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# **Regional Strategic Plan for HIV/STI**

**Development Partner Perspective**

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# HIV in the Americas

## Critical Issues

- Pronounced inequity and large vulnerable populations in LAC
- Decreasing donor attention to LAC
- Lack of political commitment
- Conservative forces that hinder HIV/STI policies
- Stigma and discrimination

# Why a Regional HIV/STI Plan?

- Identify regional priorities in HIV/STI
- Set out common objectives for the region
- Facilitates information sharing and resource mobilization (financial/technical)
- Coordinate efforts and promote harmonization
- Contributes to increased action and advocacy


# Benefits to Development Partners

- Provides guidance and direction on HIV/STI priority areas in LAC
- Collaborative effort endorsed by Ministers of Health at PAHO Directing Council
- Provides a framework for action to promote synergies
- Focuses and strengthens partnerships in technical cooperation
- Promotes coordination and collaboration

# PAHO's Comparative Advantage

- Leader in the Americas- mandated by Member Countries to address health
- Relationship with MofH and regional health bodies
- Facilitates relationships with other regional and international organizations
- Plays key role in bringing different segments of public health together
- Has the influence and ability to convene stakeholders at all levels

# Challenges in Implementation

- Political will
  - Lack of ownership
  - Financial/human resources
  - Ensuring a common understanding
  - Engaging all sectors in the response
  - Communication and coordination among partners
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# Overcoming Challenges

- Political advocacy focusing on determinants of health at regional and int'l level
  - Fostering inter-country exchange and cooperation
  - Enhancing inter-sectoral partnerships
  - Building on best practices in the region
  - Focus on high quality technical co-operation
  - Communication
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# Supporting the Regional Plan

## CIDA's Role

- Financial and technical support
- Support leadership and effectiveness in aid coordination
- Enhance/ facilitate partnerships among key stakeholders
- Promote activities that are consistent with our development priorities

# Specific Opportunities

- **Small Grants Fund for HIV:** supports Canadian and developing countries to work in collaboration on HIV and Gender

[www.csih.org](http://www.csih.org)

- **Indigenous Peoples Partnership Fund:** supports capacity development among the indigenous populations in the Americas by engaging Canadian Aboriginal organizations in development cooperation

[www.acdi-cida.gc.ca/ippf](http://www.acdi-cida.gc.ca/ippf)

# Opportunities (cont'd)

- **Canada Fund for Local Initiatives**: administered by the Canadian Embassy in some country  
Visit local Canadian Embassy website
- **Canadian Partnership Branch**: provides financial support to projects undertaken by Canadian NGOs and organizations in partnership with those in developing countries.

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