



*DoD HIV/AIDS Prevention Program
Status Report
May 2003 to September 2004*



Cote d'Ivoire



BACKGROUND

Introduction/General Information

The population of Cote d'Ivoire is estimated at 17.3 million people, with an average life expectancy of 42.5 years. Literacy is about 57.9%, disproportionately distributed between males and females. Annual per capita income is estimated at \$1,400.

Country HIV/AIDS Statistics and Risk Factors

The HIV/AIDS prevalence rate in the general population is estimated to be 10%, with an estimated 570,000 people living with AIDS. Identified significant risk factors for HIV include early initiation of sexual activity, significant poverty, and unprotected heterosexual contact.

Military HIV/AIDS Information

Cote d'Ivoire has not performed forcewide HIV testing; however, the HIV infection rate in the military has been estimated at 9%.

PROPOSED PROGRAM

In September 2003 at the *All-Africa HIV/AIDS Prevention Workshop*, Côte d'Ivoire presented DHAPP with a program proposal including the following components: (1) establishing a Counseling and Testing (CT) center in Abidjan, (2) conducting a mass awareness

campaign, and (3) establishing and improving laboratory infrastructure.

PROGRAM RESPONSE

Military-to-Military

In March 2004, a DoD representative attended a planning meeting in Abidjan for *President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief* (PEPFAR) as part of a Core Team visit. DHAPP staff provided guidance to the Cote d'Ivoire military in drafting the PEPFAR Country Operating Plan (COP).

DHAPP funds were used to pay for two representatives from the Côte d'Ivoire military to attend the *All-Africa HIV/AIDS Prevention Workshop* in Bostwana.

Contractor-Based Assistance

None during this reporting period.

Clinical Provider Training

None during this reporting period.

Interoperability

None during this reporting period.

PEPFAR

Côte d'Ivoire is identified as a PEPFAR focus country, which was announced during

the 2003 State of the Union Address to Congress. The COP submitted by Côte d'Ivoire included a request for laboratory infrastructure support and constructing CT centers for use by military personnel and civilians. DHAPP anticipates these funds will be approved.

PROGRAM IMPACT

Master Trainers and Peer Educators

None during this reporting period.

Number of Troops Trained

None during this reporting period.

Potential Number of Troops Affected

None during this reporting period.

Counseling and Testing (CT)

None during this reporting period.

Laboratory Capability/Infrastructure

None during this reporting period.

Mass Awareness

None during this reporting period.