



QUALITY OF LIFE, POSITIVE PREVENTION AND SOCIAL INCLUSION FOR PEOPLE LIVING WITH HIV/AIDS PROGRAM (*VIVER+*)

STRATEGIES REALIGNMENT

▪ **Introduction:**

In January, 2009 during a mid term evaluation of the referred Program, the National AIDS Program (NAP) presented to USAID and Pact Brasil a request for technical and financial support to implement a new strategy focused on young people living with HIV/AIDS (young +). NAP also submitted this request to other agencies for international cooperation partners. During the last meeting of National Steering Committee (March, 2009) the strategy and request were presented again by NAP and discussed with USAID/Pact, both in terms to support a programmatic priority for the public policy on HIV/AIDS and as an alternative to expand *Viver+* program's coverage. As a result of this meeting, the relevance and feasibility of USAID/Pact support to this strategy was identified, with Pact Brasil responsible to review and adjust the programmatic and budgetary lines of *Viver+* program.

▪ **Strategy's Brief Description:**

To include this new strategy at *Viver+* program (Component III - Support and Partnership with CSOs) seeks to increase the geographic and population coverage of the program, regarding the young people living with HIV/AIDS. The strategy aims to identify, train, and encourage the closer involvement of young people living with HIV/AIDS (Youth+) in the implementation of government and non governmental in HIV/AIDS activities. It is important to note that the strategy is also characterized by its compliance with the recent Brazilian Affirmative Action policy, which determines a greater involvement and participation of different and excluded population groups in government and non-governmental programs, in this case specifically linked to Brazilian response to AIDS epidemic. This strategy was designed by NAP that is seeking support from various partners for its implementation.

As defined by NAP the strategy implementation requires the identification of 27 + young people aged 16 to 24 years (one in each Brazilian state), through a public Request for Proposal (RFP). The Youth+ selected will participate in an 11-month program to build leadership capacity. The NAP, State and Municipal AIDS Programs and international agencies of cooperation will be responsible for this program programmatic definition, as well as for the Youth+ monitoring, supervision, coaching, and performance appraisal. The young people selected will developed their activities in terms of HIV/AIDS training at the State AIDS Programs, Public Health Service and local NGOs.

Considering NAP's analysis about the epidemic profile related to the young people, was indentified that the majority of this public are associated with a high social vulnerability. Therefore, the strategy's design foresees monthly remuneration for the Young + selected, for 11 months. In response to this need indicated by NAP, USAID and Pact proposed to contract the 27 young people, following the Brazilian laws (CLT). Thus, USAID/Pact meet the contractual and organizational procedures regarding the compliance with local laws, as

well as add a innovative and important component to NAP's strategy: guarantee the first and formal job for Youth+ selected.

Based on a *Viver+* program no-cost extension and budgetary adjustments, each young person will receive R\$ 472.00 (four hundred and seventy-two reais) including the benefits provided by law, for a period of 4 hours of LOE during 11 months (September/2009 – July/2010). According the contract between USAID and Pact, it is necessary to formalize the NCE (process being concluded). In addition, considering the lack of additional funds *Viver+* program, it is necessary to reprogram the budget lines and balances related to the program's components I and II (respectively, M&E systems for HIV/AIDS # Synovate and System Information on Adverse Effects # Notivisa) transferring their funds to the new strategy. The processes regarding the exclusion of Notivisa strategy and reduction on Synovate strategy were previously discussed and agreed with USAID and NAP (Março/2009). USAID and Pact previously discussed the *Viver+* program budgetary and programmatic changes, and are currently in the final phase of discussion and approval with USAID/Brazil.