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LOCAL PARTNER DEVELOPMENT (LPD) ACTIVITY

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A USAID-initiated mapping exercise to understand the capacity level of Jamaican civil society organizations (CSOs) found that although Jamaica has a vibrant and active civil society, overall capacity and structure were weak and there was limited genuine collaboration and coordination. Through the Local Partner Development (LPD) activity, USAID/Jamaica seeks to enhance the knowledge, build technical expertise and capabilities of select local civil society actors to design and implement targeted crime and violence prevention interventions, in collaboration with key public and private sector partners.

The objective of this activity is to strengthen local partners' capacity and the institutions that support them so they can be more effective in their response to Jamaica's growing crime and violence problems. USAID envisions that, through LPD, Jamaican institutions will be more effective in advancing collaborative crime and violence prevention. Civil society organizations and key public and private partners will be better able to mobilize and sustain targeted and effective secondary and tertiary prevention interventions, focusing on youth and communities that are most-at-risk. As appropriate, LPD will ensure youth are actively engaged in all phases of the project, including involvement in key decision-making processes.

The second phase of LPD is implemented under the following three components:

- Strengthening targeted CSOs to implement secondary and tertiary crime and violence prevention strategies
- Building Private Sector Partnerships for Crime Prevention

- Strengthening the capacity of key Government of Jamaica entities to implement and sustain effective secondary and tertiary crime prevention initiatives

LPD has built a solid foundation in its first implementation phase through the execution of an integrated set of capacity building interventions to ensure that USAID/Jamaica local partners are set up for long-term success. In 30 months, LPD has worked with over 100 CSOs in various areas of capacity building interventions including: communication and outreach skills, networking, collaboration, strategic and sustainable implementation, monitoring and evaluation, human resource management, grant management, procurement practices, fundraising/proposal writing, and financial and technical literacy. Notable achievements include:

- Sixty organizations strengthened their governance, outreach, management, monitoring and evaluation and financial systems through targeted and individualized organizational development programs.
- Sub-grants totaling approximately U.S. \$1 million provided direct organizational strengthening support and technical assistance.
- Strong partnerships established with key Government of Jamaica ministries, departments and agencies to collaboratively implement programs towards civil society and social enterprise (SE) strengthening.
- Created platforms for multi-sectoral dialogue and collaboration and increased linkages of CSOs and SEs with business support services and improved access to finance.
- Collaborated with 40 organizations across civil society, government, and academia, to produce a legislative reform agenda to promote a more enabling legal environment for CSOs and SEs.