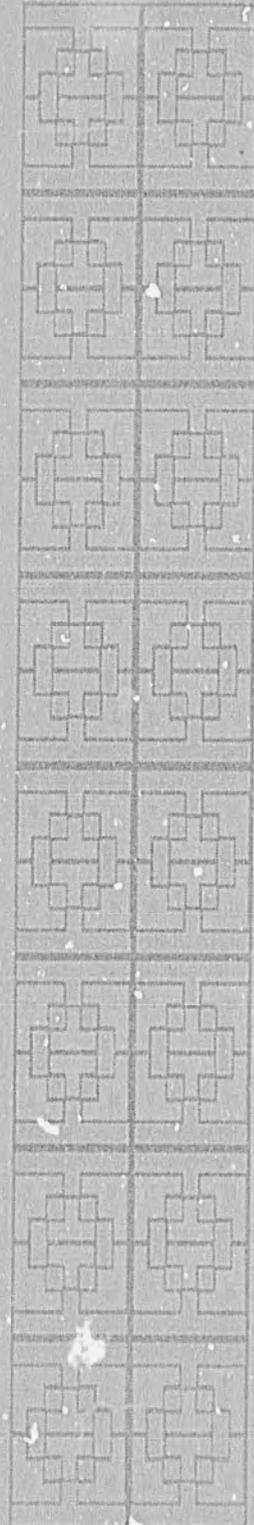
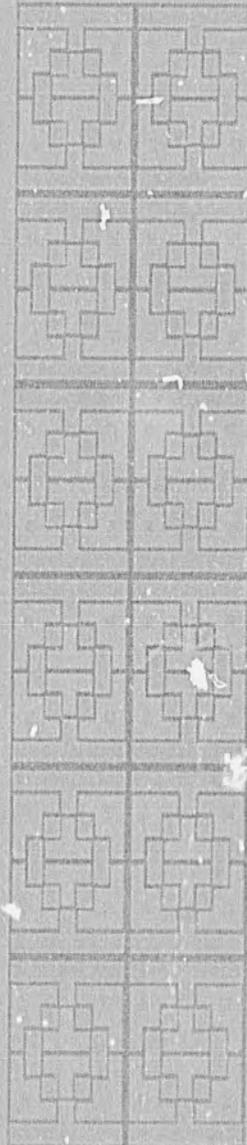
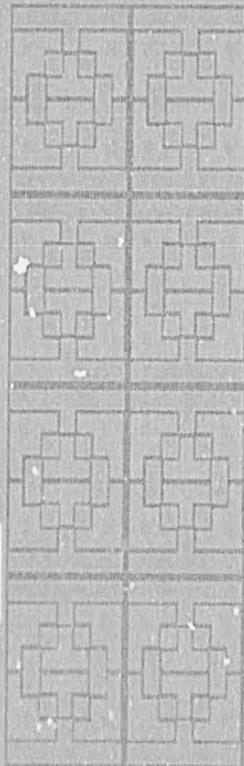


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AIDSCAP Country Updates

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Introduction

The AIDS Control and Prevention (AIDSCAP) Project of Family Health International (FHI) is designed to support the local capacity of developing countries to prevent and control the sexual transmission of HIV. AIDSCAP collaborates with governments, international donor organizations, private organizations, universities and community groups to mobilize community participation and resources for large-scale HIV/AIDS prevention programs. AIDSCAP utilizes three primary and three supporting strategy components. The primary components are: behavior change communication, the reduction and control of sexually transmitted diseases (STDs), and condom distribution and promotion. The supporting components meant to enhance the effectiveness of the three primary strategies are: behavioral research, policy development and evaluation.

AIDSCAP works with nine collaborating organizations to implement AIDSCAP country programs. They are the Center for AIDS Prevention Studies (CAPS), University of California, San Francisco; the Center for AIDS and Sexually Transmitted Diseases, University of Washington, Seattle; the Division of Infectious Disease, University of North Carolina (UNC), Chapel Hill; the Institute of Tropical Medicine (ITM), Antwerp, Belgium; the Program for Appropriate Technology in Health (PATH); John Snow, Inc. (JSI); Population Services International (PSI); Ogilvy, Adams and Rinehart; and Prospect Associates, all of Washington, D.C.

The purpose of these Country Updates is to inform our many colleagues here in the United States and in developing countries about specific activities in each country where we are working. We will provide these updates quarterly.

The comprehensive nature of the AIDSCAP Project makes planning and implementation a complex undertaking. AIDSCAP depends upon the active participation of USAID Missions and their commitment of resources, as well as that of the host governments and their national AIDS programs. The Missions in each of the AIDSCAP priority countries support the broad, multi-faceted AIDSCAP program, both financially and operationally. This requirement involves extensive discussion and negotiation, not only at the country level, but often at the regional Bureau level, so that the resulting country program draws synergistically on resources and commitment from all levels.

In the past year AIDSCAP has

- Worked with USAID/W, USAID Missions and National AIDS Control Programs to develop 21 assessment, strategic and/or implementation planning documents, equivalent to PIDs and PPs, for 11 designated priority countries. Each of these documents involves a minimum of four person-months to produce, both in the field and at headquarters in Arlington.
- Responded to Mission requests for technical assistance and support of specific or finite activities in 14 associate or potential priority countries. This response is the equivalent of more than twelve person-months in the field.
- Secured expressions of intent by Missions to transfer over \$53 million to the project (buy-ins/add-ons) in support of in-country activities.
- Identified over 100 subprojects which are expected to be developed and signed by the spring of 1993.

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- Written and approved over 50 individual contractual instruments authorizing the initiation of field activities to help prevent the transmission of HIV in more than 15 countries.
- Hired more than 70 staff who have participated in two orientations.
- With AIDSTECH, produced a 16mm film, *The Faces of AIDS*, in collaboration with local counterparts in Zimbabwe and Cameroon which has been marketed and distributed widely in Africa and is beginning to be distributed outside of the region.
- Participated in the VIIIth International Conference on AIDS, as well as in regional AIDS conferences in Asia and Africa. In addition, AIDSCAP sponsored the participation of more than 20 developing world counterparts to these conferences.
- Met on a regular basis with senior level WHO/GPA officials and other major donors to ensure collaboration, sharing of ideas and dissemination of new lessons learned.
- Developed a management information system (MIS) now in use in AIDSCAP headquarters, which will soon be connected to the Asia Regional Office.
- Initiated the Behavioral Research Grants Program and the PVO Competitive Grants Program; proposals are currently being reviewed for selection

Presently, AIDSCAP is focusing on its decentralizing activities. The Asia Regional Office has been in place since April; plans are being developed for the Africa Regional office to relocate from Arlington, Virginia to East Africa in Spring 1993; and 9 country resident staff have been hired to supervise country activities.

AIDSCAP's first year was extremely demanding and productive and much activity was necessarily preparatory in nature. The AIDSCAP Project was designed to overlap for the first year with other USAID-supported AIDS prevention activities. This design increases the likelihood of demonstrable effect upon the AIDS epidemic in the priority countries, as we proceed with a new, comprehensive approach to AIDS prevention within a systematic and strategic planning framework. As a result of that work, at the end of the first year we are able to present these Country Updates which provide brief descriptions of the country projects, activities, and accomplishments and outline plans for the next quarter.

Priority Countries in Africa _____

Ethiopia
Kenya
Malawi
Nigeria
Rwanda
Senegal

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Background and Project Description

In response to the rapid spread of HIV/AIDS in Ethiopia, the USAID Mission proposes to provide support to the National AIDS Control Program (NACP) in collaboration with USAID/Washington and AIDSCAP. Currently, in urban high-risk populations seroprevalance is as high as 18 percent.* A history of sexually transmitted disease and multiple sexual partners are among the most important risk factors for the spread of HIV in Ethiopia. Although HIV prevalence in rural areas is significantly lower, estimated at one percent, data show a clear upward progression of the epidemic in rural populations.

Conforming with the NACP's Medium Term Plan to control the spread of HIV, the USAID/Ethiopia-AIDSCAP strategy focuses on targeting high-risk individuals and youth. Through technical assistance from AIDSCAP, pilot interventions to improve STD case management and service delivery will be initially implemented in 10 clinics and expanded as appropriate; targeted communication approaches, supported by formative and operations research, will be initiated in 14 towns and then expanded to 24; the ongoing condom social marketing project will be expanded to reach a wider target audience and elements of training and operations research increased. A strong behavioral research component will complement design and planning of all technical interventions. Finally, AIDSCAP will explore the possibility of tapping into the extensive indigenous NGO/PVO community in Ethiopia as a means of serving both rural and urban communities.

Activities and Accomplishments to Date

- AIDSCAP assisted USAID/Ethiopia in May 1992 to develop a Project Identification Document for the first phase of the Support to AIDS Control (STAC I) Project.
- AIDSCAP coordinated short-term training for a USAID/Ethiopia-nominated epidemiologist from the NACP.
- AIDSCAP is confirming the appointment of a resident advisor.
- AIDSCAP initiated the establishment of the Ethiopia office, including negotiating office space and reviewing candidacies for staff positions.

AIDSCAP Activities through the 2nd Quarter FY 1993

January 1993

- AIDSCAP will assist USAID/Ethiopia and the NACP to articulate a behavioral research agenda, assess indigenous NGO/PVO capability and interest in participating in AIDS prevention efforts and develop a strategy and workplan.
- The resident advisor will be in place.

February-March 1993

- Subproject design will be initiated and sub-projects will be implemented before the end of the 2nd quarter of FY93.

*Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census

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Background and Project Description

Kenya has recently been designated as an AIDSCAP priority country. Although AIDSCAP planning activities have not yet been initiated in Kenya, it is anticipated that the program will build on and expand AIDSTECH projects in counseling, communication for behavior change and condom distribution. The program plans to integrate activities with other ongoing projects, such as Population Services International's Condom Social Marketing Project, as well as to initiate new activities. Currently, AIDSCAP is implementing a bridge project, launched under AIDSTECH. This innovative project promotes safe sexual behavior through popular theater; counseling and condom promotion components will be integrated under the AIDSCAP phase.

Activities and Accomplishments to Date

- Kenya has been designated as an AIDSCAP priority country and initial discussions with USAID/Kenya regarding a time line for design and planning have been conducted.
- An AIDSCAP resident coordinator is in place and is currently supervising and monitoring bridging activities.

AIDSCAP Activities through the 2nd Quarter FY 1993

March 1993

- A Strategic/Implementation Plan for the USAID/Kenya-AIDSCAP Project will be developed.

Background and Project Description

It has been estimated that approximately 9.5 percent of Malawi's population above the age of 15 is infected with the AIDS virus. Prevalence rates in urban areas and among individuals with risk factors are substantially higher.* In 1991, pregnant women in two cities were reported to have HIV-infection rates of 20-26 percent; seroprevalence among commercial sex workers was 70-80 percent. Important risk and social factors associated with HIV in Malawi are a history of STDs, multiple sexual partners, a higher degree of formal education and moderate to high economic status.

The USAID Mission in Malawi has supported a number of AIDS prevention activities in education, surveillance, condom distribution and support to NGOs. It is committed to continuing AIDS prevention efforts, with technical and managerial assistance from AIDSCAP, through the new Support to AIDS and Family Health Project (STAPH). The primary target groups in the HIV/AIDS component of this project include in- and out-of-school youth, employed men, male STD patients and men and women in bar settings; a second tier of target populations includes unmarried women over 18 years of age, female STD patients, and males over 30 years of age. Among the criteria for selecting these groups were risk of acquisition and transmission of HIV, potential prevention impact, and ability to be identified and reached through the proposed interventions. It was determined that in the Malawian socio-cultural context, women may be more effectively reached through their partners.

Activities and Accomplishments to Date

- A comprehensive technical analysis was conducted by an AIDSCAP team for the Malawi Mission in April 1992. The result-

ing document delineates an appropriate strategic approach for USAID-supported AIDS prevention efforts in Malawi and serves as the basis for the project design.

- AIDSCAP assisted USAID/Malawi to develop the AIDS component of the STAPH Project Paper in May 1992.
- Two pilot studies to assess STD drug accessibility and use in Malawi have been conducted under the direction of AIDSCAP. These studies were undertaken in preparation for future implementation of STD-related activities.
- AIDSCAP has coordinated an ethnographic study to assess indigenous perceptions of STDs in Malawi in order to design effective and appropriate communication strategies for STD prevention and control.
- An AIDSCAP resident advisor is being identified.
- An AIDSCAP team developed a detailed plan for implementing the USAID/Malawi-AIDSCAP project.

AIDSCAP Activities through the 2nd Quarter FY 1993

January-February 1993

- AIDSCAP will finalize subgrants to local agencies and organizations identified to implement activities.
- AIDSCAP will assess the current condom and drug logistics and management systems in Malawi.

February 1993

- Project activities will begin.

March 1993

- Resident advisor will be in place.

*Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census

Nigeria

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Background and Project Description

Serologic data indicate that AIDS is presently in an early epidemic phase in Nigeria. HIV infection is concentrated in high-risk, urban sub-populations and in geographic areas with prominent migration patterns. Although there is a paucity of HIV seroprevalence data for Nigeria, results from sentinel studies demonstrate that the epidemic is firmly established in the country and is increasing rapidly in high-risk sub-populations. Data from 1991 show infection rates up to 22 percent among STD patients and 50 percent in commercial sex workers in one city in Cross Rivers State.*

The mission, through AIDSCAP, proposes to assist the Government of Nigeria in controlling the increasing threat of AIDS through the implementation of a comprehensive prevention program in three states: Lagos, Kano and Cross Rivers. Intervention sites were selected based on need (considering other donor activities) and the epidemiology of HIV in the area. The emphasis of the program will be to strengthen the institutional capacity of NGOs and the Government of Nigeria to implement AIDS prevention projects. Activities will focus on improving STD diagnostic and prevention services, promoting condom use, increasing and improving condom distribution efforts and affecting appropriate behavior change through targeted, multi-channeled communication activities. Target audiences will include commercial sex workers, long distance truck drivers, university students and military personnel.

Activities and Accomplishments to Date

- In June 1992 AIDSCAP assisted USAID/Nigeria to complete a Strategic/Implementation Plan for the project; this plan has

been reviewed and approved by the mission.

- An AIDSCAP country office has been established and a resident advisor and communication specialist have been hired.
- AIDSCAP is in the process of finalizing subgrants for two major interventions involving the continuation of an ongoing commercial sex worker project and an intervention for NGO institutional capacity building.

AIDSCAP Activities through the 2nd Quarter FY 1993

January 1993

- AIDSCAP will initiate training workshops for collaborating NGOs.
- Technical specialists in IEC will develop a communication strategy and begin sub-project design for specific subprojects.
- An evaluation plan will be developed for the country program as well as specific subprojects.

December - February 1993

- AIDSCAP will develop five additional subgrants with collaborating NGOs. Activities will be initiated in March.

*Source: Nigeria surveillance program

Background and Project Description

Rwanda is among the countries most seriously affected by the AIDS epidemic. The most recent HIV seroprevalence estimates (1991) are approximately 27 percent in urban areas and 3 percent in rural areas; HIV prevalence rates among STD patients are significantly higher at 70-80 percent for women and 54-56 percent for men.* The gravity of the epidemic is poignantly demonstrated by reports that 90 percent of mortality among women of reproductive age in Kigali is due to AIDS.

To date, Rwanda's National AIDS Control Program (NACP) has had varying degrees of success in achieving its stated objectives of assessing and tracking the epidemic, preventing further spread of the virus and improving care for HIV/AIDS patients. Progress has been substantial in the areas of epidemiology, research and blood safety, due primarily to coordinated and consistent donor support; however, intervention activities have not received the same degree of attention or resource allocation and therefore are in need of further development.

USAID/Rwanda, through AIDSCAP, is responding to this need by implementing a comprehensive prevention project which focuses on curbing sexual transmission of HIV. Although the project's strategic design has not been completed, an initial country assessment has underscored the need for the USAID-AIDSCAP project to target a broad audience of sexually active adults and youth between the ages of 14-35. Through audience segmentation, the project will reach individuals at risk and will motivate them to adopt safer sexual behavior, to recognize STDs and to seek early and appropriate treatment. The program will have strong components in condom social marketing and STD service delivery. Communication for behavior

change activities will be integrated into all program areas and will be multifaceted in nature; the communication strategy will be reinforced by a significant behavioral research component.

Activities and Accomplishments to Date

- An AIDSCAP team conducted a thorough country assessment of AIDS and AIDS-related activities in Rwanda. This assessment will serve as the basis for developing a USAID/Rwanda-AIDSCAP strategy.
- AIDSCAP assisted the Mission and the NACP by facilitating participation of two NACP staff members in the AIDS in Africa Conference in Cameroon.

AIDSCAP Activities through the 2nd Quarter FY 1993

January 1993

- AIDSCAP will develop a Strategic Plan for the Rwanda program in collaboration with the mission and the NACP, and will assist the Mission in completing a Project Identification Document for this activity.

*Source: Department of Epidemiology, MOH of Rwanda

Background and Project Description

The HIV/AIDS epidemic is at an early but potentially explosive phase in Senegal. Studies conducted in Senegal indicate that the level of HIV infection in the general population is still low, one to two percent (HIV1 and HIV2) in women seeking prenatal care. However, infection rates in certain sub-populations are substantially higher: regional rates for STD patients range from 0-15 percent; HIV1 and HIV2 rates in commercial sex workers range from 0-29 percent.*

Since 1985, USAID/Senegal has provided support to the National AIDS Control Program (NACP) primarily through its Family Health and Population project, but also through the centrally funded AIDSTECH project. The mission now intends to further assist the Government of Senegal in AIDS prevention by increasing support to the NACP, other government institutions and appropriate NGOs through the cooperative agreement with AIDSCAP.

AIDSCAP activities in Senegal will focus on populations at highest risk for HIV infection. These groups include commercial sex workers and women with multiple sexual partners, male transport and migrant workers, men seeking STD treatment and youth. Major activities will include targeted communication campaigns, strengthened public- and private-sector condom distribution efforts and expanded distribution to non-traditional outlets, strengthening STD control services and promoting dialogue to improve the policy environment. The geographic focus of the Senegal program will be in four regions: Dakar, Kaolack, Thies, and Ziguinchor. These regions were determined based on epidemiologic data on HIV/STDs, the possibility for collaboration with a proposed family planning project, rates of urbanization and feasibility of implementation.

Activities and Accomplishments to Date

- An AIDSCAP team assisted the Mission in designing and articulating an HIV/AIDS prevention strategy for Senegal in 1992. This included development of a Project Identification Document and a Project Paper, which have been approved by USAID/W and the Government of Senegal.
- AIDSCAP completed a detailed Implementation Plan for the five year project in September 1992; this is undergoing review and approval.
- AIDSCAP initiated the selection of a country resident advisor and the establishment of the Senegal office.

AIDSCAP Activities through the 2nd Quarter FY 1993

January 1993

- Project activities will begin.
- A resident IEC specialist will be identified.

January-February 1993

- AIDSCAP subgrants with indigenous NGOs and government institutions will be developed.

March 1993

- A permanent resident advisor will be in place.

*Source: Senegal Sentinel Surveillance

Potential Priority Countries in Africa _____

Cameroon
Tanzania

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Cameroon

Background and Project Description

Recent seroprevalence data indicate an increasing HIV infection in Cameroon. A well coordinated government and donor response has resulted in laudable accomplishments to date, in both surveillance and prevention. However, the current level of interventions are not sufficient to effectively slow progression of the epidemic; conservative estimates by WHO project that at the current rate of infection, the number of HIV-positive persons in Cameroon will double by 1995.

USAID/Cameroon, through centrally funded AIDSTECH and HAPA programs, has contributed to AIDS control activities in the country by providing funding for a number of prevention and surveillance activities, commodities and technical assistance. The Mission is continuing the assistance by supporting a Cameroon AIDSCAP Program. The AIDSCAP Program, designed to support the National AIDS Control Program's Medium Term Plan and complement other ongoing donor activities, seeks to reduce HIV transmission in the Cameroon population by targeting persons most at risk of sexual transmission. Interventions will focus on commercial sex workers and their clients in four major cities, military personnel throughout the country, and universities in Douala and Yaounde, serving 95 percent of all university students in the country.

Activities and Accomplishments to Date

- AIDSCAP assisted the Cameroon Mission in July 1992 to assess USAID-supported AIDS prevention projects and to facilitate a transition for continuation of these projects under AIDSCAP. This included securing bridge funding and designing short-term projects to continue targeted interventions, condom social marketing and pilot STD drug social marketing program.

- A four-year AIDSCAP Strategic and Implementation Plan for Cameroon was completed in October.
- Five AIDSCAP subgrants with international PVOs and government institutions are currently being developed. The projects included under these subgrants are: (1) interventions targeting individuals practicing high-risk behavior focusing on commercial sex workers and their clients; (2) special interventions to reach military personnel; (3) condom social marketing to achieve national distribution coverage, with special campaigns aimed at reaching high-risk individuals; (4) interventions to reach youth, particularly university students; and (5) operational research on marketing of STD drugs.
- PVOs working in Cameroon have submitted concept papers to the AIDSCAP Competitive Grants Program. Two have been selected for further development and possible funding.
- AIDSCAP provided financial and organizational support to the VIIth International Conference on AIDS in Africa which was hosted by Cameroon in December 1992.

AIDSCAP Activities through the 2nd Quarter FY 1993

January 1993

- An AIDSCAP STD specialist will provide technical assistance to the pilot STD drug social marketing program.
- At the beginning of 1993, AIDSCAP will initiate new projects involving high-risk individuals including the military and youth, and expand the social marketing programs.

February 1993

- AIDSCAP will carry out a needs assessment for training and IEC materials.

February-March 1993

- An AIDSCAP team will assist the National AIDS Control Program in evaluating their activities to date and in developing a second Medium Term Plan. Results from this evaluation will be used to determine intervention priorities and strategies for the Medium Term Plan.

Background and Project Description

It is estimated that 10-20 percent of all sexually active individuals in Tanzania—800,000 to 1,000,000 people nationwide—are infected with HIV.* This represents one of the highest seroprevalence rates in the world. USAID/Tanzania has supported a number of initiatives to assist the Government of Tanzania's National AIDS Control Program's prevention efforts with technical assistance from AIDSTECH and AIDSCOM. The Mission is currently developing an expanded program, the Tanzania AIDS Project, which is intended to increase the capacity of the indigenous NGO community and the private-sector in Tanzania to respond to the growing problem of AIDS. USAID/Tanzania has requested technical assistance from AIDSCAP to help design this program and to provide expertise in special technical areas. AIDSCAP also assisted the Mission in the development and presently the implementation of a one-year transition project. This has served to maintain and expand ongoing USAID-supported AIDS prevention activities pending finalization of the new Tanzania AIDS Project.

Activities and Accomplishments to Date

- AIDSCAP developed a five-year strategic plan for Tanzania in May 1992. The plan provides an assessment of HIV/AIDS and related activities in Tanzania and outlines an intervention strategy to prevent sexual transmission.
- An interim transition plan to continue and expand upon extant USAID/Tanzania AIDS prevention projects has been completed and is currently being implemented. This also included development of AIDSCAP subgrants with organizations implementing projects under the transition plan. These include a condom social marketing project,

a project targeting truckdrivers, three workplace-based interventions, improving STD services in selected clinic sites and a model pharmacy project.

- An AIDSCAP resident coordinator to oversee the transition project is in place.
- In September 1992 AIDSCAP provided technical assistance to the mission for an operational assessment of the USAID/Tanzania Condom Social Marketing project which included recommendations for upgrading the current project.
- An AIDSCAP consultant assessed the institutional capacity of indigenous NGOs in November 1992.
- AIDSCAP provided technical assistance to the mission in November 1992 to design an expanded condom social marketing program. This included developing an implementation plan for the transition period (January-September 1993).
- AIDSCAP participated in an evaluation of USAID-supported AIDSCOM and AIDSTECH projects in November 1992. The evaluation team presented recommendations to the mission.
- Design was completed for three subprojects and subagreements were appraised.

AIDSCAP Activities through the 2nd Quarter FY 1993

January 1993

- AIDSCAP will assist USAID/Tanzania in the design of a Project Paper for the Tanzania AIDS Project.
- Subproject activities for transition phase will be launched.

*Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census

Associate Countries in Africa _____

Burundi
Côte D'Ivoire
Lesotho
Mali
Niger
South Africa
Zimbabwe

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Burundi

Background and Project Description

HIV seroprevalence in Burundi's work force has been recorded as high as 14 percent in urban areas; among university students, prevalence rates are 1.5 percent.*

USAID/Burundi is supporting the National AIDS Control Program through AIDSCAP by providing technical assistance for a cohort HIV surveillance study which was initiated under AIDSTECH. This activity will be supported by the Mission through September 1993. Additional Mission support for AIDS prevention activities is pending approval of the Burundi Country Program Strategic Plan in December of this year.

Activities and Accomplishments to Date

- AIDSCAP provided technical assistance to USAID/Burundi to assess HIV/AIDS intervention needs that would focus on youth and to offer recommendations for future action.
- AIDSCAP, in collaboration with CDC, completed a comprehensive plan for USAID/Burundi's HIV/AIDS prevention activities for the next two years.
- An evaluation and needs assessment of youth programs has been completed.
- An AIDSCAP in-country consultant to monitor AIDSCAP activities has been identified.

AIDSCAP Activities through the 2nd Quarter 1993

January 1993

- Implementing agencies will be identified and projects developed for an AIDS in the workplace intervention and an STD behavioral research intervention.

February 1993

- Activities will commence in Burundi pending USAID/Washington's approval of the Burundi Country Program Strategic Plan.

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*Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census

Background and Project Description

Seroprevalence rates for HIV in Cote d'Ivoire are extremely high—62 percent in high-risk populations and 10 percent in low-risk populations in urban areas.*

AIDSCAP is providing technical assistance to USAID/Côte d'Ivoire and the National AIDS Control Program to assess the demographic and economic impact of AIDS in the country. Modeling technology, preliminarily based on epidemiologic and economic estimates, will be used to provide these analyses. AIDSCAP's technical specialists will work in close collaboration with their host-country counterparts throughout the modeling exercise, with transfer of technology as the premise of the intervention.

Also, USAID/Côte d'Ivoire has concurred with the selection of Côte d'Ivoire to participate in the AIDSCAP Competitive PVO Grants Program.

Activities and Accomplishments to Date

- A time line for the AIDS modeling technical assistance has been developed in collaboration with USAID/Côte d'Ivoire.
- In response to the first AIDSCAP Competitive Grants RFA, four USAID-registered NGOs/PVOs working in Côte d'Ivoire submitted concept papers to AIDSCAP for review. Although none of the participating NGOs were selected for further proposal development, Côte d'Ivoire will be included in the second AIDSCAP RFA round.
- An AIDSCAP communication specialist provided technical assistance to a local film producer/director for the production of an educational film about AIDS. Discussions included script review and possible translation into English for broader distribution. AIDSCAP will provide funds for this project.

AIDSCAP Activities through the 2nd Quarter FY 1993

January 1993

- An initial AIDSCAP technical assistance visit to Côte d'Ivoire is planned to assess available technical skills and facilities and to initiate training of host-country counterparts in modeling.

February 1993

- Modeling activities and data analysis will be initiated. Also, an AIDSCAP specialist will provide initial technical assistance for the economic component of the impact analysis.

*Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census

Background and Project Description

In Lesotho, AIDSCAP will provide technical assistance to Lesotho Red Cross Society for a community mobilization project and to the Private Health Association of Lesotho for STD clinical training. Discussions are also underway with the Mission for AIDSCAP to work with policy-makers.

Activities and Accomplishments to Date

- AIDSCAP assisted USAID/Lesotho in May 1992 to assess the AIDS epidemic and current activities in AIDS prevention in Lesotho. The Lesotho Red Cross presented an outline of a proposal for an AIDS intervention project which was reviewed by AIDSCAP. Technical assistance was also provided in the design of a media workshop sponsored by the Lesotho Network of AIDS Service Organizations.
- A report with recommendations for AIDSCAP programming has been completed and submitted to USAID/Lesotho.
- An AIDSCAP subgrant with the Lesotho Red Cross Society for the implementation of the community mobilization intervention has been completed and is currently undergoing final review.
- A revised budget for activities other than the community-based project, including STD clinical training and work with policy-makers, is currently being negotiated with the mission.
- AIDSCAP is currently reviewing the new Mission AIDS plan.

AIDSCAP Activities through the 2nd Quarter FY 1993

December-January 1993

- Discussions are underway between USAID/Washington regarding further assistance to

USAID/Lesotho in designing a larger AIDS program for the Mission.

January 1993

- A team from AIDSCAP and USAID/W will work with the Mission to develop a broader strategy for AIDS prevention and control in Lesotho

February 1993

- Activities will commence pending approval of the USAID/Lesotho Country Program Strategic Plan.

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Background and Project Description

USAID/Mali has supported a successful AIDSTECH high-risk intervention project which targets women with multiple partners. This project will be continued under the AIDSCAP Cooperative Agreement. Major components of the project include communication for behavior change, condom promotion and distribution and an outreach component which targets men. The project is being implemented by the Mali Ministry of Health.

Activities and Accomplishments to Date

- AIDSTECH/AIDSCAP assisted the Mission in redesigning the project to be continued under AIDSCAP.
- An AIDSCAP subgrant with the Ministry of Health, based on the successful AIDSTECH model, has been completed and continuation of activities is now underway.
- An AIDSCAP project manager has been identified. The project manager will be responsible for monitoring AIDSCAP activities on a consultant basis.

AIDSCAP Activities through the 2nd Quarter FY 1993

November-March 1993

- The project is in full implementation phase. The AIDSCAP project manager will monitor activities; short-term technical assistance will be provided as required.

Background and Project Description

Data from 1989 show HIV prevalence rates in commercial sex workers at 6 percent and 0.5 percent in lower-risk populations.*

AIDSCAP activities in Niger will consist of an expanded intervention with high-risk groups. The project will build on an AIDSTECH pilot program targeting women with multiple partners, truck drivers and STD patients. Condom distribution, peer education and community outreach and improved STD treatment will be the major components. The project will be implemented by the Niger Directorate of Surveillance, Epidemiology and Prevention (DSEP), with AIDSCAP providing technical assistance.

Activities and Accomplishments to Date

- AIDSCAP assisted USAID/Niger in facilitating a transition of the ongoing AIDSTECH project to AIDSCAP.
- An AIDSCAP subgrant with the DSEP has been finalized.
- AIDSCAP provided technical assistance for training of trainers for a CARE implemented peer education project focused on migrant workers.
- The peer education project has been initiated.

AIDSCAP Activities through the 2nd Quarter FY1993

January-March 1993

- The peer education project will be implemented and monitored.

*Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census

South Africa

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Background and Project Description

HIV seroprevalence in South Africa continues to be relatively low at 3.2 percent in high-risk populations in urban areas.* In order to help stave off a more serious epidemic, USAID/South Africa is supporting AIDS prevention efforts in the NGO community in South Africa through a collaborative AIDSCAP/FHI-AIDSCOM/AED project. The AIDSCAP-AIDSCOM project builds on previous AIDSCOM interventions in South Africa, which were designed to strengthen NGOs' capacity to implement HIV/AIDS prevention activities. Major activities included training workshops, a National HIV/AIDS Resource Center, study tours to observe AIDS Control Programs in neighboring African nations and a pilot project to reach HIV-infected women and their families.

Activities and Accomplishments to Date

- In collaboration with USAID/Washington, AIDSCAP conducted an initial assessment/planning site visit in April 1992.
- The AIDSCAP-AIDSCOM resident advisor and deputy resident advisor are in place and the South Africa office established.
- In July 1992, AIDSCAP conducted a feasibility study for the proposed pilot project in the Natal Province for reaching and providing support to women with HIV and their families (CHAMP project). This project began in October 1992. Training of health care workers and NGO staff on this project has been completed and formative research initiated.
- In September-October 1992, six representatives from South African NGOs participated in an AIDSCAP-AIDSCOM study tour of AIDS prevention and control activities in Zimbabwe, Uganda and Malawi.

- AIDSCAP/AIDSCOM sponsored a second study tour in November-December for NGO representatives to review AIDS control activities in Ghana, Sierra Leone and the Gambia
- AIDSCAP/AIDSCOM sponsored three regional coordinators of South African NGOs to attend the VIIIth International Conference on AIDS in Amsterdam.
- The AIDSCAP-AIDSCOM resident advisor participated in five national-level policy meetings in South Africa.
- The Project Implementation Plan has been completed and approved.
- Three NGO representatives were sponsored by AIDSCAP/AIDSCOM to attend the VIIth International Conference on AIDS in Africa in Cameroon.

AIDSCAP Activities through the 2nd Quarter FY 1993

- January-February 1993
- The second phase of training for the CHAMP project will be initiated.

*Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census

Background and Project Description

Zimbabwe has a very high prevalence of HIV with 28 percent infection rates among high-risk urban populations and 19 percent among certain low-risk groups in urban areas.*

USAID/Zimbabwe has supported HIV/AIDS prevention projects in Zimbabwe with technical assistance from FHI/AIDSTECH. These include a highly successful high-risk group intervention (the Bulawayo Project) which has in turn been replicated at two additional sites, and an AIDS education and condom distribution project in association with the Commercial Farmers Union. Because the Mission was unable to commit additional funds for the continuation of these successful interventions, the flagship Bulawayo Project will be continued with support from central AIDSCAP funds, and FHI has secured alternative support from a private donor for the AIDS education/condom distribution project.

At present, the Bulawayo Project focuses on improving STD diagnosis and treatment and prevention counseling skills of the Bulawayo health services clinic staff, strengthening programs designed to reach those high-risk groups originally targeted, and refining strategies for reaching new target groups, youth and employed adults. The project is also exploring opportunities for long term sustainability through income generating activities.

Activities and Accomplishments to Date

- Project design for Phase III of the Bulawayo Project has been completed and a sub-grant developed by AIDSCAP.

AIDSCAP Activities through the 2nd Quarter FY 1993

January-March 1993

- Activities under the Bulawayo Project are fully underway. AIDSCAP will assure project monitoring and will provide special technical assistance as required.

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*Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census

Priority Countries in Latin America and the Caribbean (LA/C) _____

Brazil
Haiti
Jamaica

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Background and Project Description

Brazil currently reports the fourth highest numbers of AIDS cases in the world, with over 21,000 reported cases as of October 1991. This figure represents a four-fold increase over that reported two years previously. Furthermore, under-reporting of HIV infection is thought to be widespread. Sixty-two percent of Brazil's AIDS cases have been reported in the states of São Paulo and Rio de Janeiro.*

AIDS prevention activities in Brazil face a number of challenges, including the size of the country, the large population and its ethnic diversity. Limited resources also hamper programming. Therefore, target geographic areas and populations have been selected to maximize the reduction of sexual transmission of AIDS. The USAID/Brazil - AIDSCAP program will work in the states of São Paulo and Rio de Janeiro, areas where HIV incidence is greatest. Target populations include men whose work removes them from their normal social structures (e.g. migrant factory workers, long-distance truck drivers), persons with STDs, commercial sex workers and men who have sex with men. These are groups at highest risk for sexual transmission of HIV and through whom the epidemic threatens the general population. The project will also support improvement of condom and STD treatment logistics systems and condom social marketing, in order to ensure that the essential commodities for the project's success are available.

Activities and Accomplishments to Date

- An AIDSCAP team developed a Brazil Strategic Plan in January 1992. USAID/Washington and the Latin America/Caribbean Bureau approved the plan in June 1992.
- USAID/Brazil has included AIDSCAP's Strategic Plan in its Five Year Action Plan.

- The AIDSCAP Brazil resident advisor participated in the Congressional Forum on the AIDS Pandemic at the House of Representatives in Washington, DC in June 1992.
- AIDSCAP provided technical assistance to the Ministry of Health in Brazil for the development of a US \$15 million dollar condom acquisition and distribution proposal to be presented to the World Bank.
- AIDSCAP established its country office in August 1992 in São Paulo and has hired a resident advisor, based in São Paulo, and a part-time project advisor, based in Rio de Janeiro.
- In August-September 1992, an AIDSCAP team completed an Implementation Plan for Brazil and identified potential implementing agencies. São Paulo and Rio de Janeiro were identified as the geographic areas of focus.
- An AIDSCAP team assisted USAID/Brazil and the Ministry of Health in October to identify behavioral research priorities. The team has proposed longitudinal studies of risk behaviors and sero-status in populations at risk in Rio de Janeiro and São Paulo, and an operations research program to provide small grants to researchers engaged in AIDSCAP or national AIDS program activities.
- Concept papers for behavioral research activities have been solicited from more than twelve NGOs and university groups. Two or three groups will be selected to develop their concept papers into full proposals. These proposals will be developed collaboratively with AIDSCAP behavioral research specialists.
- Concept proposals were submitted for the PVO/NGO Grants program.

- The Implementation Plan was approved by USAID/Washington and USAID/Brazil.
- Policy dialogue has been initiated with federal and state authorities concerning tariffs and domestic taxes affecting production and distribution of condoms.
- AIDSCAP recruited a financial officer/accountant and support staff for the country office.

AIDSCAP Activities through the 2nd Quarter FY 1993

January 1993

- AIDSCAP sub-project design is ongoing and contractual agreements will be finalized. Project activities will be initiated in February.

*Source: MOH statistics

Background and Project Description

Haiti has a population of approximately 7 million and a rapidly increasing HIV infection rate. Among urban populations considered to be at high risk for HIV infection, the seroprevalence rate is 41.9 percent compared to 3-5 percent HIV seroprevalence among persons with low risk for infection.* The seriousness of the epidemic has led to extensive programming efforts which continue despite the coup of 1991.

The USAID/Haiti - AIDSCAP program will build on the FHI/AIDSTECH program with Mission funding from the Aba SIDA project. Key components of the AIDSCAP project include: an AIDS education prevention in the workplace project, an IEC campaign targeting youth, counseling for STD/HIV patients, strengthening of STD services, targeted AIDS prevention for commercial sex workers and sexually active men, condom social marketing and provision of free condoms.

Activities and Accomplishments to Date

- AIDSCAP provided assistance in May 1992 to the Mission to facilitate transition from AIDSTECH to AIDSCAP. A follow-up trip in June confirmed Haiti as an AIDSCAP priority country.
- AIDSCAP developed a Strategic/Implementation Plan in August-September 1992.
- A PIO/T for \$2 million FY 1993 was approved in June 1992.
- AIDSCAP renewed contracts for the resident advisor and a finance/ administrative officer in September 1992.
- Letters of intent for six projects were signed in September 1992, allowing continuation of these projects under AIDSCAP.

- The AIDSCAP-supported condom social marketing project reported 1,119,600 "Panté" condoms sold from August 1991 to September 15, 1992.
- The resident advisor participated in orientation meetings at AIDSCAP headquarters and the regional office in July and September 1992.
- The establishment of the Haiti AIDSCAP country office was completed and legal NGO status obtained. A local IEC specialist and program coordinator are being recruited.

AIDSCAP Activities through the 2nd Quarter FY 1993

January 1993

- AIDSCAP will design a mass media campaign targeting adolescents.
- AIDSCAP will provide technical assistance to an indigenous NGO to develop an STD control strategy.
- AIDSCAP is providing technical assistance to the local NGO PROFAMIL in condom logistics and commodity management.

January-March 1993

- Subproject design continues with initiation of projects following.
- Project monitoring continues.

*Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census

Background and Project Description

The epidemiological pattern of infection in Jamaica is primarily heterosexual. In November 1991, there were 288 confirmed AIDS cases in Jamaica, over four times the 59 cases diagnosed in July 1988. In addition, according to Ministry of Health data, in November 1991 there were also 773 HIV-positive individuals who had not yet developed AIDS. Moreover, high STD rates indicate high levels of unprotected sex.

The USAID/Jamaica-AIDSCAP project will expand the Mission's AIDS/STD Prevention and Control Project initiated in August 1988. The original project had two strategic objectives: to measure and monitor the extent of the AIDS epidemic in Jamaica and to prevent and control the spread of HIV and other sexually transmitted diseases island-wide. Many of the prevention activities initiated during the first three years of the bilateral agreement will continue under AIDSCAP. However, they will be implemented as part of a focused strategy that concentrates on encouraging reductions in numbers of sexual partners, improving diagnosis and treatment of sexually transmitted diseases, and expanding and improving condom use and distribution.

Activities and Accomplishments to Date

- Jamaica's priority country status was reviewed in April 1992 with the Mission and representatives of the Jamaican Ministry of Health. This review determined AIDSCAP's role in the amended USAID/Jamaica AIDS/STD Prevention and Control Project. A time line for AIDSCAP technical assistance to the Mission was then developed.
- Initial development of the Jamaica Implementation Plan began in July 1992. USAID/Washington approved the Implementation Plan in October.

- AIDSCAP assisted USAID/Jamaica to facilitate funding for the continuation of condom social marketing implemented by the Futures Group.
- AIDSCAP met with representatives from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) in September 1992 to discuss collaboration in STD treatment and prevention interventions.
- Three AIDSCAP subgrants to organizations implementing projects targeting youth in and out of school, commercial sex workers and men who have sex with men have been completed.
- AIDSCAP, in collaboration with AIDSCAP subcontractor Center for AIDS Prevention Studies (CAPS), has identified Jamaica as a site for the implementation of a community mobilization research project. A workplan has been developed to initiate this activity.
- AIDSCAP secured personnel and salary support to the Epidemiology Unit of the Ministry of Health.
- AIDSCAP is currently recruiting a resident advisor for Jamaica.
- Project design for two additional projects has been completed.
- AIDSCAP and its subcontractors continue to assist the Ministry of Health to develop training for health care workers and peer counselors on AIDS/STDs, interpersonal communications and condoms.

AIDSCAP Activities through the 2nd Quarter FY 1993

February 1993

- An AIDSCAP team will visit Jamaica in January to complete strategic and implementa-

tion planning and identify local collaborators and finalize plans for the community mobilization research project.

- AIDSCAP subcontractors will conduct an assessment of the STD services at the Comprehensive Health Clinic in Kingston and provide training in STD diagnosis and treatment.

January-March 1993

- Resident advisor will be in place.
- Projects will be initiated and monitored.

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Potential Priority Countries in _____
Latin America and the
Caribbean (LA/C)

Dominican Republic
Honduras

1st Quarter FY93

Dominican Republic

Background and Project Description

The population of the Dominican Republic is approximately 7.5 million with a relatively low HIV sero-prevalence rate of 2.6 percent in urban areas.* The HIV/AIDS control and prevention strategies to date have focused on populations considered to be at high risk for HIV transmission. The target populations include commercial sex workers, gay and bisexual men, adolescents, industrial zone workers and hotel employees.

The USAID/Dominican Republic - AIDSCAP program continues to expand upon existing AIDSTECH and AIDSCOM projects. AIDSCAP activities started on September 15, 1992 through an OYB transfer of AIDS earmarked funds from USAID/Dominican Republic. Activities include eight specific projects through seven local NGOs. In addition, AIDSCAP will be working with PROCETS, the national AIDS Prevention program of the Health Secretariat, and the National Laboratory to institute a sentinel surveillance and HIV Diagnostic Quality Control project which will improve the national HIV/AIDS case reporting system and strengthen the quality control program for laboratories and blood banks.

Activities and Accomplishments to Date

- AIDSCAP hired a resident advisor in September 1992 who will act as project monitor for all AIDSCAP activities.
- Funding for the continuation of eight projects with local NGOs began in October 1992.
- An epidemiological analysis has been initiated by AIDSCAP in preparation for future planning.
- A review, analysis and inventory of existing IEC materials is being undertaken by the IEC coordinator in the AIDSCAP country

office, and materials will be revised and updated as necessary.

- The resident advisor is working to coordinate HIV/AIDS intervention strategies with other international donor agencies (e.g. PAHO, EEC). In addition, an NGO sustainability plan is being designed.
- A site visit by an AIDSCAP team including specialists in communications, condom logistics and management, and STD control and management took place in December. The team worked closely with the USAID Mission to assess current HIV/AIDS/STD activities and needs in the Dominican Republic. Planning for subsequent activities will follow this visit.
- Design for eight subprojects has been completed. Bridging arrangements allowed these projects to continue during the transition from AIDSTECH/AIDSCOM to AIDSCAP.

AIDSCAP Activities through the 2nd Quarter FY 1993

January-March 1993

- Project monitoring continues.
- Further planning will be developed based on Mission requests for assistance.

*Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census

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Background and Project Description

Honduras currently has a population of 4.6 million and a 3.9 percent HIV seroprevalence rate in urban centers.* Honduras has been designated an emphasis country for health interventions by the USAID Latin America/Caribbean (LA/C) Bureau. USAID/Honduras has requested AIDSCAP and LA/C Bureau technical assistance to assess the potential health and economic impact of AIDS in Honduras and to generate support for a comprehensive, multi-sectoral program to prevent and control future transmission of HIV. In addition, AIDSCAP will work with local counterparts to transfer technology and skills in the areas of socioeconomic impact assessment and computer modeling. The Mission is also considering priority country status for the AIDSCAP project.

Activities and Accomplishments to Date

- USAID/Washington and AIDSCAP staff conducted a site visit in September 1992 to begin initiating preliminary steps for the socioeconomic impact study.
- The team identified local epidemiologist counterparts in the Ministry of Health (MOH) to participate in the study and finalized a time line and workplan.
- AIDSCAP submitted a proposed workplan and budget to USAID/Washington for technical review.
- Scopes of work for two epidemiologists, one economist and four data collectors were prepared.
- The team identified a professional local economist to perform the economic impact of AIDS assessment and assist in leading a policy dialogue, and four data collectors to collect cost and epidemiological data.
- An AIDSCAP economist returned to Honduras in November 1992 and began data

collection for the health and economic impact study.

- Local counterparts participated in modeling training at AIDSCAP headquarters.

AIDSCAP Activities through the 2nd Quarter FY 1993

January 1993

- AIDSCAP is planning a strategic and implementation planning visit. Priority country status for Honduras will be confirmed following this visit.

February 1992

- The AIDSCAP policy unit will develop materials to present to policy makers which will project the socioeconomic impact of HIV/AIDS on the general economy, specific sectors of the Honduran economy and health care institutions.

*Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census

Associate Countries in LA/C _____

Colombia
Costa Rica
Ecuador
Mexico

1st Quarter FY93

Colombia

Background and Project Description

The USAID HIV/AIDS strategy to date has focused on dialogue with policy makers and communication for behavior change. USAID/Colombia - AIDSCAP activities consist of two projects: an AIDS impact modeling project, in conjunction with the national statistics department (DANE); and a project to change public opinion through development of educational materials and a workshop for journalists.

Activities and Accomplishments to Date

- A technical assistance visit was conducted in May 1992 by two AIDSCAP communication and training specialists. They reviewed previous public education campaigns, epidemiological and knowledge survey data, AIDS activities and capabilities of Colombian NGOs and developed a small-scale IEC and policy program.
- USAID/Colombia approved a workplan and budget for AIDSCAP activities.
- AIDSCAP sponsored a DANE staff member to attend a CDC modeling workshop in August 1992.
- Contractual agreements with two implementing agencies were signed in November 1992 and implementation of projects was initiated.

AIDSCAP Activities through the 2nd Quarter FY 1993

- Project implementation will continue. Due to a state of emergency in Colombia at this time, technical assistance from AIDSCAP will not include travel. However, continual communication with the project monitors will be maintained and materials support will be provided where necessary.

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Background and Project Description

HIV seroprevalence levels in Costa Rica are variable. According to the most recent data, seroprevalence among homosexual men is 11.9 percent (1985-88) while for blood donors the figure is only 0.1 percent (1989).*

The AIDSTECH project supported operations research, a hotline and a volunteer training project. Drawing on lessons learned from these projects, AIDSCAP will design and carry out an evaluation of current AIDS prevention activities among adolescents and young adults in Costa Rica and design and implement an AIDS prevention project based on the evaluation's conclusions and recommendations.

Activities and Accomplishments to Date

- A scope of work and illustrative budget for the project have been completed and approved by the Mission and the Ministry of Health.

AIDSCAP Activities through the 2nd Quarter FY 1993

- USAID/Costa Rica is currently preparing a PIO/T which is expected to be approved and sent to the A.J.D. contracts office in the first quarter of FY 1993. Pending approval of the PIO/T, an AIDSCAP needs assessment/program planning visit is planned for the second quarter of FY 1993.

*Source: MOH surveillance data

Background and Project Description

HIV seroprevalence in Ecuador is relatively low according to the most recently published seroprevalence data. Seroprevalence among commercial sex workers is less than 1.6 percent, and among blood donors, less than 0.5 percent.*

Through AIDSCAP, USAID/Ecuador is continuing to support projects begun under the AIDSTECH project in Ecuador: a quality assurance in HIV testing project coordinated by the Ecuadorian Red Cross and a targeted condom social marketing project with high-risk populations in Guayaquil coordinated by Fundación Futura. These projects are being expanded and opportunities for replication are being identified. It is anticipated that an additional education and condom marketing project will be established with the Fundación Ecuatoriana de Ayuda, Educación y Prevención del SIDA (SOGA).

In addition, AIDSCAP will provide technical assistance to the Fundación Futura and the Red Cross, plan the subagreement for the expansion of the Fundación Futura and Red Cross projects and plan the SOGA project.

Activities and Accomplishments to Date

- In March, AIDSCAP provided technical assistance to Fundación Futura in programming its intervention.
- Implementation of the Red Cross and Fundación Futura projects have been ongoing since March 1992 with funding through AIDSCAP.
- Both the Mission and the Ministry of Health have approved, in principle, the proposed budget and plans for expansion and replication of the Red Cross and Fundación Futura projects.

AIDSCAP Activities through the 2nd Quarter FY 1993

January-March 1993

- AIDSCAP will conduct an assessment of the existing projects and planning for ex-

*Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census

Background and Project Description

The number of AIDS cases in Mexico has increased significantly over the past several years. In the last four years, AIDSTECH supported a number of projects with local NGOs and targeted efforts toward at-risk populations such as commercial sex workers. AIDSCAP will continue working with NGOs in Mexico on a limited basis, as had been the strategy with the AIDSTECH project.

Activities and Accomplishments to Date

- AIDSCAP is currently working with a local NGO, FEMAP, to establish a community AIDS/STD prevention model in a factory setting. The project will focus on empowering women in the more generic setting of the factory rather than focus on higher risk populations such as commercial sex workers.

AIDSCAP Activities through the 2nd Quarter FY 1993

January 1993

- The FEMAP project will begin and opportunities for other interventions will also be explored.

Priority Countries in Asia _____

India
Thailand

1st Quarter FY93

Background and Project Description

The AIDS epidemic in India, as in most of Asia, is in an early stage, but is likely to expand rapidly if prevention programs are not put in place. Given the size of the country and the limited resources available, USAID/India - AIDSCAP will focus on the state of Tamil Nadu, with a population of approximately 47 million. Seroprevalence levels in populations at high-risk in Tamil Nadu are as high as 16 percent, while the level in populations with few risk factors is 1.3 percent.*

The USAID/India office has authorized the AIDS Prevention and Control (APAC) Project for India. This will be a seven-year project with a budget of \$10 million which will work in the State of Tamil Nadu.

APAC will target high risk populations, including prostitutes, their clients and STD patients. Grants to NGOs will be provided to educate target populations, to promote and sell condoms and to enhance STD services and counseling. USAID/India will enter into a cooperative agreement with Voluntary Health Services (VHS) to manage the project.

AIDSCAP's role in this project will primarily be to provide short-term technical assistance from the Asia Regional Office and Headquarters and longer-term assistance through a permanent AIDSCAP resident advisor to be located in Madras.

Activities and Accomplishments to Date

- AIDSCAP provided technical assistance in developing the Project Paper, which the Mission approved in June, 1992.
- AIDSCAP provided technical assistance to the Mission in May and June, 1992, in drafting a cooperative agreement with VHS.
- The Government of India and USAID/India signed the agreement approving the project in September 1992.

- A resident advisor for India was hired, attended an orientation at AIDSCAP headquarters and began work in October 1992.
- The AIDSCAP/Asia Regional Office communications officer provided technical assistance in November to develop a multimedia strategy and material for the announcement of the APAC project.
- The AIDSCAP/Asia Regional Office STD officer participated in WHO/GPA's field testing of the Priority Prevention Indicator STD clinic assessment methodology in Tamil Nadu in November and December 1992. This will provide baseline data for the APAC project.
- AIDSCAP/Asia Regional Office and headquarters staff, USAID/India Mission staff, and USAID/Asia Bureau staff met in New Delhi in November to make decisions on Asia Bureau funding levels for AIDSCAP involvement in India.
- AIDSCAP staff presented abstracts, participated in a plenary session and had an exhibition at the regional AIDS conference in New Delhi in November 1992.
- Negotiations are underway between USAID/Washington, the Asia Bureau and AIDSCAP to determine the sources of funding for the \$2.3 million funding gap for AIDSCAP technical assistance to the APAC project.

AIDSCAP Activities through the 2nd Quarter FY 1993

January - February 1993

- AIDSCAP, USAID/India, and VHS will develop a workplan and budget for AIDSCAP technical assistance to the APAC project.

*Source: MOH data

Background and Project Description

In the last few years the Thai government has become one of the most receptive to AIDS prevention efforts in response to the spread of the epidemic in Thailand. National HIV seroprevalence levels are between 0.9 and 1.8 percent of persons of reproductive age. Furthermore, the virus has spread primarily among low-income populations. Among those HIV-positive persons infected by heterosexual transmission, there is a 5:1 male to female ratio.*

The AIDSCAP Thailand Strategy concentrates the majority of its resources in the greater Bangkok area. Bangkok is an area that currently receives relatively little donor and government attention, despite a large and highly mobile population and a potentially severe HIV epidemic. The total Bangkok population is six million with an estimated three million men and women in the high risk age range of 15 to 39 years.

In a phased implementation, AIDSCAP will work with the Ministries of Health, Interior, and Education, non-profit agencies and private and commercial sectors to gradually cover the entire city with a coherent program of HIV risk reduction. The comprehensive program will begin in six pilot districts and eventually expand to cover all 38 districts of Bangkok by the end of the cooperative agreement. The program will begin by identifying and mobilizing community networks to support AIDSCAP's AIDS prevention capacity-building in the areas of STD control, condom promotion and interpersonal communication. Continuous evaluation of the activities will guide modifications and new directions as the course of the Bangkok epidemic unfolds.

Activities and Accomplishments to Date

- An AIDSCAP resident advisor has been in place since October 1991.
- Strategic planning for the USAID/Thailand - AIDSCAP program was initiated in December 1991 and completed in the first quarter of calendar year 1992. The plan has been approved by the Thailand Ministry of Public Health the National AIDS Policy and Planning Coordination Bureau.
- The six target districts for the comprehensive Bangkok model program were selected based on site visits and analysis of a detailed data base compiled by the Asia Regional Office. These data enabled the creation of community profiles by a variety of characteristics and will be continually updated through the life of the project.
- An AIDSCAP behavioral research site visit took place in July 1992. Concept papers for research projects were submitted in September 1992, and two have been approved to be developed into full proposals.
- An AIDSCAP Evaluation Plan for Thailand was completed in September 1992.
- The AIDSCAP PVO Competitive Grants Program included Thailand as a site in its first round of grant applications. Three concept papers were selected in October 1992, for development into full proposals, due in December 1992.
- Three sub-projects are presently being implemented. Agreements for two more sub-projects have been approved and are pending Mission concurrence.

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- The resident advisor and regional office staff presented abstracts, participated in a plenary session and supported an exhibition booth at the Second Asian AIDS Conference in New Delhi.
 - The resident advisor attended the bi-annual meeting of the International Planned Parenthood Federation in New Delhi to present a paper on AIDS interventions in Thailand.
 - Regional office and headquarters staff developed an implementation plan and contractual agreements for workplace-based AIDS prevention sub-projects to be implemented in the second quarter of FY 93.
 - Implementation of community mobilization and behavioral sentinel surveillance sub-projects began.

AIDSCAP Activities through the 2nd Quarter FY 1993

January 1993

- One or two grants will be awarded through the AIDSCAP PVO Competitive Grants Program in January. Project implementation will begin by mid-March.
- Development and implementation of sub-projects will continue.

**Source: MOH statistics*

Associate Countries in Asia _____

Indonesia

Indonesia

1st Quarter FY93

Indonesia

Background and Project Description

Indonesia has a population of 191 million dispersed over a 13,000-island archipelago, the largest in the world. Current seroprevalence data are not yet available although the official estimate is approximately 5,000 seropositive individuals. Although the HIV prevalence rate is still low, there is potential for rapid increases as in other Asian countries. Commercial trucking and railway networks connect the many bustling ports such as Jakarta, Denpasar, Surabaya and Batam which are considered to be the main ports of entry of the HIV virus in Indonesia. These transportation centers and routes will be the focus for HIV intervention activities.

As a follow up to previous USAID activities in Indonesia, USAID/Indonesia requested AIDSCAP technical assistance in AIDS/STD prevention counseling, policy dialogue and impact modeling projects.

Activities and Accomplishments to Date

- The AIDSCAP STD specialist and training officer for the Asia regional office visited Indonesia in September 1992 to discuss USAID/Indonesia's AIDS strategy and to plan future AIDSCAP activities.
- AIDSCAP assisted the Mission in identifying a local AIDS modeling consultant who will provide technical assistance in November and December 1992.
- Planning continued with USAID/Indonesia with emphasis on dialogue with policy makers, communication and STD strategies during a visit by the director of the Asia regional office and the communications specialist.

AIDSCAP Activities through the 2nd Quarter FY 1993

January-March 1993

- AIDSCAP will develop a training manual for modeling.
- A workshop for training in the Iwg AIDS model will be conducted.

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