

**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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**USAID Awards \$35 Million Health Services Program**

USAID has awarded Family Health International (FHI) and its partners \$35 million to lead a five-year program in the Dominican Republic to address health issues in family planning, HIV/AIDS, sexually transmitted infections, maternal mortality, child survival, and health sector reform. Family Health International will implement the program, *ConectaSalud*, through a partnership with U.S.-based Abt Associates, Inc. and the Dominican firm *Agencia Latinoamericana de Expertos en Planificacion H*, in collaboration with numerous local community organizations.

**Ghana Launches "Reach Out, Show Compassion" Campaign**

Muslim and Christian religious leaders will foster support and compassion for those living with HIV/AIDS under a new program launched this month in Ghana. "Reach Out, Show Compassion" for people living with HIV/AIDS is the second phase of the successful "Stop AIDS, Love Life" national communication program, which began in February 2000. Stop AIDS, Love Life is a joint effort of the Ghana Ministries of Information and Health, the Ghana Social Marketing Foundation, and the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health Center for Communication Programs, with support from USAID. For further information, contact: Kim Martin at 410-659-6140 or the Reach Out, Show Compassion coordinator in Ghana at 233-021-773429/233-021-774097 or e-mail [cpg@africaonline.com.gh](mailto:cpg@africaonline.com.gh).

**Global Health Council Board Members Elected to Institute of Medicine**

Global Health Council board members Robert Black and Afaf Meleis, along with Council president and CEO, Nils Daulaire, have been elected to the Institute of Medicine. They join Gro Brundtland, retiring head of World Health Organization, and Richard Feacham, executive director of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, on this year's list of 65 new members and five foreign associates. New members are elected annually for their major contributions to health and medicine or to related fields such as social and behavioral sciences, law, administration, and economics.

**Johns Hopkins to Develop UNICEF Communication Programs**

The Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health's Center for Communication Programs will assist UNICEF in developing its strategic communication programs to improve the lives of children in the developing world. Under a three-year Memorandum of Understanding, the two organizations will combine their expertise to concentrate on UNICEF's five priority areas: childhood immunization, girls' education, child protection, integrated early childhood development, and HIV/AIDS.

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## PUBLICATIONS AND RESOURCES

### **What Happened in Uganda?**

USAID recently published *What Happened in Uganda: Declining HIV Prevalence, Behavior Change and the National Response*. The case study is available at:

[http://www.usaid.gov/pop\\_health/aids/Publications/index.html](http://www.usaid.gov/pop_health/aids/Publications/index.html)

### **USAID HIV/AIDS Country Summaries Available Online**

USAID recently released HIV/AIDS country profiles for eight African countries: Angola, Benin, Eritrea, Democratic Republic of Congo, Guinea, Mali, Madagascar, and Namibia. These, along with profiles for almost 40 other countries USAID works in, are available at:

[http://www.usaid.gov/pop\\_health/aids/Countries/index.html](http://www.usaid.gov/pop_health/aids/Countries/index.html). Each profile includes information on USAID programs, epidemiology and factors relating to the spread of HIV/AIDS, national response, and challenges in confronting the epidemic.

### **USAID Partnerships**

An updated list of USAID's Office of HIV/AIDS partners, and links to their websites, is available at:

[http://www.usaid.gov/pop\\_health/aids/Partnerships/index.html](http://www.usaid.gov/pop_health/aids/Partnerships/index.html)

### **Church Province of Southern Africa Adopts HIV/AIDS Strategic Plan**

With technical assistance from the POLICY Project, the Church Province of Southern Africa has adopted a provincial HIV/AIDS strategic plan for 2003-2006. The plan presents the best of the Anglican Church's collective wisdom and is designed to ensure that local approaches are used to address local concerns. To download the strategic plan, go to: <http://www.policyproject.com/abstract.cfm?ID=1020>. To learn more about the planning process, see: <http://www.policyproject.com/abstract.cfm?ID=646>.

### **LINKAGES Revises Zambia Program Bulletin**

The LINKAGES Project recently updated *World LINKAGES Zambia*, a four-page publication describing LINKAGES program activities in Ndola district, Zambia. Program activities are centered on the integration of infant feeding and HIV counseling and testing into maternal and child health and community services. To view or download the publication, visit: <http://www.linkagesproject.org/download/worldzambia.pdf>.

### **New Website Launched for Guyanese Youth**

The Guyana HIV/AIDS/STI Youth Project has launched a new website, [www.guyanayouth.com](http://www.guyanayouth.com). The interactive site is designed to give Guyanese youth a safe place to learn about HIV/AIDS, access information, and get answers to questions without dealing with the stigma and discrimination that frequently accompany this disease. In Guyana 75 percent of the HIV/AIDS infection is among youth 19-35 and less than 20 percent of those infected is aware of it.

### **POLICY Project Releases Reports on HIV/AIDS in Nigeria**

The POLICY Project has released two new documents on HIV/AIDS-related issues in Nigeria:

- *Access to Drugs for HIV/AIDS and Related Opportunistic Infections in Nigeria*, available at <http://www.policyproject.com/abstract.cfm?ID=1123>.
- *Knowledge, Attitudes, and Sexual Behaviour Among the Nigerian Military Concerning HIV/AIDS and STDs*, available at <http://www.policyproject.com/abstract.cfm?ID=1151>.

### **FHI Releases Four New AIDS Resources**

Family Health International produced a 30-minute documentary on voluntary counseling and testing for HIV in Kenya. The film documents lessons learned in the implementation and rapid scale-up of voluntary counseling and testing centers in Greater Nairobi Coast and Western Provinces.

*Behavior Change Communication for HIV/AIDS: A Strategic Framework* is the seventh in Family Health International's series of "strategy" guides for working with HIV/AIDS in developing countries. It is

available in French or English. Copies of the video and the strategy guide are available from: Shawna Brown at 703-516-9779, ext. 145, or [aidspubs@fhi.org](mailto:aidspubs@fhi.org).

*Sexual Behavior, STIs, and HIV Among Men Who Have Sex with Men in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, 2000*, published in October by Family Health International's Cambodia office, reports the results of a USAID-funded study. For a copy of the report, contact: Elizabeth Pisani at [episani@fhi.or.id](mailto:episani@fhi.or.id).

Peter Lamptey, president of Family Health International Institute for HIV/AIDS, is the lead author of "Facing the HIV/AIDS Pandemic," published by the Population Reference Bureau in September 2002. This latest issue in the quarterly *Population Bulletin* series provides an overview of the state of the AIDS pandemic and its impact on human development around the world. The bulletin is available at: [www.prb.org](http://www.prb.org).

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## RECENT EVENTS

### **FHI/IMPACT Helps Kenya Develop Blood Donor Strategy**

Family Health International/IMPACT and Kenya's National Public Health Laboratory chaired a meeting in Nairobi in October to develop a national blood donor mobilization strategy. Various stakeholders, including the Ministry of Education, Red Cross, private hospitals, and five blood transfusion centers, established by USAID and Family Health International, face the challenge of getting the population to come forward voluntarily to donate blood. This meeting developed a strategy to meet this shortfall, which will be implemented by the government with assistance from the IMPACT Project and other donor organizations. For more information, contact: John McWilliam at [Jmcwilliam@fhi.or.ke](mailto:Jmcwilliam@fhi.or.ke).

### **WABA/UNICEF Sponsors Colloquium on Breastfeeding and HIV**

The World Alliance for Breastfeeding Action and UNICEF convened nearly 170 participants in Arusha, Tanzania, September 21-22, 2002, to discuss emerging ideas on appropriate infant feeding for babies born to HIV-positive mothers, and the impact of the HIV pandemic on support for breastfeeding. This was the first international meeting to bring together experts on breastfeeding and HIV, giving them an opportunity to interact on research, policy, and program issues. To view colloquium presentations, see: <http://www.waba.org.br/forum2/presentcolloquium.htm>.

### **USAID Working Group Learns Lessons from Regional Experts**

The Men and Reproductive Health Task Force of USAID's Interagency Gender Working Group hosted a half-day meeting, October 18, 2002, in Washington, DC, to elicit regional perspectives and input to prepare for a global conference in September 2003, "Reaching Men to Improve Sexual and Reproductive Health of All." Regional representatives from Africa, Asia, Latin America, the Middle East, and Eurasia shared their experiences on promising strategies to constructively engage men in sexual and reproductive health. For more information, see: <http://www.rho.org/html/menrh.htm>.

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## UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

### **World AIDS Day Focuses Attention on Stigma and Discrimination**

Since 1988, December 1 has been a day for bringing messages of compassion, hope, solidarity and understanding about AIDS to every country in the world. This year, the theme for World AIDS Day is "Stigma and Discrimination."

### **Global Health Council to Hold Health Forum**

The Global Health Council and Vanderbilt University School of Nursing will sponsor a Local-Global Health Forum, December 9, 2002, in Nashville, on "Protecting Infants from HIV: Nashville and Beyond." A distinguished panel of experts will discuss how mother-to-child transmission of HIV affects women and children at risk in Tennessee and globally. There is no registration fee, but advance registration is required. For registration information, contact: Alex Klein at 202- 327-5014 or e-mail [aklein@globalhealth.org](mailto:aklein@globalhealth.org).

**Tanzania's Multisectoral AIDS Conference Set for December**

The Tanzania AIDS Society and Tanzania Commission for AIDS are organizing the 2nd National Multisectoral AIDS Conference in Arusha, December 16-20, 2002, to review the nation's progress in responding to the AIDS crisis and to deliberate on how the fight against AIDS can be intensified. The forum is designed for the AIDS community in Tanzania, including international partners, to share their "knowledge, experiences, dilemmas, frustrations and hopes and prospects for a better future with less HIV/AIDS." To view conference details, go to: <http://www.muchs.ac.tz/sa/index.htm>.

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**USAID'S OFFICE OF HIV/AIDS EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

There are currently several employment opportunities within USAID's Office of HIV/AIDS. For a list of positions and application information, see: [http://www.usaid.gov/pop\\_health/aids/Resources/index.html](http://www.usaid.gov/pop_health/aids/Resources/index.html)

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