

## CONECTA – Dominican Republic

### Objectives

CONECTA is a five-year project funded by the U.S. Agency for International Development in the Dominican Republic with the mission to improve health services by addressing four areas of serious concern in the Dominican health sector: HIV/AIDS, reproductive health, child survival, and health sector reform. Abt Associates serves as a subcontractor to CONECTA primed by Family Health International. Abt Associates' primary role is to lead institutional strengthening and policy activities within the Dominican health care system in the context of decentralization and health sector reform.

### Principal Activities

Abt Associates focuses on activities related to:

- Policy input on HIV/AIDS, reproductive health, and child survival within the context of health sector reform efforts
- Strengthening institutional capacity of the Dominican government (Ministry of Health and Social Security) in its evolving role within the reformed health system
- Strengthening institutional capacity of NGOs so they meet the accountability requirements for participation in government contracts
- Contributing to development of health information systems that link local and national levels
- Development of a public/private commodities/logistics system
- Strengthening the immunization program at the central and local level
- Strengthening the decentralized potable water program



### Progress to Date

- Clinic patient history form designed for use in HIV/AIDS treatment and care centers
- Database and reporting system designed for tracking HIV/AIDS patients, projecting future needs for antiretrovirals, and placing drug orders. The information system has served as a model for other countries in Latin American and the Caribbean and has facilitated the close monitoring of HIV/AIDS patients
- Support provided to the epidemiological surveillance unit to begin the 2005 Sentinel Surveillance Survey of HIV, syphilis, and hepatitis B
- Accreditation for provision of quality immunization services in Health Region V achieved by 79% of all possible vaccination sites
- Strategies to identify children with incomplete vaccination schemes implemented by 50% of vaccination services in Health Region V; 100% of vaccination sites have materials available to instruct mothers on the importance of vaccination
- 100 mobile vaccination service sites installed in Health Region V
- 98% of immunization workers in Health Region V equipped with the necessary tools to improve communication with service recipients; 98% of immunization sites equipped with trained personnel
- Network of Rural Aqueducts (REDAR) formed with statutes established and approved. REDAR is comprised of 70 water committees, representing 80% of the Dominican Republic

Client: USAID

Duration: 2002-2007

Project Team:

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