APHIA Projects - Eastern and Nyanza Provinces

In June 2006, USAID announced the award of five new APHIA projects in Kenya, focusing on HIV and AIDS service delivery, as well as broader reproductive health issues. PATH is a partner on two of these projects: one in Eastern Province, with JHPIEGO (prime), EGPAF, Liverpool VCT, FHI, and AMREF; and the other in Nyanza Province, with EngenderHealth (prime), Christian Health Association of Kenya, I-TECH, and Tropical Institute for Community Health. A sixth award for Western Province, for which PATH is bidding as the prime contractor, is yet to be announced. The APHIA awards are for three years, with a two-year extension option.

Each APHIA project works at the provincial level to achieve three results:

Result 1: Improve and expand facility-based HIV/AIDS, TB, RH/FP, malaria and MCH services
Result 2: Improve and expand civil society activities to increase health behaviors
Result 3: Improve and expand care and support for people and families affected by HIV/AIDS

In both Eastern and Nyanza, PATH will provide technical and management oversight for Result 2, focusing on promoting preventive and health-seeking behaviors, as well as strengthening community-facility linkages. PATH’s influence, especially as the behavior change communication (BCC) partner on IMPACT and AMKENI, was clearly visible in the RFA document. Elements from other PATH programs were incorporated into the RFA, such as Magnet Theatre, peer education, school-based programming, and working with community structures (e.g., Village Health Committees).

PATH is currently in the process of developing detailed workplans and budgets for Year 1 for both projects. Field activities are expected to begin in November 2006. While the full package of interventions is yet to be determined, PATH hopes to include the following initiatives – many of them hallmarks of PATH’s BCC work in the region – as part of APHIA in Eastern and Nyanza:

- Participatory communication strategy development
- School-based skill-building and youth advocacy
- Community agency (in partnership with CLUSA)
- Community theater (building on Magnet Theatre)
- Worksite peer motivation
- Community radio
- Change Teams (a new concept that creates community-level structures responsible for identifying and sharing best practices)

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