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USAID COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT AND TRANSFORMATION PROJECT (COMET II)

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TOTAL PROJECTED INVESTMENT: \$12,707,527

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Phase two of USAID’s Community Empowerment and Transformation Project (USAID COMET II) seeks to build safer communities through strengthening community and civil society organizations, increase integrity and accountability within society, support at-risk youth programs, and improve community policing practices.

The project is expected to capitalize on existing USAID and Government of Jamaica (GOJ) endeavors and create new opportunities for promoting community-based partnerships that will prevent violence, support for the rule of law, control corruption, and increase citizen participation and youth engagement. This includes empowering local leaders and community organizations; Enhancing relationships and building confidence among stakeholders, including police, community groups, civil society organizations, and governmental institutions; building consensus among stakeholders and the general public on the need for transparency and account-ability in government and society in general; and supporting key partners and stakeholders in juvenile diversion.

Selected USAID COMET II activities also focus on integrating global climate change (GCC) adaptation issues. In particular, GCC activities focus on improving the adaptive capacity of urban poor communities to be better prepared for the impacts of extreme weather events (i.e. hurricanes and droughts).