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FCH-AI organizational changes

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Sequence

- Focal Points at country level
- Sub-regional teams
- PAHO HIV Caribbean Office (PHCO)
- Regional level

Focal Points at country level

- Changing scenario for PAHO technical cooperation
 - countries needs and demands
 - roll out of the country-focus
 - decentralization initiatives
- Upgrade technical competences of FP in key TC areas
 - strategic information (epidemiological and behavioral surveillance)
 - determinants of the epidemic
 - State of the art on prevention
 - multisectoral approach
 - consolidation of UNAIDS Thematic Groups
 - Work with civil society
 - Resource mobilization
 - Communications on HIV
 - Others

Sub-regional teams

- Stronger and closer technical support which will be coordinated through the sub-regional teams
- Operational
 - for Central America (HON),
 - the Caribbean (recently created PAHO HIV Caribbean Office in T&T),
 - the Andean countries (COL).
- A sub-regional post will be created in 2007 to cover the Southern Cone countries.
- This will complete a sub-regional structure
 - provide timely technical cooperation to countries
 - country-focus
 - decentralization

PAHO HIV Caribbean Office (PHCO)

- The dynamic of the epidemic in The Caribbean justified the creation of a new PAHO HIV Caribbean Office
 - Depending on FCH/AI to reinforce PAHO's presence in the second most affected region in the world by the epidemic
 - Include both the English- and the Spanish-speaking Caribbean, and HAITI

Regional Level

- Sexual and reproductive health and HIV/STI
- Prevention
- Treatment and care
- Strategic Information
- Communication
- Resource mobilization

Sexual and reproductive health and HIV/STI

- The promotion of healthy behavior within families and communities in the area of human sexuality
- Define conceptual and operational frameworks to articulate sexual and reproductive health and HIV
- Institutional option to better promote this new approach
 - concentrate around CLAP/WR within the overall FCH umbrella
- Series of technical consultations organized in Montevideo
 - I / II internal
 - III with agencies
- New area of work defined in consultation and partnership with
 - UN agencies (UNFPA, UNIFEM, UNICEF, UNAIDS)
 - Specialized institutions (IPPF, WAS)
 - Academic centers (Cayetano Heredia, etc)
- Transfer of the Regional Adviser on Prevention from FCH/AI to CLAP/WR

Prevention

- Universal access to prevention, treatment and care
- Specific response to vulnerable populations
- Multi-sectorial approach to tackle the determinants of the epidemic
- A position to cover prevention at HQ is being created.

Treatment and care

- A position will be created
- Post description that includes clinical care competences so as to secure adequate follow-up of all aspects of treatment and care
- Ensure quality of care
- Integration of HIV work into general public health and Primary Health Care

Strategic Information

- Intensification of work on the gathering, selection and promotion of use of strategic information
- Two approaches have been explored and developed
- Firstly, creation of an M&E post within FCH/AI
 - collaborative effort with UNAIDS
 - ensure an adequate support to countries in this key area of work
- Secondly, four-year secondment of a senior epidemiologist
 - strengthen FCH/AI capacity in epidemiologic and behavior surveillance
 - Currently being negotiated with a bilateral cooperation agency (Spain)

Communication

- A communication strategy produced by FCH/AI will be made operational through Focal Points at country level (Work group)
- Corporate function integrated to the overall work of country offices, subregional and regional
- In line with internal institutional arrangements
 - The funds currently covering the Social Communication post will be used to fund the newly created post of sub-regional adviser in the Southern Cone

Spanish and French Cooperation

- Successful negotiations with the Spanish and French cooperation agencies allowed for extension of the secondments for
 - Strategic information, and
 - Resource mobilization
- With regard to the French cooperation, it will be possible in 2008-2009 to secure some new positions at country level in priority countries (e.g. DOR), to further strengthen PAHO's technical cooperation

Recapitulate

- Focal Points at country level
- Sub-regional teams
- PAHO HIV Caribbean Office (PHCO)
- Regional level

Thank you