

USAID HIV/AIDS E-Newsletter

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This newsletter provides regular updates on USAID's Office of HIV/AIDS and partner activities to prevent and mitigate HIV/AIDS across the developing world. We encourage you to circulate this publication to colleagues.

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BARCELONA WRAP-UP

USAID, Partners Participate in Barcelona Conference

USAID and several of its HIV/AIDS partners served as sponsors of the XIV International AIDS Conference in Barcelona, Spain, held July 7-12.

For more information on USAID's participation, see:

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

For USAID/Barcelona press releases, see:

USAID Announces Life Expectancy Will Drop Worldwide Due to AIDS:

<http://www.usaid.gov/press/releases/2002/pr020708.html>

USAID Announces Introductory Antiretroviral Treatment Sites:

<http://www.usaid.gov/press/releases/2002/pr020709.html>

Joint Report Finds Global Orphans Crisis Due to AIDS:

<http://www.usaid.gov/press/releases/2002/pr020710.html>

Zambian Youth Respond Positively to Abstinence Message:

<http://www.usaid.gov/press/releases/2002/pr020711.html>

USAID Co-Sponsors Post-Barcelona Congressional Briefing

USAID and the Global Health Council co-sponsored a July 24 Congressional Briefing on "Confronting AIDS in 2002: Moving Forward from the XIV International AIDS Conference." Speakers included Dr. Anne Peterson, Assistant Administrator, USAID Bureau for Global Health; Nils Daulaire, President and CEO, Global Health Council; Chris Collins, AIDS Vaccine Advocacy Coalition; and Jim Kim, Harvard Medical School and Partners in Health. To read the full text of Anne Peterson's statement, go to:

http://www.usaid.gov/pop_health/aids/News/peterson072402.doc

To view the Kaiser Family Foundation webcast of the briefing, go to:

http://www.kaisernet.org/health_cast/hcast_index.cfm?display=detail&hc=630

USAID Holds "Highlights of Barcelona" Session

On July 31, USAID held a one-day session to review USAID and partner agency presentations from the Barcelona Conference. Speakers covered topics including Preventing Mother-to-Child Transmission of HIV, the Demographic Impact of AIDS, Caring for People Living with HIV/AIDS, Preventing HIV in

High-Risk Populations and Youth, Stigma, and New Technologies to Fight HIV. To view the Kaiser Family Foundation webcast of the event, go to:
http://www.kaisernetwork.org/health_cast/hcast_index.cfm?display=detail&hc=642

Kaiser Webcasts Two USAID Press Conferences

Webcasts of two USAID press conferences held in Barcelona can be viewed on the Kaiser Family Foundation web site at the following URLs:

"ABCs of Preventing HIV and AIDS Among Youth"
http://www.kaisernetwork.org/aids2002/webcast_12_e.cfm

"Children on the Brink 2002: A Joint Report on Orphan Estimates and Program Strategies"
http://www.kaisernetwork.org/aids2002/webcast_11_e.cfm

RECENT EVENTS

Synergy Project Holds HIV/AIDS Essentials Course

In early August, the Synergy Project/TvT Associates held its second annual "*Essentials of HIV/AIDS Program Planning*" course in Seattle, Washington. The course assists program managers in formulating HIV/AIDS and STI intervention strategies, addressing priorities for rapid scale-up of programs, using research-to-practice approaches to inform programming decisions, and establishing systems for monitoring and evaluation. A course curriculum and related materials will be available at www.synergyaids.com by September 1.

FHI, UNICEF Sponsor OVC Conference in Namibia

With backing from USAID, Family Health International (FHI) and UNICEF co-sponsored a second national conference on orphans and vulnerable children (OVC) in Windhoek, Namibia, June 25-27. Approximately 250 participants discussed OVC psychosocial support needs, appropriate care settings, registration, and access to quality education. For more information, contact Rose De Buyscher/FHI at Rose@fhi.org.na.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

USAID Awards Cooperative Agreement to Elizabeth Glaser Foundation

In late July, USAID awarded a 5-year, \$100 million cooperative agreement to the Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation, headquartered in Santa Monica, California. The award will allow the Foundation to expand its efforts to prevent mother-to-child transmission of HIV in developing countries, and to expand care and support services for families, including the provision of voluntary counseling and testing, antiretroviral therapies, and management of opportunistic infections. For more information, see the Foundation's web site at: www.pedaids.org.

USAID, PSI Announce New Cooperative Agreement

USAID and Population Services International (PSI) recently signed an agreement for a 5-year, \$90 million extension of AIDSMark, a global project that uses social marketing to curb the spread of HIV/AIDS and other sexually transmitted infections. The current project expires this year; the new agreement will extend AIDSMark activities until September 2007. AIDSMark operates in 29 countries where PSI has HIV/AIDS prevention programs. For more information, contact David Olson/PSI at dolson@psi.org.

FHI, Partners Announce BSS Results in Ethiopia

Family Health International (FHI), Ethiopia's National AIDS Council Secretariat, Addis Ababa University, and other USAID partner organizations debriefed news media on June 24 on the findings of the 2001-2002 Behavioral Surveillance Survey (BSS)—the first such survey carried out in Ethiopia. According to the Ministry of Health, 7.3 percent of Ethiopia's adults are infected with HIV. For more information on the survey, contact Tiffany Lefevre/FHI at TLefevre@fhi.org.

PUBLICATIONS/ONLINE RESOURCES

USAID Documents Released in Barcelona Now Online

In conjunction with the Barcelona conference, USAID released a number of new HIV/AIDS-related documents, now available in pdf format on the USAID web site.

Children on the Brink 2002: A Joint Report on Orphan Estimates and Program Strategies

This report, published by USAID, UNAIDS and UNICEF, finds that more than 13.4 million children have lost one or both parents to AIDS, and projects numbers of orphans for 2010.

http://www.usaid.gov/pop_health/aids/Publications/docs/childrenbrink.pdf

USAID Project Profiles: Children Affected by HIV/AIDS

This report highlights USAID-funded initiatives to address the impact of HIV/AIDS on children and adolescents in 23 developing countries.

http://www.usaid.gov/pop_health/aids/Publications/docs/cabaprojectprofiles.pdf

Directory of Associations of People Living with HIV/AIDS

This global directory sponsored by USAID lists more than 150 global, regional, and local associations of people living with HIV/AIDS.

http://www.usaid.gov/pop_health/aids/Publications/docs/hivaidsdirectory.pdf

Report to Congress: USAID's Expanded Response to HIV/AIDS

This report describes USAID's HIV/AIDS program, and details how, with an increased HIV/AIDS budget, USAID is scaling up its response to the pandemic.

http://www.usaid.gov/pop_health/aids/Publications/docs/expandedresponse.pdf

HIV/AIDS Country Profiles

These profiles include the latest UNAIDS/Ministry of Health estimates on HIV prevalence, information on national response activities, a summary of USAID program activities, and country-specific contact information.

Kenya: http://www.usaid.gov/pop_health/aids/Countries/africa/kenyabrief.pdf

Ethiopia: http://www.usaid.gov/pop_health/aids/Countries/africa/ethiopiabrief.pdf

Ghana: http://www.usaid.gov/pop_health/aids/Countries/africa/ghanabrief.pdf

Malawi: http://www.usaid.gov/pop_health/aids/Countries/africa/malawibrief.pdf

Mozambique: http://www.usaid.gov/pop_health/aids/Countries/africa/mozambiquebrief.pdf

Nigeria: http://www.usaid.gov/pop_health/aids/Countries/africa/nigeriabrief.pdf

Russia: http://www.usaid.gov/pop_health/aids/Countries/eande/russiabrief.pdf

Rwanda: http://www.usaid.gov/pop_health/aids/Countries/africa/rwandabrief.pdf

Senegal: http://www.usaid.gov/pop_health/aids/Countries/africa/senegalbrief.pdf

South Africa: http://www.usaid.gov/pop_health/aids/Countries/africa/safricabrief.pdf

Tanzania: http://www.usaid.gov/pop_health/aids/Countries/africa/tanzaniabrief.pdf

Uganda: http://www.usaid.gov/pop_health/aids/Countries/africa/ugandabrief.pdf

Ukraine: http://www.usaid.gov/pop_health/aids/Countries/eande/ukrainebrief.pdf

Zambia: http://www.usaid.gov/pop_health/aids/Countries/africa/zambiabrief.pdf

Zimbabwe: http://www.usaid.gov/pop_health/aids/Countries/africa/zimbabwe.html

New Horizons Documents Available

More than a dozen new Population Council/Horizons Program publications were released at the Barcelona AIDS conference, including:

- The May 2002 *Horizons Report* newsletter, which focuses on Horizons' sex work studies in the Dominican Republic, Brazil, India, Cambodia, and Madagascar. See: http://www.popcouncil.org/horizons/newsletter/horizons_report.html.

- The *Designing HIV/AIDS Intervention Studies: An Operations Research Handbook*, which helps researchers design operations research studies and helps program managers and policymakers understand how such research works. See: <http://www.popcouncil.org/horizons/orhivaidshndbk.html>.
- “Greater Involvement of PLHA In NGO Service Delivery: Findings From a Four-Country Study,” a research summary about Horizons’ groundbreaking study on involvement of people living with HIV/AIDS in service delivery and management. See: <http://www.popcouncil.org/horizons/ressum/plha4cntry/plha4cntry.html>.

U.S. Census Bureau Releases "The AIDS Pandemic in the 21st Century"

A U.S. Census Bureau report released July 7 features new data showing the impact of AIDS on life expectancy, population growth, and mortality rates across the developing world. See: http://www.usaid.gov/pop_health/aids/Publications/docs/aidsdemoimpact.pdf

HIV Prevention Blueprint Released

On July 4, the Global HIV Prevention Working Group, a coalition of public health experts and people living with HIV/AIDS, released "Global Mobilization for HIV Prevention: A Blueprint for Action." The report states that up to two-thirds of new HIV infections expected to occur through 2010 could be averted through disease prevention strategies. See: http://www.gatesfoundation.org/nr/downloads/globalhealth/aids/hivprevreport_final.pdf

UNAIDS Barcelona Report Available Online

UNAIDS' "Report on the Global HIV/AIDS Epidemic," released in conjunction with the Barcelona conference, warns that the HIV/AIDS pandemic is still in an "early phase," and provides country-by-country HIV prevalence data as of December 2001. The report is available in English, French, Spanish, and Russian at: <http://www.unaids.org/barcelona/presskit/report.html>.

Joint Report on Youth and HIV/AIDS Released

On July 2, UNAIDS, UNICEF, and WHO released "Young People and HIV/AIDS: Opportunity in Crisis," which provides a comprehensive look at HIV/AIDS-related behavior and knowledge among youth aged 15 to 24. It also includes the latest country-by-country HIV prevalence rates for the age group. The report is available in English, French, and Spanish at: <http://www.unaids.org/barcelona/presskit/youngpeople.html>

USAID, Policy Project Release Report on CORE Initiative

A new Policy Project report titled, “Coming Together, Caring Together” reviews some of the major activities completed and lessons learned during the first 18 months of the Communities Responding to the HIV/AIDS Epidemic (CORE) Initiative. The USAID-supported initiative provides technical and financial assistance to community- and faith-based organizations working to increase HIV/AIDS-related advocacy, reduce stigma and discrimination, and improve care and support programs in developing countries. The report is available at: http://www.usaid.gov/pop_health/aids/Publications/index.html

Measure DHS+ Launches Indicators Database

In July, Measure DHS+ launched its HIV/AIDS Survey Indicators Database, available at <http://www.measuredhs.com/hivdata/>. The database compiles knowledge, attitude, and behavioral indicators from several sources, including DHS surveys, UNICEF Multiple Indicator Cluster Surveys, CDC Reproductive Health Surveys, MEASURE *Evaluation* Sexual Behavior Surveys, and FHI Behavioral Surveillance Surveys. Users can create their own tables compiling a variety of indicators from different countries.

FHI Launches YouthNet Site

Family Health International recently launched a new web site for its YouthNet project, at www.fhi.org/youthnet. YouthNet is a global, USAID-sponsored program designed to improve reproductive health and prevent the spread of HIV/AIDS among people 10 to 24 years old. The site includes approximately 300 individual sub pages; more than 100 full-text publications, articles and presentations; and links to key online resources. For a summary of YouthNet activities at the Barcelona conference, go to: <http://www.fhi.org/en/youth/youthnet/prog/newsevents.html>

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