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US\$ 13 MILLION FOR AIDS PREVENTION IN FOUR AFRICAN COUNTRIES

The Special Programme on AIDS of the World Health Organization (WHO) announced that over US\$ 13 million has been raised for AIDS prevention and control activities in the coming year for four African countries.

The meetings held in Ethiopia (3-4 August), Kenya (30-31 July), Rwanda (27-28 July) and Tanzania (23-24 July) were attended by representatives of over 25 countries and international agencies. Each meeting was organized by the Ministry of Health concerned and by WHO, following several months of collaboration leading to official endorsement of a comprehensive five-year national AIDS plan.

Since the establishment of the Special Programme

on AIDS on 1 February 1987, over 80 countries have requested collaboration. Assessment visits have been made to 44 countries and 37 short-term (6-12 month) plans have been prepared. Comprehensive five-year plans have been officially approved by 13 countries and another seven are in preparation. Over 240 consultant missions have been conducted. By the end of 1987, WHO will be collaborating in the development and strengthening of national AIDS programmes in all countries from every region of the world which have requested support, including virtually all countries of sub-Saharan Africa. (*World Health Organization, Media Service, 1211, Geneva 27, Switzerland).