

CHCT Technical Assistance Initiative Overview

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CHCT Meeting

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Background

- PEPFAR Counseling and Testing (CT) Technical Working Group (TWG)
 - Receives many requests for technical assistance and training in Couples HIV Counseling and Testing (CHCT)
 - Requested and received funds in FY08 Headquarters Operational Plan (HOP) to support 'south-to-south' TA for these activities

TA Initiative Objectives

- Support countries with:
 - Needs assessments for CHCT
 - National planning for CHCT scale-up
 - CHCT implementation
 - Training for providers and trainers
 - CHCT policy support and advocacy
 - Communications and promotions for CHCT
 - Monitoring and Evaluating CHCT service delivery

TA Partners

- Two local non-governmental organizations (NGOs) identified to deliver support
 - More than 20 years expertise delivering, training, and advocating for CHCT
 - Multiple publications documenting the prevention benefits of CHCT for discordant couples
 - English and French speaking teams
 - Projet San Francisco (PSF) in Kigali, Rwanda
 - Zambia Emory HIV Research Group (ZEHRP) in Lusaka, Zambia
 - Housed under Rwanda Zambia HIV Research Group (RZHRG) at Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia, USA

TA Requests

- May originate from:
 - USG PEPFAR teams
 - Ministries of Health
 - Implementing partners
- May include:
 - Needs assessment
 - Planning
 - Implementation
 - Training
 - Site visits to ZEHRP or PSF CHCT sites

CT TWG Funds

- CT TWG funds should cover:
 - Salaries and travel costs of Zambian and Rwandan experts
- Requesting country or implementing partner should cover in-country costs associated with:
 - Site visits
 - Training venue
 - Materials production
 - Participant or meeting costs
 - Other local costs or travel to ZEHRP or PSF

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