

Needs Assessment Checklist

Demographic Information

1. What is the primary language spoken? _____
 - a. What other languages are spoken? _____
 - b. How common are they? _____
2. What is the literacy rate of the general population? _____
 - a. What is literacy rate of the patients?

 - b. What is the literacy rate of health care professionals? _____
3. What is the primary religion? _____
 - a. What other religions are there? _____
 - b. How common are the other religions? _____
4. What is the income per capita? _____
5. What is the approximate number of people in the country? _____
6. What is the approximate number of people infected with HIV/AIDS in the civilian community, and overall prevalence rate?

7. What is the approximate number of people in your military? _____
8. What is the approximate number of people infected with HIV/AIDS in your military ranks?

9. What are the approximate rates for sexually transmitted infections (STI) and opportunistic infections (OI) in your country? _____
10. Does the country have an HIV testing plan?
 - Voluntary Testing?
 - Mandatory Testing?
 - Pre-post Test Counseling?
11. Is there any baseline data from a HIV seroprevalence study?
If yes, please describe:

Current Military Programs

1. Does the military have an HIV/AIDS policy/plan?
If yes, please describe:

2. Does the military test the recruits?
 - a. What is their policy if someone tests positive?

 - b. Are any restrictions placed on HIV/AIDS positive military personnel?
 - i. If so, what kind?

 - ii. Are there deployment restrictions?
 - iii. Are military personnel restricted to a certain area?
 - iv. Are they ordered to practice safe sex?
 - v. Is there a blood bank look back program in place?
 - vi. Are their spouses/partners notified?
 - c. Are there restrictions placed on HIV/AIDS positive medical personnel?
 - i. If so, what kind?

 - ii. Are they allowed to treat HIV negative personnel?
 - iii. Are they allowed to perform invasive procedures?
 - iv. Are they allowed to administer intravenous injections?
 - v. Are their spouses/partners notified?
 - d. What happens when a soldier is too ill with AIDS to serve?

 - e. Do soldiers have home based care for those chronically ill troops?
3. Does the military have a systematic force-wide screening program?
4. What are the major risks of transmission of HIV among the military (drug, sex workers, STI's, extramarital affairs, etc.)?

5. Does the military participate in peacekeeping missions?
 - i. If so, what kind?

6. Does the military have remote bases/camps?
 - i. Does the military have a surveillance plan?

If so, please describe:

HEALTH CARE INFRASTRUCTURE

HIV Testing Resources

1. How does the military test their personnel?
 - a. Do they use HIV rapid test kits or ELISA machine?
2. What is the size of the military medical force?
3. How many health care providers are actively involved with the care of HIV/AIDS patients?
4. Do they have voluntary counseling and testing (VCT)?
 - a. If so, what information is protected?

HIV Treatment Resources

5. Do the military healthcare providers have an anti- retroviral drug (ARV) program available to treat military personnel?
 - a. If yes, what are its components?
 - b. Do the military healthcare providers have medications they can dispense to military personnel?
 - i. If yes, who gets it? All military personnel? Or are there restrictions placed on those eligible for treatment?
 - c. Are drugs available for treatment of opportunistic infections (OI)?
 - i. If yes, who gets it? All military personnel? Or are there restrictions placed on those eligible for treatment?
 - d. Are drugs available for family members or other dependents?
 - e. Does the military routinely care for civilians not affiliated with the military?
 - i. If Yes, what percentage of the patients seen are civilians not affiliated with the military?
 - ii. What percentage of those patients are HIV+?

HIV Education Resources

1. Does the military have the manpower, facilities, and skill base to manage a prevention program?

If No, please describe:

- a. Educators?
- b. Condom availability?
- c. Preventive medication?

2. What do the health care providers awareness/prevention efforts consist of?

3. What do they recognize as their best practices for prevention?

4. Do they have a training program in place (campaigns, posters, ads, movie productions, radio programs, wall murals, peer educator, trainers, train the trainer, etc.)?

If so, please describe:

5. Do they have they have a wide range of social targets including the officers and enlisted?

If yes, please describe:

6. Do they have condom distribution centers?

If yes, please describe:

Collaboration Efforts

1. Does the Center for Disease Control (CDC) operate in the country?
2. If yes, what are the CDC efforts? (Check all that apply):

Primary Prevention

- Voluntary Counseling & Testing
- Reducing Mother-to-Child Transmission
- Improving Blood Safety
- STI Prevention and Care
- Youth Intervention
- Public-private partnerships
- Behavior Change Communications
- Preventing HIV Transmission in Drug-Using Populations

Surveillance & Infrastructure Development

- Surveillance
- Laboratory Technical Support
- Information Systems
- Monitoring & Evaluation
- Training

Care, Support & Treatment

- Tuberculosis Prevention & Care
- Prevention & Treatment of Opportunistic Infections
- Palliative Care
- Appropriate Use of Antiretroviral Drugs

3. Does the CDC have direct access to military bases and provide supplies or services on base?

If yes, what kind?

4. Does the military have access to CDC supplies off base?
If yes, what kind?

5. Is the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) involved in the country?

6. If yes, what are the USAID efforts? (Check all that apply):

Prevention

- Developing Interventions to Change/Prevent High Risk Sexual Behavior
- Treating other Sexually Transmitted Infections (STI)
- Increasing Demand for & Access to Condoms & Other Essential Commodities
- Preventing Mother-to-Child Transmission
- Promoting voluntary HIV counseling and testing

Care & Treatment

- Treating TB & other Opportunistic Infections
- Providing Psychological & Palliative Care
- Providing Adequate Nutrition
- Working w/ faith- and community-based organizations to develop care & support systems
- Introducing antiretroviral drugs
- Support programs for children affected by HIV/AIDS

7. Collaboration with other agencies: Does the military have any collaborative HIV/AIDS programs with any non-governmental organizations (NGOs)?
If yes, please list:

8. Does the military have any collaborative efforts with UNAIDS, the WHO, or other **international** organizations?
If yes, please list: