

US Port of Entry - USA/Mexico Border

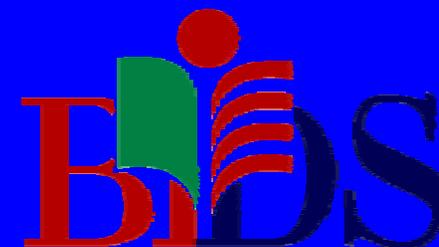


Tijuana, Mexico

San Diego, CA

BIDS: Bridging the Gap

- Conduct active, binational sentinel surveillance
- Develop strong epidemiology and laboratory border infrastructure
- Provide data for preventive strategies



Early Warning Infectious Disease Surveillance (EWIDS) Funding

- Funding to California and Mexico (through US Mexico Border Health Commission)
 - Surveillance and epidemiologic capacity for possible bioterrorism and infectious disease outbreaks
 - Laboratory capacity
 - Communications and information technology
 - Training



Binational Region Public Health/Bioterrorism Preparedness – Key Issues

- Ongoing dedicated funding for border coordination and capacity
- Reduce barriers to sharing resources
- Coordinated planning effort for emergency response
- Formal agreement for rapid information exchange
- Agreement for shared laboratory testing
- Communications infrastructure

