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NEWS

CORE Initiative to Begin Asia Mapping Activity

With support from the USAID Asia Regional Bureau, the CORE Initiative recently launched activities to map the reach of and gaps in prevention, care, and support services for high-risk populations in the Mekong River Delta. The mapping covers six Asian countries and will focus on areas of high prevalence with large numbers of vulnerable individuals. The map will enable stakeholders to create systematic linkages between existing and proposed services and develop responsive interventions for the areas in highest need. [More.](#)

Campaign Helps South African Families Discuss and Cope Positively with HIV/AIDS

Many parents find it difficult to talk to their children about AIDS, so youngsters are at high risk of contracting HIV or discriminating against people living with AIDS. "Talk to Me," a nationwide campaign of South Africa's acclaimed children's program, "Takalani Sesame," is modeling for families effective ways of speaking with children about preventing the spread of AIDS, accepting and caring for those who are infected and affected, and coping with the epidemic in everyday life. Funding and technical assistance are made possible in part by USAID. [More.](#)

Prevention, Care, and Treatment Service Delivery Systems to be Built in Zambia

Family Health International's Institute for HIV/AIDS and several partners will implement a six-year \$54 million project to build and scale up sustainable prevention, care, and treatment service delivery systems in Zambia. The funds were awarded by The President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief. [More.](#)

Program Targeting Mekong Risk Groups Receives Boost

A USAID award in the amount of \$10 million will enable Population Services International to expand its HIV/AIDS programs with high-risk populations in the greater Mekong region of Southeast Asia. The two-year initiative in China, Laos, Myanmar, Thailand, and Vietnam will fund activities such as the establishment of voluntary counseling and testing centers, condom social marketing, and drop-in centers for injecting drug users. [More.](#)

Virtual Program Helps African Organizations Develop Leadership Capacity

Through the USAID-funded Management & Leadership Program, Management Sciences for Health is helping health managers and their teams at HIV/AIDS organizations in Africa to address organizational challenges. Eleven African organizations from five countries are currently participating in the program, which combines face-to-face and distance learning for many who seldom have the time or money to attend offsite training. Through this program, nearly 700 people from 27 countries have learned the essentials of developing leadership capacity to improve health. [More.](#)

Horizons Program Study on Involving Youth in Caregiving Wins Award

At its annual conference in November, the American Public Health Association recognized a Horizons Program study abstract, "Reducing Stigma through Home-Based Care in Rural Zambia," for excellence on an international topic. The oral presentation delivered at the conference highlighted the positive effects on stigma produced by a program to train youth as caregivers. [More.](#)

Family Health International's HIV/AIDS Programs in Nigeria Recognized

In Chicago, the Nigerian-American Public Professionals Association presented the "Bridging the Gap" Award to Family Health International for its USAID-funded work on AIDS prevention and care in Nigeria. [More](#).

RECENT EVENTS

African Religious Leaders Mobilize Against AIDS

A training seminar was held in Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo, November 22-25, to prepare religious leaders from ten French-speaking countries of West and Central Africa to mobilize their congregations against AIDS. Technical assistance for the seminar, conducted under the auspices of the All Africa Conference of Churches (AACC), was provided by Population Services International (PSI) with funding from USAID. The AACC and PSI will work together to train church leaders to develop policies and programs regarding HIV/AIDS prevention, care, support, and stigma reduction for people living with HIV/AIDS. [More](#).

Policy Issues in India Concerning Orphans and Vulnerable Children Explored

The India HIV/AIDS Alliance (Alliance India) hosted a meeting in New Delhi with key stakeholders to improve understanding and facilitate dialogue on policies related to children orphaned and made vulnerable by HIV/AIDS in India. [More](#).

Multisectoral Advocacy Meeting for Harm Reduction Takes Place in Bangladesh

In collaboration with the South-South Centre, IMPACT, managed by Family Health International, sponsored Bangladesh's first Multisectoral Advocacy Meeting for Harm Reduction. Government officials discussed collaborative strategies for implementing harm reduction and HIV prevention interventions for injecting drug users. IMPACT also recently conducted training in behavior change communication for representatives of 30 Bangladeshi nongovernmental organizations. [More](#).

PUBLICATIONS

USAID HIV/AIDS Print Publications Available for Order Online

Readers may download or order print copies of popular USAID publications such as the 2004 "Directory of Associations of People Living with HIV/AIDS," "HIV/AIDS and Business in Africa," and "What Happened in Uganda?" [More](#).

Case Studies Provide Successful Models for Program Scale-Up

The Synergy Project, implemented by Social & Scientific Systems, Inc., released two case studies of programming models that demonstrate "good and promising practice" in the fight against HIV/AIDS in resource-poor settings. "Community Care, Change, and Hope: Local Responses to HIV in Zambia" provides a model for facilitating strong community responses to the epidemic. "Going to Scale in Ethiopia: Mobilizing Youth Participation in a National HIV/AIDS Program" documents a successful youth-adult partnership that empowered young people to communicate with each other and with adults about their sexual and reproductive health needs. Print copies are available. [More](#).

CORE Initiative Releases Field Manual on Participatory Monitoring and Evaluation

The CORE Initiative released a field manual, "Participatory Monitoring and Evaluation of Community and Faith-based Programs: A step-by-step guide for people who want to make HIV and AIDS services and activities more effective in their community." This prototype version for field testing has been developed for use by nongovernmental, community- and faith-based organizations. Feedback on the guide's content, format, and ease-of-use is encouraged and will be incorporated in the final version. [More](#).

USAID-Funded Report Links Indicators to Health Policy Goals

Many countries possess limited information on health care expenditures made by government, households, donors, and others. Thus many countries find it difficult to determine which of myriad health care demands they can best meet. Produced by Partners for Health Reformplus, "Linking Indicators from National Health Accounts and the NHA HIV/AIDS Subanalysis to Health Policy Goals" shows how to compute relevant policy indicators for evidence-based policymaking with respect to three health policy goals: financial sustainability, efficiency, and equity. [More](#).

The FANTA Project Updates Guide for Nutritional Care and Support

"A Guide for Nutritional Care and Support" will aid program managers and health workers in making recommendations on nutritional issues and food management for households with members who are HIV-positive or living with AIDS. Funded by the USAID, the guide can be translated and adapted to meet local needs, and can serve as a resource to develop educational materials for communities and households. [More](#).

Role of Faith-Based Organizations in AIDS Mitigation Examined

The two latest issues in IMPACT's "Snapshots from the Field" series profile the work of faith-based organizations in prevention, care and treatment interventions, and community mobilization. One issue focuses on mobilization of community compassion with few resources by the Kien Kes Health and Education Network, a faith-based organization in Cambodia. Another, "Sounding the Call: Partnering with Faith-Based Organizations to Address HIV/AIDS," examines the success of faith-based organizations globally. [More](#).

Reports Focus on Better Practices in Food Aid Programming Relevant to HIV/AIDS

Context

The Consortium for Southern Africa Food Security Emergency (C-SAFE) released "Food for Assets: Adapting Programming to an HIV/AIDS Context" and "Targeted Food Assistance in the Context of HIV/AIDS" following a participatory review of the draft findings in Zambia, Zimbabwe, Malawi, and South Africa. C-SAFE is funded by USAID and members include World Vision, CARE, and Catholic Relief Services. [More](#).

"Cambodian HIV/AIDS and Human Rights Legislative Audit" Released

Auditing human rights is a new model of human rights monitoring that attempts to bridge the gap between international obligations and national practice as implemented in legal systems. The POLICY Project's Cambodian audit revealed that challenges that face the country's legal system as a whole are also a feature of the legal and regulatory framework concerning HIV/AIDS. [More](#).

Document Highlights Program and Policy Responses to Help Caregivers

"Expanding the Care Continuum for HIV/AIDS: Bringing Carers into Focus" examines: the challenges faced by family care providers, most of whom are women and are not linked to any formal care and support service; the role of care in the context of greater availability of antiretroviral therapy; responses by the health sector and the community to support caregivers, including the involvement of men and youth in caregiving; and governmental and private-sector social protection programs to help sustain the safety nets for AIDS-affected households. [More](#).

Research Findings on AIDS-Affected Children in South Africa Published

Commissioned by the Nelson Mandela Children's Fund and produced by Population Council through the Horizons Program and FRONTIERS, this study involved more than 5,000 households in three South African provinces. Findings demonstrate the numbers of orphans in the community and their level of schooling, the economic status and legal preparedness of study households, and household access to community and government resources for care for AIDS-affected children. [More](#).

Report Presents Findings on Tuberculosis and HIV Pilot Program in Cambodia

"Use of Information to Address TB/HIV in Cambodia: Workshop Proceedings from Banteay Meanchey, Battambang, Phnom Penh, and Sihanoukville" presents the findings of a workshop conducted by Partners for Health Reformplus concerning co-morbidity pilot interventions implemented in four provinces with technical and financial support from international donors, including Family Health International, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the World Health Organization, and the Japanese International Cooperation Agency. [More](#).

ONLINE RESOURCES

Emergency Plan Country Reports by Emergency Plan Indicators Now Available

The HIV/AIDS Survey Indicators Database provides an easily accessible, comprehensive source of information on HIV/AIDS indicators derived from sample surveys. The database allows the user to produce country reports and tables for specific countries by background characteristics. The database now provides country reports by Emergency Plan, UNAIDS, and UNGASS indicators. The database is designed to be global in scope and will eventually cover all countries for which indicators are available. [More](#).

The Children Affected by AIDS Online Discussion Forum Invites Participants

Nearly 800 HIV/AIDS professionals from 37 countries worldwide use this electronic forum to share information, experiences, and lessons learned in an effort to mitigate the impact of HIV/AIDS on

children and families, and the communities in which they live. USAID and The Synergy Project invite you to join today. [More](#).

The Synergy HIV/AIDS Resource Center Highlights What's New

The Synergy HIV/AIDS Resource Center currently contains more than 3,500 documents on HIV/AIDS project management, research, and reproductive health issues, most of which are available for download. Users can refer to "What's New in the Synergy Resource Center," which provides links to new publications, or search the entire online database. [More](#).



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