

ANNEX 2
NATIONAL COMPOSITE POLICY INDEX QUESTIONNAIRE

Strategic plan

1. Has your country developed multisectoral strategies to combat HIV/AIDS? (Multisectoral strategies should include, but not be limited to, the health, education, labour, and agriculture sectors)

Yes	No	N/A
<p>Comments:</p> <p>In 1999, with UNAIDS and TG support, the National Program to Control AIDS/STD in Paraguay began the process of strategic planning with two national level surveys. In 2000, after four workshops a Strategic Plan was approved.</p>		

2. Has your country integrated HIV/AIDS into its general development plans (such as its National Development Plans, United Nations Development Assistance Framework, Poverty Reduction Strategy Papers and Common Country Assessments)?

Yes	No	N/A
<p>Comments:</p>		

3. Does your country have a functional national multisectoral HIV/AIDS management/coordination body? (Such a body must have terms of reference or equivalent, defined membership, action plans and staffing support, and should have met at least once in the last 12 months.)

Yes	No	N/A
<p>Comments:</p>		

4. Does your country have a functional national HIV/AIDS body that promotes interaction among government, the private sector and civil society? (Such a body must have terms of reference or equivalent, defined membership, action plans and staffing support, and should have met at least once in the last 12 months.)

Yes	No	N/A
<p>Comments:</p> <p>In July 2002, a Country Coordination Mechanism for AIDS, TB and Malaria was integrated with the participation of government, PLWHA, private sector, and religious groups. The first experience was with The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB and Malaria, but its action plan includes other activities.</p>		

5. Does your country have a functional HIV/AIDS body that assists in the coordination of civil society organizations? (Such a body must have terms of reference or equivalent, defined membership, action plans and staffing support, and should have met at least once in the last 12 months.)

Yes	No	N/A
<p>Comments:</p> <p>In 2002 NGOs which works in prevention and assistance, including the only PLWHA's NGO, decided to integrate a network named "Red de ONGs que Trabajan en VIH/SIDA-Paraguay". Since the very beginning, they received support from UNAIDS and GTZ (German cooperation agency)</p>		

6. Has your country evaluated the impact of HIV/AIDS on its socioeconomic status for planning purposes?

Yes	No	N/A
<p>Comments:</p> <p>Budget for NAP is so small, that it hardly covers the minimum needs for assistance and some prevention activities. That kind of studies has never done before in Paraguay.</p>		

7. Does your country have a strategy that addresses HIV/AIDS issues among its national uniformed services, including armed forces and civil defense forces?

Yes	No	N/A
<p>Comments: UNFPA as well as NAMRID supports projects that addresses HIV/AIDS issues among armed forces. NAMRID works with NAP in epidemiological activities and both are planning to develop specific projects among armed forces since 2003.</p>		

Prevention

1. Does your country have a general policy or strategy to promote information, education and communication (IEC) on HIV/AIDS?

Yes	No	N/A
<p>Comments:</p> <p>This item is included in the National Strategic Plan of AIDS/STD</p>		

2. Does your country have a policy or strategy promoting reproductive and sexual health education for young people?

Yes	No	N/A
<p>Comments:</p> <p>There is a National Reproductive Health Program for Adolescents (MOH), but it also has weaknesses in HIV/AIDS component</p>		

3. Does your country have a policy or strategy that promotes IEC and other health interventions for groups with high or increasing rates of HIV infection? (Such groups include, but are not limited to, IUDs, MSM, sex workers, youth, mobile populations and prison inmates.)

Yes	No	N/A
<p>Comments:</p> <p>Those groups are included in general IEC activities</p>		

4. Does your country have a policy or strategy that promotes IEC and other health interventions for cross-border migrants?

Yes	No	N/A
<p>Comments:</p>		

5. Does your country have a policy or strategy to expand access, including among vulnerable groups, to essential preventative commodities? (These commodities include, but are not limited to, condoms, sterile needles and HIV tests.)

Yes	No	N/A
If yes, please list Groups:		Commodities
Sexual workers		condoms
Armed forces soldiers		condoms
Comments: SW = NAP AFS= UNFPA		

6. Does your country have a policy or strategy to reduce mother-to-child HIV transmission?

Yes	No	N/A
Comments: Prevention of vertical transmission is one of the principles objectives in National Strategic Plan. Besides, since 2003, there is a project with UNAIDS support, located in six of the higher risk regions in the country.		

Human rights

1. Does your country have laws and regulations that protect against discrimination of people living with HIV/AIDS (such as general non-discrimination provisions and those that focus on schooling, housing, employment, etc.)?

Yes	No	N/A
<p>Comments:</p> <p>Even when the country has a National AIDS Law, it needs urgent modification since it doesn't reflect appropriately human rights perspective and also some articles are very vague.</p>		

2. Does your country have laws and regulations that protect against discrimination of groups of people identified as being especially vulnerable to HIV/AIDS discrimination (i.e., groups such as IUDs, MSM, sex workers, youth, mobile populations, and prison inmates)?

Yes	No	N/A
<p>If yes, please list groups:</p>		
<p>Comments:</p>		

3. Does your country have a policy to ensure equal access, for men and women, to prevention and care, with emphasis on vulnerable populations?

Yes	No	N/A
<p>Comments:</p>		

4. Does your country have a policy to ensure that HIV/AIDS research protocols involving human subjects are reviewed and approved by an ethics committee?

Yes	No	N/A
<p>Comments:</p> <p>There is not such kind of activities in Paraguay</p>		

Care and support

1. Does your country have a policy or strategy to promote comprehensive HIV/AIDS care and support, with emphasis on vulnerable groups? (Comprehensive care includes, but is not limited to, VCT, psychosocial care, access to medicines, and home and community-based care.)

Yes	No	N/A
If yes, please list		
Groups:	Commodities:	
Comments:		

2. Does your country have a policy or strategy to ensure or improve access to HIV/AIDS-related medicines, with emphasis on vulnerable groups? (HIV/AIDS-related medicines include antiretrovirals and drugs for the prevention and treatment of opportunistic infections and palliative care.)

Yes	No	N/A
If yes, please list		
Groups:	Commodities:	
Comments: Medicines and drugs for prevention and treatment of opportunistic infections and palliative care are not available at NAP. Even ARV drugs are not provided regularly. Moreover, NAP provides ARV therapy to 300 PLWHA but every year this provision is paused for 2/4 months due to budget limitations.		

3. Does your country have a policy or strategy to address the additional needs of orphans and other vulnerable children?

Yes	No	N/A
Comments:		