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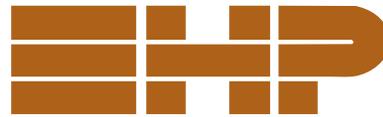
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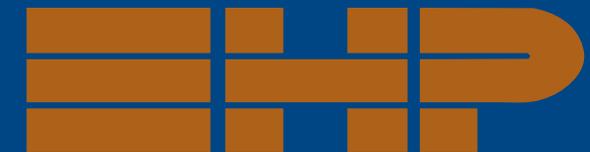
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ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH PROJECT

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## OVERVIEW



The Environmental Health Project (EHP) began a second five-year contract in June 1999, under the direction of the U.S. Agency for International Development, Bureau for Global Health, Office of Health, Infectious Diseases and Nutrition (USAID/GH/HIDN).

EHP provides access to a broad range of capabilities for missions and bureaus wishing to include environmental health preventive components in their programs, while advancing the state of the art of these components. EHP works in all regions where USAID works.

## OBJECTIVES

EHP has two objectives. The principal objective is to reduce mortality and morbidity in children under five years old, as well as mortality and morbidity associated with infectious diseases of major public health importance, by improving environmental conditions or reducing exposure to disease agents. EHP's second objective is to provide a mechanism to respond to diverse interests within USAID in environmental health.

To achieve these objectives, EHP was awarded as an indefinite quantity contract (IQC) that has, in effect, two main parts. Task Order 1, awarded at the same time as the umbrella IQC, is specific in its objectives and detailed activities and serves primarily the principal objective. The IQC also provides for other task orders to address the second objective.

## WHAT WE DO

EHP strives to provide global leadership in the development, implementation, and promotion of new and improved, cost-effective environmental health interventions. EHP provides the following under Task Order 1:

- Leadership and field support in diarrheal disease prevention through safe water supply, adequate sanitation, and hygiene promotion at the household and community levels. EHP has developed the Hygiene Improvement Framework, which is an integrated

approach that combines access to hardware, hygiene promotion, and enabling environments.

- Assistance to ministries of health to improve control programs for malaria and other vector-borne diseases, including the provision of technical assistance and improved tools for surveillance, operational research, and vector control.
- Assistance to nongovernmental organizations and other groups working in health, population, and the environment (natural resource management) to link and integrate delivery approaches and activities.

## STRATEGY



EHP works in partnership with other USAID projects, UN and international agencies, private voluntary organizations, and nongovernmental organizations to contribute to improved child survival by more effectively integrating environmentally related prevention measures into child health programs. EHP's strength is based on over 20 years of program history, starting with the Water and Sanitation for Health (WASH) Project, and applied methodically in the program management cycle of assessment, planning, implementation, and evaluation. Strategies include the following:

- Develop and test cost-effective, state-of-the-art interventions and tools
- Design activities that put communities and the family at the center
- Build sustainability into designs and bring successful pilot approaches to scale
- Contribute to discussions at international organizations and forums to shape policies and set priorities in support of disease prevention
- Apply scientific rigor to surveillance, monitoring, and evaluation that broadens the evidence base of disease prevention and guides program design
- Document lessons learned and disseminate information broadly
- Provide technical assistance that is responsive to client needs and that is high-quality and cost-efficient

## CAPABILITIES

Technical assistance is available at the request of USAID missions and bureaus in numerous environmental health disciplines:

### *Hygiene Improvement for Diarrheal Disease Prevention*

- Expanded access to hardware (water supply, sanitation facilities and household technologies)
- Hygiene promotion through community mobilization, school programs and community participation
- Promoting an enabling environment through policy improvement, public-private partnerships and institutional strengthening

### *Malaria and Other Vector-Borne Diseases*

- Entomological and epidemiological studies
- Field trials of vector control methods
- Vector, disease, and environmental surveillance
- Support to mosquito control programs
- Epidemic early warning systems
- Support for program monitoring and evaluation

### *Cross-Cutting Capabilities*

- Developing and validating indicators and data collection methods
- Operations research
- Urban health programming
- Grants management
- Building strong partnerships

### *Additional Technical Areas*

- Health, population, and environment linkages
- Air quality and health
- Solid wastes, including hazardous and medical wastes
- Environmental hazards (lead and other pollutants)



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