CRS & Health Program Overview

for

CRS International Development Fellows

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Introduction: Who we are

• Founded in 1943 as the overseas relief and development arm of the US Conference of Catholic Bishops

• Mission:
  ➢ Promote human development by responding to major emergencies, fighting disease and poverty, and nurturing peaceful and just societies
  ➢ Serve Catholics in the United States as they live their faith in solidarity with their brothers and sisters around the world
Introduction: Where we work.
CRS as a Faith-Based Organization

- Role of Integral human development
- CRS employment is open to people of all faiths
- We do not proselytize or discriminate on the basis of religion
- CRS’ Guiding Principles
Partnerships

- CRS partners with local implementers in the countries or in the regions in which it works
- Focus is community-based approaches to care and support
**Agency Health and HIV Strategy**

**Overarching SO:** Strengthened local health systems meet the health needs of the poorest and most vulnerable people

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<td>Individuals demonstrate improved health practices.</td>
<td>Communities address their health needs more effectively.</td>
<td>Public and private providers improve the quality of their health services.</td>
<td>CRS health programs increase sectoral and organizational linkages</td>
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CRS Health & HIV Programming

Traditional areas
- Orphans and Vulnerable Children (OVC)
- Home-based Care
- TB, Malaria, HIV – Prevention, Care and Tx
- Maternal and Newborn Care
- Nutrition

New areas
- Mental Health
- Health in Emergencies
- Non-Communicable Diseases
- Neglected Tropical Diseases
- Vaccinations
- Youth
CRS’ HIV Response

- 280+ projects in 62 countries
- 8 million direct beneficiaries
- 20 million indirect beneficiaries
- $192+ million in expenditures in 2009
Treatment

- AIDSRelief, 2004-2012
  - >260,000 patients receive ART
  - >600,000 receive care and treatment
  - Worked through 200+ Local Partner Treatment Facilities (LPTFs) plus 200+ satellite sites in ten countries
  - Transitioned primary management to South African Catholic Bishops Conference in 2009
  - Nine ART programs transitioning to independent management
Care and Support

• Health Systems Strengthening
• Maternal and Child Health
• Home Based Care
• Palliative Care
• Orphans and Vulnerable Children
• Pastoral Care
• Positive Living
• Psychosocial Support
• Nutrition

Home-based care volunteers with client in Zambia
Vulnerable Children

• Reaching approximately 650,000 OVC
• 2013 Goal: 1 million OVC
• 2018 Goal: 2 million OVC
• Priority sectors:
  – Psychosocial support
  – Economic strengthening
Immunization Programs

- Polio eradication project
- Collaboration of World Vision and CRS
- Targeted communities in Asia (India, Cambodia, Philippines) and Sub-Saharan Africa (DRC, Ethiopia)
- Health systems strengthening
- Community-based health system support
CRS Nutrition Programming

• Services based within Health and HIV Unit
• Optimal outcomes achieved by drawing upon other sectors (e.g., water, agriculture, gender equity, education)
• Lifecycle approach:
  – **First 1000 days of life** (conception-24 months): stunting reduction
  – **Early childhood** (0 to 59 months): therapeutic services, supplementary feeding, OVC support
  – **Children** (6-17 years): school feeding, supplementary feeding, nutrition education
  – **Adults**: therapeutic services (including nutrition assessment, counseling, and support), supplementary feeding, food support (safety nets), home gardens
CRS Initiatives

• Zambia
  – Nutrition supplement development for HIV patients

• Burundi
  – Rigorous study participation with USG to determine most effective stunting reduction interventions

• Water sector
  – Improve nutrient use by vector control

• Agriculture sector
  – Promote iron-rich crops for anemia reduction

• Food distribution:
  – Promote household equity so mothers and young children are adequately fed
Global Fund

• 2002:
  – CRS’ first grant as Principal Recipient - Madagascar.

• Currently:
  – 17 projects (3 as Principal Recipient)
  – In 10 countries
  – Total program value: over $80 million
  – Award range: $136,000 to $42 million
Cross-Cutting Issues

- Economic Strengthening
- Food Security
- Gender
- Human Rights/Protection
- Social Welfare

Grandmother in Lesotho who cares for five grandchildren. She participates in the CRS MOVE project that focuses on improving livelihoods and food security for households with OVC.
CRS Youth Programs

- Diverse programming including conflict resolution, violence transformation
- Education, vocational training, life skills
- Agriculture and livelihood development
- Micro-business development
- Savings & Internal Lending Communities (SILC)
- Protection, emergency relief
• Mobile data collection
• Support to community health workers
• Health informatics
  • Patient monitoring
  • Adherence through IQ solutions
IDFP Selection Process

- December 12 - application deadline
- Application available at www.crs.org/fellows
- Screening, interviews
- >6 months overseas experience
- Strong writing skills preferred
- Strong candidates desired with potential for careers in international development
Technical Resources

- Headquarters technical advisors
- Regional technical advisors
  - ASIA, SARO, CARO, EARO, WARO
- Country-level technical advisors
  - India, Zambia, Kenya, etc.
Technical Support

- Proposal development
- Evaluations
- Resources
- Operations Research
- Publications
- Presentations
- Working Groups
- Advocacy
- Community of Practice

HQ and field staff representing CRS at the International AIDS Conference 2010
Thank you!

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