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YouthNet is a global program funded by the U.S. Agency for International Development to improve reproductive health and prevent HIV among young people age 10 to 24. Led by Family Health International, the **YouthNet** team includes CARE USA, Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu, Margaret Sanger Center International, and RTI International.

Activities at Barcelona

- **Barcelona YouthForce – YouthNet**, in collaboration with Advocates for Youth and many United Nations, USAID, and youth-run agencies, has created and is coordinating the Barcelona YouthForce. The YouthForce is sponsoring a visibility campaign, a kick off rally and reception, a press conference (Monday, 8 July, 15:00 to 16:00, Barcelona Three, Media Center), a newsletter, and other activities.
- **MTV Campaign – YouthNet** is providing technical and financial assistance to *Staying Alive*, MTV's global AIDS campaign, which is being launched at the International AIDS Conference. **YouthNet** is coordinating research in selected countries on the impact of the campaign.
- **Satellite Meeting: Cutting Edge Issues in Youth and HIV in Developing Countries – YouthNet** is sponsoring this interactive meeting in collaboration with the **Barcelona YouthForce** on advocacy strategies, VCT services, and other topics (Wednesday, 10 July, 18:00 to 20:00, Palacio 2, Room 2.3).

YouthNet Staff Available for Press Interviews and Background Discussions

- *Dr. Arletty Pinel*, Deputy Director, a Panamanian physician who has worked for 20 years in HIV intervention/prevention and care activities around the world.
- *Dr. Cindy Waszak*, Senior Researcher, a psychologist who has conducted research on youth worldwide for more than 20 years.
- *Dr. Shyam Thapa*, Research Coordinator, a demographer from Nepal who has studied reproductive health trends for more than 25 years.
- *Hally Mahler*, Behavior Change Communication/Youth Participation Coordinator, has worked throughout the world and is coordinator of the **Barcelona YouthForce**.
- *Bill Finger*, Information Dissemination Coordinator, a journalist with FHI's award-winning *Network* publication for 12 years and dissemination specialist.
- *Shirley Oliver-Miller*, Education Outreach Specialist, has worked for 20 years in the developing world focusing on faith-based and other community organizations.
- *Lydia Bosire*, a **YouthNet** intern from Kenya, editor of **Barcelona YouthForce** newsletter, and founding member of the international group, Youth Against AIDS.