

Data Sheet

USAID Mission:	Dominican Republic
Program Title:	Family and Workforce Health
Pillar:	Global Health
Strategic Objective:	517-010
Status:	Continuing
Planned FY 2006 Obligation:	\$12,721,000 CSH
Prior Year Unobligated:	\$0
Proposed FY 2007 Obligation:	\$11,338,000 CSH
Year of Initial Obligation:	2002
Estimated Year of Final Obligation:	2007

Summary: This strategic objective (SO) increases access to and utilization of sustainable quality health services in the Dominican Republic. Funding supports HIV/AIDS prevention, care and support services; strengthened tuberculosis (TB)/Directly Observable Treatment, Short-course (DOTS) services; maternal health (MH)/family planning (FP) services in selected public sector facilities; sustainability for local MH/FP non-governmental organizations (NGOs); the national vaccination program; rural community management of potable water systems; strengthened management capacity of health services in selected provinces; improved capacity of the Dominican Government to implement an effective health care decentralization strategy; and an improved policy environment for health sector reform. The last year of the current strategy will be in FY 2007.

All family planning assistance agreements will incorporate clauses that implement the President's directive restoring the Mexico City Policy.

Inputs, Outputs, Activities:

FY 2006 Program:

Improve Child Survival, Health and Nutrition (\$422,000 CSH). USAID helps build cold chain capacity, develop norms for quality services, and encourages community support for the Government of the Dominican Republic's (GDR) expanded immunization program. In water and sanitation, an external evaluation will inform USAID's decision about future work in this sector. USAID is working with the National Water Authority to expand the "Total Community Participation" model of rural water management. Principal contractor: Family Health International (FHI).

Improve Maternal Health and Nutrition (\$1,000,000 CSH). USAID is training staff in emergency obstetric care, provide technical assistance to reduce maternal mortality in seven hospitals (a GDR presidential priority), and train hospital managers. Principal contractor: FHI.

Prevent and Control Infectious Diseases of Major Importance (\$1,613,000 CSH). USAID continues to support the detection and treatment of tuberculosis with grants to the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) and local NGOs. USAID interventions in tuberculosis are well coordinated with other donors, including the Global Fund. Principal contractor: Pan-American Health Organization (PAHO).

Reduce Transmission and Impact of HIV/AIDS (\$6,138,000 CSH). USAID is supporting NGO prevention activities, particularly with at-risk populations. USAID is providing technical support to strengthen the network of Voluntary Counseling and Testing (VCT) Centers, and the Government's program to prevent mother to child transmission (PMTCT). USAID is helping build the capabilities of public and private treatment facilities. With other donors, USAID is strengthening the Ministry of Health information system. USAID is supporting NGOs working with

persons living with HIV/AIDS and with orphans and vulnerable children (OVC). USAID is supporting a condom social marketing program. Principal contractor: FHI.

Support Democratic Local Government and Decentralization (\$1,815,000 CSH). USAID is supporting and strengthening the management capacity of the Ministry of Health offices and hospitals and bolstering the ministry's capability to implement family health insurance under the new Social Security system. USAID's continued assistance is based on the recommendations of an external evaluation of the Health Sector Reform strategy. Principal contractor: Abt Associates.

Support Family Planning (\$1,733,000 CSH). USAID is building the capacity of family planning NGOs, with technical and material resources, to provide quality maternal health and family planning services to vulnerable populations. USAID provides technical support to the Committee on Contraceptive Security (CCS) and to the Ministry of Health to improve the logistics and information systems for ensuring contraceptive availability. Principal contractors: FHI.

FY 2007 Program:

Improve Child Survival, Health and Nutrition (\$325,000 CSH). USAID plans to continue assistance to the national vaccination program and to work with other donors to ensure a continuing supply of vaccines. An external evaluation of the water and sanitation program will provide useful analysis to determine future USAID involvement in the sector. Principal contractor: FHI.

Improve Maternal Health and Nutrition (\$880,000 CSH). USAID will expand its assistance to reduce maternal mortality to all participating hospitals, including the second major maternity hospital in Santo Domingo, and a second regional hospital. USAID will continue to work with the national committee for contraceptive security and expect to have a sustainability strategy in place to ensure the local availability of a variety of methods. Principal contractor: FHI.

Prevent and Control Infectious Diseases of Major Importance (\$1,320,000 CSH). USAID, in collaboration with Global Fund resources, plans to expand the DOTS treatment regimen for tuberculosis. USAID will also provide technical assistance to strengthen the Ministry of Health monitoring and information system. Principal contractors will remain the same.

Reduce Transmission and Impact of HIV/AIDS (\$5,138,000 CSH). USAID plans to continue to support prevention activities, through NGOs, and strengthening the Government's Voluntary Counseling and Testing (VCT) program, as well as the prevention of mother-to-child transmission (PMTCT). As the lead bilateral donor, USAID will continue to provide technical assistance to strengthen the Ministry of Health's monitoring and information systems. Principal contractors and grantees will remain the same.

Support Democratic Local Government and Decentralization (\$2,200,000 CSH). USAID plans to continue supporting the implementation of the family health insurance program in the eastern part of the country with a new technical assistance contractor, focusing on institutional strengthening and more active civil participation. Implementation details will depend on an analysis of USAID's experience to date and the priorities of the DR Government. A new principal contractor will be competitively selected.

Support Family Planning (\$1,475,000 CSH). USAID plans to continue to build the capacity of family planning NGOs and the Ministry of Health with technical and material resources, to provide quality and sustainable maternal health and family planning services to vulnerable populations in preparing for country graduation. Principal contractors: FHI.

Performance and Results: USAID met most targets for HIV/AIDS, reproductive health and child survival activities. USAID supported health facilities renovation, trained nurses and physicians, and assisted with antiretroviral (ARV) drug projections. Over 2,470 persons are now on ARV therapy; the country expects to have 8,000 on ARV treatment by 2007. The PMTCT program did

not meet all of its targets for FY 2005, although USAID focused assistance on 82 PMTCT sites, which exceeded the target of 75. Ministry of Health data showed that 495 women (of a target of 1,122) received nevirapine drug therapy to prevent mother to child transmission, and nearly 1,300 women were diagnosed with HIV (slightly short of the target of 1,402). Increasing the percentage of women who agree to receive an HIV test and who accept nevirapine therapy is a continuing challenge. The TB cure rate achieved 81.6% (slightly exceeding the target of 80%), heading for 85% in 2007. According to MOH service statistics, diphtheria, pertussis (whooping cough) and tetanus (DPT3) coverage reached 82.7%, slightly exceeding the target of 80%. By 2007, USAID expects coverage to reach 85%.

US Financing in Thousands of Dollars

Dominican Republic

517-010 Family and Workforce Health	CSH
Through September 30, 2004	
Obligations	32,836
Expenditures	14,358
Unliquidated	18,478
Fiscal Year 2005	
Obligations	13,099
Expenditures	16,780
Through September 30, 2005	
Obligations	45,935
Expenditures	31,138
Unliquidated	14,797
Prior Year Unobligated Funds	
Obligations	0
Planned Fiscal Year 2006 NOA	
Obligations	12,721
Total Planned Fiscal Year 2006	
Obligations	12,721
Proposed Fiscal Year 2007 NOA	
Obligations	11,338
Future Obligations	0
Est. Total Cost	69,994