

## **The New St. Vincent & the Grenadines Child Health Records**

St. Vincent and the Grenadines now has new child health clinic and take home records, developed through the Growth Monitoring Project of the National Infant and Young Child Nutrition Action Plan and jointly sponsored by the World Bank/National HIV/AIDS Project, PAHO and the Government of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines.

These new child health records introduce the assessment of child growth using the new WHO child growth standards and introduce child development assessment using the PAHO IMCI child development screening tool.

The new child clinic and take home record is an important tool used to guide health and early childhood practitioners, parents and guardians in the actions to assess, monitor and promote optimal growth and development in our infants and young children.

## **The St. Vincent & the Grenadines EPI Manual**

This manual outlines in detail, the current trends in management of the Expanded Programme of Immunization services and standards in St. Vincent & the Grenadines and act as a reference tool.

The idea of creating a manual surfaced several years ago, and was born out of a perceived need to device a document that addressed the main issues affecting the EPI within our nation. In 2005, a committee was set up and the process of preparing the document commenced. The EPI manual is designed primarily for health personnel who are responsible for the implementation of the immunization program at the Hospital and district levels.

**Goal:** To provide Health Workers with up-to-date knowledge about immunization and to maintain and improve EPI services and standards.

### **This Manual will:**

- define and clarify recommended policies and procedures related to immunization;
- enhance the efficiency, safety and effectiveness of client services;
- provide a collaborative approach to immunization between Ministry of Health, agencies and providers responsible for immunization

The Community Nursing Service Staff commits itself to updating this manual as new, technical and practical information becomes available.