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MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

EXECUTION OF TCC FUNDS FOR THE BIENNIUM 2004-2005

Technical Cooperation Among Countries' (TCC) projects constitute a concrete example of the benefits brought by consolidating partnerships for health. TCC is one of the new modalities of technical cooperation that, together with the country focus approach, appear prominently in the new Strategy of Management for the work of the Organization.

During the 2004-2005 biennium, 44 projects were approved to address different subjects, among them: disease control and risk management, environmental health, family and community health, health services, family and community health, intersectoral action, emergencies and humanitarian assistance.

Due to the importance of TCC projects for the Organization, the Office of the Director congratulates all countries and regional units for having supported the TCC projects.

In particular, it should be pointed out that the following countries executed almost all of the funds approved for TCC during the 2004-2005 biennium, in the following order:

Country	%Approved	%Executed
ARGENTINA	100%	99,94%
PANAMA	100%	99,16%
NICARAGUA	100%	92,82%
COSTA RICA	100%	90,65%
EL SALVADOR	100%	87,27%
COLOMBIA	100%	85,76%
CARIBBEAN (CPC)	100%	80,44%
BELIZE	99,01%	77,67%
HONDURAS	98,95%	97,88%
URUGUAY	93,52%	89,71%
CUBA	92,78%	94,68%
ECUADOR	86,23%	65,10%

It is noteworthy that Brazil, Canada, the Dominican Republic and Mexico have had a low activity with regard to TCC in this biennium. In case of Mexico, it should be recognized that this has been the first biennium in which the execution of TCC funds is activated.

Furthermore, the Office of the Director also congratulates the countries on the effort made in sending final reports of the completed projects. For the year 2004, of the 20

approved projects, 16 final report forms, were received. They are already in the PAHO webpage at the following link: <http://www.paho.org/english/d/csu/TCC05index-Eng.htm>. This webpage on TCC has also been an important achievement of the Secretariat.

Thanks to all for this joint effort.

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