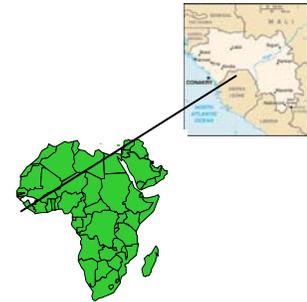




*DoD HIV/AIDS Prevention Program
Status Report
May 2003 to September 2004*

Guinea



BACKGROUND

Introduction/General Information

The population of Guinea is estimated to be 9.2 million, with an average life expectancy of approximately 50 years. French is the official language in Guinea, which has an estimated countrywide literacy rate of 36%, disproportionately distributed between men and women. Guinea is a developing nation. Its economy is concentrated primarily in agriculture (24%), industry (31%), and services (45%), with an annual per capita income of about \$2,100.

Country HIV/AIDS Statistics and Risk Factors

The HIV/AIDS prevalence rate in Guinea is estimated to be 3% of the adult population. The number of people believed to be living with HIV is 140,000. Risk factors include early initiation of sexual activity, high-risk heterosexual contact with multiple partners, low rates of condom use, contact with commercial sex workers, and polygamous marriages.

Military HIV/AIDS Information

Because the Guinean Armed Forces (GAF) has not performed force-wide testing, military HIV prevalence rates are not available; however, a 2001 US Agency for International Development (USAID) study found a prevalence of 6.6% in a sample of military personnel.

PROPOSED PROGRAM

Guinea submitted a proposal to DHAPP to (1) conduct knowledge, attitudes and practices, and behaviors (KAPB) surveys, (2) develop an HIV Prevention Road Show (peer education and behavior change communication campaign), and (3) provide initial and/or refresher training to peer educators.

PROGRAM RESPONSE

Military to Military

DHAPP provided funds to conduct KAPB surveys and facilitate an HIV/AIDS prevention road show and peer education campaign to reach troops at all levels of the Guinean Armed Forces (GAF). Funding included support for peer educators, computer and audiovisual equipment, and travel and facility costs to develop an HIV/AIDS program for the GAF.

A KAPB survey was conducted and will be used to guide the development of the HIV/AIDS prevention campaign. In addition, military and medical personnel from Guinea traveled to Ghana, Togo, and Sierra Leone to learn about the HIV prevention projects in these countries and get ideas on how their own HIV prevention program should be structured.

Contractor-Based Assistance

None during this reporting period.

Clinical Provider Training

None during this reporting period.

Interoperability

None during this reporting period.

PROGRAM IMPACT

Master Trainers and Peer Educators

In this reporting period, 28 master trainers and 110 peer educators were trained.

Number of Troops Trained

None during this reporting period.

Potential Number of Troops Affected

Activities have the potential to reach the entire Guinean military.

Counseling and Testing (CT)

None during this reporting period.

Laboratory Capability and Infrastructure

Technical assistance was provided but no equipment was provided during this reporting period.

Mass Awareness

Activities took the form of a research presentation, and materials development workshop, a policy content workshop, in addition to master trainers and peer educators training.