

IBP Latin America and Caribbean (LAC) Task Team Terms of Reference

The IBP Consortium Strategic Plan outlines a dual purpose strategy for the five-year period (2011-2016). The strategy will simultaneously aim to enhance in-country and regional efforts of consortium members. The IBP Consortium must leverage its strengths “To focus IBP’s support for scale up and documentation of learning in five priority countries”. IBP not only seeks to target its finite resources toward increasing use of FP/RH EPs in five priority countries, but also draw out and document lessons within them. Some of the countries have yet to be determined, but in consultation with the membership, it has been agreed that one such focus country could be in the LAC region.

IBP should seek to achieve results in-country through leveraging the momentum of IBP Partner country offices. IBP Partners must negotiate win/win relationships with country offices whereby collaboration yields added value to their country-level work. In the LAC region, IBP could support the MOHs to convene partners and other key actors within the FP/RH community. IBP’s often-used strategy of identifying a lead country-level partner to support the MOHs, is seen as effective. When possible, WHO/PAHO should serve in this role as they are seen as unbiased and already close advisors to the MOH. IBP should strive to form partnerships with local partners who can serve as ‘champions’. At the country-level, champions can serve to re-position and/or garner support for FP/RH activities.

The IBP Secretariat is convening the LAC Task Team to perform the following functions:

- Provide overall guidance to the IBP Consortium in regional presence and partnerships in the Latin America/Caribbean Region
- To identify and strengthen the documentation and scale up of effective practices in LAC
- To create a forum to exchange experiences in LAC, promote collaboration and avoid duplication
- To share and highlight effective practices in LAC with partners globally
- To identify a focus country in LAC for IBP
- Create workplan
- Identify funding opportunities
- Assist IBP expand presence in the LAC region by identifying strategic partners
- Promote IBP in the LAC region

Member Organizations of LAC Task Team

- IBP Secretariat
- IPPF
- FCI
- IntraHealth
- EngenderHealth
- Jhpiego
- Plan USA
- Hesperian Health Guides
- ExpandNet
- MSI
- Futures Group
- MSH
- University Research Co.