤ **USAID Plans Barcelona Highlights Session for Late July**

USAID's Office of HIV/AIDS plans to hold a July 31 session, "Highlights from the XIV International AIDS Conference," at the National Press Club in Washington, DC. For more information, contact Gabrielle Bushman/OHIV at gbushman@usaid.gov.

PUBLICATIONS/ONLINE RESOURCES

➤ **New HIV/AIDS Country Profiles for Africa, Eurasia Posted Online**

USAID will post new HIV/AIDS country profiles for 13 African countries, Russia, and Ukraine on its web site in early July. The profiles include country-specific information on epidemiology and factors relating to the spread of HIV/AIDS, national response activities, USAID support and cooperating agency activities, and challenges in confronting the epidemic. To download country profiles in PDF format, go to: http://www.usaid.gov/pop_health/aids/.

➤ **FHI Releases Guide on HIV/AIDS in the Workplace**

Family Health International (FHI) recently published "Workplace HIV/AIDS Programs: An Action Guide for Managers" to advise managers on how to create workplace programs in the developing world. The guide includes case studies of employers' experiences with HIV in the workplace. It is available at no cost to developing world agencies. For copies, write AIDSpubs@fhi.org.

➤ **Johns Hopkins Releases Report on Reaching Youth**

In May, the Johns Hopkins University Center for Communication Programs released a Working Paper titled "Reaching Youth Worldwide" to provide guidance on reaching young people with communication programs designed to encourage healthier behaviors. The report can be downloaded at:

<http://www.jhuccp.org/centerpubs/download/pdf/wp6.pdf>

➤ **Horizons Workshop Report Addresses Integrating HIV/AIDS and MCH Services**

A workshop report outlining Population Council/Horizons Program researchers' and managers' experiences with integrating HIV/AIDS and maternal and child health services in Africa is now available online at <http://www.popcouncil.org/pdfs/horizons/mchconskenya.pdf>. The report also discusses practical strategies to improve integrated programs, and proposes priorities for further operations research.

➤ **PSI Study Examines Partner Trust Among African Youth**

A recent Population Services International (PSI) study of youth in four African nations concluded that although youth attempt to establish partners' trustworthiness, they fail to explore partners' sexual history or consider the consequences of not using condoms. PSI will use study results to design a "trusted partner" pan-African communications campaign. For more information, contact Kim Longfield/PSI at klongfield@psi.org.

➤ **Linkages Releases Report on MTCT in Asia**

The Academy for Educational Development/Linkages Project recently released a report titled "Prevention of Mother-to-Child Transmission of HIV in Asia: Practical Guidance for Programs." The report focuses on programs in Cambodia, China, India, Myanmar, and Thailand, and can be used as a technical resource, a programmatic guide, and a basis for policy dialogue and coordination. Copies can be ordered from linkages@aed.org or downloaded from <http://www.linkagesproject.org/AsiaPMTCT.PDF>

IN THE NEWS

➤ **San Francisco Chronicle Covers Ghana's "Stop AIDS, Love Life" Campaign**

Two May 20 articles look at this Ghanaian HIV/AIDS prevention campaign, implemented by Johns Hopkins University. See:

<http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?file=/c/a/2002/05/20/MN148645.DTL>

<http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?file=/chronicle/archive/2002/05/20/MN215916.DTL>

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