

Colleagues:

The Global Health Bureau Office of Health, Infectious Diseases and Nutrition is pleased to announce the award of the **TB Technical Support Task Order** on September 27, 2004 to **Program for Appropriate Technology in Health (PATH)** under the TASC2 Tuberculosis Indefinite Quantity Contract mechanism under Task Order number GHS-I-00-03-00034-00. The program director is Dr. Christy Hansen.

The objective of the Task Order is to assist USAID to implement its global tuberculosis program. In addition to funding provided by GH/HIDN, the Task Order has the flexibility to accept funding from USAID missions or regional bureau programs through either field support or a MAARD.

For missions that have provided field support funding to the TBCTA cooperative agreement, the TB Technical Support Task Order could be used as a bridging mechanism until the TBCTA follow-on award is in place o/a September 2005.

TYPES OF ACTIVITIES:

GH TB Technical Support Task Order will:

1. Provide short-term technical assistance and/or advisory services to assist USAID and host country institutions (both governmental and non-governmental) to implement DOTS
2. Conduct periodic analyses and assessments at the direction of USAID
3. Provide short-term technical assistance for Global Fund (GFATM) applicants and recipients including proposal development, review and preparation of implementation and Monitoring and Evaluation plans, training of CCMs, development of appropriate policies, guidelines, standards, and service protocols; technical, administrative, and management training leading to improved implementation capacity; and support to strengthen critical systems, such as surveillance, monitoring and evaluation
4. Implement, manage, and/or review tuberculosis control programs in USAID TB funded countries.
5. Provide technical assistance to adapt WHO-recommended Directly Observed Treatment, Short Course (DOTS) strategy in different settings
6. Contract local personnel to perform in-country services
7. Procure equipment, supplies, and other commodities to support DOTS programs

(note: a more detailed and complete description of the services available to missions is at the following website: www.tasc2.org).

If you are interested in utilizing the TB Technical Support Task Order or the TASC2 TB IQC, please contact Francisco Zamora (CTO) or Susan Bacheller. We will be happy to discuss which mechanism would be most appropriate to address your program needs.
Thanks,

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