

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

[Program Announcement 02106]

Expansion of HIV/Prevention Activities in Malawi; Notice of Award of Funds

A. Purpose

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announces the award of fiscal year (FY) 2002 funds for a cooperative agreement program for Global AIDS Program (GAP).

The purpose of the program is to provide assistance in planning, developing, implementing, and managing an HIV/AIDS Surveillance program for the control of HIV/AIDS in the country of Malawi, to support national level Voluntary Counseling and Testing (VCT) activities, and to implement the first step in support of a computerized information management system for HIV/AIDS at the National AIDS Commission (NAC).

Measurable outcomes of the program will be in alignment with one or more of the following performance goals for the GAP. Working with other countries, USAID, international, and U.S. government agencies, reduce the number of new HIV infections among 15 to 24 year olds in sub-Saharan Africa from an estimated 2 million by 2005.

B. Eligible Applicants

Assistance will be provided only to the NAC of the Country of Malawi. No other applications are solicited.

This announcement is restricted to the NAC because it is a unique agency designated by the Government of Malawi to develop, coordinate, and fund Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV/AIDS) prevention and care activities for the nation.

Note: Title 2 of the United States Code, Chapter 26, Section 1611 states that an organization described in section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 that engages in lobbying activities is not eligible to receive Federal funds constituting an award, grant, cooperative agreement, contract, loan, or any other form.

C. Funds

Approximately \$725,000 is being awarded in FY 2002 to fund one award. The award began July 15, 2002 and will be made for a 12 month budget period within a project period of up to three years. Funding estimates may change.

Continuation awards within an approved project period will be made on the basis of satisfactory progress as

evidenced by required reports and the availability of funds.

D. Where To Obtain Additional Information

This and other CDC announcements can be found on the CDC home page Internet address—<http://www.cdc.gov> Click on "Funding" then "Grants and Cooperative Agreements."

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[Program Announcement 02102]

Prevention of Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV/AIDS) Through Interpersonal Communication and Community Mobilization To Promote Voluntary Counseling and Testing (VCT), Prevention of Mother to Child Transmission (PMTCT), Tuberculosis (TB) Preventive Therapy and Access to Care and Support Programs in the Republic of Botswana; Notice of Award of Funds

A. Purpose

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announces the availability of fiscal year (FY) 2002 funds for a cooperative agreement with the National AIDS Coordinating Agency (NACA) to implement Total Community Mobilization (TCM) Project in the Republic of Botswana.

The purpose of this announcement is to mobilize community members in the Republic of Botswana and empower them to prevent HIV/AIDS transmission

and improve access to support programs.

Measurable outcomes of the program will be in alignment with one or more of the following performance goals for the Global AIDS Program (GAP) Working with other countries, United States Agency for International Development (USAID), international, and U.S. government agencies, reduce the number of new HIV infections among 15 to 24 year olds in sub-Saharan Africa from an estimated two million by 2005. This program will enhance and expand the use of interpersonal communication and community mobilization to promote voluntary testing and counseling (VCT), prevention of mother to child transmission program (PMTCT), the national rollout of the Isoniazid Preventive Therapy (IPT) program, and improve access to care and treatment programs in Botswana. The program will also play an integral role in the implementation of the CDC MARCH (Modeling and Reinforcement to Combat HIV/AIDS) strategy for behavior change.

These collaborative activities if mobilized at the community level could profoundly impact the scope and intensity of the implementation of the National AIDS Policy. Cooperative efforts could lead to greater use of counseling and testing services in all areas of the country, increase in enrollment in the IPT and PMTCT programs, and greater use of existing programs for care and support throughout the nation.

Interpersonal communications can reinforce the messages and modeling which is taking place through behavior change communications such as the radio serial drama, "Magabeneg". The U.S. Government seeks to reduce the impact of HIV/AIDS and related conditions in specific countries within sub-Saharan Africa, Asia, and the Americas through its Leadership and Investment in Fighting an Epidemic (LIFE) initiative. Through this program, CDC has initiated its Global AIDS Program (GAP) to strengthen capacity and expand activities in the areas of (1) HIV primary prevention; (2) HIV care, support, and treatment; and (3) capacity and infrastructure development, especially for surveillance. Targeted countries represent those with the most severe epidemics and the highest number of new infections. They also represent countries where the potential for impact is greatest and where U.S. government agencies are already active. Botswana is one of these targeted countries. To carry out its activities in these countries, CDC is working in a collaborative manner with national