

**HIV/AIDS PREVENTION PROGRAM ARCHIVE FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES
(HAPPA-DEV)**

PHASE I

Research has shown that HIV/AIDS prevention programs can have a significant impact on reducing HIV risk behaviors among adults and youth in the U.S. Sociometrics has made several dozen of the most promising U.S. HIV/AIDS prevention programs publicly available through two widely-used topically-focused archives: the HIV/AIDS Prevention Program Archive (HAPPA, adult-focused programs) and the Program Archive on Sexuality, Health, and Adolescence (PASHA, youth-focused programs).

No similar resources exist for use in schools, clinics, and community-based organizations in developing countries. Sociometrics is filling this gap by creating HAPPA-DEV (HIV/AIDS Prevention Program Archive for Developing Countries). Programs are being selected for HAPPA-DEV by a Scientist Expert Panel based on the strength of the evidence for their effectiveness and their replicability. Each replication kit in HAPPA-DEV will contain all the materials that a new site will need to replicate the effective program. In addition, three innovations are being added to HAPPA-DEV: (1) Each HAPPA-DEV replication kit will contain a program adaptation workbook to enhance the ability of archive users to tailor effective behavioral programs to new target populations and contexts. (2) Each HAPPA-DEV replication kit will be digitized to promote cost-effective and widespread, worldwide dissemination. (3) Accompanying the HAPPA-DEV collection will be a Program LOCator and USage Tool (LOCUS) that will include an electronic search tool to locate programs that match a given site's target population, goals and desired approaches; as well as a multimedia introduction to each program in the archive that summarizes each program's goals, approach and features, and that gives program usage and implementation tips. A printed version of LOCUS is being developed for users with no or limited access to computers.

During Phase I of the project, Sociometrics is conducting an extensive literature search to identify programs that have demonstrated positive impact on HIV-related risk behavior in developing countries and is working with a Scientist Expert Panel to select efficacious and replicable programs for eventual public distribution. Sociometrics is obtaining letters of support from selected original developers affirming their willingness to make their programs available for public distribution in Phase II. Sociometrics is acquiring the program materials for one selected effective program and will work with the developer to create both original language and English versions of a prototype package, in both print and digitized formats. The package will include a program adaptation workbook. Sociometrics is also developing a prototype for LOCUS. The HAPPA-DEV and LOCUS prototypes will be subjected to usability testing with testers who have developed or used effective prevention programs in the developing world.

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