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### NEWS

#### **USAID-Funded Television Serial Debuts in Nigeria**

"Behind the Siege," a television series that highlights the moral and social problems posed by the HIV/AIDS epidemic in Nigeria, debuted in June. The 39-episode series will provide facts and information about HIV/AIDS, with an emphasis on behaviors that put individuals at risk of infection, the risks of unprotected sex, and the need for mutual fidelity in marriage. Funded by USAID, the television program is part of the behavior change strategy of Family Health International's IMPACT project in Nigeria. [More](#).

#### **USAID-Sponsored Partnerships Will Provide HIV/AIDS-Related Care and Treatment in Russia**

Four new twinning partnerships created by the American International Health Alliance will provide HIV/AIDS-related care and treatment in Russia and will serve as model programs as the country responds to its growing epidemic. These new USAID-sponsored partnerships will help targeted Russian cities improve their human and organizational capacity to provide high-quality care and services to people living with HIV/AIDS. [More](#).

#### **Yale University School of Medicine Partners with St. Petersburg City AIDS Control Center**

A new American International Health Alliance twinning partnership that links Yale University School of Medicine with St. Petersburg City AIDS Control Center will provide treatment and care to HIV-positive people and help build human and institutional capacity to fight Russia's HIV/AIDS epidemic. [More](#).

As one of their first activities, the partners opened a resource center to provide health care professionals with current information on the most effective practices for treatment and prevention of HIV/AIDS.

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#### **Members of Parliament Tested for HIV**

In a bold step to encourage people to learn their HIV status and to reduce the stigma attached to HIV/AIDS, nine members of Zimbabwe's parliament were tested for HIV at a Population Services International New Start voluntary counseling and testing center. With support from USAID and the British Department for International Development, New Start centers have spread throughout Zimbabwe to become the second largest voluntary counseling and testing network on the continent. [More](#).

#### **New Project Supports Role of Communities in Antiretroviral Treatment**

With support from USAID and the European Union, the International HIV/AIDS Alliance recently launched a multisite project in Zambia to boost community education and support, and referrals for antiretroviral treatment for AIDS. The project will draw on the experiences of people living with HIV/AIDS to educate and support others with the disease, and to educate the communities in which they live. [More](#).

#### **CORE Initiative to Form Partnership with Canadian Group**

The Displaced Children and Orphans Fund has provided a \$3 million award to the CORE Initiative, a USAID-funded global HIV/AIDS program, to partner with Right To Play, a Canadian nongovernmental organization, to administer programs directed toward the prevention of HIV/AIDS, stigma reduction among youth, and care and support of people living with HIV/AIDS. Right To Play's Sport Health and SportWorks programs use sports and play to further child and

community development, with a particular focus on health education, including HIV prevention. Focus countries for this award include Mozambique, Rwanda, and Sierra Leone. [More](#).

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## ANNOUNCEMENT

### **Community REACH to Award \$1.2 Million to Support Programs for People Living with HIV/AIDS**

Pact's Community REACH Project is now accepting proposals from community-based nongovernmental organizations with programs that address prevention, care, and support for people living with HIV/AIDS. Pact will award up to seven cooperative agreements. Project activities must be implemented in one or more of the following President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief countries: Cote d'Ivoire, Ethiopia, Guyana, Haiti, Mozambique, Namibia, Nigeria, South Africa, Tanzania, and Zambia. The proposal deadline is August 12, 2004. [More](#).

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## UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

### **USAID to Host Post-Bangkok Meeting**

USAID will sponsor a briefing to discuss new developments in HIV/AIDS that emerged from the XV International AIDS Conference held in Thailand, July 11–16. "Highlights from the XV International AIDS Conference in Bangkok, Thailand" will take place August 5 at the Betts Theater in the Marvin Center at George Washington University in Washington, D.C. Reservations should be made by July 30. [More](#).

### **Synergy's HIV/AIDS Program Planning Course Set for October 2004**

The Synergy Project is offering a regional "Essentials of HIV/AIDS Program Planning Course" in Accra, Ghana, October 25–30, 2004. Funded by USAID, the course is designed to build capacity at the country level to manage expanded resources. Participants will learn how to integrate a five-stage programming cycle of assessment, strategic planning, program design, implementation monitoring, and evaluation of HIV/AIDS prevention, care, and treatment interventions in the context of scaling up programs to meet targets set by the U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief and other global initiatives. The application deadline is July 30. [More](#).

The syllabus and presentations materials are now available from the first regional "Essentials of HIV/AIDS Program Planning Course," held in Cape Town, South Africa, May 17–22. Some 36 participants representing 16 countries and 28 organizations attended the course. [More](#).

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## RECENT EVENTS

### **Workshop Focuses on Antiretroviral Treatment in Resource-Poor Settings**

With support from USAID and the European Union, the International HIV/AIDS Alliance held a workshop in Cape Town in May with its partners and a range of expert speakers to advance learning on scaling up antiretroviral treatment in resource-poor settings. The workshop focused on the program and practical aspects of antiretroviral treatment and contributed to increasing the groundswell of commitment to supporting community-focused and community-led antiretroviral treatment programs. [More](#).

### **CORE Initiative Sponsors Workshop on Participatory Evaluation Methods**

On behalf of the CORE Initiative, the International Center for Research on Women led the first phase of field-testing for a participatory monitoring and evaluation manual in Kampala, Uganda, June 16–18, 2004. The workshop was hosted by the Inter-Religious Council of Uganda and included the participation of 10 Ugandan faith-based organizations. The manual, "A Guide to Participatory Monitoring and Evaluation of Community and Faith-based Programs Fighting HIV and AIDS," is intended to assist community organizations to make HIV/AIDS services and activities more effective in their communities. [More](#).

### **AIDS Transmission Through Blood Supply Discussed at Nigeria Roundtable**

The Internews Local Voices Project in Abuja, Nigeria, recently organized an educational roundtable for local journalists on the safety of Nigeria's blood supply. The Local Voices Project is funded by USAID. [More](#).

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## **PUBLICATIONS**

### **USAID Updates Directory of HIV/AIDS Organizations**

USAID, in collaboration with the Global Network of People Living with HIV/AIDS and the International Community of Women Living with HIV/AIDS, this month released the 2004 edition of "Directory of Associations of People Living with HIV/AIDS," a useful tool for advocacy, mobilization, and networking within the global HIV/AIDS community. The directory lists more than 378 organizations worldwide. [More](#).

### **CORE Initiative Partners Release Publications**

The Core Initiative has supported two partners in the development of recent publications. Church World Service has published "Mobilizing to End HIV/AIDS Stigma," which contains case studies from Sierra Leone, India, and Armenia describing the community mobilization and church involvement in the Ecumenical Advocacy Alliance HIV/AIDS Global Poster Competition. The International Community of Women Living with HIV/AIDS has produced a vision paper titled "HIV Positive Young Women." [More](#).

### **Family Health International Publishes a Research Brief and Youth Issue Paper**

Family Health International has issued the following publications:

- "Integrating Family Planning and Voluntary Counseling and Testing Services in Kenya" describes how the government of Kenya has moved quickly, based on results of feasibility research, to develop and begin implementation of strategy for providing family planning services at all voluntary counseling and testing centers in the country. [More](#).
- "Reaching Out-of-School Youth with Reproductive Health and HIV Information and Services" explores different populations of out-of-school youth, examines the link between schooling and safer sexual behaviors, and presents programs that work with young people who do not or cannot attend formal schools. Four case studies detailing programs with mainstream and marginalized youth are also included. [More](#).

### **New Book Details How Strategic Communication Programs Can Help Fight HIV/AIDS**

"Strategic Communication in the HIV/AIDS Epidemic" is a new book based on what has been learned through successful developing-country programs, many of which were funded by the USAID. The book details, among other issues, the importance of policy advocacy and community involvement; comprehensive prevention strategies; the use of communication to reduce stigma; design approaches for specific audiences, including injecting drug users, people in refugee settings, and youth; the role of communication in clinics and in voluntary counseling and testing; and the use of entertainment-education. A useful list of resources is included in the book's appendix. [More](#).

### **"Horizon Report" Explores Improving AIDS Treatment Programs**

The June 2004 issue of Horizons Report, the biannual newsletter of the Horizons Program, focuses on operations research to develop effective and affordable antiretroviral treatment services in developing countries. [More](#).

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## **ONLINE RESOURCES**

### **Synergy Project Releases Update of HIV/AIDS Programming Toolkit CD-ROM**

The Synergy Project has released Version 2 of the "APDIME HIV/AIDS Toolkit," which includes more than 100 new HIV/AIDS tools and resources, updated features, a site map, and print functions. [More](#).

### **YouthNet and POLICY Project Update, Launch New Online Resources**

New Web resources include:

- "Youth-policy.com," a new online resource from The POLICY Project and YouthNet, contains a searchable database of more than 100 full-text policies addressing youth

reproductive health and HIV/AIDS. The Web site also contains guidelines to develop youth policies, case studies, and tools. [More](#).

- The Sex Education portion of the YouthNet Web site has been updated with new curricula, guides, tools, and links. It also features extended information on school-based programs, parental involvement, and sex education training for teachers. [More](#).
- The Youth-Friendly Services portion of the YouthNet Web site has been updated with valuable resources for those working in this area, including advocacy and overview documents, assessment and implementation tools, provider training curricula, provider job aids, and evaluation materials. Access these resources from [More](#).

Youth InfoNet No. 7 and No. 8 provide summaries of 45 presentations on youth reproductive health and HIV made at the Global Health Council annual meeting titled "Youth & Health: Generation on the Edge," held June 1-4, 2004, in Washington, D.C. [More](#).

#### **Synergy Resource Center Highlights What's New**

The Synergy HIV/AIDS Resource Center contains nearly 3,350 searchable online documents relevant to HIV/AIDS project management, research, and reproductive health issues. [More](#).

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