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USAID | The Health Policy Initiative in the Greater Mekong Region and China is pleased to announce the release of a new tool to estimate resource needs for scaling up comprehensive HIV prevention programming for men who have sex with men and transgenders. RETA, the Resource Tool for Advocacy, estimates the resources needed for a 5-year period, based on user input of population size estimates, target coverage levels, and local costs of HIV prevention services. It was developed for use by civil society groups and can estimate resource needs at local, municipal, provincial, or national levels. RETA allows users to plan how specific services can or should be targeted at sub-populations of men who have sex with men to more accurately project the funding needs. By comparing the resource estimates with expected resources, RETA estimates the resource gaps.

Civil society organizations can work in coalition and/or with local government to use the information RETA produces to advocate with governments and donors for increased investment in HIV prevention programming for men who have sex with men and transgenders. RETA produces information that is easy to read and use. RETA automatically generates reports and creates graphs and charts that are designed to answer key questions from donors and program planners, in a format that makes them simple to copy into reports and funding proposals.

To find out more about RETA, see the attached flyer, or go to:

Web site: <http://www.healthpolicyinitiative.com/>

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