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Partnering with the Global Fund

With over 25 years of experience working in Honduras, in May 2008 CHF International became the country's Principal Recipient (PR) for the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria.

CHF is implementing this multi-year grants management program and strengthening local Honduran capacity in prevention, treatment and care of HIV/AIDS and Malaria in partnership with the Ministry of Health, diverse civil society organizations and international cooperation agencies. The **Global Fund's Rolling Continuation Channel commitments for HIV/AIDS and Malaria in Honduras totals US\$53.9 million over 6 years.**

Combating HIV/AIDS

Honduras has the highest incidence of HIV/AIDS in Central America, claiming over 60 percent of reported cases. To address the country's unusually high rate of HIV/AIDS, CHF's outreach efforts are particularly focused at reaching the most vulnerable groups, including pregnant women, youth, commercial sex workers, men who have sex with men, prisoners, the *Garifuna* (Afro-Honduran) ethnic group, and at-risk youth. **The Government's National AIDS Program and over 60 organizational partners form a national network that CHF is providing technical and financial assistance to** as part of ensuring successful implementation of its Global Fund awards. One of the primary goals is to ensure the HIV prevalence rate among the general population remains less than 1 percent through 2014.

The HIV/AIDS program in Honduras is also working to **improve quality of life and survival for people living with the disease through wide-ranging social mobilization efforts** promoting destigmatization, human rights and universal access to antiretrovirals and other treatment therapies.



A nurse at Centro de Atención Integral (CAI), a governmental clinic in Choluteca, a city in southern Honduras, displays the antiretroviral treatment medications procured by CHF International through the Global Fund award.

Reducing the Burden of Malaria

Honduras is also burdened by 40 percent of Central America's malaria infections, with some 10,000 cases reported. The goal of the malaria program is to reduce incidence of the disease in areas with high transmission rates, improve vector control, distribute insecticide treated mosquito nets, and implement a Behavior Change Communications campaign. CHF is partnering with the Government's National Malaria Program to **improve malaria treatment and diagnostic services in rural areas, streamline national malaria standards, and establish risk mapping services and information systems** to disseminate critical prevalence data throughout the country.

Innovations in M&E Systems

In order to ensure financial and programmatic excellence in achieving all indicators, **CHF has established a unique methodology that promotes peer accountability and transparency among implementing institutions.** CHF is pioneering the use of a publically-accessible web system to monitor and evaluate results.

This methodology ensures monitoring and evaluation is no longer a top-down process. Rather, implementing organizations are encouraged to present their outcomes and progress reports among peer organizations, resulting not only in sharing valuable information, but more importantly in generating proactive discussion, promoting inter-institutional cooperation, and helping to identify and establish future financial and programmatic milestones.

During these quarterly M&E sessions, all the data collected from implementing organizations is systematically fed into a dashboard system. **Linking the data to a visual interface graphically measures programmatic results against financial expenditures.** The visual components of this publically-accessible tool aid in leading strategic deliberations and they form the basis for effective decision-making processes among all implementers.

CHF's Specialized Expertise

CHF International brings together a team of highly-qualified administrative, financial and technical specialists who are **responsible for daily grants management, procurement of health products, program monitoring and evaluation, and timely reporting to the Global Fund and its Local Fund Agent.** CHF's Honduras team is backed up by a strong support team, including logistics, finance, IT and health specialists based at its US headquarters and worldwide.

In Honduras, CHF International is merging its extensive grants-management expertise with its global health sector experience to strengthen the national response for health protection and promotion in HIV/AIDS and Malaria.



Members of a local Honduran organization receive training on the new publically accessible web-based Monitoring & Evaluation system.

Streamlining Procurement

As the Principal Recipient for the Global Fund in Honduras, CHF is working to streamline procurement processes so as to reduce wasteful and costly emergency buying practices. We have already developed a **new procurement manuals and policies for the Ministry of Health** that will help maximize resources and projection systems for supply chain management from government warehouses to local clinics. CHF is responsible for procuring critical items for the Ministry of Health including: HIV test kits, condoms, CD4 count machines, antiretroviral treatment and insecticide-treated nets.



Youth at a high school in Honduras take part in an HIV/AIDS awareness activity supported by CHF through the Global Fund.