

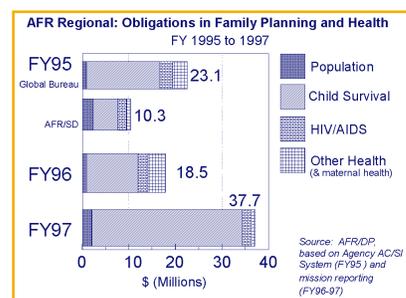
## Africa Bureau Office of Sustainable Development (AFR/SD)



USAID's Africa Bureau (AFR) supports selected USAID activities in family planning and health throughout sub-Saharan Africa. Of the total of 47 countries in the AFR region, USAID missions and regional programs currently support activities in family planning and/or health in the following 20.

Angola	D.R. Congo	Kenya	Niger	Tanzania
Benin	Eritrea	Madagascar	Nigeria	Togo
Botswana	Ethiopia	Malawi	Rwanda	Uganda
Burkina Faso	Ghana	Mali	Senegal	Zambia
Côte d'Ivoire	Guinea	Mozambique	South Africa	Zimbabwe

USAID's regionwide programs in family planning and health in sub-Saharan Africa are implemented under the Africa Bureau's Office of Sustainable Development (AFR/SD). AFR/SD's goal is to increase African capacity to manage sustainable development by strengthening African institutions and improving the human resource base. AFR/SD's strategy is to identify, document, and advocate for best policies and practices and to coordinate donor inputs to maximize impact. AFR/SD provides direct support to USAID units in 20 countries in the Africa region and, through collaboration with African and international development partners, has impact in the majority of the region's 47 countries. Funding trends for family planning and health activities under AFR/SD since 1994 are summarized in the figure to the right. In the area of family planning and health, AFR/SD's Strategic Plan for 1998 - 2003 specifies the strategic objectives (SOs) listed below. These objectives are also served by cross-cutting work in information dissemination, agriculture, democracy/governance, and basic education.



- Strategic Objective 7:** Adoption of policies and strategies for increased sustainability, quality, efficiency, and equity of health services.
- Strategic Objective 8:** Adoption of policies and strategies for increased sustainability and quality of family planning programs.
- Strategic Objective 9:** Adoption of cost-effective strategies to prevent and mitigate the impact of HIV/AIDS.
- Strategic Objective 10:** Policies, strategies, and programs improved for preventing, mitigating, and transiting out of crisis.
- Special Objective 1:** Polio eradicated in selected countries in a manner that builds sustainable immunization programs.

### AFR/SD Activities in Family Planning and Health

**Health Care Financing and Sector Reform.** AFR/SD technical support works to improve health care financing and efficiency of health systems through support to focused research initiatives, technical support advocacy, and information dissemination. Key areas of concern include equity, resource mobilization, hospital autonomy, decentralization of public health systems, and the promotion of private health care, particularly through public/private partnerships. To increase efficiency of health systems, AFR/SD identifies and promotes strategies to improve resource allocation, rational use of services, and quality of care. Responding to needs expressed by Africans, AFR/SD conducts case studies with USAID's Global Bureau and the REDSO regional offices, develops practical tools and guidelines, and builds consensus among development partners on appropriate health sector strategies.

**Child Survival and Maternal Health.** AFR/SD helps improve African policies and strategies for immunization, nutrition, malaria, and integrated management of childhood illnesses (IMCI) programs by developing regional strategies, coordinating donor inputs, and mobilizing other partners and country resources. AFR/SD supports the implementation of its African Integrated Malaria Initiative in three countries, and plans to develop regional guidelines based on this experience. AFR/SD contributed to the completion of WHO/AFRO's Five-Year Plan for Expanded Programs of Immunization (EPI) and participates in a strong regional coordination group, the Africa Task Force on Immunization. AFR/SD strengthens African capacity to design, manage, and evaluate malaria, EPI, and special polio eradication programs through close collaboration with WHO/AFRO and UNICEF. Through further collaboration with WHO/AFRO, AFR/SD promotes improved

pharmaceutical, management, logistics, and supervision systems in conjunction with IMCI training. In collaboration with REDSO/ESA and the Global Bureau, AFR/SD has been educating African governments and health professionals, USAID missions, donors, PVOs, and NGOs about the need for and the ways to incorporate postabortion care into ongoing reproductive health programs. The office is expanding to include essential obstetric care and home management of child health as new areas of program emphasis.

**Family Planning.** AFR/SD aims to improve family planning policies and programs through promoting service integration, expansion of urban services, and development of methods to more effectively reach adolescents and increase male involvement in family planning in close collaboration with REDSO/ESA and FHA/WCA. AFR/SD-supported analyses of family planning services in major urban centers in Malawi, Kenya, Zimbabwe, Zambia, and Senegal help municipalities to identify constraints and develop innovative approaches to meet future needs in Africa's growing cities. In order to help reach other underserved populations, AFR/SD is supporting research to find ways to reach adolescents with education and services, and information, education, and communication programs that involve men. AFR/SD is also assisting networks working to protect women's rights over their own sexuality.

**Prevention and Control of HIV/AIDS.** AFR/SD's HIV/AIDS strategy is to develop, document, and promote cost-effective strategies to limit the spread of HIV/AIDS and its impact on African society. AFR/SD works with various partners to facilitate implementation of effective and sustainable HIV/AIDS programs in targeted countries. Key areas of support include development and promotion of surveillance and evaluation methods to assess HIV/AIDS trends, intervention costs, and program impact, and case studies on integration of HIV/AIDS interventions with ongoing maternal-child health and family planning programs.

**Epidemic Preparedness and Response.** This new initiative addresses the need to develop programs to prevent or mitigate epidemics of cholera, meningitis, measles, and yellow fever in West Africa. AFR/SD works with other development partners to support WHO/AFRO's leading role in mobilizing the technical, managerial, and financial resources needed to strengthen national and regional capacity. Training and logistical preparation now underway are expected to benefit Mali, Senegal, Benin, and Niger, among other countries in the region.

**Polio Eradication.** AFR/SD administers the agency's polio eradication program in Africa. This program aims to eradicate polio in selected countries in a manner that builds sustainable immunization programs.

**Capacity Building.** Through support to key regional institutions such as CERPOD and CESAG, AFR/SD supports strengthening African capacity to plan, manage, and implement health and family planning programs with a focus on developing research, monitoring, and evaluation capabilities. AFR/SD also supports the development of African capacity to advocate for policy reform and works to increase the effectiveness of international assistance to health programs through collaborative relationships with a variety of donors.

### Collaborating Partners

AFR/SD's partner institutions in health and family planning include African governments, universities, NGOs, USAID's Global Bureau, REDSO regional projects, USAID country missions, US cooperating agencies, US universities, contractors, and international donor agencies. The following lists focus on African NGOs and international donors and are far from exhaustive.

**African Institutions:** Center for Training and Research in Reproductive Health (CEFOREP), Centre d'Etudes et de Recherche sur la Population pour le Développement (CERPOD), Centre d'Etudes Supérieures en Administration et Gestion (CESAG), Centre for African Family Studies (CAFS), Commonwealth Regional Health Community Secretariat of East, Central and Southern Africa (CRHCS/ECSA), Network of African Public Health Institutions (NAPHI), Network for AIDS Research in East and Southern Africa (NARESA), Reproductive Health Research Network for West Africa, Society for African Gynecologists and Obstetricians (SAGO), Social Science and Medicine Africa Network (SOMANET), University of Cape Town, University of Zimbabwe, West Africa Nutrition Research Institute (ORANA), World Health Organization/Africa Regional Office (WHO/AFRO).

**International Donors:** Department for International Development (DFID/UK), European Union, Government of Japan, International Planned Parenthood Federation, Rotary International, UNAIDS, UNICEF, The World Bank, World Health Organization/Africa Regional Office, World Health Organization/Geneva.



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