

The Pacific Regional Strategy on HIV and other STIs Implementation Plan for 2009-2013

Introduction

PRISIP II is the Implementation Plan for the second *Pacific Regional Strategy on HIV and other Sexually Transmissible Infections (2009-13)*.

It has as its primary focus the capacity and resource needs of Pacific Island countries, which it will address through improved coordination, collaboration and partnerships between national HIV, STI and public health programmes and regional organisations.

The focus on STIs – a key risk factor for acquiring HIV – is an important element of the *Strategy*.

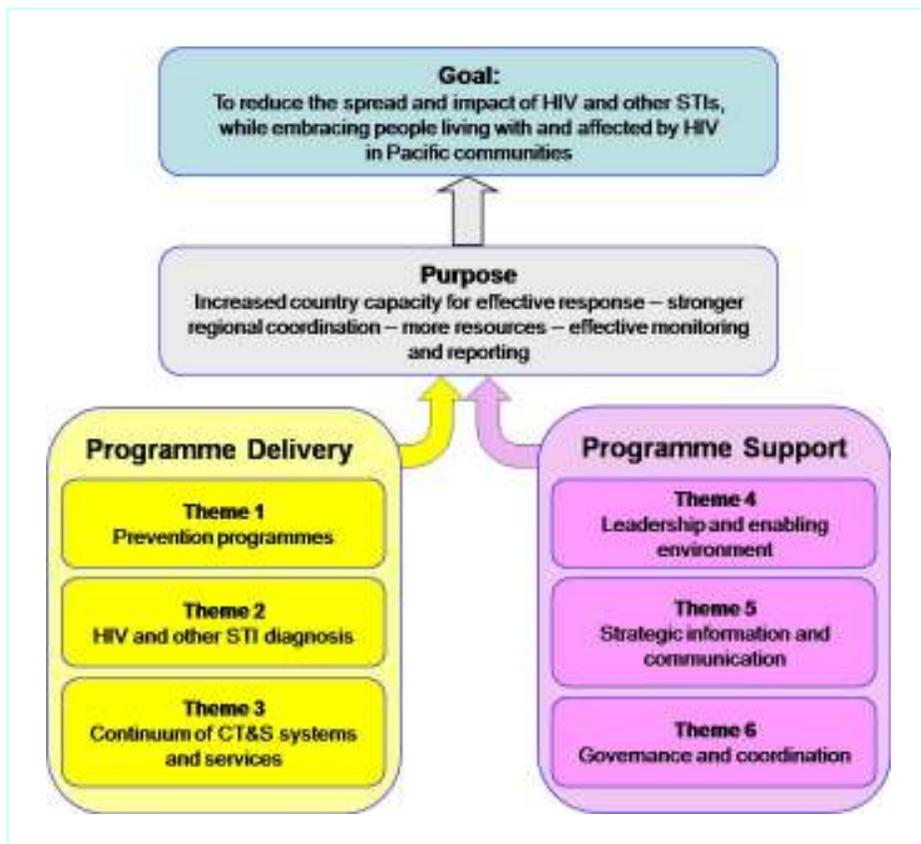
Goal and Structure

The **Goal** of both the *Regional Strategy* and PRISIP II is:

To reduce the spread and impact of HIV and other STIs, while embracing people living with and affected by HIV in Pacific communities.

The Implementation Plan covers 6 broad thematic areas – three related to the delivery of improved services, and three related to programme management and support.

Each of the 6 themes has an Objective, Outcomes and Outputs. To assist regional partners and donor-funded projects to determine the contribution their work will make to the Implementation Plan, broad Activity Groups are included under each Output.



How the Regional Strategy Implementation Plan will Work

Country Level Planning and Coordination –

Two sub-regional PRSIP planning teams – one covering the northern half of the region and one covering the south – will provide ongoing, direct support for country level activities.

Based on their National HIV Strategic Plan, representatives from each country's HIV coordination mechanism (including Government, civil society and affected communities) will be invited to present their current implementation plan to an annual or biennial sub-regional forum of national delegates and regional partner organisations.

Activity funding and opportunities for regional development partner assistance will be discussed, and unfunded priorities for submission to the *Pacific Regional HIV and STI Response Fund* will be identified.

Regional Partner Activity Planning and Coordination –

The specific, individual activities of regional partners and donor-funded projects will be guided by National Strategic Plans and negotiated, implemented and monitored in partnership with national coordinating bodies.

Overall Governance and Technical Advisory mechanisms

PRSIP Coordinating Group –

The roles and responsibilities of the *Response Fund* Committee are strongly guided by and aligned with the needs of the *Regional Strategy* and PRSIP, and the Committee includes representatives of all relevant PRSIP stakeholders. It is proposed that the Committee also takes responsibility for higher order oversight of the *Regional Strategy* and PRSIP – as the PRSIP Coordinating Group.

Technical Advisory Group –

An independent Technical Advisory Group will provide specific advice and assistance to the PRSIP Coordinating Group on the technical basis for the overall strategic directions of PRSIP and the Response Fund.

Regional Strategy Working Group –

Detailed activity planning and coordination for regional partner organisations will be conducted through a joint annual planning meeting of the Regional Strategy Working Group.

Budgeting and Resource Requirements

Financial resources to fund the *Strategy* include: the *HIV and STI Response Fund*; regional and multi-country projects (e.g. the Global Fund, ADB); the operating budgets of regional development partners; and national budgets attached to NSPs.

The SPC Finance Section will be responsible for mapping the requirements, availability and short-falls in financial resources.

It is envisaged that, as the *Response Fund* becomes established and matures, it will become the single regional funding avenue for the *Regional Strategy*. Regional and global funding instruments and development partners will be encouraged to structure their support in line with PRSIP and direct their financial assistance through the *Response Fund*.

Performance Assessment

PRSIP II will take a strategic approach to performance monitoring that combines:

- a) scaled-up technical assistance to countries to strengthen their monitoring, evaluation and reporting capacity (including reporting against international agreements like the MDGs, UNGASS and Universal Access);
- b) periodic monitoring at the Impact (5 indicators) and Outcome level (12 indicators), supplemented by a small number of strategic Output indicators (5);
- c) periodic monitoring of expenditure in different aspects of the response to HIV (2 indicators); and
- d) periodic (mid-term and end-of-*Strategy*) evaluations that will analyse the routine monitoring information and contextual and qualitative information about overall PRSIP performance (5 indicators).

Reporting to Stakeholders and Donors

The PRSIP Coordinating Group will develop and approve a Communication Strategy to ensure that all stakeholders are kept informed of achievements under the *Regional Strategy*, funding eligibility and other issues and developments.

Reporting outputs include:

- An annual (or biennial) Joint Work Plan
- The report of the annual meeting of the PRSIP Coordinating Group
- Two six monthly reports on PRSIP progress (*January to June and July to December*)
- An annual Performance Assessment Report (*January to December*)
- A Final Review and Completion Report.

Reports will tabulate progress against intermediate and higher order indicators for which scheduled data collection and analysis has been undertaken during the reporting period.

They will also provide a more analytical perspective on the observed achievements, including cross-cutting aspects of the *Strategy* such as: gender; the involvement of affected communities; risk management; sustainability; the performance of M&E systems; procurement; and, where relevant, environmental impact.