



## *Community Participation and Health Education for Dengue Control:*

A Collaborative Project between PAHO and the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB)

**Background:** In August 2002, the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) and the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) signed an agreement involving shared financing for the development of the project for *Community Participation and Health Education for Dengue Control*.

**Objective:** To strengthen dengue prevention and control in Central American countries via the implementation of public-education and community-participation activities as well as consensus-building for the *Central American Comprehensive Plan for Dengue Prevention and Control*.

**Progress:** The Project has been underway since February 2003 within the framework of the Integrated Strategy for Dengue Management (*Estrategia de Gestión Integrada de Dengue*, or EGI). The workplans are being implemented in the countries, with the end goal of strengthening the Regional Plan for Dengue that RESSCAD/COMISCA is currently promoting.

### **Components**

1. **Identification of best practices** in the area of social communication for dengue prevention and control, in four RESSCAD Member Countries: Belize, El Salvador, Honduras and Panama.
2. **Implementation and evaluation of pilot experiences in the area of community participation** in dengue prevention and control in four other RESSCAD Member Countries: Costa Rica, Guatemala, Nicaragua and the Dominican Republic.
3. **Elaboration of national plans and consolidation of a Subregional Strategy** for Dengue Prevention and Control in the RESSCAD countries: Belize, Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, and Panama.

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