CONSULTATIVE WORKING GROUP MEETING

Blueprint for Comprehensive Services for Trans Persons and their communities in Latin America and the Caribbean

Date: April 17-19, 2013

Venue: Trinidad and Tobago

Participants: Representatives from the ministries, trans organizations, academia, donor agencies from Anglophone, Francophone and Dutch–speaking Caribbean.

Objectives:

- 1. Review the current draft of the Blueprint for Comprehensive Services for Trans Communities in Latin America and the Caribbean and discuss its relevance for the Caribbean context and the necessary adaptation of contents according to the specific reality of the participating countries.
- 2. Engage trans women and men from the Caribbean and obtain information about their health needs, priorities, aspirations and obstacles to access, that may be currently missing in the draft Blueprint
- 3. Define an operational plan to implement a regional strategy for the provision of comprehensive services for trans populations
- 4. Establish a regional mechanism to monitor and evaluate implementation of the regional strategy
- 5. Generate support from stakeholders for the regional strategy and obtain buy-in from key actors

Expected outcomes:

- 1. Finalized regional strategy for the Caribbean
- 2. Frameworks for country and regional implementation in the Caribbean
- 3. Completed English version of Blueprint with appropriate format and contents for the Caribbean reality

Meeting format:

Presentation of conceptual framework and summary of Blueprint sections followed by discussion in plenary.

Participants will be divided into working groups and assigned selected sections for careful review. Each working group will select a rapporteur who will document proposed revisions and recommendations generated by the group. By the end of the meeting an editorial group will incorporate suggestions and recommendations into the draft document in order to complete a version that will be disseminated throughout the English and French-speaking Caribbean.

Agenda Overview:

- Day 1: Presentation of conceptual framework and Blue Print sections, followed by Q&A. Working groups are organized.
- Day 2: Blue Print sections assigned to working groups, review sessions take place in the morning and afternoon.
- Day 3: Discussion in plenary of recommendations for operationalizing the strategy and next steps.

Sponsors: PAHO (Headquarters and PHCO) USAID through the AIDSTAR-One project (TBC), World Professional Association for Transgender Health (WPATH) and World Association for Sexual Health (WAS)

Participants: Selection criteria for meeting participants: To ensure maximum efficiency in the consultative process it is highly desirable to select participants that can make substantial contributions in an expeditious, concrete and constructive manner. Firstly, experience working with trans communities and persons is highly desirable. However, professionals who work within ministries of health or justice, ombudspersons or other government representative involved in the development of public health policies, implementation of community based health programs, or protection of human rights is welcome even if s/he has not had direct interactions with trans persons or communities. Secondly, a perfect command of English is necessary since translation will not be provided.