## **COUNTRY LEVEL**

The country technical cooperation plans are prepared together with the national authorities and other counterparts of the health sector in each country. These Biennial Workplans respond to the national health status and to the directives of the national health agendas, as well as to the country cooperation strategies agreed upon with the Member States (in those countries where the Country Cooperation Strategy [CCS] has been developed). The subregional, regional and global commitments and mandates are also taken into account, in particular, the Health Agenda for the Americas.

In preparation of the Biennial Workplans, a results based management approach is taken, identifying first the priority issues or problem areas and their respective causes, followed by the identification of the areas of intervention on the basis of the resources and problem-solving ability of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau as well as the participation of other stakeholders or interested parties. Finally, interventions expressed as Office-Specific Expected Results, are created and linked to the Region-wide Expected Results and Strategic Objectives of the Strategic Plan of PAHO 2008-2012.

In this section a budget table by strategic objective is presented for each country. The budget allocated to each strategic objective is indicative of the investment required to address each of the priority areas. Additional programmatic information, including the situation analysis in the country, the technical cooperation strategy, and the specific activities required to achieve the expected results, are available in the individual biennial workplans of PAHO/WHO country offices.