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PAHO HIV/STI Regional Plan for the Health Sector

ROLES OF THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Family and Community Health: a “new” Management Area at PAHO (established 2004)

- Child and Adolescent Health
 - ▣ HIV/AIDS
 - ▣ Immunization
 - ▣ Nutrition
 - ▣ Women and Maternal Health
 - ▣ The Caribbean Food and Nutrition Institute (CFNI) in Jamaica
 - ▣ The Latin American Center for Perinatology and Human Development (CLAP) in Uruguay.

PAHO: Family and Community Health (FCH)

- **“Supports country efforts to**
- strengthen public health interventions aimed at improving individual, family, and community health
- increase access to health and social services; and use of integrated, evidence-based, appropriate, and sustainable interventions.”

PAHO HIV/AIDS Unit (FCH/AI)

- ❑ “ * Enhances national capabilities to implement HIV/AIDS prevention and comprehensive care interventions.
- ❑ * Promotes the scaling up of health systems to improve overall conditions and survival of affected individuals with HIV/AIDS.
- ❑ * Provides critical information on HIV/AIDS and epidemiological data for decision making.”

PAHO HIV/AIDS Unit (FCH/AI)

- ▣ “Advocates for the elimination of all forms of discrimination against people living with HIV/AIDS and members of vulnerable groups, using a public health and human rights perspective.
- ▣ Supports country efforts in improving surveillance and control programs for sexually transmitted infections
- ▣ Promotes a broad intersectoral response.”

The HIV/STI Technical Advisory Committee (TAC/CTC)



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■ COMPOSITION

- Persons actively involved on the front-line in the fight against HIV/AIDS
- Hemispheric representation
- A range of professional and practical experience
- Includes high-level advocates/activists

The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC/CTC)

■ CONTRIBUTION

- Bring our knowledge and experience at field level into planning, monitoring and evaluation of PAHO HIV/STI program
- Contribute new ideas
- Give feedback on specific aspects of the Regional Plan

The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC/CTC)

■ CONTRIBUTION

- Critically examine evidence-base of proposed activities
- Help to advocate in partnership with PAHO and its constituency
- **Encourage, provoke and support** PAHO (the organization and its staff) in the fight against HIV/AIDS/STI and related problems

The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC/CTC)

■ CONTRIBUTION

- Spotlight special difficulties and challenges and propose solutions