

AIDSTAR-Two Project Trip Report – Guatemala and Costa Rica 02/21/10

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1. Scope of Work

Destination and Client(s)/ Partner(s)	Guatemala City, Guatemala and San Jose, Costa Rica
Traveler(s) Name, Role	Ruth Ayarza, Senior Program Officer: Latin America and Caribbean Team
Date of travel on Trip	21 Feb – 6 March, 2010
Purpose of trip	To provide Technical Assistance to AIDSTAR-Two Guatemala, visit Alliance's stakeholders in Guatemala and El Salvador, and attend the VI CONCASIDA in San José, Costa Rica.
Objectives/Activities/ Deliverables	<p><u>Scope of Work for AIDSTAR Two – Guatemala (Feb 22-24, 2010 – Financed by AIDSTAR-Two)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Review the results of the organizational capacity assessments made to the NGOs (REDNAS, Colectivo Contra el SIDA and Gente Nueva) that are competing for the social mobilization grant. - Conduct one-on-one interviews with these NGOs, to clarify outstanding questions as part of their assessment. - Select grantee. - Work with the selected NGO to develop their grant package (SOW, budget) with the support of the local AIDSTAR-Two team. - Review and update plan for upcoming social mobilization activities. - Review Alliance's tools and materials for strengthening of networks, NGOs and civil society groups. - Debrief with Fidel Arévalo, AIDSTAR-Two COTR USAID Guatemala on the outcome of this technical assistance visit. <p><u>Scope of Work Alliance Regional Programme – visits to key Central American Regional Stakeholders in Guatemala and El Salvador (Feb 25-28, 2010 – Financed by the Alliance)</u></p> <p>Objective: To determine potential regional work with key populations, especially sex workers and transgender women linked to our work with the Regional Networks and work with Atlacatl, in process of being accredited as linking organization of the Alliance. Met with the following stakeholders:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CDC – William Miller, Cesar Galindo and Gabriela Paz - USAID Regional – Brad Cronk - PASCA – Fernando Cano y Lucia Merino - UNAIDS – Dr. Fernando Zelaya - NATIONAL AIDS PROGRAMME – Dra. Claudia Samayoa - OTRANS REINAS DE LA NOCHE – GUATEMALA – MEMBER OF REDLACTRANS – Johana Esmeralda Ramírez - OMES ORGANIZACION DE MUJERES EN SUPERACION – MEMBER ORGANISATION OF REDTRASEX – Yanira Tobar <p><u>Scope of Work – CONCASIDA (March 1-6, 2010 – Financed by the Alliance)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Meetings with regional stakeholders. - Meeting with AIDSTAR-Two/MSH Senior Programme Officer: Yadira

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	<p>Almodóvar Díaz.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Facilitate a full day planning session with the Latin American Transgender Network representatives of Central America in order to have a clear action plan for 2010 for the Central American Sub region. - Meetings with Redtrasex, regional president Elena Reynaga and representatives of the network from El Salvador (Orquídeas del Mar) and Costa Rica (La Sala). The focus was on the situation of violence lived by sex workers in Central America and its implications for human rights and access to healthcare. - Meeting to discuss participation in the Country Coordinating Mechanisms of Sex Workers.
Background/Context, if appropriate.	<p>The trip to Guatemala and El Salvador was done to support work with AIDSTAR-Two in Guatemala as well as in visiting key stakeholders in the region for support of our work with the Regional Network of Sex Workers REDTRASEX and Regional Network of Transgender - REDLACTRANS and Atactl Vivo Positivo.</p> <p>Key reason to participate in CONCASIDA was to engage more closely with the work of REDTRASEX and REDLACTRANS in Central America, as well as to support REDLACTRANS with their Plan for Central America.</p>

2. Major Trip Accomplishments: Should include the major programmatic goals realized, relevant metrics, and stories of impact from the trip.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengthened relationships with the AIDSTAR-Two Team in Guatemala. Discussed and agreed on next steps for Social Mobilization components (evaluation and analysis of REDNADS' capacity, technical support consultancy for social mobilization).
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased understanding on HIV/AIDS Response in Guatemala, especially the situation of extreme violence lived by sex workers and transgender in Guatemala.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establishment of Alliance initial contacts with key stakeholders in Guatemala.

3. Next steps: Key actions to continue and/or complete work from trip.

Description of task	Responsible staff	Due date
Guatemala –Financial Management Assessment of Colectivo de Amigos contra El SIDA	Lilian Rodas	1st week of March
Guatemala – ToR Support to Social Mobilization Component	Ruth Ayarza/Miguel Martinez	2nd week of March
Handover of Alliance's AIDSTAR-Two Guatemala portfolio to Erika Paez SPO LAC at International HIV/AIDS Alliance	Ruth Ayarza	3rd week of March
Guatemala – REDNADS to send project to MSH to initialise social mobilization	REDNADS/Fernando Arevalo	3rd week of March
Follow up emails from various meetings –	Anamaria Bejar	1st week of March
Feedback on VERSION Two of Central American Workplan of REDLACTRANS	Ruth Ayarza/Aldo Turitich	3rd week of March
Send documentation on supporting networks to MSH Guatemala	Ruth Ayarza	March

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Handover Process to Erika Paez Manjarres SPO LAC	Ruth Ayarza/Anamaria Bejar	End of March
Documentation of Case Study – OMES- Yanira Tobar – Increased Assassination of Sex Workers due to new anti trafficking law.	Ruth Ayarza/Katy Proctor	End of March
Information on OMBUDSMAN or possible funders of Human Rights Group	Katy Proctor	April

4. Contacts: List key individuals contacted during your trip, including the contacts' organization, all contact information, and brief notes on interactions with the person.

Name	Contact info	Home organization	Notes
Eugenia Monterroso, Chief of Party	emonterroso@msh.org 502 23665877	MSH Guatemala	Update of latest activities of the social mobilization component
Fernando Arévalo, Social Mobilization Advisor	larevalo@msh.org 502 23665877	MSH Guatemala	Update of latest activities of the social mobilization component
Fidel Arévalo		USAID	Discussion of social mobilization component
Lilian Rodas, Director of Finance and Administration	lrodas@msh.org 502 23665877	MSH- Guatemala	Discussed steps in terms of assessing Colectivo de Amigos contra el SIDA the member organization of the network that will manage REDNAS' sub-grant for the social mobilization component (Fiscal Entity)
Lucia Merino and Fernando Cano		PASCA	Received overview of PASCA's work in Central America
Dr. Enrique Zelaya		UNAIDS	Discussed support to OTRANS Reinas de la Noche
Brad Cronk		HIV Regional Office based in Guatemala	Discussed partnership framework: USAID, Dept of Defense, CDC and Peace Corps
Johanna Ramirez and Luis Sapeta		OTRANS Reinas de la NOCHE	Key issues- violence against transgender population
Yanira Tobar		Organización de Mujeres en Superación	Discussed new trafficking law and implications for foreign sex workers in Guatemala

5. Description of Relevant Documents / Addendums: Give the document's file name, a brief description of the relevant document's value to other staff, as well as the document's location in eRooms or the MSH network. Examples could include finalized products and/or formal presentations, TraiNet Participant List, Participant Contact sheet, and Meeting/Workshop Participant Evaluation form are examples of relevant documents.

File name	Description of file	Location of file
Terms of Reference		Alliance's files
Memorandum Selection of		Alliance's files

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REDNADS as organization leading social mobilization component		
Country Profile of Guatemala-made in preparation of trip		Alliance's files
Draft of REDLAC TRANS Central American plan		Alliance's files
Declaration of REDLACTRANS CONCASIDA 2010		Alliance's files
Transcription of meeting Reinas de la Noche		Alliance's files
Transcription of meeting RETRASEX		Alliance's files