



The NASTAD Global Program

What is NASTAD?

Founded in 1992, the National Alliance of State and Territorial AIDS Directors (NASTAD) is a membership organization of state public health department HIV/AIDS program directors from U.S. states and territories. Much of the U.S. AIDS response occurs at the state level, so NASTAD members administer state and federal funding for the implementation of HIV/AIDS prevention, surveillance, care, and treatment programs in their jurisdictions.

NASTAD's mission is to strengthen state and territory-based leadership, expertise, and advocacy and bring them to bear on reducing the incidence of HIV infection and providing care and support to all who live with HIV/AIDS. NASTAD achieves its mission through advocacy on behalf of states with federal agencies and partners, and through peer technical assistance (TA), in addition to sharing information, skills, and experiences. NASTAD's programs are dedicated to helping it achieve its mission, and include Public Health Advocacy, Care and Treatment, Prevention, and Global.

NASTAD's Global Program: An Overview

NASTAD's Global Program is funded by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Global AIDS Program (CDC/GAP), through the U.S. President's Emergency Plan (PEPFAR). Modeled after NASTAD's domestic peer-to-peer TA program, the Global Program is designed to facilitate peer exchange among U.S. state AIDS directors and AIDS program staff with national, state, and regional AIDS committees and AIDS programs in PEPFAR countries.

State AIDS directors and their program staff currently work in AIDS program management positions within public health departments that are analogous in program responsibility to their counterparts abroad. Both are responsible for:

- Designing, implementing, and evaluating a comprehensive response to HIV/AIDS
- Maintaining the continuum of prevention and care activities
- Preventing Mother-to-Child Transmission (PMTCT)
- Developing and sustaining AIDS case reporting systems and the synergy of those systems with those in surrounding areas
- Procuring and distributing ARVs, as well as developing patient information systems to monitor ARV use

- Administering broader activities that support a comprehensive HIV /AIDS program, such as financial management, human resource management, and policy development
- Maintaining comprehensive TB, STD, and viral hepatitis programs within their jurisdictions, in addition to HIV/AIDS program responsibilities

SNAPSHOT OF NASTAD's GLOBAL PROGRAM TA ACTIVITIES

The following list describes the range of NASTAD's Global Program TA activities in country to date:

Botswana: Technical support to the Ministry of Local Government and District Multi-Sectoral AIDS Committees in evidence-based planning. Providing evaluation TA to the National AIDS Coordinating Agency.

Cambodia: VCT training and TA in community planning.

Brazil, South Africa: Twinning between state health departments in the U.S. and those in either Brazil or South Africa.

Caribbean: Twinning between NASTAD and the emerging Caribbean Coalition of National AIDS Programme Coordinators (CCNAPC), and support to national Ministries of Health to scale up ARV distribution.

China: Delegation visits to the U.S. to examine state role and study tour of IDU programming in the U.S.

Ethiopia: Community planning process training, and community ART treatment adherence training to national and regional HIV/AIDS Prevention and Control Secretariat members.

Haiti, Ethiopia, Nigeria, Guyana, Madagascar, Botswana, Brazil: HIV/AIDS surveillance TA.

India: Development of an epidemiological profile, and the use of data for program decision making.

Jamaica, Guyana, China: TA in development of Global Fund applications.

Nigeria: State role clarification workshops and proposal writing workshops.

NASTAD's Global Program Goals

State AIDS programs and NASTAD provide true peers to their colleagues abroad, and gain equally from this exchange. To meet the demands of their full-time domestic health department positions, yet build critical relationships and maintain

momentum in overseas TA, these providers must work as a team. This approach allows NASTAD to provide continued TA in country without maintaining field offices abroad, and ensures success in both technical and interpersonal dimensions of international TA.

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