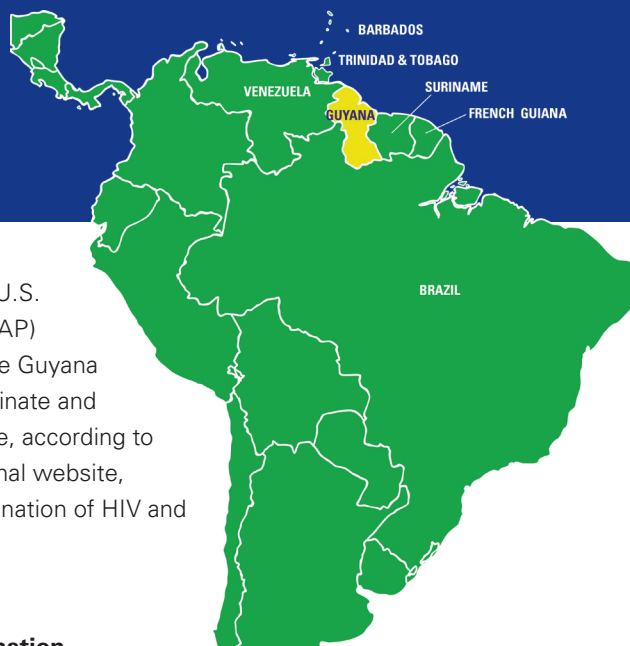


# Guyana



## Overview

I-TECH has been working in collaboration with Ministry of Health and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Global AIDS Program (CDC-GAP) since 2005 to support capacity building in Guyana. In September 2005, the Guyana National Training Coordination Centre (GYNTCC) was established to coordinate and ensure high quality training in HIV and AIDS care and treatment nationwide, according to national policy and international standards. I-TECH also supports the national website, [www.hiv.gov.gy](http://www.hiv.gov.gy), to improve information sharing, management, and coordination of HIV and AIDS efforts in Guyana.

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## Program Highlights

**Guyana National Training Coordination Centre (GYNTCC).** The Ministry established the GYNTCC to address the need for standardized national pre-service and in-service HIV and AIDS curricula, and the ability to coordinate and track all HIV-related training to ensure a well-prepared HIV workforce.



*The I-TECH Guyana office is located in the Health Sciences Education Unit of the Ministry of Health, which aids in collaboration.*

The GYNTCC is closely guided by its 16-member advisory board formed in January 2006. The board, which includes representatives from the Ministry of Health and Guyana's health professional councils, meets on a quarterly basis to discuss GYNTCC activities and to provide input on existing and emerging HIV training needs of health care workers in Guyana. Eleven in-country donors and implementing partners also attend the meetings.

**National Training Calendar.** The GYNTCC developed a national HIV and AIDS Care and Treatment Training Calendar. The quarterly

training calendar provides ready access for health professionals and other stakeholders to all HIV and AIDS care and treatment training activities carried out by the Ministry of Health and partner agencies.

**Training Information Monitoring System (TIMS) Database.** GYNTCC is responsible for tracking all HIV and AIDS-related care and treatment trainings that take place in Guyana. The Guyana National Training Coordination Centre is using the Training Information Monitoring System (TIMS) Database adapted from JPHIEGO to track training activities, participants, and trainers.

**Guyana's National HIV and AIDS Website.** The website, [www.hiv.gov.gy](http://www.hiv.gov.gy), was created to: promote an understanding and awareness of the Government of Guyana National HIV and AIDS Strategic Plan; encourage coordination and collaboration among implementing partners through information-sharing; and increase access to HIV and AIDS information, resources, and tools for health professionals, members of the media, and the general public. The website has both interactive and static media; features include a virtual library, an events calendar, a news archive, and HIV and AIDS service listings.

**Pre-Service HIV and AIDS Curricula.** The GYNTCC is working closely with the various health professional schools in the

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