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(AIDSCAP/Nepal II)

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Nepal Program Description

The HIV/AIDS Prevention and Control Program: 1997-2002 (*AIDSCAP II*), managed by Family Health International (FHI) is designed to build the capacity of Nepali organizations to increase the availability of HIV prevention activities in an overall program goal to reduce the sexual transmission of HIV in Nepal. Building on and expanding upon an HIV prevention approach utilized in the AIDS Control and Prevention Project (AIDSCAP), *AIDSCAP II* partners with non-governmental organizations, associations, private sector companies, private voluntary organizations and government agencies to mobilize mutually-reinforcing initiatives in local communities.

To achieve USAID/Nepal's Strategic Objective No. 2 of "Reduced Fertility and Improved Maternal and Child Health" and its Intermediate Result 2.4 of "Increased STD/HIV Prevention and Control Practices by High Risk Groups in Targeted Areas", the Program focuses on five results packages to achieve increased HIV/STI prevention among the priority target group of commercial sex workers and their clients, and among secondary targets including women and men with multiple sex partners, wives with transient husbands and adolescents.

The five results packages include:

- (1) Improved utilization of quality STI services;
- (2) Increased risk reduction behavior among target populations;
- (3) Improved community-based information, advocacy and care systems which effectively respond to the needs of HIV infected people;
- (4) Improved HMG capacity in policy development and surveillance;
- (5) Increased private sector participation in HIV/AIDS prevention efforts.

The HIV/AIDS Prevention and Control Program intends to work with at least 16 implementing partners, including ten continuing partners from AIDSCAP. These partners include: Family Planning Association of Nepal (FPAN), Nepal Chemists and Druggists Association (NCDA), Nepal Contraceptive Retail Sales (CRS) Company, Stimulus Advertisers, Ltd., General Welfare Pratisthan (GWP), Lifesaving and Lifegiving Society (LALS), New ERA, Nepal Medical Association (NMA), the Program for Appropriate Technology for Health (PATH) and the National Centre for AIDS and STD Control (NCASC). New partners joining the Program include: Johns Hopkins University/Population Communication Services (JHU/PCS), Howard/Delafield International (HDI), Pact/Nepal and new NGO partners yet to be identified.

FHI's Program plans to support interventions from Nepal's primary east-west highway from Jhapa District to Kanchanpur District and the primary north-south highway from Parsa District to Dhading District. These include Nepal's major transport links with India and Bangladesh. The program focuses the majority of its mutually-reinforcing interventions in areas served by the AIDSCAP project and under served by other HIV and STI prevention initiatives. The Program's core intervention areas include: (1) the Eastern Region entry points at Kakarbhitta and Bhadrapur to Itahari and Dharan, to the entry point at Biratnagar; (2) the Central

Region communities from Naubise to Mugling, Narayangadh, Hetauda to the entry point at Birgunj and eastward to the entry point at Jaleswor (Janakpur); and (3) the Western Region entry point at Bhairahawa to Butwal. While the Program's technical approach is concentrated on specific target groups in Nepal's Eastern, Central and Western Region border districts -- key programming will be further far-reaching including mass media activities, condom social marketing and the training of chemists. These programs will work to complement on-going outreach and STI control activities implemented by other international and national organizations working in the Mid-Western and Far-Western Regions. FHI's policy development and surveillance programming will work in support of national level efforts by the National Centre for AIDS and STD Control to strengthen the sentinel surveillance system.

This third Quarterly Program Performance Report presents an epidemiology update of HIV/AIDS in Nepal, discusses subproject accomplishments and highlights for the current quarter. Major activities planned for the next quarter are also presented. The report provides an update of other important program and team accomplishments, as well as Asia Near-East and cross-border developments. The report closes with a summary of key subproject process indicator data and program expenditures for the third quarter.

HIV/AIDS in Nepal: An Epidemiology Update

- As of March 31, 1998 a total of 194 AIDS cases (63% male and 37% female) and 1,021 HIV infections (66% male and 34% female) had been reported to His Majesty's Government's National Centre for AIDS and STD Control. The March report shows a 5% increase in reported HIV infections and a 6% increase in reported AIDS cases since December 1997. The March '98 report also shows a 189% increase in reported HIV infections over the past 12 months.

Program Interventions

Results Package No. 1: Improved Utilization of Quality STI Services

End of Program Result	Target	
	Accomplishment to Date	Year 1
1.1 A minimum of 2,000 chemists trained/retrained in proper drug dispensing practices, with increase in 50% dispensing correct drugs and dosages.	No activity to date	125 (Year 2: 35%)
1.2 At least 11,500 STI patients diagnosed and treated according to national protocols by EOP.	Clinic Services: 946 Outreach Services:103	EOP only

Results Package 1 Highlights

Family Planning Association of Nepal *The FPAN/Central Region STD Services Project*

- In the current quarter FPAN treated a total of 338 STD patients in its three Central region clinics. The Bharatpur static clinic treated a total of 134 patients. Among them 111 were female and 23 male. The Hetauda clinic treated 116 patients, including 115 females and one male. The Janakpur clinic treated a total of 88 patients, of whom 65 were female and 23 were male patients. During the current quarter 86% of FPAN's Central Region STD clients were female and 14% male. This compares to 83% and 17% respectively in the previous quarter.
- Dr. Neupane, FPAN's Project Manager and senior supervisory staff from the Bharatpur office conducted two supervisory and monitoring visits to the Janakpur and Hetauda service sites.
- FHI staff accompanied Dr. BJ Neupane for a two-day project development visit to FPAN branch offices in Nawalparasi and Rupandehi in the Western region, February 26-27. Meetings were held in the FPAN branch offices at Parasi and Butwal with management and clinical staff as well as volunteer leaders. An evening visit was made to the cross-border site at Maheshpur bordering the Indian community of Naugarh in the state of Uttar Pradesh. It is important to note that no HIV/AIDS prevention programs have been held to date in this high-risk

border area. A visit was also made to Nepal's number two border-crossing at Bhairahawa with Sunauli, Uttar Pradesh. At this busy border crossing open discussions were held with the police captain and customs officials on issues of cross-border traffic and local social/health services. FHI learned that to date there have been no agencies working in this area providing long-term HIV prevention interventions. This visit was followed up with a number of project development meetings by FHI and the FPAN Managing Director as part of the subproject development process.

- A second two-month cost extension on the FPAN bridging agreement was processed by FHI in February. This extends funding for the letter of agreement through April 30.

Nepal Chemists and Druggists Association

- Project development efforts with the NCDA were postponed for the entire quarter due to a continuing management crisis within the NCDA.

Discussion

- FPAN continues to rely on the provision of "physician and wholesale" drug samples to low-income patients needing treatment and unable to afford FPAN's low-cost drugs.
- FHI awaits resolution of NCDA's management problems before committing staff resources to new project development.
- Discussions were held in March with the new University of Heidelberg STD management team to discuss UoH's new program plans in the area of STD prevention and control. Initial agreements were made to collaborate directly with UoH in the development and funding of the NCDA agreement. FHI also learned that UoH plans to fund FPAN STD service integration similar to the "AIDSCAP-model" in FPAN's Kaski and Banke branches beginning in 1998.

Major Activities Planned For the Next Quarter

- FHI CO and FPAN will complete the development of a long-term subagreement in early May. Start-up of the new subagreement is planned for June 1.
- The development and finalization of a new long-term subagreement with the NCDA (with joint collaboration of the University of Heidelberg).

**Results Package No. 2:
Increased Risk Reduction Behavior Among Target Populations**

End of Program Result	Target	
	Accomplishment To Date	Year 1
2.1 50% of CSWs reporting consistent condom use.	Data Not Yet Available	15%
2.2 50% of male target groups reporting consistent condom use.	Data Not Yet Available	20%
2.3 70% of CSWs reporting condom use at last sexual encounter.	Data Not Yet Available	50%
2.4 75% of male target groups reporting condom use at last sexual encounter.	Data Not Yet Available	40%
2.5 Annual condom sales of 6.878 million in the 22-district program areas.	2.345 million	4.698 million
2.6 10,870 repeated one-on-one STI/HIV/AIDS educational contacts with CSWs.	854	1,070
2.7 72,900 repeated one-on-one STI/HIV/AIDS educational contacts with clients.	11,179	6,870
2.8 A 25% decrease in the males reporting non-regular (CSW) sex partner in the past year.	Data Not Yet Available	EOP only

Results Package 2 Highlights

Nepal Contraceptive Retail Sales (CRS) Company

Nepal CRS Condom Promotion and Distribution Program II

- The FHI-CRS subagreement development process officially began in January with the arrival of FHI's Technical Advisor for Social Marketing, Ms. Susan Howard of Howard/Delafield International on January 6. Ms. Howard joined CRS staff for a briefing on subagreement requirements by the Country Director and was briefed on CRS' condom sales and promotional activities by CRS staff. To engage CRS staff directly in project design Ms. Howard facilitated a subagreement development workshop of key CRS management staff over a period of five days. This project development approach provided CRS the opportunity to identify and prioritize its condom promotion strategy and partnership plans with FHI. CRS staff participated directly in activity design and budgeting exercises. It was then Ms. Howard's task to draft the subagreement in accordance with the CRS strategy and FHI technical and budgetary specifications. At the end of the three week visit Ms. Howard provided FHI with a draft subagreement for final processing.
- FHI/CRS negotiations and final subagreement development completed in mid-February. The 24-month agreement was signed in late February with an official start date of March 1, 1998 and an end date of February 29, 2000.
- March 1st launched the start-up of FHI's direct support to Nepal CRS Company since the close-out of AIDSCAP funding in July 1997. In the interim period CRS has continued its videovan operations extending beyond Central Region. Informally CRS and FHI have maintained close ties with assistance provided to CRS from Lifesaving and Lifegiving Society on launching the new AIDSCAP videodrama *Asha*. In March LALS organized an orientation session for CRS videovan staff on the *Asha* film. The orientation provided advice to CRS on film presentation, and how best to deal with inquiries from the audience on the *Asha* story.
- During the month of March CRS managed a total of 14 videovan shows in the Central and Western regions. CRS screened *Asha* on 12 occasions and *Guruji Ra Antare* on 2 occasions, for a total estimated audience of 14,700 viewers (10,350 males and 4,350 females).
- During its initial month of implementation CRS proceeded with start-up activities including the recruitment of its Training Officer and the advertising for sales promotion field staff. The recruitment of new staff for the second videovan is delayed till the next quarter pending the delivery of the second videovan.
- CRS reports quarterly (January - March) condom sales for the 22-district project area of 430,416 units of Dhaal and 62,400 units of Panther. Condom sales to date for the current year (August - July) total 2.345 million units in the 22-district area.

Stimulus Advertizers

HIV/AIDS Awareness Multimedia Program

- Stimulus' national radio and television media remained off-the-air throughout the quarter due to the uncertainties related to the management of HMG's new Value Added Tax (VAT) system.
- The placement of media by Stimulus was limited to the placement of the public service announcement in five Central Region cinema halls and the management of community street drama. The *Dhaaley* spot was shown a total of 805 times during the quarter to total audiences estimated at 322,000 persons. The TARANGA street drama troupe was only able to schedule three street drama performances during the current quarter. This small schedule was the result of the tragic death of Mr. Khem Baniya of General Welfare Pratisthan in January. Mr. Baniya was a founding member of the TARANGA drama troupe, and his loss created a major disturbance in the management of the street drama during the period of mourning.
- With the completion of the final reediting of the *Asha* videodrama, Stimulus produced 154 copies of the videofilm for local distribution. FHI's program unit began distribution of the *Asha* videodrama package to HMG agencies, NGOs and INGOs this quarter.
- A one month no-cost extension on the Stimulus bridging agreement was processed in March continuing the "bridging period" through April 30, 1998.

Johns Hopkins University/Population Communication Services (JHU/PCS)

- In March JHU/PCS completed the development of a preliminary concept paper for FHI/Nepal review.

General Welfare Pratisthan (GWP)

Outreach Education in the Central Region

- GWP managed 257 repeated one-on-one educational contacts with CSWs, 2,364 contacts with clients of CSWs and 989 contacts with other high risk women during the final two months of the bridging agreement.
- GWP facilitated 10 community events, reaching a total of 1,250 men and 780 women in local communities.
- GWP managed the distribution of 2,671 free condoms and 2,592 socially-marketed condoms during the final two months of the bridging agreement. GWP's IEC distribution for January-February totaled 5,755 materials.
- Fifty-two STD cases (20 males and 32 females) were referred for STD treatment during January-February.

- GWP continues its community assessment activities in all unit offices. The community assessments have been instrumental in tracing HIV positive individuals and persons in need of direct assistance. The Maleku unit identified a migrant worker returned from India infected with AIDS. The Narayanghat unit identified a situation of a recent death of a young Bombay returnee, and the Hetauda unit identified a family (husband, wife and child) all HIV positive.
- A key informant interview with the Commander of the Gajuri Army battalion acknowledged much high risk behavior among members of the battalion. The Commander has agreed to allow GWP to conduct outreach interventions and media shows at Gajuri.
- GWP unit offices focused their outreach activities in areas reported to have a high degree of mobile sex workers and new high risk men.
- GWP continues to participate in monthly coordination meetings with FPAN branches at Bharatpur, Hetauda and Janakpur. Issues of discussion are problems faced by both partners in the referral and management of women with STDs.
- On January 23 Mr. Khem Baniya, Outreach Supervisor of GWP's eastern most region was tragically killed in a traffic accident while in-service. Mr. Baniya had worked with GWP for more than one and a half years starting as an Outreach Educator. Prior to joining GWP Mr. Baniya worked with the street drama troupe TARANGA. The GWP family honored Mr. Baniya's life and work in the prevention of AIDS in Nepal in a memorial service held on February 3 in Hetauda. Mr. Baniya is remembered as one of Nepal's true *AIDS Fighters* by his friends and colleagues.

STD/HIV/AIDS Outreach and Peer Education in the Central Region

- Mr. Scott Wittet of PATH, FHI's Behavior Change Intervention (BCI) Technical Advisor visited Nepal during the month of January to provide project development assistance to GWP and LALS. Mr. Wittet was briefed on BCI activities by the GWP and LALS staff and participated in a subagreement development briefing along with the GWP project director at FHI. Mr. Wittet worked closely with the GWP project director in developing a new project approach, applying lessons learned from AIDSCAP, and in identifying critical prevention and care needs in the Central region. At the end of the technical assistance visit the subagreement was ready for final processing by FHI/Nepal. The subagreement was finalized in late February following review by FHI/Asia. GWP's new 24 month subagreement began as of March 1 with an ending date of February 29, 2000.
- In preparation for the start-up of the long-term project, GWP began a restructuring process early on in the quarter. This resulted in the hiring of new field staff, including eight outreach staff, three community counselors, and two new management/administrative staff. In March GWP began the recruitment of a new senior finance staff.

- GWP managed 146 repeated one-on-one educational contacts with CSWs, 203 contacts with clients of CSWs and 272 contacts with other high risk women during March.
- GWP facilitated eight community events, reaching a total of 53 men and 37 women in local communities.
- GWP managed the distribution of 2,822 free condoms and 1,944 socially-marketed condoms during the final two months of the bridging agreement. GWP's IEC distribution for January-February totaled 4,511 materials.
- 42 STD cases (13 males and 29 females) were referred for STD treatment during January-February. In addition, GWP staff provided home care education to four caregivers and four PLWAs.
- GWP trained 20 field staff in general outreach education skills, and managed two peer educator trainings -- one for youth and a second for ricksha pullers. Nineteen youth peer educators were trained in condom promotion, interacting with HIV positive persons, and trafficking and child labor. Twenty-two ricksha wallahs were oriented on HIV/AIDS, condom use and STD treatment.
- Initial meetings were held with Nepal Oil Lube Company and Nepal Bitumin and Barrel Company in Amlekhgunj, Bara district to begin AIDS in the workplace programs.
- GWP organized a two-day community assessment activity in Parakauli VDC, Dhanusha district in which the following information was revealed: many young men in the area visit seek entertainment across the border in the Indian border town of Sitamadi; many lower caste women in the area are actively involved in the sex industry; and increasing numbers of young people are involved in the use of illicit drugs.
- GWP convened coordination meetings with the District AIDS Coordination Committees of Parsa, Makawanpur and Chitwan districts.

Eastern and Western Region NGOs

- No activity to date.

Lifesaving and Lifegiving Society (LALS)

HIV/AIDS/STD Human Resources Development Assistance

- LALS completed its first draft of the "NGO Database Report" identifying those NGOs based in the Eastern and Central Regions working in the areas of health, HIV/AIDS/STDs and community development. This initial report will be used by the FHI CO in planning future NGO and Rapid Response Fund collaborations.

During this quarter LALS also initiated field work on a similar database on NGOs based in the Western region.

- Completion of two Basic HIV/AIDS and STD Orientation Training Packages for community and outreach educators. These complete training packages will serve as reference packages for future LALS-managed trainings for FHI partner agencies, staff and beneficiaries.
- Management of a one-day *Asha* videodrama orientation session for CRS videovan and sales staff in March. The orientation session provided CRS staff with background on the *Asha* story, filming and production, and shared findings of field trials of the final *Asha* videodrama. The session was extremely useful in preparing the CRS videovan staff to be ready to respond to audience reactions and questions about the *Asha* story and AIDS in Nepal.
- LALS completed the final development of its HIV/AIDS/STD Resource and Documentation Center with the assistance of a local consultant.
- At the request of the Hospital and Rehabilitation Center for Disabled Children (HRDC) in Banepa, Kavre district, LALS' training staff served as resource persons and trainers in a one-day HIV/AIDS orientation workshop for hospital coordinators, supervisors, health personnel and community-based rehabilitation workers.
- FHI processed a three and a half month cost extension on the LALS bridging agreement in early February. This extension funds the LALS technical assistance agreement through May 31, 1998.

Discussion

- Implementation of the new Value Added Tax (VAT) system and its impact on USAID-program funding continued to greatly constrain program implementation - particularly among FHI's BCI partners. The placement of radio and television media by Stimulus was discontinued in mid-November and remained on hold throughout the current quarter. Effectively, the majority of FHI's media campaign is inactive pending USAID guidance on the VAT issue. In mid-March FHI was informed (informally) on its VAT resolution with HMG and the Ministry of Finance. FHI initiated procedures to obtain the "zero-rating" of VAT tax on country office and implementing agency purchases/services in late March with the assistance of USAID. It is expected that the VAT processing will delay the procurement of program goods and services for up to one month.
- CRS reports a drop in condom sales in the latest reporting period due to pressures of Indian condom sales and the government's improved supply of free condoms. It is hoped that FHI support from GWP and national condom promotion media in the next quarter will work to motivate sales of the socially-marketed condoms.

- Due to the sudden resignation of the LALS' team leader and internal staff shortages within LALS, FHI was unable to utilize the assistance of its technical advisor, Scott Wittet to develop a new LALS agreement as per FHI's workplan.

Major Activities Planned For the Next Quarter

- The hiring of a new training officer and the recruitment of eight sales promotion staff by Nepal CRS Company.
- Field testing of a new condom pack redemption promotion by Nepal CRS Company.
- Development, negotiation and start-up of a new 12-month letter of agreement with Stimulus Advertisers to include the media placement of the AIDSCAP "HIV/AIDS and Condom Awareness Campaign".
- The mobilization of new peer educators in condom social marketing by GWP.
- The design, pretesting and production of new IEC materials targeted for CSWs and adolescents by GWP.
- The start-up of TARANGA street drama in the Central region.
- Development of the project design and finalization of a new subagreement document with JHU/PCS.
- Development, processing and start-up of a new technical assistance letter of agreement with Lifesaving and Lifegiving Society.

**Results Package No. 3:
Improved Ability to Respond to the Needs of HIV+ Persons**

End of Program Result	Target	
	Accomplishment to Date	Year 1
3.1 At least 225 HIV positive individuals or persons living with AIDS accessed and referred to proper care services.	0	EOP only
3.2 At least 80 health care providers (e.g. physicians, nurses) trained in appropriate care for HIV+ persons.	0	EOP only

Results Package 3 Highlights

Nepal Medical Association

- No activity to date

STD/HIV/AIDS Nurses Network

- A STD Nurses Forum meeting was held on February 26 at the FPAN/Chitwan branch. The meeting was attended by the majority of staff nurses employed throughout *AIDSCAP II* from the GWP and FPAN subprojects. Other meeting observers included the FHI resident staff nurse, Kamala Moktan and FPAN and GWP project managers. The special guest for the meeting was Ms. Purita Dayawon, Peace Corps Volunteer (and nurse) assigned to the Kawasoti ANM campus in neighboring Nawalparasi. Ms. Dayawon is committed to working with the Nurses Forum in an advisory capacity. FPAN/Chitwan has extended its offices as the Secretariat for the Forum. The meeting agenda focused on discussions of giving future direction and ways to operationalize the Forum.

**Major Activities Planned
For the Next Quarter**

- Nurses representing the STD Nurses Forum will sponsor an Advocacy Meeting to be held as part of the Kawasoti ANM Campus Health Fair planned for May 9 in neighboring Nawalparasi.

**Results Package No. 4:
Improved HMG Capacity in Policy Development and Surveillance**

End of Program Result	Target	
	Accomplishment To Date	Year 1
4.1 Improved functioning of HIV surveillance system and communication of results by year 2.	No activity to date	Year 2
4.2 Use of results and HIV estimates in national planning by EOP.	No activity to date	EOP only

Results Package 4 Highlights

New ERA

Behavioral Surveillance Survey and Seroprevalence Feasibility Study

- A new letter of agreement with New ERA was negotiated and processed by FHI in January. The new agreement funds the design of the behavioral surveillance survey (BSS) and the seroprevalence feasibility study from January 19 - July 17, 1998.
- Round No. One of the BSS will provide a baseline for measuring the impact of *AIDSCAP II* interventions in reducing the risk behaviors among the target populations: (1) female sex workers; (2) male transport workers; (3) male laborers (industrial workers, migrant workers, ricksha wallahs, police and army); and male students. The survey involves the administration of structured questionnaires to the sample groups from the eastern border town of Kakarvitta along the east-west highway to the western border town of Bhairahawa, and along the north-south highway from Naubise to central region border city of Birgunj.
- FHI's Evaluation Officer, Steve Mills provided assistance to FHI/Nepal in the development of the agreement and continues to provide on-going technical backstopping during study design and implementation. In February New ERA completed the survey's sampling design.
- During February and March initiated questionnaire design. In order to gain ownership and interest in the BSS by FHI implementing partners, inputs on the initial questionnaire were solicited from the FHI partners. Helpful inputs were received from CRS, FPAN, GWP, NCASC and USAID. During the questionnaire fine tuning process much assistance was received by Dr. BK Suvedi of the NCASC. The final questionnaire was approved in late March.

- New ERA completed its hiring of field research staff in late March in preparation for field researcher training in early April.

National Centre for AIDS and STD Control (NCASC)

- FHI's Evaluation Officer Steve Mills and Program Manager Asha Basnyat traveled to the Eastern region in mid-January with the NCASC Director Dr. Prakash Aryal to assess the HIV Sentinel Surveillance (HSS) field site at Biratnagar to gain more perspectives on problems affecting the HSS data collection process. In Biratnagar the team met with Dr. A. Ghimire at Kosi Zonal Hospital hospital, and the hospital superintendent. A visit was also made to the BP Memorial Hospital in Dharan. The visit provided the team with sufficient information to move ahead with the planning of a new agreement with the NCASC providing consultant, logistical and equipment support to the NCASC for the HSS surveys.
- In preparation for the development of the HSS letter of agreement FHI and NCASC advertised for a short-term HSS consultant in late January. Sixteen candidates applied for the position. Screening and candidate selection is expected to be completed in April by the NCASC and FHI.

Discussion

- Finalization of the CSW and male BSS questionnaires by New ERA took longer time than originally planned in the project workplan. More time was required in order to gain FHI partner inputs, to manage the review by the FHI Evaluation Officer and to adapt the questionnaires for the annual BSS survey process.
- During this reporting period the Ministry of Health implemented major staffing changes in the Department of Health Services. In late January HMG transferred Dr. Prakash Aryal, NCASC Director to the Ministry of Health's Human Resources Development Department. Dr. Benu Bahadur Karki was then assigned to the NCASC from a previous posting as Chief of Epidemiology in the Department of Health. Dr. Karki returns to the NCASC for a second term. Dr. Karki served as NCASC Director from 1993-95 during the start-up of the AIDSCAP project.

Major Activities Planned for the Next Quarter

- New ERA will conduct its training of field interviewers and will implement BSS field research from Jhapa to Rupandehi districts from April through June.
- Pending final decisions by the NCASC director, FHI/Nepal will assist the NCASC with the recruitment process of the HSS Consultant.

- Drafting and negotiations of a 12-month letter of agreement by FHI and NCASC providing consultant, logistics and equipment support to the NCASC's HSS process.

Results Package No. 5:

Increased Private Sector Participation in HIV/AIDS Prevention Efforts

End of Program Result	Target	
	Accomplishment To Date	Year 1
5.1 At least 5 companies introduce HIV/AIDS prevention in the workplace.	No activity to date	EOP
5.2 At least 8 private sector leaders active in HIV/AIDS prevention by EOP.	No activity to date	EOP
5.3 At least 150 CSW's participate in post-literacy women in business training by year 3.	No activity to date	Year 3
5.4 At least 35% of CSWs who have completed post-literacy women in business training start new business ventures.	No activity to date	EOP

Results Package 5 Highlights

Private Sector Leadership Participation

- No activity to date

Pact/Nepal

- No activity to date.

Discussion

- Delay in the start-up of USAID/Nepal's new SO3 Cooperative Agreement in which Pact/Nepal is a major partner will delay the project development of the Pact subagreement. Current plans are to initiate subagreement planning during the third quarter of FY98.

Major Activities Planned For the Next Quarter

- FHI CO in collaboration with the LALS Team Leader will develop a private sector leadership participation concept paper.
- Subagreement planning with Pact/Nepal is expected to begin in June.

ANE Funding Highlights

- Preliminary planning for the 1998 Nepal/ANE-funded sero-prevalence survey continues between FHI/Nepal, FHI/Asia and FHI/HIV-AIDS Department.

Conference Participation

- Three abstracts were submitted to the 1998 International Conference at Geneva by three FHI partners. The abstracts included: "Training Package for Case Management of Sexually Transmitted Diseases", submitted by Dr. Ramesh Acharya of Nepal Medical Association; "Integrated Reproductive Health Services Improve Clients' Particularly Women's Access to STD Treatment in Nepal", submitted by Dr. Yagya Karki of the Family Planning Association of Nepal; and "AIDS Prevention Program in Highway Rural Area of Nepal" submitted by Mr. Deepak Pyakuryal of Nepal CRS Company.

Cross Border Coordination

- Joint cross-border interventions continue between GWP's Birgunj Unit and the Bhoruka AIDS Project (BAP) based in Raxaul, Bihar, India and currently funded by UNAIDS/India.
- The third, GWP-BAP jointly-organized "Cross Border Consultative Meeting" was held in Birgunj on March 23. Altogether 32 representatives from India and Nepal participated in the half-day meeting. Observers included FHI/Nepal staff and Ms. Manandhar of USAID/Nepal's Office of Health and Family Planning. Dr. BJ Neupane of FPAN/Bharatpur continued as the meeting chairperson. Agenda items discussed included GWP and BAP program highlights in the border area and next quarter action plans. There was great interest and discussions from the medical community representatives from Duncan Hospital in Raxaul and the Narayani Subregional Hospital at Birgunj. Parsa districts' new Chief District Officer was in attendance for the first time and extended her gratitude and interest in the cross-border HIV/STD prevention activities. The next meeting is scheduled for June 23.

FHI Team Meetings

- FHI's second team meeting of program partners was convened on January 19 at the FHI CO. The special topic of the meeting was "Behavioral Surveillance in Nepal" and the special guest speaker was Mr. Steve Mills of FHI/Asia. Steve presented the basics of BSS design and its application to Nepal and the upcoming New ERA BSS survey (Round No. 1).
- FHI's third team meeting was held on February 3 at the Greenwich Village Hotel in Lalitpur. The meeting was a follow-up to the December team meeting at Dhulikhel with a focus on finalizing a Team Mission. Team members engaged in lively discussions of the Team Mission and hopes are to finalize the wording of the Mission in the May team meeting. There were representatives of all partners at the meeting with the exception of USAID and NCASC.

Rapid Response Fund Grants

- A RRF grant was negotiated with the Nepal Technical Assistance Group (NTAG) to conduct a small qualitative study of the *Dhaaley* campaign logo and its slogan *Condom Lagau AIDS Bhagau* in January. The RRF contract is planned for a period of four months and includes support for the development of focus group discussion (FGD) guidelines, study plans and the implementation of 16 FGDs among eight study groups. The study groups include: female sex workers, housewives, truck drivers, ricksha wallahs, police, campus students, bhattis and tea stall owners, and community leaders. NTAG's draft report is expected in late April.
- A RRF grant was provided to the "2nd National Conference on AIDS" a joint collaboration of the NGO Network Committee on HIV/AIDS and the National Center for AIDS and STD Control, planned for August 1-4. In support of the committee's efforts to initiate planning and raise local funds, FHI is providing a computer and printer on loan, and office/stationery supplies so the Conference Organizing Committee can manage a functioning Conference Secretariat through the completion of the conference.
- A new RRF grant is in negotiation with the CMA/ANM Campus of Kawasoti, Nawalparasi district, to support a one-day health fair and exhibition at Kawasoti to create local awareness of HIV/AIDS, STDs and general health issues. The event is a joint collaboration of the campus students and the assigned Peace Corps Volunteer and is scheduled for May 9.

Local Training Participation

- Ms. Kiran Jha, STD staff nurse from FPAN's Dhanusha branch office, participated in a three-day workshop in Kathmandu organized by TB Network, February 4-6. The focus of the workshop was "Advocacy, Self Help Groups and Micro Credit for TB Control".
- Ms. Manohari Koirala, Women Volunteer from FPAN's Chitwan branch office, participated in a three-day workshop at Sauraha, Chitwan, entitled "Talking Together AIDS Manual Orientation" organized by the CEDPA Nepal field office, February 7-9.

Regional Training Participation

- No regional training activities this quarter.

Technical Advisory Group

- Start-up of the Technical Advisory Group was delayed this quarter due to a change in leadership at the NCASC. In late January the Ministry of Health initiated a change of NCASC directors from Dr. Prakash Aryal to Dr. Benu Bahadur Karki. It is FHI's intent that the Technical Advisory Group can be formed and the first meeting convened in the next quarter.

Visitors to Nepal

- Ms. Susan Howard of Howard/Delafield International, Technical Advisor for Social Marketing visited Kathmandu to assist Nepal CRS Company with the development of their initial 24-month workplan and to assist with the writing of the first draft of the CRS subagreement, January 6 -23, 1998.
- Mr. Scott Wittet of PATH, BCI/NGO Technical Advisor, visited Nepal to provide technical assistance to General Welfare Pratisthan in the development of their new 24-month subproject design and the drafting of their new subagreement, January 14-31, 1998.
- FHI's Asia Regional Evaluation Officer, Mr. Stephen J. Mills visited Nepal to work with the Country Office and the National Centre for AIDS and STD Control to initiate the planning of technical support for the HIV Sentinel Surveillance, January 15-20, 1998.

- A representative of FHI's Information Technology Office in North Carolina, Mr. Mark McCullough, visited Kathmandu to assess the Nepal Country Office's computer equipment and systems in planning for future networking upgrades by FHI/North Carolina, January 25-27, 1998.

Country Office Travel

- The Finance and Administration Manager, Bhola Shrestha traveled to Jakarta, Indonesia to participate in an FHI-sponsored computerized accounting system (MTX system) training with senior FHI finance managers, January 11-25, 1998.
- The Program Manager, Asha Basnyat traveled to Biratnagar, Morang district and to Sunsari district with Mr. Mills and Dr. Prakash Aryal, NCASC Director, to visit one of the national HIV sentinel surveillance sites, January 15-16, 1998.
- The Country Director, Joy Pollock and Program Manager, Asha Basnyat, traveled to Hetauda, Makawanpur district with Ms. Anne Peniston of USAID/Nepal and Mr. Mahesh Bhattarai, Project Director of General Welfare Pratisthan to visit the family of the deceased Mr. Khem Baniya of GWP, and to participate in a memorial service at Hetauda in Mr. Baniya's honor, February 2-3, 1998.
- The Finance and Administration Manager and the Contracts Officer, Mr. Man Poudel traveled to Bharatpur, Chitwan district for a financial management monitoring visit at FPAN/Chitwan, with Mr. Poudel also travelling to Hetauda, Makawanpur district for an introductory monitoring visit with GWP's accounting and management team at the GWP field office, February 15-17, 1998.
- The Country Director, The Program Manager and the Public Health Officer, Ms. Kamala Moktan traveled to Bharatpur to attend a STD Nurses Network Forum meeting, and then traveled to Nawalparasi and Rupandehi districts with Dr. BJ Neupane of FPAN/Chitwan to conduct a project development visit of FPAN programming, February 26-27, 1998.
- The Country Director and the Capacity Building Officer, Mr. Bharat Pant traveled to Birgunj, Parsa district to participate in the Cross-Border Consultative Board meeting organized by GWP and Bhoruka AIDS Project on March 23. Ms. Pollock returned to Kathmandu on March 24, and Mr. Pant stayed on for a monitoring visit of GWP field activities through March 26, 1998.

Country Office Program Management

- In late January FHI's long-awaited Memorandum of Understanding was signed by all Ministry of Health signatories. The final document received endorsement from five signatories including: Dr. Kalyan Raj Pandey, the Director General, Department of Health Services; Dr. Shyam Bhattarai, Chief, Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation Division, Ministry of Health; Dr. Prakash Aryal, Director, National Centre for AIDS and STD Control; Dr. Glenn Post, Chief, Office of Health and Family Planning, USAID/Nepal; and Dr. Neil Brenden, Director, FHI/Asia Regional Office.
- During the quarter two new professional staff joined the FHI Country Office. In January Ms. Kamala Moktan joined the Program Unit in the position of Public Health Program Officer, and Mr. Man Poudel joined the Finance and Administration Unit in the position of Contracts Officer.
- FHI's Finance and Administration Manager participated in a two-week training organized by FHI's Finance Division in Jakarta, Indonesia in mid-January. Mr. Shrestha was introduced to FHI's new MTX accounting package and worked with FHI colleagues on finalization of new finance guidelines for implementing agencies. Upon his return to Kathmandu Mr. Shrestha trained the new Country Office Accountant on the MTX system. In late January the Nepal office was visited by Mr. Mark McCullough, from FHI's Information Technology Office. Mr. McCullough assisted the Nepal office with the installation of new computer hardware dedicated to the MTX accounting system and conducted an assessment of the Nepal office's computer systems. FHI is currently reviewing plans to upgrade the networking and communications systems in the Nepal office.
- On February 16th the Nepal office staff participated in a one-day off-site staff retreat at Hattiban Resort in Pharping. The purpose of the retreat was to introduce new staff to country office policies and procedures, to provide a brief introduction to the *AIDSCAP II* program and to encourage team-building among the old and new staff.

**FHI-NEPAL
SUBPROJECTS
January 1 - March 31, 1998 (2nd Quarter FY 98)**

SUBPROJECT NAME, FCO NUMBER, IMPLEMENTING AGENCY	SUBPROJECT DATES	PEOPLE TRAINED	PEOPLE EDUCATED		STD PATIENTS TREATED	CONDOM SOCIAL MARKETING		CONDOMS DISTRIBUTED		IEC MATERIALS DISTRIBUTED
			Inter Personal Outreach	Community Event		Dhaal	Panther	Free	Dhaaley Wallet	
FPAN Central Region STD Services Project FCO # 80401 Family Planning Association of Nepal	August 1, 1997 To May 31, 1998				338 Chitwan: 134 Hetauda: 116 Janakpur: 88			930	4,552 (Each wallet holds 2 condoms)	18,692
Outreach Education in the Central Region FCO # 80402 General Welfare Pratisthan	August 1, 1997 To February 28, 1998	94	4231	2,120		4,536		5,493		10,266
STD/HIV/AIDS Outreach and Peer Education in the Central Region FCO # 86190 General Welfare Pratisthan	March 1, 1998 TO February 28, 2000		CSWs: 403 Clients: 2,567 Other Females: 1,261							
HIV/AIDS/STD Human Resource Development Assistance FCO # 80403 Lifesaving and Lifegiving Society	August 1, 1997 To May 31, 1998	5								
HIV/AIDS Awareness Multimedia Program FCO # 80426 Stimulus Advertisers	October 1, 1997 To April 30, 1999			1,650 (Street Drama) 322,000 (Cinema Hall)						
Nepal CRS Condom Promotion and Distribution Program II FCO # 86200 Nepal CRS (Pvt.) Ltd.	March 1, 1998 To February 29, 2000			14,700 (Videovan)		430,416	62,400			10

Process indicators are used to track measurable data in a subproject. *People trained* includes number of people attending training sessions. *People educated* includes number of people reached through educational sessions and interpersonal contacts, or people educated through community events. *STD patients treated* includes number of people treated in the various clinics. *Free condom distribution* indicates condoms distributed through outreach activities. *IEC materials distributed* includes behavior change, condom promotion and STD/HIV/AIDS educational materials such as condom wallets, comic books, brochures, leaflets, posters, video cassettes and audio cassettes.

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HIV/AIDS Prevention and Control Program 1997-2002
January 1- March 31, 1998

Component	Life of Program Budget	Expenditures through 1st Quarter FY'98	Expenditures this Quarter	Total Expenditure	Unexpended Balance
STI	\$1,160,294.00	\$8,128.00	\$12,256.89	\$20,384.89	\$1,139,909.11
BCI	\$3,076,132.00	\$62,865.00	\$143,544.47	\$206,409.47	\$2,869,722.53
Care/Management	\$274,586.00	-	-	-	\$274,586.00
Policy	\$466,995.00	-	\$19,845.58	\$19,845.58	\$447,149.42
For Profit Sector	\$158,286.00	-	-	-	\$158,286.00
Management & Evaluation	\$2,315,511.00	\$48,526.00	\$137,872.95	\$186,398.95	\$2,129,112.05
TOTAL	\$7,451,804.00	\$119,519.00	\$313,519.89	\$433,038.89	\$7,018,765.11