

VISION of the INTERNATIONAL HEALTH SERVICES of the ASC

Better health through global partnerships.

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Working through global partnerships to reduce the impact of HIV, hepatitis, sexually transmissible infections, and high impact and emerging infectious diseases by enabling the delivery of best possible comprehensive prevention, care, support and treatment for affected populations.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Our values

We are committed to:

- equity and fairness
- respect for all people
- valuing diversity.

We support the right of all people to health and access to health care.

Our focus

We work within a development framework, using a rights based approach.

We acknowledge the social determinants of health and believe that improving the health of a community or society will contribute to its development.

We believe in collaboration to develop sustainable, culturally competent projects and activities which facilitate community ownership and two way learning.

How we work

We are committed to being professional and accountable and to working within an ethical framework.

In our work, we aim to be:

- cost effective and financially transparent
- efficient and effective
- flexible and innovative
- non-judgemental
- evidence informed
- responsive to identified needs.

We aim for continuous improvement in all aspects of our work.

We believe in developing professional relationships, building rapport and working within a partnership approach.

We work with affected populations using a community development approach.

We are committed to the promotion of staff well being and continued workforce development.

Our work is informed by and aims to support the principles and policies of:

- the United Nations, including the promotion of the Greater Involvement of People with AIDS (GIPA), the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and other related declarations and conventions
- the Australian Agency for International Development (AusAID)
- the New South Wales Health Department
- the South Eastern Sydney and Illawarra Area Health Service (SESIAHS)
- the Albion Street Centre.

CORE BUSINESS

Geographically, IHS will have a global focus with the Asia-Pacific. Domestic activities and projects will be considered on a case by case basis.

Within a framework of working in the field of HIV, hepatitis, sexually transmissible infections, and high impact and emerging infectious diseases, the core areas of work of the IHS will focus on:

- care, treatment and support
- HIV and/or sexual health components of health sector programs
- sexual health programs, especially those with a HIV prevention focus
- infection control and health care worker safety programs
- aspects of prevention in HIV and tuberculosis (TB).

STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS

1. *Consolidate internal services, systems and products*
2. *Increase capacity for innovation*
 - a. *Increase capacity to develop and fund new initiatives and activities*
 - b. *Utilise and promote capacity to influence policy and priorities*
3. *Enhance capacity to respond to global needs and opportunities*
4. *Develop and strengthen networks and partnerships domestically and internationally with our clients, suppliers and potential partners (see 'Operating Environment' above)*
5. *Promote the ASC expertise and experience domestically and internationally*

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