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### NEWS

#### **USAID Grant Funds Prevention Activities in Russia's Far East**

The American International Health Alliance's health care twinning partnership between Sakhalin, Russia, and Houston, Texas, has received additional funding from USAID to expand its efforts to improve the health of young people in Russia's Far East. A two-year, \$500,000 grant will enable partners to join forces with the Sakhalin Oblast AIDS Center, and with other local communities and organizations to prevent the spread of HIV/AIDS and other sexually transmitted infections among young people and high-risk populations. [More.](#)

#### **USAID Associate Award Supports Youth Health Communication in Uganda**

The Health Communication Partnership (HCP) will work with youth and a coalition of sexual and reproductive health stakeholders to effect behavior and social change among youth in Uganda. The program will be implemented under the auspices of the HIV/AIDS Partnership of the Uganda AIDS Commission. HCP is based at Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health Center for Communication Programs. [More.](#)

#### **IMPACT Launches Two Antiretroviral Therapy Treatment Centers in Rwanda**

With funding from The President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief, IMPACT is supporting expansion of services at its sixth and seventh antiretroviral drug treatment sites in Rwanda. The Masaka Health Center and the Kigeme District Hospital, associated with the Catholic Archdiocese of Kigali and the Episcopal Church, respectively, now provide treatment for HIV and sexually transmitted infections, preventive therapy for tuberculosis and opportunistic infections, and related services. [More.](#)

#### **CORE Initiative Forms Two New Partnerships in Africa**

The CORE Initiative has launched new partnerships with American Jewish World Service (AJWS) and the World Alliance of YMCAs/World YWCA. Through these two partnerships, the CORE Initiative will support activities that foster behavior change and that support the livelihood of communities affected by HIV/AIDS. AJWS will work with seven community-based organizations in Kenya to promote HIV/AIDS care, support, and prevention. The YMCA/YWCA partnership will implement a peer education and life skills project for youth, parents, and religious leaders in Sierra Leone and Angola. [More.](#)

#### **CORE Initiative and Hope for African Children Initiative To Award Small Grants in Uganda**

Hope for African Children Initiative (HACI) and CORE Initiative this month released a Request for Application to nongovernmental, community, and faith-based organizations in Uganda that implement projects on the education of orphans and vulnerable children, and on improving household incomes. Twenty-four grants of up to \$6,250 each will be awarded in three Districts of Uganda: Gulu, Lira and Katakwi. Applications will be accepted until September 25, 2004. [More.](#)

### UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

#### **"Working with USAID" Workshop To Take Place October 22**

USAID, through its Bureau of Global Health, will host "Working with USAID: An Introductory Workshop" on October 22, 2004, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. U.S. nongovernmental, community and faith-based organizations with links to partners in developing countries are invited to learn about funding sources and how to register with USAID. [More.](#)

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## RECENT EVENTS

### **1st International Strategic Information (SI) and Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) Field Officer Orientation**

The orientation took place from August 9-20, 2004, in Atlanta, Georgia. It brought partner organizations (U.S. Government agencies, UNAIDS, GFATM, WHO, UNICEF, and the World Bank) together with SI/M&E field officers from UNAIDS and The President's Emergency Plan (CDC/GAP and USAID) to review concepts, data systems, tools, and methods, and to build linkages between agencies and harmonization across reporting and capacity. USAID/Washington and USAID Implementing Agency technical staff chaired sessions and presented information, and some 15 USAID field personnel attended the training.

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## PUBLICATIONS

### **Study Assesses Coverage of Essential HIV/AIDS Services**

"Coverage of Selected Services for HIV/AIDS Prevention, Care and Support in Low and Middle Income Countries in 2003" assesses the coverage of health services in 73 countries. The analysis suggests that many people do not have access to key prevention, treatment, and care services, drawing attention to the increased capacity needed to achieve the goals of the United Nations General Assembly Special Session on HIV/AIDS, The Emergency Plan, and other initiatives, including the Millennium Development Goals. The document is available from The POLICY Project. [More.](#)

### **IMPACT, POLICY Project Release Workplace Manual for the Public Sector**

Family Health International/IMPACT published the second in its series of manuals for workplace managers. "HIV/AIDS and the Public Sector Workforce: An Action Guide for Managers," produced in collaboration with the POLICY Project, offers practical guidance on creating or expanding HIV/AIDS workplace programs for civil services. [More.](#)

### **Publication Personalizes HIV/AIDS**

Published by Pact's Community REACH program, "Snapshots: Ten Lives Affected by HIV/AIDS" glimpses into the lives of those at the center of the fight against HIV/AIDS: the infected, the affected, the sick, the dying, and the dead. The stories also tell of the resourcefulness of community leaders, organizations, and volunteers. With modest resources, communities are meeting the needs of those suffering, taking on increased responsibility for responding to the epidemic, and gaining the strength to do what they do best, care for their own. [More.](#)

### **IMPACT Publishes Low-Literacy Treatment Tools for Health Providers**

"Healthy Living: A Counseling Guide for Health Workers on Opportunistic Infections, Antiretroviral Therapy (ART), Management of ART Side Effects" is a collection of low-literacy guides, flip charts, booklets, and brochures covering antiretroviral treatment and opportunistic infections. The collection is available in English and Swahili. [More.](#)

### **POLICY Working Papers Address Topics in HIV/AIDS and Reproductive Health**

The POLICY Project has released "The Policy Circle: A Framework for Analyzing the Components of Family Planning, Reproductive Health, Maternal Health, and HIV/AIDS Policies" and "Sexuality Education in Schools: The International Experience and Implications for Nigeria," numbers 11 and 12 in its Working Paper Series. [More.](#)

### **Youth Alliance Publish Newsletters at XV International AIDS Conference**

The Bangkok YouthForce, an international alliance of young people and adult allies who worked together at the XV International AIDS Conference in Bangkok, Thailand, published three newsletters in Bangkok; another is forthcoming. The newsletters feature articles from pop star Alicia Keys and young people who attended the conference. [More.](#)

### **USAID "Success Stories" Highlight Work of Implementing Partners**

Recent USAID success stories recount risk reduction among youth in Central Asia, campaigns against stigma and discrimination by faith-based organizations, the power of radio to reach youth affected by HIV/AIDS, and high-visibility public promotion of HIV counseling and testing. In

addition, a discussion of new uses for old forms of care, evidence of the benefits of psychosocial support through NGOs to people living with HIV/AIDS, and details on strengthening the HIV testing commodities supply chain all point to the critical value of community involvement in the response to HIV/AIDS. These stories are now located at a new page on the USAID Web site and are organized by region. [More](#).

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## ONLINE RESOURCES

### **Futures Group/POLICY Project Launch of Workplace Policy Builder Software**

Developed by Futures Group, this software helps users create an HIV/AIDS policy for the workplace. Users employ the software to determine the costs of an HIV/AIDS policy, to identify key stakeholders in the policy process, to learn from the experiences of other companies, and to assess internal and external factors influencing the policy. The free software is available online. [More](#).

### **International HIV/AIDS Alliance Toolkit Supports Scale-Up**

As responses to HIV/AIDS are scaled up, nongovernmental and community-based organizations need to develop their capacity to deliver and support programs. This toolkit can be used to identify capacity-building needs, to plan technical support interventions, and to monitor and evaluate the impact of capacity-building efforts. [More](#).

### **Horizons Updates AIDSQuest, a Web-Based, Searchable Survey Library**

AIDSQuest is a resource for researchers and others developing HIV/AIDS-related data collection tools. It includes surveys and scales from international organizations and new sections on ARV treatment, social capital, and behavior change communication. In addition, AIDSQuest explains behavioral theories commonly used in HIV research and discusses how these theories might inform data collection instruments. [More](#).

### **YouthNet and POLICY Project Update Web-Based Tools and Resources**

- YouthNet has compiled an online, annotated guide to Web-based tools and resources to assist programs in providing youth-friendly services. Advocacy, planning, assessment, implementation, and evaluation tools, as well as provider training curricula, are easily accessed in one place. [More](#).
- Youth InfoNet is a monthly source for new publications and information on youth reproductive health and HIV prevention. Issue number 9 is now available. [More](#).

### **Synergy Resource Center Highlights**

The Synergy HIV/AIDS Resource Center contains more than 3,400 searchable online documents relevant to HIV/AIDS project management, research, and reproductive health issues. [More](#).

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