

Global AIDS Program

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Project Description

Since 2002, the Institute for Global Health (IGH) has helped CDC's Global AIDS Program (GAP) to achieve its goals in GAP countries and regions. UCSF faculty and staff have provided technical assistance in several broad component areas including surveillance, monitoring and evaluation, technical and scientific writing, literature digests and reviews, and research design. Our overall goal is to assist GAP to assist countries and regions to reduce HIV transmission, to improve HIV/AIDS care and treatment and to collect and use data to manage national programs effectively and allocate resources rationally, all in a way that builds long-term capacity and sustainability.

Beginning in 2009, we plan to build upon these activities, including:

- Development of guideline and resource documents
- Provision of regional training opportunities for country and regional offices
- A series of other technical assistance and capacity-building activities, such as:
 - Surveillance training
 - Monitoring and evaluation
 - Evidence-based HIV prevention strategies
 - Laboratory quality assessment
 - Systems strengthening to address the human resource needs for provision of high-quality HIV treatment and care

Significance

HIV/AIDS disproportionately affects the developing world. According to UNAIDS, in 2007 the overwhelming majority of the 33.2 million adults and children who were living with HIV/AIDS were from low-and middle-income countries. Two-thirds of all people living with HIV are in sub-Saharan Africa. The number of people living with HIV has been rising in every region with the steepest increases seen in East Asia, Eastern Europe and Central Asia. Working with GAP and other partners, IGH is able to assist those countries hardest hit by the epidemic - including Botswana, Brazil, Cambodia, China, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Haiti, India, Kenya, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, Rwanda, South Africa, Tanzania, Thailand, Trinidad, Uganda, Vietnam, and Zambia - to develop and improve their capacity for HIV/AIDS surveillance, monitoring and evaluation, technical and scientific writing and research, and other necessary disciplines.