

# SURINAME

## NATIONAL PRIORITIES FOR PAHO TECHNICAL COOPERATION

- > Communicable diseases:
  - HIV/AIDS and STIs.
  - Malaria.
- > Environmental issues, including food safety.
- > Strengthening and restructuring of the Bureau of Public Health (BOG).
- > Child health:
  - Breastfeeding.
  - Immunization.
  - Early child development.
- > Lifestyle-related diseases:
  - Obesity.
  - Diabetes mellitus.
  - Cerebrovascular and cardiovascular diseases .
  - Mental disorders .

## PROJECTS

### MANAGEMENT OF THE OFFICE

#### PURPOSE

To establish an effective and efficient managerial and administrative structure to support the delivery of technical cooperation in Suriname .

#### EXPECTED RESULTS

- Managerial capabilities of the Representation strengthened.
- Public awareness programs conducted to promote PAHO values and disseminate information.
- Resources mobilized for TCC and extrabudgetary funds.

### PROMOTION OF SAFE PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENTS AND DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

#### PURPOSE

To improve living, working, and recreational environments and to reduce vulnerability to disaster.

#### EXPECTED RESULTS

- National capacity increased to integrate environmental health into development processes .
- National capacity strengthened to manage water and sanitation services .
- National capacity strengthened to manage solid waste and control pollution.
- National capacity strengthened to manage hazardous materials .
- National capacity strengthened to manage occupational health and safety.
- National capacity strengthened to mitigate, prepare for, and respond to disasters .

## COMMUNICABLE AND NONCOMMUNICABLE DISEASES

### PURPOSE

To reduce the risks and burden of communicable and noncommunicable diseases, including mental health problems and substance dependency.

### EXPECTED RESULTS

- National capacity strengthened to control malaria.
- Programs strengthened to control emerging and reemerging diseases.
- Programs strengthened to eliminate communicable diseases.
- Animal health and zoonosis program strengthened.
- Programs strengthened to control cardiovascular diseases and risk factors.
- Program strengthened to reduce the disease burden of mental health problems.
- Programs strengthened to control cancer.
- STD program, including HIV/AIDS, strengthened.

## EXPANDED PROGRAM ON IMMUNIZATION (EPI)

### PURPOSE

To assist the Ministry of Health in improving implementation of the EPI nationwide.

### EXPECTED RESULTS

- Adequate supplies of vaccines available for uninterrupted activities.
- Secured cold chain for optimized storage and administration of vaccines.
- Increased awareness and active participation of population in vaccination activities.
- Support provided to improve the surveillance of EPI diseases.
- Support provided to improve transborder and international collaboration.

## PROMOTION OF HEALTHY LIFESTYLES AND SOCIAL ENVIRONMENTS

### PURPOSE

To promote a work environment that is free of smoking and alcohol and substance abuse.

### EXPECTED RESULTS

- Smoke-free spaces created and support provided to policies and incentives to reduce the consumption of alcohol and illegal drugs.
- Incentives developed to reduce alcohol and substance use.
- Increased availability of life skills education programs in secondary schools.
- Surveillance increased to identify trends in behavior and social conditions that influence healthy lifestyles.
- Dental care and hygiene improved among schoolchildren.

## HEALTHY GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT

### PURPOSE

To strengthen the national capacity to reduce health risks, morbidity, and mortality and to promote healthy growth and development for all age categories, with a special focus on children, mothers, and adolescents.

### EXPECTED RESULTS

- National capacity strengthened to develop and implement plans, policies, and projects to improve child and adolescent health.
- National capacity strengthened to develop and implement plans, policies, and projects to improve the health status of women and men in the reproductive stage of the life cycle.
- National capacity strengthened to develop and initiate comprehensive programs to promote and protect the health and well-being of the elderly.
- National capacity strengthened to develop and implement plans, policies, and projects to improve the nutritional status of selected population groups and to identify, prevent, monitor, and reduce malnutrition and diet-related problems.

## HEALTH SYSTEMS AND SERVICES DEVELOPMENT

### PURPOSE

To strengthen the capacity of the national health system to guarantee quality health care to the entire population and to respond adequately to changes in internal and external conditions.

### EXPECTED RESULTS

- National health sector reform process strengthened, based on the guiding principles of equity, effectiveness, quality, efficiency, sustainability, and social participation.
- Capacity building to improve the quality and performance of the health system and services.
- National Health Information System developed and related health information systems strengthened.
- The development of adequate surveillance systems strengthened to monitor epidemiological conditions.

## RESOURCES (US\$)

		Regular budget	Other sources	All funds
Total 2002-2003		1,342,000	787,800	2,129,800
Total 2004-2005		1,363,000	209,500	1,572,500
Percentage of estimated expenditure	Country program support	57%	-	49%
	Intersectoral action and sustainable Development	29%	-	25%
	Health information and technology	2%	-	2%
	Universal access to health	2%	-	2%
	Disease control and risk management	4%	-	4%
	Family and community health	6%	100%	18%