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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE HIV/AIDS
PREVENTION PROGRAM**

**REDUCING THE INCIDENCE OF HIV/AIDS
AMONG UNIFORMED PERSONNEL IN
SELECTED AFRICAN NATIONS AND BEYOND**

WINNING BATTLES IN THE WAR AGAINST HIV/AIDS

BACKGROUND

Country Statistics

The population of Brazil is estimated at 186 million people; it is by far the most populous country in South America. Portuguese is the official language of Brazil, which has an estimate literacy rate of 86%, evenly distributed between men and women. Exploiting vast natural resources and a large labor pool, it is today South America's leading economic power and a regional leader. Brazil's economy is dominated by services, industry, and agriculture. The annual per capital income is \$8,100.

HIV/AIDS Statistics

The HIV/AIDS prevalence rate in the general population is estimated to be 0.7%. Brazil has an estimated 660,000 people living with HIV/AIDS. Transmission occurs mainly through sexual contact, which is responsible for 60% of recorded cases. However, intravenous drug use is also a significant mode of HIV transmission. Most new HIV infections occur in adults aged 20–35 years. Although the overall national prevalence rate remains low, a growing portion of the new HIV cases are among women. In some regions, the prevalence rates among pregnant women are 3–6%. Other vulnerable groups included commercial sex workers, men who have sex with men, and injecting drug users.

Military Statistics

The size of the armed forces in Brazil is approximately 288,000. As of this annual report, no information regarding HIV prevalence in the military was available.

PROGRAM RESPONSE

Proposed Future Activities

A proposal was submitted by the US Southern Command on behalf of Brazil's military for the 2006 fiscal year time period. The goal of the proposed project is to plan and conduct a one-time HIV/AIDS prevention workshop in Brazil, which would involve the militaries of 13 Central and South American countries.

OUTCOMES & IMPACT

Prevention/ Care/Treatment

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Because the first proposal for HIV prevention activities in the Brazilian military was received during FY05, there are no outcomes measures as of the end of this reporting period. DHAPP looks forward to continued collaboration with Brazil in the development of its program.