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Overview

- Expressed technical cooperation needs by member countries (work in progress!)
- Challenges for PAHO/WHO
- Operational Strategy to “Scale up” PAHO/WHO Response
- Specific Resources:
 - Human Resources
 - Publications, tools, methods

Expressed Technical Cooperation Needs by Member Countries

- Consultation with countries (CA and Caribbean in 2004, other sub-regions scheduled for 2005)
- Gaps and opportunities for Technical cooperation:
 - Cost containment for ART
 - Drug procurement/supply management systems and laboratory support (shared services, pool procurement)
 - Decentralization of services and integration of HIV Chronic Care into primary care.
 - Voluntary Testing and Counseling (All entry points)
 - Strategic Management of Human Resources (Planning, recruitment/deployment, training, permanent education, development, retention)
 - Monitoring and evaluation
 - Quality assurance

Expressed Technical Cooperation Needs by Member Countries: Concerns!!

- Level of technical and financial support to countries from the regional level and the regional institutions (PAHO/WHO/CAREC)
- Insufficient communication between regional and country levels
- Level of coordination between various partners
- Clear identification of needs and the need to evaluate the possibility of the region to support these needs

Challenges for PAHO/WHO

- Diversity
- How to effectively respond to country needs with limited resources?
 - Limited staffing (regional and country levels)
 - Limited financial resources to support TCP
- What can PAHO/WHO bring to the table? “Added Value”
- How can PAHO/WHO improve its relevance to countries in the area of HIV/AIDS

Operational Strategy to scale up PAHO/WHO Technical Response

- Re-engineering/strengthening in house human resources (HIV Teams at regional and sub-regional levels)
- Intensify support to Country Offices (HIV Teams at country level)
- Resource Network (external expertise available in countries)
- Dissemination of relevant information, tools and methods and TS for adaptation/deployment at country level

Specific Resources: Competencies Regional Team (Inter-programmatic approach)

- Health Systems and Services
- Prevention and Behavioral Science
- Monitoring and Evaluation
- Communication
- STI
- Human Resources
- Access to medicines/management systems
- Laboratory services
- Gender, Ethnicity and health
- Complemented by WHO HQ expertise in these and other areas, including clinical management.

Specific Resources: Competencies at Sub-regional level

- Four sub-regional teams: Caribbean, Central America, Andean Region and Southern Cone
- Competencies:
 - HIV Programme and services management
 - Human Resources
 - Access to medicines/management systems
 - Gender and health (only CA)

Specific Resources: Caribbean-CAREC-CPC

- Information, Media and Communication
- Behavioral Science
- Epidemiology
- NGO Development
- Clinical Management and Research
- Health Information Management
- Monitoring and Evaluation
- Programme Management
- Public Health Specialist
- Human Resources
- Health Systems/Services

Specific Resources: Country level

- PAHO/WHO Representative
- HIV/AIDS Staff/Focal points
- Health Systems and Services
- Epidemiology
- Disease Prevention and Control
- Access to medicines/management systems
- Human Resources
- Reproductive Health
- Gender and Health (CA)

Specific Resources: National experts to support PAHO TCP

- A number of experts from member countries available for short term consultancies
 - Programme management
 - Clinical Management
 - Monitoring and Evaluation
 - Home care
 - PLWA
 - Community support
- Institutions

Specific Resources: Publications, tools and methods

- Publications
- Tools and methods and capacity to mobilize technical support for adaptation/deployment to countries
- Websites: WHO 3by5, PAHO HIV/AIDS

Next Steps

- Complete recruitment process
- Orientation/training of PAHO/WHO staff and short term consultants
- Provide countries with detail information on human resources available to PAHO (in house and external).
- Provide countries with options for identified TC needs for PAHO for 2005 and mobilize resources accordingly

THANKS!

