

BAHAMAS

NATIONAL PRIORITIES FOR PAHO TECHNICAL COOPERATION

- > National Health Insurance: the Blue Ribbon Commission.
- > Public health information system (PHIS), SIP, neonatal and adolescent health information systems, hospital information systems and management information system (MIS).
- > Regulation/accreditation (EMT, Drug Formulary, Dental Act, and others).
- > Strategic planning, monitoring, and evaluation.
- > Family health: Healthy Schools Initiative; mental health; chronic noncommunicable diseases; violence; and injury prevention.
- > Comprehensive care for HIV/AIDS.
- > Disaster preparedness.
- > BEST Commission and environmental health.

PROJECTS

HEALTH SYSTEMS STRENGTHENING

PURPOSE

To strengthen the public health care system to provide comprehensive quality care to individuals and population groups based on health promotion and disease prevention criteria.

EXPECTED RESULTS

- Planning unit capacity strengthened.
- Primary care delivery system strengthened to provide comprehensive care.
- Public health sector capacity strengthened in human resource management.
- PHA planning and management capacity strengthened.
- National Quality Improvement Program strengthened.
- Support services strengthened to ensure quality health care.
- National Emergency Unit strengthened for strategic planning and management and MOH disaster preparedness capacity improved.

EVIDENCE-BASED DECISION MAKING

PURPOSE

To strengthen the capacity of the Ministry of Health to direct and manage the National Health Information System and Network strategically.

EXPECTED RESULTS

- Capacity of the Ministry of Health strengthened to collect, analyze, integrate, and evaluate information from different sources.
- Capacity of the Department of Public Health strengthened for the strategic direction and management of the PHIS.
- Comprehensive surveillance system strengthened.
- Hospital-based information systems strengthened.
- Improved public health sector capacity to conduct research in public health.

CHILD AND ADOLESCENT HEALTH

PURPOSE

To reduce child and adolescent morbidity and mortality.

EXPECTED RESULTS

- Neonatal resuscitation capability improved at PMH and the Rand.
- Health of preschool children and first graders improved.
- Adolescent health services improved.
- Detection and management of child abuse improved.

HEALTH OF THE ADULT

PURPOSE

To improve the management of diabetes and hypertension and of breast, cervix, and prostate cancer programs .

EXPECTED RESULTS

- Management of diabetes and hypertension improved.
- Programs for the early detection and management of breast, cervix, and prostate cancer improved.
- Management of STIs and HIV/AIDS improved in the Family Islands and New Providence.
- Health education programs concerning hypertension and cervix and prostate cancer.
- Community mental health program strengthened.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

PURPOSE

To improve the effectiveness of the managerial staff of all programs, particularly those related to vector control and water quality.

EXPECTED RESULTS

- Managerial capacity of senior and middle managers improved.
- Water quality standards and supporting legislation developed.
- Environmental Health Information System developed.
- Vector control and food safety programs improved.

MANAGEMENT OF THE REPRESENTATION

PURPOSE

To provide the administrative support needed to implement and help achieve the expected results of technical cooperation projects.

EXPECTED RESULTS

- Support provided to duty travel of PWR and to hospitality.
- Effective administrative support provided to the representation.

RESOURCES (US\$)

		Regular budget	Other sources	All funds
Total 2002-2003		1,283,200	46,600	1,329,800
Total 2004-2005		1,364,800	200	1,365,000
Percentage of estimated expenditure	Country program support	58%	-	58%
	Intersectoral action and sustainable Development	5%	-	5%
	Health information and technology	3%	-	3%
	Universal access to health	30%	-	30%
	Disease control and risk management	4%	-	4%
	Family and community health	-	100%	-