

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

NATIONAL PRIORITIES FOR PAHO TECHNICAL COOPERATION

- > Responsiveness of the health system and operationalization of the Health Sector Reform Program
- > The public health agenda within the Health Sector Reform Program, with particular emphasis on public health practice, public health infrastructure, and the steering role of the Ministry of Health.
- > Human resources development in technical, epidemiological, and management areas.
- > Morbidity and mortality related to behavioral disorders and the adoption of healthy lifestyles.
- > Demand for medical care for preventable chronic and noncommunicable diseases with special emphasis on hypertension, diabetes, coronary heart disease, cancer, and road accidents.
- > Institutional strengthening in the formulation of health promotion policies, plans, programs, and tools .
- > Coordination between health sector agencies and intersectoral partners in the assessment and control of environmental health risks.
- > Demand on the public health services for medical care for preventable infections and communicable diseases, with special emphasis on HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, food-borne illnesses, and vector-borne diseases .

PROJECTS

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

PURPOSE

To improve the assessment, control, and management of environmental health risks, through institutional strengthening and greater collaboration with intersectoral partners .

EXPECTED RESULTS

- Support provided for the development of environmental health policies, including implementation strategies and plans.
- Food safety human resource capacities strengthened.
- Capacities developed and strengthened in chemistry, food and drugs, and WASA laboratories .
- An integrated vector control management program designed.
- Strategies implemented to improve surveillance for dengue fever, malaria, and West Nile virus.
- Programs promoted to reduce the health risks of toxic chemicals .
- Support provided to environmental health management and intersectoral activities .
- Support provided for the implementation of WASA's water and sanitation performance appraisal and certification program
- Solid waste assessment studies conducted.

HEALTH SYSTEMS AND SERVICES

PURPOSE

To improve the organization, management, and delivery of health services through the Health Sector Reform Program

EXPECTED RESULTS

- The capacity of the Ministry of Health to steer and regulate the health sector strengthened through training.
- The human resource management capacity of the Ministry of Health strengthened through training and technical services.
- Information systems and technology improved within the Ministry of Health.
- Health personnel prepared for continued implementation of the national quality program strategy.
- Training to improve the delivery of services in the RHAs and vertical health services.
- Networks established for regional collaboration and mutual support of health services development.
- Disaster preparedness plans and skills developed in the Ministry of Health and RHAs with intersectoral partners.
- Support provided to health systems and services project development and execution.
- Technical support provided for the development of the virtual health library (VHL).

MANAGEMENT OF THE REPRESENTATION

PURPOSE

To strengthen the Representation's managerial capacities with a view to improving the scope and level of the technical cooperation program and participation in interagency and intersectoral initiatives.

Expected Results

- Administrative and financial procedures developed for the efficient management of the Representation and of technical cooperation.
- Staff development plan created and implemented as part of the development plan for the representation.
- Support provided for management of the Representation and for technical cooperation projects.
- Premises for the Representation made fully functional within the new MOH administrative headquarters.
- Effective maintenance of the technological integrity of the Representation.
- Image of the organization promoted at the interagency and national levels.
- Three TCC projects developed in specific areas.

BEHAVIORAL CHANGE AND MENTAL HEALTH

PURPOSE

To strengthen health promotion programs addressing risk behavior factors through healthy public policies and supportive environments at the national and local levels.

EXPECTED RESULTS

- Health promotion perceived and supported as an added value to the provision of health care services by all stakeholders.
- Human resources at the primary care level with the appropriate skills to support the development of HP strategies.
- Healthy policies outlined at the national level and discussed at regional levels.
- Institutional national health promotion bodies strengthened and working with RHAs.
- Support provided to HP interventions addressing healthy lifestyle practices and to selected target groups at all levels.

- Support provided by advocacy and social communication campaigns to HP interventions nationwide.
- National Mental Health Program strengthened and PHC Mental Health Program in place at regional levels .
- Objectives of technical collaboration project achieved.

COMMUNICABLE AND NONCOMMUNICABLE DISEASE (NCD) PREVENTION AND CONTROL

PURPOSE

To strengthen and implement structured programs to prevent and control selected noncommunicable and communicable diseases at the national and regional levels, including proper evaluation and monitoring systems .

EXPECTED RESULTS

- Relevant health policies addressing selected NCDs and communicable diseases in place at all levels .
- Aptitudes of staff and community members improved regarding NCDs .
- DOTS programs implemented in regions with major PTB caseloads.
- Quality management and care provided at the local level through the program on STIs, including HIV/AIDS.
- Management of communicable and chronic NCDs improved through integrated management, advocacy, and educational campaigns.
- Communicable disease surveillance system decentralized and functional at the RHA level
- Objectives of the technical collaboration project achieved.

RESOURCES (US\$)

		Regular budget	Other sources	All funds
Total 2002-2003		2,236,300	49,300	2,285,600
Total 2004-2005		2,354,800	-	2,354,800
Percentage of estimated expenditure	Country program support	42%	-	42%
	Intersectoral action and sustainable Development	27%	-	27%
	Health information and technology	2%	-	2%
	Universal access to health	16%	-	16%
	Disease control and risk management	8%	-	8%
	Family and community health	5%	-	5%