

HAITI GRANTS - 2006

Grant: 199028:Prevention and Treatment of Communicable Diseases and Healthy Schools - Phase 2

Donor: International Bank for Reconstruction and Development

End Date: 30 March 2006 – 30 April 2007

Total Grant: \$1,250,000

Basic project description

The purpose of the Grant is to address the urgent health needs of the most vulnerable population, in particular those that are essential to meet the basic health care needs of women and children through ensuring *inter alia* the:

- supply of essential drugs, vaccines and other supplies;
- security of the essential supplies and activities of the Expanded Program of Immunization (EPI) and epidemiologic surveillance; and,
- improved health and nutrition of school-age children in selected schools (the Project).

The Project consists of the following activities:

(a) Securing Essential Drugs Supply

Provision of technical assistance for: (i) the relocation, installation, and rehabilitation as necessary of the Central Procurement Agency for Drugs (PROMESS) in order to improve conditions of storage and safety for ensuring effective conservation and distribution of drugs; and (ii) strengthening the training and logistical capacity of the Pharmaceutical Control Department within the Ministry of Health for improved management and availability of drug supplies.

(b) Immunization

Provision of technical assistance, training and equipment to contain the threat of communicable diseases within the beneficiary's territory, through the reinforcement of human resources, and logistic and operations support for: (i) the central operations of the EPI in the targeting of immuno-controllable diseases; and (ii) the operations of the epidemiologic surveillance and response systems, including preparation for the avian flu pandemic.

(c) Deworming

Provision of technical assistance, training and equipment for: (i) the mass administering of anthelmintics to school-age children; and (ii) integration of health and hygiene education for the reduction of intestinal parasites infestation particularly in the localities of Grand Anse, South and Nippes.