

National AIDS Prevention and Control Program

HONDURAS

SECTOR: Health

NAME OF PROJECT: Support for the National AIDS Prevention and Control Program
(ATN/SF-4687-HO)

TOTAL COST: \$1.97 million

FINANCING:

IDB \$1.80 million
LOCAL \$0.17 million

DATE OF APPROVAL: October 26, 1994

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: The objective of this nonreimbursable technical cooperation is to support the Ministry of Public Health's National AIDS Prevention and Control Program by enhancing the efficiency of the program and the professional level of its staff, as well as upgrading its stock of technical and material instruments.

The general objective of this program will be attained by: (a) strengthening the managerial, organizational and administrative capacity of the National AIDS Prevention and Control Program at the central and regional levels; (b) redesigning and implementing the system for epidemiological surveillance of HIV/AIDS; (c) preparing and implementing a technical and administrative framework for the national network of laboratories for

STDs/HIV/AIDS; (d) helping to design and launch policies, plans and organizational structure for a network of blood banks; (e) supporting health care services for HIV/AIDS by improving patient care and reducing the risk to staff; (f) strengthening the capacity of preventive education systems by broadening the coverage of awareness campaigns and their effectiveness; and (g) providing legal support for the prevention and control of HIV/AIDS, by developing and harmonizing a specific legal and regulatory framework.

CONSULTANTS:

International and local consulting services will be contracted to: (a) provide advice and training to strengthen the program's central administration and management; (b) redesign technical assistance and training for program startup; (c) prepare a manual on rules and procedures, placing it into practice, and install basic equipment to integrate operation of the network of laboratories; (d) design and set up a national network of blood banks, providing advisory services, training and basic equipment for their operation; (e) design and implement a human resource training module for health-care providers, including a manual on practices and the installation of essential diagnostic equipment; (f) design and develop a preventive education program for specific population groups; and (g) prepare studies and proposals to develop and harmonize a legal framework for HIV/AIDS.

GOODS AND EQUIPMENT: The MSP will use up to the equivalent of \$300,000 of the Bank's financing to procure the laboratory, blood bank and diagnostic and computer equipment (through the services of the specialized agency).

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