

**USAID HIV/AIDS E-Newsletter**  
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*This newsletter provides regular updates on the U.S. Agency for International Development'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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**WORLD AIDS DAY 2002**

**USAID Recognizes World AIDS Day**

USAID missions and staff around the world recognized World AIDS Day on December 1. Dr. Anne Peterson participated in World AIDS Day Conference sponsored by the Center for Strategic and International Studies on the impact of the disease on food security in sub-Saharan Africa, and the acute vulnerability of young girls and women in the transmission of HIV/AIDS. Dr. Paul De Lay was a panelist at the American Bar Association-sponsored roundtable on stigma. To view a webcast of this event, see: [http://www.usaid.gov/pop\\_health/aids/News/index.html](http://www.usaid.gov/pop_health/aids/News/index.html)

**Miss Universe Launches 2003 International AIDS Candlelight Memorial Campaign**

Justine Pasek, Miss Universe 2002, observed World AIDS Day and launched the Global Health Council's 2003 International AIDS Candlelight Memorial campaign at a National Press Club Newsmaker series event on December 2, in Washington, DC. Miss Universe 2002 is the campaign spokesperson. She was joined by Connie Carrino, Director of the USAID Office of HIV/AIDS, and Nils Daulaire, President and CEO of the Global Health Council, who also addressed the media. To learn more about International AIDS Candlelight Memorial campaign, go to: <http://www.candlelightmemorial.org>.

**UNAIDS Releases AIDS Epidemic Update 2002**

In honor of World AIDS Day 2002, the United Nations Joint Programme on HIV/AIDS released the annual "AIDS Epidemic Update: December 2002," on November 26, 2002, in collaboration with the World Health Organization. The 2002 edition reports on the latest developments in the global HIV/AIDS epidemic and regional summaries, provides the most recent estimates of the epidemic's scope and human toll, explores new trends in the epidemic's evolution, and features a special section examining the links between HIV/AIDS and humanitarian crises. USAID is the largest contributor to UNAIDS. To view the update, see: <http://www.unaids.org/>.

**YouthAIDS Produces HIV/AIDS Messages for World AIDS Day Concert**

Population Services International's YouthAIDS Project produced three HIV/AIDS messages that appeared during the World AIDS Day music special broadcast to millions of people in 166 countries. The commercial-free concert, entitled "MTV Presents Levi's Jeans Staying Alive Concert in Association with YouthAIDS," was offered rights-free by MTV to broadcasters worldwide. This show comes from an unprecedented partnership among such varied groups as MTV, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, Paul G. Allen Charitable Foundation, Levi's® Jeans, Population Services International's YouthAIDS Project, and UNAIDS. For more information, go to: [www.psi.org](http://www.psi.org).

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## RECENT EVENTS

### **U.S. Ambassador Commits \$120 Million to Fight AIDS in India**

United States Ambassador to India, Robert Blackwill, spoke on "Fighting HIV/AIDS in India: America's Role" at a recent luncheon meeting in Chennai, organized by Family Health International and the Indian Network for People Living with HIV/AIDS. The ambassador committed \$120 million over the next five years to fight the HIV/AIDS epidemic in India. For more information, contact: Kathleen Kay at [kkay@fhiindia.org](mailto:kkay@fhiindia.org).

### **Bill Gates Visits Naz Care Centre in India**

American software giant Bill Gates visited people living with HIV/AIDS at a care center run by the Naz Foundation, one of Family Health International's implementing partners in India. He also spent time recently at a workshop for other nongovernmental organization workers, conducted by Naz as part of the project funded by USAID through Family Health International. Gates noted that control of HIV/AIDS is a top priority for the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. For more information, contact: Kathleen Kay at [kkay@fhiindia.org](mailto:kkay@fhiindia.org).

### **POLICY Workshop Highlights Links Between HIV/AIDS Resource Allocation and Advocacy**

The POLICY Project recently conducted a two-track training session for more than 40 high-ranking government officials and nongovernmental organization representatives from Cambodia, India, Nepal, and Vietnam. UNAIDS and USAID representatives also attended the five-day workshop, held December 9–13, 2002, in Bangkok, Thailand, which focused on building capacity around advocacy and resource allocation analysis and planning. To learn more about the workshop or to download related materials and software, see [http://www.policyproject.com/page\\_whatsNew.cfm?read=27](http://www.policyproject.com/page_whatsNew.cfm?read=27).

### **USAID Project Shares Lessons Learned from Linking Microfinance and Health**

USAID's Commercial Market Strategies Project hosted an afternoon discussion, November 21, 2002, in Washington, DC, on the "Impact of Microfinance on the Delivery of Reproductive Health Service," and shared results and lessons learned from the Uganda Private Provider's Loan Fund, which combines microfinance with business-skills training for private providers. The presentation is part of a monthly series that focuses on the benefits and impact of working with the private sector to improve reproductive health outcomes. To download this discussion and learn more, go to: <http://www.cmsproject.com/news/presentations.cfm?view=normal>

### **Health Ministers Across Africa Convene for Five-Day Meeting in Uganda**

The 36th Health Ministers Conference met in Entebbe, Uganda, November 18–22, 2002. The theme was "Improving Equity, Efficiency and Quality in East, Central and Southern Africa." Forty-nine delegations composed of health ministers and senior officials and 42 representatives from development partners participated. USAID provided technical and financial support to the conference through the Support for Analysis and Research in Africa Project.

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## UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

### **National Institutes of Health to Sponsor Fertility Conference in January**

The National Institutes of Health is hosting the "Fertility Regulation and Systemic Hormones in HIV-Infected and At-Risk Women" conference, January 13–14, 2003, in McLean, VA. The objective of the conference is to review the issues around pregnancy prevention for HIV-infected women and women at risk of HIV. Contraceptive guidelines for these women, based on latest scientific information, need to be developed. For details, see: [www.blsmmeetings.net/1729/](http://www.blsmmeetings.net/1729/).

### **USAID to Host Health and Human Rights Training in April**

USAID is sponsoring a workshop, "Achieving Development Objectives: Health and Human Rights for Development Course," April 14–16, 2003, in Washington, DC. The workshop is designed to equip USAID

Democracy and Governance and Population, Health, and Nutrition officers with critical skills for ensuring human rights are addressed in the design of democracy and governance and population, health, and nutrition interventions. Offered by the Harvard School of Public Health François-Xavier Bagnoud Center for Health and Human Rights in collaborations with The Synergy Project, the course will also provide a practical framework for looking at the relationship between human rights and the achievement of development objectives. For more information, contact: Ronya Anna at [ronya@tvassociates.com](mailto:ronya@tvassociates.com), or at (202) 842-2939 x106. For a listing of more HIV/AIDS-related events and meetings, go to: [www.synergyaids.com/calendar/calendar.asp](http://www.synergyaids.com/calendar/calendar.asp).

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **USAID Announces Partnership with Internews**

The U. S. Agency for International Development announced a \$2.4 million award to Internews Network to improve the ability of broadcast media in Kenya and Nigeria to effectively cover the HIV/AIDS epidemic over the next two years. The Local Voices program takes a new approach to involving media in the struggle against HIV/AIDS, and seeks to foster a more supportive social environment for preventing and mitigating the impacts of HIV/AIDS, through an enlightened and committed local broadcast community. A recent report by the United Nations found that radio is a major source for HIV/AIDS information in 36 countries. In surveys, about half of female respondents, and 70 percent of males, mentioned hearing about AIDS on the radio. To read the full press release, see: [http://www.usaid.gov/pop\\_health/aids/News/index.html](http://www.usaid.gov/pop_health/aids/News/index.html)

### **Survey Confirms HIV/AIDS Epidemic Still Widespread in Zambia**

Newly released preliminary results from the Zambia Demographic and Health Survey, conducted in 2001–2002, show 16 percent of all Zambians age 15 to 49 are HIV-positive. The survey, which received financial and technical assistance through the USAID-funded MEASURE *DHS+* program managed by ORC Macro, represents the first fully national, population-based assessment of HIV prevalence in Zambia. Following the publication of the Zambia Demographic and Health Survey in spring 2003, Measure *DHS+* will post the results on the HIV/AIDS Survey Indicators Database, available at: <http://www.measuredhs.com/hivdata/>. For more information, contact: Kumbutso Dzekedzeke, Central Statistical Office, at (260-1) 251-377; 251-380/1/5; or fax: 252-575; 254-532; 250-195.

### **Mother-to-Child Transmission Program Provides Valuable Lessons**

A groundbreaking mother-to-child transmission program in South Africa is providing valuable lessons and hope. Recognizing the acuteness of the AIDS crisis in southern Africa, public health officials, doctors, nurses, and counselors are working together, overcoming obstacles, and providing HIV/AIDS related health services to some 25,000 pregnant women in the Western Cape. Last year, the program received an award from the Impumelelo Innovations Award Trust. To read more about this project, visit: <http://www.developmentgateway.org/innovations>. To learn more about Impumelelo, go to: [http://www.impumelelo.org.za/about\\_fs.htm](http://www.impumelelo.org.za/about_fs.htm).

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## ONLINE RESOURCES

### **USAID's FrontLines Devotes Special Page to HIV/AIDS**

USAID's "FrontLines" features a special section on HIV/AIDS in the current issue. The general interest newspaper highlights USAID-funded activities around the world, USAID staff accomplishments, and other items of interest to anyone involved in foreign economic and humanitarian assistance activities. It is available at: [www.usaid.gov/pubs/frontlines](http://www.usaid.gov/pubs/frontlines).

### **USAID and Synergy Project Launch New Web Site**

The Latin America and Caribbean HIV/AIDS Regional Initiative is a new Web site for sharing HIV/AIDS best practices, research, guidelines, data, and program experience. Aimed at policy makers and program managers in USAID target countries—Bolivia, Brazil, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala,

Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Nicaragua, and Peru—the site also provides a venue for countries in the region to participate in technical exchanges, dialogue, and sharing of resources. USAID’s Latin America and Caribbean Regional Bureau and The Synergy Project developed the website. To join this network of organizations and professionals interested in HIV/AIDS in the Latin America and Caribbean region, visit: <http://www.synergyaids.com/lacriaids/>.

#### **WHO Introduces News HIV/AIDS Section on Its Web Page**

On the occasion of World AIDS Day 2002, the World Health Organization launched a new section on its Web site devoted to HIV/AIDS. To view the new site and this latest publication, go to: [www.who.int/hiv](http://www.who.int/hiv).

#### **Toolkit Supports HIV/AIDS Nongovernmental and Community-Based Organizations**

The International HIV/AIDS Alliance has developed an electronic library of resources about the HIV/AIDS work of nongovernmental and community-based organizations. The Alliance received support to develop this toolkit from USAID and the United Kingdom Government’s Department for International Development. The toolkit is available at: <http://www.aidsalliance.org/ngosupport/>.

#### **Free Online Health Courses Include HIV/AIDS**

EngenderHealth has developed a Web site that offers self-instructional, interactive courses for health care providers, supervisors, students, and trainers around the world. Topics include reproductive health, sexuality and sexual health, sexually transmitted infections, HIV/AIDS, and infection prevention. The courses are free and can be accessed online, downloaded for offline viewing, or ordered on CD-Rom. Visit: [http://www.developmentgateway.org/content/item-detail?item\\_id=260772&version\\_id=150596](http://www.developmentgateway.org/content/item-detail?item_id=260772&version_id=150596).

#### **Report from PVO-USAID Conference on Multisectoral Approaches to HIV/AIDS Available**

The conference report and presentations from October's "HIV/AIDS: A Humanitarian and Development Crisis: Addressing the Challenges for PVOs and NGOs in Africa," conference are now available at: <http://sara.aed.org/pvo-aids>.

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### **NEW PUBLICATIONS**

#### **New Publications on Preventing Mother-to-Child Transmission of HIV**

“Ndola Demonstration Project: A Midterm Analysis of Lessons Learned” reveals findings from an intervention study in Zambia to investigate how integrating services for prevention of mother-to-child transmission of HIV into low-resource maternal-child health settings influences mothers’ ability to make and implement informed decisions about HIV. The research demonstrated it is feasible to increase women’s knowledge of the risks of mother-to-child transmission without eroding good breastfeeding practices. Study partners included Horizons, Hope Humana, LINKAGES, Zambia’s National Food and Nutrition Commission, Ndola District Health Management Team, and the Zambia Integrated Health Project. To download the publication, go to: [www.popcouncil.org/pdfs/horizons/ndolamdtrm.pdf](http://www.popcouncil.org/pdfs/horizons/ndolamdtrm.pdf).

“Prevention of Mother-to-Child Transmission (PMCT) Training Curriculum,” a five-module course for health providers, is an integrated approach to prevention of mother-to-child transmission in the maternal-child health care setting. The Kenya PMCT Project developed the curriculum in partnership with Horizons, UNICEF, and the Regional AIDS Training Network, and with financial support from USAID. To view this resource, visit: [www.popcouncil.org/horizons/pmcttc.html](http://www.popcouncil.org/horizons/pmcttc.html). For information about the two projects, contact: Dr. Sam Kalibala at [skalibala@pcnairobi.org](mailto:skalibala@pcnairobi.org).

#### **Study Reveals HIV/AIDS Epidemic Burdensome to Senior Citizens**

A recent study of Tanzanian households, published by the Population Council, presents evidence that the elderly population is severely impacted by increased mortality rates among young adults. Caring for AIDS patients places an additional burden on the elderly, resulting in health implications and loss of wages. The study is based on a research project sponsored by the World Bank, USAID, and Danida. To view “The Elderly and AIDS: Coping Strategies and Health Consequences in Rural Tanzania,” go to: <http://www.popcouncil.org/publications/wp/prd/160.html>.

### **New HRM Tool Helps Evaluate Impact of HIV/AIDS on Health Workers**

Management Sciences for Health has announced the availability of the Human Resource Management Tool for countries and regions with a high prevalence of HIV/AIDS. This management tool is design to help organizations assess their human resources policy and practice with regard to the impact of HIV/AIDS on the health workforce. For more information, contact: the MSH Bookstore at [www.msh.org/publications](http://www.msh.org/publications) or [bookstore@msh.org](mailto:bookstore@msh.org).

### **YouthNet Releases Spanish and French Research Briefs**

YouthNet announces two new publications in Spanish and French from its YouthLens series of research briefs. YouthLens 2: "Sexuality and Family Life Education" summarizes how in-school sexuality and family life education programs can result in positive behavior changes. YouthLens 3: "HIV: Voluntary Counseling and Testing" discusses the benefits and limitations of HIV voluntary counseling and testing services for youth. The publications can be viewed at:

<http://www.fhi.org/en/youth/youthnet/pubs/lens.html>. YouthNet, a five-year, USAID-funded project that began in 2001, is coordinated by Family Health International, and includes as partners CARE, Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu, Margaret Sanger Center International, and RTI International.

### **IMPACT Project Releases French Titles**

The IMPACT Project has released French editions of three of its recent books, which are available at no charge to users in developing countries. Send requests to Family Health International at: [aidspubs@fhi.org](mailto:aidspubs@fhi.org).

"Programmes de Lutte Contre le VIH/SIDA dans l'Enterprise: Guide à l'Intention des Gestionnaires et des Dirigeants" ("Workplace HIV/AIDS Programs: An Action Guide for Managers") is a hands-on guide, advising managers on how to create workplace programs in the developing world—and how *not* to.

"Enquêtes de Surveillance Comportementale: Guide Pour Enquêtes Répétées de Surveillance Comportementale au Sein de Populations Exposées au VIH" ("Behavioral Surveillance Surveys: Guidelines for Repeated Behavioral Surveys in Populations at Risk of HIV") is a new resource for assessing the extent of the HIV epidemic in particular regions or countries and among particular populations. It comes with a floppy disk of sample questionnaires that can be modified for use in the field.

"Stratégies d'Intervention Intégrée et à Grande Echelle Contre une Epidémie Nationale de VIH-Sida: Manuel de Conception et de Mise en Oeuvre de Programmes de Prévention et de Soins du VIH et du Sida" ("Strategies for an Expanded and Comprehensive Response to a National HIV/AIDS Epidemic: A Handbook for Designing and Implementing HIV/AIDS Programs") is a 136-page guide designed to help countries rapidly expand programs for both communities and individuals, and to increase the range of interventions delivered.

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