



Violence and Injury Prevention Project on the United States – México border (VIP Project)

Technical and Financial Report

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QUARTERLY TECHNICAL REPORT
Period corresponding to the report: April 1 to June 30, 2011

Summary:

During this quarter, work was done mainly conducted within three branches. First, the adaptation of Phase I products continued in order to consolidate a single document that could be presented and consulted in a more pleasant and consistent version. The active participation of the team VIP continued in the Mental Health Group of the Citizen Health Council. Finally, work was done to integrate comments, improvements and observations of the Work Plan for Phase II.

Activities of VIP project during the period from April to June 2011

I. Administrative activities:

a. Personnel:

During this period, only the Consultant in Violence Prevention and Injuries was hired, its contract was effective from February 1.

Starting in April, the vacant position for the Consultant in Mental Health and Substance Abuse was filled, for which Mónica Chavira was selected.

Work was done in preparation of an activities' timeline to develop the Work Plan for Phase II.

The document with the results of the Plan of Monitoring and Evaluation of Phase I and the first draft of the Plan of Monitoring and Evaluation of Phase II were prepared based on the draft of the existing plan.

b. Coordination and communication:
Meetings of the project:

The weekly reports of information on activities relevant for USAID were prepared.

June 10, visit of Luis Maes

Meetings with Partners of the community:

On day 4th, a working meeting with the Technical Secretary of the Observatory of Juarez, Dr. Sergio Pacheco González, was held in order to present him the achievements of Phase I of the VIP and the advances in the preparation of Phase II.

On days 7th and 8th there was participation in the event “Youth: Work Mexico Launch and Learning Event”, organized by IYF, who also work in Juarez with financing from USAID.

On day 8th there was attendance in a work meeting in the city of Chihuahua, Chihuahua, with members of the Executive Secretariat of State Public Security System of all the State, for the purpose of addressing various subjects related to the Observatory, indicators and financing.

On April 28th, there was a meeting with the Health Jurisdiction (LG)

18th- meeting of the mental health group (CONAVIM)

27th- the indicators’ meeting was held UACJ

During the months of April and May the mental health group was supported in the preparation of the reference agreement and against referral of patients, as well as the standards and rules of group.

Funding linkage was established

June 9th-Redaprev meeting

June 10th-meeting with Dr. Weebe

On February 8th, there was attendance in a monthly meeting of the Subgroup of Mental Health of the Health committee, the meeting mainly focused on the presentation of the requirements for the work group, which would be shown before the federal and state health secretaries, in the meeting of the Health Council, which would be carried out on February 11th.

On February 22nd, a work meeting was held with Katherine O’Connor, in the facilities of the Nursing School in the University of Texas at El Paso, with the purpose to add it as a Co-convoking to the workshop “Prevention of Couple Sexual Violence” that will be carried out in El Paso, Texas at the end of the May.

On the latter 22nd of February there was attendance to the workshop “100 Actions by Juarez” convened by the foundation This Country and Community Cohesion and Social Innovation, carried out in the installations of the Autonomous University of Juarez. The participation had the purpose to find coincidences and explore the possibility of partnerships in the job that such organizations would carry out in Juarez.

On March 1st, a work-related visit to the personnel of El Colegio de la Frontera was carried out, with the purpose of discussing various points related to the functionality of the Observatory of Social Safety and Living Together, obtaining as a result various recommendations to be evaluated by the directing council.

On March 1st, there was attendance to the Sub Mental Health Group meeting, in the installations of Human Growth and Education for La Paz, A.C with the purpose to finalize details for the work session of 3 days that would be carried out in the city of Ruidoso, New Mexico, in which the Mental Health Rector Plan would be drafted, which would be part of the priorities of the VIP project.

On March 7th, 8th, and 9th, there was a meeting at the Retreat for preparation of the Regulatory Plan of Mental Health for Juarez. There was participation from the authorities in the matter of the three levels of government and organizations of civil society. There were actions taken for the purpose of integrating the group, as well as the construction of the mission, vision, and objectives; pending the definition of concrete projects. PAHO/WHO supported the participants with a grant to cover food expenditures.

On March 17th, a meeting of approximation with the subgroup of statistics of the Citizen Safety Committee was coordinated. The VIP project personnel participated, as well as the Secretary Technical of the Safety Observatory and Harmony Social. The purpose of the meeting was to share information and impressions on the indicators that currently measure the Observatory and those, which the subgroup was interested in evaluating. It was agreed to have, over the next days, a work meeting in order to share more information of interest for both parties.

On March 24th, the public presentation of the project “Asi Somos Juarez”, System of Indicators of Quality of Life obtained assistance. The event was held in Juarez with a great convocation, and the intention of participating was to find coincidences with the Observatory, however, it was not possible since indicators were not presented. This was only an initial approximation to the project.

On March 29th the Collegiate Center of Psychological Attention of the School of Hardy Psychologists of the District, A.C was inaugurated. Its principal objective is the psychological attention to the general public. Such association is part of Mental Health group and, will be one of the institutions benefited from the interventions that will carry out the VIP Project with regard to Mental Health.

On March 29th, the personnel of the Project VIP participated in the meeting of the Health Council, including the participation of various public and private institutions, as well as organizations of civil society. This monthly meeting was carried out for the purpose of reviewing the advances in the fulfillment of the commitments. The representative of the Secretary of Federal Health greeted with approval the participation of the VIP Project within the Health Council, leaving pendent the strategies of technical collaboration definitions to the extent that the Regulatory Plan of Mental Health gets concluded.

Meetings with personnel of USAID:

On February 24th and 25th there was a work meeting between the staff of PAHO/WHO, CONAPRA, and USAID for the purpose of working to detail the objectives of the Work Plan of the Phase II. Both, the general objective and the specific objectives 1 and 2, were voted by the three entities and approved. Given that objective 3 was the only objective that was not finished, PAHO/WHO was designated in to prepare a proposal for it.

ON March 22nd there was a teleconference between the staff of PAHO/WHO, CONAPRA, and USAID.

Status of technical activities:

Since the PHASE II of the project has not been approved, interventions have not been carried out in field.

II. Opportunities:

- a.** At the end of this first quarter of 2011, the opportunities have been significantly anticipated. Beginning February 1st, the Consultant in Violence Prevention and Injuries was incorporated, and was given flexibility to various pendent issues, among them, the adjustments to the reports of the Phase I. Also, as the result of the various meetings in Mexico City and via telephone, the hastening to the modifications to the Proposal of Phase II. Furthermore, in the month of March, Dr. Sergio Pacheco was appointed as the new Technical Secretary of the Observatory of Social Safety and Living Together, whereby a re-launch of the scope of it is projected.
- b.** With regard to the relation of social actors, upon being incorporated as the Consultant in Violence Prevention and Injuries, new dialogue fronts have been able to be hedged, which has permitted an approximation with academics and social leaders of Juarez that were not linked to the project, and that have now been added to it.
- c.** Finally, the recruitment of the next Consultant in Mental Health and Addictions is pending, thereby may participate decisively in the subgroup of Mental Health and Addictions of the Health Council, with what will be the goal to incorporate new actors to the VIP Project.

III. Possible barriers and areas of concern:

- a.** The area of more significant concern it is the fact that the proposal of Phase II has not been concluded, although work has been conducted in the enhancement of the proposal; this has had a delay of over 3 months, and therefore a great quantity of hours has been invested in working hours for the adaptation of various activities, the amounts and the times that will carry out the interventions.
- b.** In this same sense, an area of concern is the preparation of the Plan of Monitoring and Evaluation of the Phase II, which is at its draft stage and cannot be defined since it goes directly related to the approval of Phase II, that is, to the extent that the Phase II is not approved, it is an investment in work hours.

IV. Various Actors and institutions with those which has been linkage

- Secretaría de Salud Federal
- Secretaría de Salud Estatal
- Dirección de Salud Municipal
- Centro Caritativo para Atención de Enfermos de SIDA, A.C.
- Colegio de Psicólogos del Distrito Bravos, A.C.
- Centro de Asesoría y Atención a la Familia, A.C.
- Centro de Crecimiento Humano y Educación para la Paz, A.C.
- Salud y Bienestar Comunitario, A.C.
- Universidad Autónoma de Ciudad Juárez.
- Universidad de Texas en El Paso
- El Colegio de la Frontera Norte

Key dates of the Project VIP (second quarter):

JANUARY:

FEBRUARY

MARCH: