

CUBA

NATIONAL PRIORITIES FOR PAHO TECHNICAL COOPERATION

- > Continue strengthening municipal development in terms of public health through local government, social, and community participation, strengthening the primary health care subsystem and advancing family medicine, priority programs, and food security.
- > Prioritize the development of human resources for the National Health System, emphasizing integrated general medicine and the development of the National School of Public Health.
- > Strengthen the National Health System for sustainable development of health and the quality of life and the promotion of health and the network of municipios.
- > Promote and systematize environmental health actions aimed at protecting environmental and population health, including the struggle against disease vectors, prioritizing measures to combat *Aedes aegypti*.
- > Prioritize the National Immunization Program, maintaining national coverage according to the national vaccination plan.
- > Prioritize the Program on Communicable Diseases, with emphasis on STIs, HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, and zoonoses.
- > Develop the National Drug Program, as well as natural and traditional medicine, pharmacoepidemiology, and research on the health system and drug services.
- > Strengthen national capacity with respect to scientific, technical, and health information for monitoring and analyzing the health situation.
- > Enhance national plans for disasters.
- > Bolster international cooperation efforts to mobilize financial, physical, human, political, and institutional resources, favoring local, national, and international initiatives aimed at addressing national priorities.

PROJECTS

MANAGEMENT AND COORDINATION OF THE COUNTRY PROGRAM

PURPOSE

To improve managerial capacity in the Representative Office to the development needs of the National Health System.

EXPECTED RESULTS

- The project for full development of the Representative Office implemented.

SUPPORT FOR NATIONAL HEALTH DEVELOPMENT

PURPOSE

To support national health development.

EXPECTED RESULTS

- Staff development program implemented.
- Project coordination activities implemented.
- Projects for technical cooperation among countries and resource mobilization in general implemented.
- Scientific and technical capacity of the National Health System and other health-related sectors promoted internationally.

MUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT

PURPOSE

To help strengthen local development processes through the decentralization of technical cooperation, prioritizing improvements in primary health care, intersectoral action, and social and community participation.

EXPECTED RESULTS

- Contribution made to annual monitoring and consolidation of the Municipal Development Program (MDP), as well as to decentralization within the municipios to health areas and family medicine programs, as well as People's Councils and Circumscriptions.
- Health and development activities consolidated in the projects and centers, and support provided for their expansion to other economic areas with common issues.
- Decentralization of technical cooperation strengthened and the experience of the focal points for cooperation systematized. Territorial decentralization consolidated, and the decentralization of health programs, research, education, and human resources development expanded and intensified.
- Local initiatives developed through multisectoral projects for solving priority problems in health promotion, environment, gender, adolescent health, health of older adults, health services, rehabilitation, and other areas suggested by local governments and the Ministry of Public Health.

STRENGTHENING OF THE NATIONAL HEALTH SYSTEM

PURPOSE

To effectively guide technical cooperation to improve the performance of the NHS.

EXPECTED RESULTS

- Problem-solving capacity improved with respect to knowledge of the situation and health surveillance, as well as the control of risks and threats, at the national and subnational levels of the NHS and other sectors related to health and environment.
- Health promotion strategy strengthened, emphasizing multisectoral community participation, with the aim of improving the quality of life of the population.
- Regulatory and control processes strengthened, as well as health policy, planning, and management development at national and subnational levels of the NHS.
- Technical cooperation to improve the quality of health services at the national level strengthened, ensuring their efficiency and effectiveness and raising the level of popular satisfaction.
- Scientific and technical capacity strengthened through human resources development and the national research process.

RESOURCES (US\$)

		Regular budget	Other sources	All funds
Total 2002-2003		2,513,600	146,500	2,660,100
Total 2004-2005		2,351,600	69,000	2,420,600
Percentage of estimated expenditure	Country program support	34%	100%	36%
	Intersectoral action and sustainable Development	10%	-	10%
	Health information and technology	7%	-	6%
	Universal access to health	41%	-	40%
	Disease control and risk management	3%	-	3%
	Family and community health	5%	-	5%

