

Presentation delivered during the Second Technical Advisory Committee on HIV/AIDS/STI

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Universal access is an established goal in the Region

- This agreement creates a favorable policy environment for HIV/AIDS work
- Major opportunity harmonize Universal Access Initiative and rolling out of the Regional Plan

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Supportive legal frameworks, effective leadership, and sound policies are required for scaling up prevention and care

- Evidence-based policymaking
- Utilization of clear and relevant indicators
- Importance of adherence to treatment

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A lack of human resources is widespread and hinders efforts to scale up programs

- Human resource needs and roles must be evaluated
- Planning based on necessary competencies and long term vision
- There is a need for training that results in improved programs

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The Regional Plan provides a strategic framework for the health sector to move forward universal access in the Region

- Discussion of the Plan among key stakeholders is an important step for common understanding
- The Plan can be utilized as needed by countries in part or as a whole for advocacy and long term planning

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The Regional Plan and the MDGs

- Established by U.N. Sec. General & Member States
- Countries decide if and how to meet them
- Regional Plan may be a roadmap to fulfilling these commitments

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Targets

- Prevention targets may need reassessment but there is widespread agreement that prevention is an urgent priority
- Prevention is everyone's responsibility--not only that of National Program Heads

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Though some discrepancies exist, there is consensus on the main principles of the Regional Plan:

- Universal access
- An emphasis on comprehensive care that integrates prevention, care, and treatment
- A multi-sectoral approach

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The involvement of civil society is essential

- People with HIV have the knowledge and experience to significantly contribute to health sector planning and program implementation
- HIV/AIDS programs must be conducted for and with people with HIV

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Who gets left out?

- The importance of accompaniment (acompañamiento)







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Joseph Jeanne,
Patient, Lascabos Clinic, Haiti.

Top: Before therapy for TB
and AIDS, February/March 2003

Right: After therapy for TB
and AIDS, September 2003

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The contribution of the Technical Advisory Committee

- Studying and providing information/guidance on adherence
- Providing recommendations on technical matters and support through their commitment to PAHO and to our common goal of fighting HIV/AIDS

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The contribution of Development Partners

- Supporting the Regional Plan as an instrument to assist with harmonization of efforts (including accompaniment)
- Supporting broad-based participation in the UA Initiative and roll out of the Regional Plan