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BACKGROUND & CURRENT PRIORITY AREAS

The U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) established its Mission in Jamaica in 1962 and since that time USAID has been one of the largest bilateral donors to Jamaica, committing more than \$2 billion (USD). For more than 50 years, USAID/Jamaica has consistently developed programming in partnership with the Government of Jamaica (GOJ), the private sector, civil society as well as other stakeholders and beneficiaries in order to ensure sustainable development outcomes.

Current priorities of U.S. assistance in Jamaica focus on promoting greater transparency and good governance practices; fostering Jamaican participation in regional security; reducing the prevalence of HIV/AIDS; clean energy and decreasing vulnerability to the impacts of climate change.

USAID/Jamaica is committed to assisting the country in focused areas for investment, as a complement to efforts by other USG agencies, international development partners and through public-private partnerships. Today, USAID's work focuses on three key areas:

1. Reducing crime and violence in target communities; Current activities include addressing the conditions that undermine peace and security in Jamaica, by supporting citizen security programs focused on community-based policing, promoting accountability and integrity in government, strengthening the role of civil society and community organizations, and involving at-risk youth in life skills and workforce training.
2. Improving the resilience and sustainability of targeted livelihoods and ecosystems; Balancing the priorities of Global Climate Change (GCC) adaptation and mitigation (including clean energy) with the priorities of the GOJ and security needs of local communities, while contributing to enhanced livelihood opportunities for targeted Jamaican populations.
3. Reducing the prevalence of HIV in target population; Providing technical assistance to the Ministry of Health and civil society partners to improve the quality and scale of HIV prevention, treatment and care for key populations.

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USAID/Jamaica also supports vulnerable populations, including persons with disabilities, by providing literacy and workforce development training, along with life skills to enable them to integrate successfully in Jamaican society.