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Patients under antiretroviral treatment in Latin America and the Caribbean

The tables below show, based on the information found in the subregional Framework Documents provided by the Ministries of Health of each country, the number of people with HIV/AIDS deemed to require ARV treatment, by subregion, as well as the figures (in percentages or absolute numbers) for those who are effectively receiving treatment.

CARIBBEAN 2002-2003		
	Patients deemed to require treatment	Currently have access to ARV therapy
Barbados	1,200	400
Guyana	N.D.	200
Bahamas	N.D.	876
Jamaica	4,000	< 5%
Bermuda and Cayman Islands		100% (universal access)
Trinidad & Tobago	N.D.	600

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Percentage of patients who are being treated with antiretrovirals, according to the necessary estimates of people who would require treatment, by country in the subregion

	Guatemala		Honduras		El Salvador		Nicaragua	Costa Rica	Panama	
	Health Sector	Social Security	Health Sector	Social Security	Health Sector	Social Security			Health Sector	Social Security
Adults	3%	64%	5,2%	30%	10,5%	86%	0%	100%	17%	84,8%
Children	20%	22%	17%	---	17,6%	0%	0%	100%	79,1%	100%
Pregnant Women	20%	14%	5%	23%	56%	75%	30%	100%	36%	---

Source: Accelerating Access Initiative, Framework Document for Central America, January 2003

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Annual antiretroviral treatment goal for 2003, by country in the subregion

	Guatemala		Honduras		El Salvador		Nicaragua	Costa Rica	Panamá		Total
	Health Sector	Seguro Social	Health Sector	Seguro Social	Health Sector	Seguro Social			Health Sector	Seguro Social	
Adults	3,467	1,036	3,000	100	1,200	800	90	1,562	500	1,025	12,780
Children	533	320	200	---	200	15	5	30	153	40	1,496
Pregnant Women	533	240	800	30	150	12	10	5	25	16	1,821

Source: Accelerating Access Initiative, Framework Document for Central America, January 2003

ANDEAN AREA, PARAGUAY, AND ARGENTINA

ANTIRETROVIRAL TREATMENT – 2002

No. PERSONAS	ARGENTINA	BOLIVIA	CHILE	COLOMBIA	ECUADOR	PARAGUAY	PERU	VENEZUELA	TOTAL
Total estimated people with HIV/AIDS (2001)	130,000	4,600	20,000	170,000	40,000	6,000	53,000	62,000	485,600
Total registered people living with HIV/AIDS	28,855	907	6,862	37,595	4,570	1,879	19,000	17,585	117,253
People who need treatment	24,603	400	3,604	23,685	500	600	7,000	9,525	69,917
People receiving treatment	24,603	24	3,288	8,433	324	385	1,050	9,525	47,632

Source: Process of Joint Negotiation For the Access to Antiretroviral and Reactive Drugs in the Andean Subregion, Argentine Mexico and Paraguay, Framework Document, May 2003

ANDEAN AREA, PARAGUAY, AND ARGENTINA
SOURCES OF TREATMENT IN PATIENTS WITH HIV/AIDS

PACIENTES	ARGENTINA	BOLIVIA	CHILE	COLOMBIA	ECUADOR	PARAGUAY	PERU	VENEZUELA
Pacientes who need treatment.	24,603	440	3,604	24,000	500	600	7,000	9,525
Pacients under treatment	24.603 (100 %)	24 (6%)	3.288 (91.2%)	8.433 (35.14%)	324 (64.80%)	385 (64,1%)	1.050 (15%)	9.525 (100%)
Ministry of Health	17.153 (70 %)	4 (16%)	3.288 (100%)	1.000 (11.86%)	70 (21.60%)	350 (58,3%)	23 (2.2%)	6.955 (73%)
Social Security	6.150 (25 %)	20 (84%)		6.061 (71.87%)	169 (52.16%)		600 (57.1%)	2.300 (24%)
Military services				1.181 (14.00%)	60 (18.52%)		200 (19%)	270 (3%)
National police					25 (7.72%)			
Other	1.300 (5 %)			191 (2.26%)		35 (5,8%)	227 (21.7%)	
Prophylaxis Opportunistic Infections	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes

Process of Joint Negotiation For the Access to Antiretroviral and Reactive Drugs in the Andean Subregion, Argentine Mexico and Paraguay, Document Framework, May 2003

Access to ARV Treatment in Latin America and the Caribbean vs. Other Developing Regions

Latin America and the Caribbean show that middle- and low-income countries (where HIV prevalence is still relatively low) can provide treatment and care through the public sector. Several countries in region now have policies and laws that guarantee antiretroviral therapy for their HIV-positive citizens, although this does not mean all in need receive treatment yet. By the end of 2002, it was estimated 196,000 were receiving antiretroviral treatment in Latin America and the Caribbean, more than half of them in Brazil. It was also estimated that the region provided treatment to 53% under treatment criteria, more than any other developing region.

Antiretroviral Therapy Coverage in the Developing Countries December 2002 (Adults by region)			
Region	Number of people in treatment	Estimated need	Coverage
Sub-Saharan Africa	50 000	4 100 000	1%
Asia	43 000	1 000 000	4%
North Africa and Middle East	3 000	7 000	29%
Eastern Europe and Central Asia	7 000	80 000	9%
Latin America and the Caribbean	196 000	370 000	53%
All regions	300 000	5 500 000	5%
Source: WHO			