



infections in Ghana, Ethiopia, Zimbabwe, Botswana, and Lesotho. NCCDPHP is providing technical assistance to China to improve HIV/AIDS/STD prevention, reduce helminth (parasitic worm) infections, and prevent tobacco use. In its efforts to address iron deficiency in Russia, NCCDPHP is collaborating with public health partners to implement iron fortification of breads in Moscow. Additionally, Center staff are helping Egypt and Lebanon strengthen their national tobacco control and prevention efforts.

APPLIED RESEARCH FOR EFFECTIVE HEALTH POLICIES

NCCDPHP is helping various countries conduct applied research to improve the effectiveness of their public health policies and programs. In Kenya, Center staff are conducting a randomized trial of diaphragm use for prevention of STDs. Center staff are also working on a project in Tanzania designed to decrease maternal mortality and improve the health status of infants through interventions after pregnancy. NCCDPHP is continuing a study in Scotland to investigate compliance barriers to free-of-charge colorectal flexible sigmoidoscopy screening and follow-up diagnostic and treatment services. In collaboration with PAHO, the Center provided technical assistance in the design and implementation of research and training activities to develop policies for cost-effective fluoridation programs to more than 15 countries in Central and South America.

EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION AND LESSONS LEARNED

In Taiwan, NCCDPHP staff published a number of manuscripts to focus attention on prevalence, mortality, and ethnic variation in diabetes prevalence among the Taiwanese population. Additionally, Center staff have compiled and analyzed epidemiological data concerning morbidity and mortality caused by tobacco use, and is making these data available to Latin American countries for use in their tobacco control and prevention efforts.

WHO COLLABORATING CENTERS

- ▶ *WHO Collaborating Center for Development of Integrated Primary Care Programs for Community Practice*
- ▶ *WHO Global Collaborating Center for Health Promotion*
- ▶ *WHO Collaborating Center on Health Education and Promotion of School-Aged Children and Adolescents*
- ▶ *WHO Collaborating Center on Monitoring Trends and Determinants of Cardiovascular Disease (MONICA) Projects*
Optional Study of Physical Activity (MOSPA)
- ▶ *WHO Collaborating Center on Physical Activity*
- ▶ *WHO Collaborating Center for Tobacco or Health*
- ▶ *WHO Collaborating Center in Perinatal Care and Health Services Research in Maternal and Child Health**
- ▶ *WHO Collaborating Center for Development of Integrated Primary Care Programs for Community Practice**

* *Note: These two Collaborating Centers were combined in April 2001 to form the WHO/Collaborating Center for Reproductive Health.*



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