

FIELD OFFICE: U.S.-MEXICO BORDER

NATIONAL PRIORITIES FOR PAHO TECHNICAL COOPERATION

- > Support for epidemiological surveillance initiatives, with emphasis on vaccine-preventable diseases and priority infectious and emerging diseases.
- > Strengthening of state and local health laboratories.
- > Formation of binational information and communication networks; and university involvement in support of binational collaboration.
- > Development of active systems for surveillance and monitoring of hazardous agents, food poisoning, and vectors.
- > Epidemiological information on health and environment and its dissemination.
- > Development of environmental health indicators for monitoring of contaminants in air, soil, water, and food.
- > Promotion of healthy environments and lifestyles in sister communities.
- > Support for the Safe and Healthy Sister Cities Initiative to help meet the objectives of the U.S.-Mexico Border Health Commission's Healthy Borders 2010 Initiative.
- > Interinstitutional partnerships and mobilization of resources.
- > Analysis of legislation, regulations, and standards in health and environment.

PROJECTS

INTERPROGRAMMATIC COORDINATION AND PROJECT MANAGEMENT

PURPOSE

To administer and manage financial and human resources for technical cooperation along the U.S.-Mexico border, including liaison activities and coordination with the existing public and private institutions.

EXPECTED RESULTS

- Financial resources of technical cooperation projects efficiently administered.
- Technical cooperation for border projects and activities negotiated with federal agencies and nongovernmental organizations.
- Technology and infrastructure of the Field Office kept up-to-date, especially human resources.

INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION FOR HEALTH

PURPOSE

To improve/ increase the exchange of information, including data on health determinants and risk factors, to reduce public health problems along the border.

EXPECTED RESULTS

- Information on border health and the factors that affect it generated and disseminated.
- Access to information on border health problems and health determinants improved.
- Support provided for the governments' current epidemiological and environmental surveillance initiatives.
- Mass communication models and mechanisms developed in keeping with needs along the border.

PARTNERSHIPS AND MOBILIZATION OF RESOURCES**PURPOSE**

To improve/ increase institutional and intersectoral coordination for health promotion, border health research, and human resources development along the border.

EXPECTED RESULTS

- Sustainability provided for the Safe and Healthy Sister Cities Initiative.
- Implementation of the action plans of the Safe and Healthy Sister Cities Initiative evaluated.
- Network of academic and research institutions created for scientific information exchange, research, and human resources development.
- Technical and management support continued for increasing the autonomy and self-reliance of USMBHA.
- Local efforts for diabetes prevention and self-care of diabetic patients coordinated.

SUSTAINABILITY OF INITIATIVES AND HARMONIZATION**PURPOSE**

To strengthen mechanisms and formal processes for bilateral cooperation in health and reduce the obstacles to binational cooperation caused by differences in laws, regulations, and standards.

EXPECTED RESULTS

- Collaboration in the analysis of laws, regulations, and standards and the preparation of recommendations to facilitate binational collaboration.
- Collaboration with the Border Health Commission to operationalize plans, agreements, and projects.

RESOURCES (US\$)

		Regular budget	Other sources	All funds
Total 2002-2003		1,482,200	1,589,300	3,071,500
Total 2004-2005		1,510,700	13,900	1,524,600
Percentage of estimated expenditure	Country program support	82%	-	82%
	Intersectoral action and sustainable Development	11%	-	10%
	Health information and technology	7%	-	7%
	Disease control and risk management	-	100%	1%