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SUBJECT: Performance Report on Fiscal Year 2007 for Belize

Attached is the Belize Performance Reporting of activities under the Regional HIV/AIDS Program for Central America. USAID/Guatemala prepared the Performance Report in coordination with the U.S. Embassy.

Acronym List

Acronym	Description
AIDS	Acquired immune deficiency syndrome
GF	Global Fund
HIV	Human immunodeficiency virus
M&E	Monitoring and evaluation
PLWHA	People living with tuberculosis and HIV/AIDS
TB	Tuberculosis

Belize 2007 Performance Report

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In Belize, USG's approach to contain HIV/AIDS is promoting behaviors to decrease infection, improving awareness/advocacy, and improving detection and treatment. In the short term, the USG will direct prevention practices and services at those most at risk, promote a more favorable HIV/AIDS policy environment, and improve the delivery of care and treatment for people living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHA). This is the foundation of the USG strategy to combat HIV/AIDS in Belize and the region, and the USG made significant achievements in each of these areas.

In FY07, USAID expanded prevention activities within existing areas and new geographic sites permitting a significant increase in the number of prevention activities and a 60% increase in the number of prevention contacts. Moreover, USAID contributed to provide access to condoms to prevent HIV by working with distributors and outlets in high-risk "hot" zones. Groundwork was laid for a number of interventions in FY08 through research in the area of prevention. Research undertaken this year will create innovative approaches, targeted media campaigns, and incorporate new priority groups such as women with HIV, subgroups of men who have sex with men, and clients of sex workers.

Progress has been made, but more is needed, in strengthening the national response to addressing HIV/AIDS. With USAID technical assistance, the capacity of the National AIDS Commission (NAC) to respond to the epidemic, particularly in the area of monitoring and evaluation (M&E), was strengthened. With the establishment of the sub-committee for M&E, the NAC was able to diagnose and analyze the information flow of HIV/AIDS data to further develop an M&E plan. USAID provided technical assistance in FY07 to ensure successful implementation for the Phase II Global Fund project and in FY08 will continue to work with the NAC to prepare feasibility scenarios to present a new proposal for the Global Fund 8th round.

Over the past FY, a number of activities to improve comprehensive care took place, such as a program that is improving the quality of services provided to PLWHA in selected hospitals. Moreover, training was provided to the faculty of the School of Nursing and Allied Health at the University of Belize, upgrading the University's role in the national response against HIV and becoming a national training center for HIV counselors.

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Achievements during FY07 include the expansion of prevention activities within six existing areas and into seven new geographic sites, significantly increasing the number of prevention activities and contacts from last year. Individuals trained in HIV prevention far exceeded FY07 targets. The number of targeted condom service outlets was 20% above target and reflects the commitment to provide access to condoms for high-risk groups. Research undertaken this year on high risk groups, gender norms, and access to prevention commodities will create innovative approaches, targeted media campaigns, and incorporate new priority groups such as women with HIV, subgroups of men who have sex with men and clients of sex workers.

Additionally, USAID technical assistance strengthened the capacity of the National AIDS Commission (NAC) to respond to the epidemic, particularly in the area of monitoring and evaluation (M&E). With the establishment of the sub-committee for M&E, the NAC was able to diagnose and analyze the information flow of HIV/AIDS data to further develop an M&E plan.

To improve comprehensive care in Belize, a program working with selected hospitals to improve services provided to PLWHA was developed during the past FY.

Some of FY07 targets were not met. Uncertainties about the imminent change of authorities, understaffed institutions, and heavy workload of staff in charge of HIV/AIDS activities contribute to a slow program implementation. Additionally, the NAC and the Ministry of Health need to improve their communication plus local organizations need to strengthen their coordination efforts in order to create a common vision and objectives.

Nevertheless, progress has been made in strengthening the national response to addressing HIV/AIDS. Moreover, in FY08, the USAID policy component will be more established in Belize than in FY07.

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The results show that approximately half of the FY07 indicator targets were either surpassed or met. Four indicators will not be reported in FY08. For one of these indicators, this was anticipated, and data was provided as historical context in the FY07 OP. The other three are laboratory-related indicators for which it was decided that the USG does not provide sufficient support to claim impact.

Shortfalls in meeting FY07 targets had to do in part with the ongoing electoral process. FY07 results have been taken into account when revising FY08 targets. FY08 results are expected to be more within range of the set targets.

Key Issue Performance \ Local Organization Capacity Development

USAID through its implementing partners provided direct technical assistance to the National Aids Commission to begin strengthening the coordination for local organizations to develop the National Monitoring and Evaluation Plan. This process requires that civil society, Ministry of Health and other organizations come together, share information and work together. The establishment of the National Monitoring and Evaluation sub-committee, involving a multisectoral approach, has created an entity able to provide ongoing technical assistance to the National AIDS Commission and Ministry of Health to develop and implement the National M&E plan.

3 Investing in People - Belize

3.1 Health\3.1.1 HIV/AIDS

Number of individuals reached through community outreach that promotes HIV/AIDS prevention through abstinence and/or being faithful

					Number of women					Number of men				
2006 *	FY 2007 Target	FY 2007 Actual	2008 Original Target	2008 Revised Target	2006 *	FY 2007 Target	FY 2007 Actual	2008 Original Target	2008 Revised Target	2006 *	FY 2007 Target	FY 2007 Actual	2008 Original Target	2008 Revised Target
5,049	6,665	6,741	7,332	6,000	1,519	2,666	2,944	2,933	2,500	3,530	3,999	3,797	4,399	3,500

3.1 Health\3.1.1 HIV/AIDS

Number of individuals reached through community outreach that promotes HIV/AIDS prevention through other behavior change beyond abstinence and/or being faithful

					Number of women					Number of men				
2006 *	FY 2007 Target	FY 2007 Actual	2008 Original Target	2008 Revised Target	2006 *	FY 2007 Target	FY 2007 Actual	2008 Original Target	2008 Revised Target	2006 *	FY 2007 Target	FY 2007 Actual	2008 Original Target	2008 Revised Target
15,147	19,994	20,222	21,993	20,000	4,557	7,998	8,831	8,797	9,000	10,590	11,996	11,390	13,196	11,000

3.1 Health\3.1.1 HIV/AIDS

Number of individuals trained in HIV-related institutional capacity building

2006 *	FY 2007 Target	FY 2007 Actual	2008 Original Target	2008 Revised Target
-	2	-	4	4

3.1 Health\3.1.1 HIV/AIDS

Number of individuals trained in HIV-related stigma and discrimination reduction

2006 *	FY 2007 Target	FY 2007 Actual	2008 Original Target	2008 Revised Target
3	-	-	-	-

3.1 Health\3.1.1 HIV/AIDS

Number of individuals trained in strategic information (includes M&E, surveillance, and/or

	2006 *	FY 2007 Target	FY 2007 Actual	2008 Original Target	2008 Revised Target
	8	17	11	18	19

3.1 Health\3.1.1 HIV/AIDS

Number of individuals trained in the provision of laboratory-related activities

	2006 *	FY 2007 Target	FY 2007 Actual	2008 Original Target	2008 Revised Target
	-	1	-	2	-

3.1 Health\3.1.1 HIV/AIDS

Number of individuals trained to promote HIV/AIDS prevention programs through abstinence and/or

	2006 *	FY 2007 Target	FY 2007 Actual	2008 Original Target	2008 Revised Target
	2	4	18	7	7

3.1 Health\3.1.1 HIV/AIDS

Number of individuals trained to promote HIV/AIDS prevention through other behavior change beyond

	2006 *	FY 2007 Target	FY 2007 Actual	2008 Original Target	2008 Revised Target
	4	6	10	8	10

3.1 Health\3.1.1 HIV/AIDS

Number of laboratories with capacity to perform 1) HIV tests and 2) CD4 tests and/or lymphocyte tests

	2006 *	FY 2007 Target	FY 2007 Actual	2008 Original Target	2008 Revised Target
	-	1	-	1	-

3.1 Health\3.1.1 HIV/AIDS

Number of local organizations provided with technical assistance for HIV-related institutional

	2006 *	FY 2007 Target	FY 2007 Actual	2008 Original Target	2008 Revised Target
	9	6	3	6	8

3.1 Health\3.1.1 HIV/AIDS

Number of local organizations provided with technical assistance for HIV-related policy

	2006 *	FY 2007 Target	FY 2007 Actual	2008 Original Target	2008 Revised Target
	8	4	-	2	4

3.1 Health\3.1.1 HIV/AIDS

Number of local organizations provided with technical assistance for strategic information

	2006 *	FY 2007 Target	FY 2007 Actual	2008 Original Target	2008 Revised Target
	5	6	6	11	8

3.1 Health\3.1.1 HIV/AIDS

Number of special studies

	2006 *	FY 2007 Target	FY 2007 Actual	2008 Original Target	2008 Revised Target
	-	1	1	1	1

3.1 Health\3.1.1 HIV/AIDS

Number of targeted condom service outlets

	2006 *	FY 2007 Target	FY 2007 Actual	2008 Original Target	2008 Revised Target
	40	50	60	60	63

3.1 Health\3.1.1 HIV/AIDS

Number of tests performed at USG-supported laboratories during the reporting period: 1) HIV

2006 *	FY 2007 Target	FY 2007 Actual	2008 Original Target	2008 Revised Target
-	3,000	-	5,000	-

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3.1.1 HIV/AIDS narrative (no more than 1500 characters)

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