

Data Sheet

USAID Mission:	Jamaica
Program Title:	Health
Pillar:	Global Health
Strategic Objective:	532-011
Status:	New in FY 2004
Planned FY 2005 Obligation:	\$4,517,000 CSH
Prior Year Unobligated:	\$0
Proposed FY 2006 Obligation:	\$3,292,000 CSH
Year of Initial Obligation:	2004
Estimated Year of Final Obligation:	2009

Summary: USAID's health program is aimed at promoting healthy behaviors among Jamaica's youth and preventing the transmission of HIV/AIDS. The program will seek to increase the availability of, access to and use of youth friendly health care services, especially those relating to reproductive health. In addition, activities will target two other areas relating to sexual risk-taking, namely gender-based sexual violence and alcohol and drug abuse. The program will also strengthen HIV/AIDS prevention efforts, targeting high-risk groups, especially those undertaken by local non-governmental organizations (NGOs). Activities include voluntary counseling and testing; training of health care workers; strengthening adolescent health policies; and capacity building and program support for local NGOs. Assistance will also help implement the Ministry of Health's National HIV/AIDS program.

Inputs, Outputs, Activities:

FY 2005 Program: Reduce Unintended Pregnancy and Improve Healthy Reproductive Behavior (\$3,227,000 CSH). USAID will provide assistance for behavioral change in the area of reproductive health and risky sexual behavior, such as early sexual initiation, multiple partners and unprotected sex, gender-based sexual violence, and the use of drug and alcohol. Special emphasis will be given to incorporating into the program cross-cutting themes such as self-esteem, resiliency, and life skills. Assistance will help guide the Ministry of Health's planning and implementation of programs that efficiently and effectively use their scarce budget resources to meet the health needs of Jamaica's adolescent population. Partners will include Ministry of Health, local NGOs, and a contractor to be selected through competition.

Reduce Transmission and Impact Of HIV/AIDS (\$1,287,000 CSH). USAID will support HIV/AIDS prevention activities, including voluntary counseling and testing, institutional strengthening, and HIV/AIDS technical program support to NGOs, especially those working with high-risk groups. In order to prevent mother-to-child transmission, USAID will also expand the national Preventing Mother to Child Transmission (PMTCT) program to facilitate timely availability of testing for expectant mothers to minimize transmission during pregnancy. In addition, the program will also support a mass media campaign that addresses critical adolescent health issues such as preventing unwanted pregnancies, HIV/AIDS, and avoiding sexually transmitted infections. Efforts to combat HIV/AIDS stigma and discrimination through legal reform and other measures will be a key ingredient for accomplishment of the program's objectives. Partners include Ministry of Health, local NGOs, and a contractor to be selected through competition.

FY 2006 Program: Reduce Unintended Pregnancy and Improve Healthy Reproductive Behavior (\$1,992,000 CSH). USAID will continue to implement programs aimed at increasing healthy behaviors among adolescents. Activities will also include training of care providers, development and utilization of targeted mass media campaigns, strengthening the capacity of the NGO sector to deliver programs in hard-to-reach areas, strengthening facilities (both health-focused and otherwise) to deliver reproductive health, violence prevention, and drug and alcohol abuse

prevention, and supporting the policy environment to promote the adoption of healthy lifestyles by adolescents. Partners will include Ministry of Health, local NGOs, and a contractor to be selected through competition.

Reduce Transmission and Impact Of HIV/AIDS (\$1,300,000 CSH). USAID intends to focus on implementing various activities that reduce transmission of HIV/AIDS; and provide care and support to those affected and are most at-risk. Special emphasis will be given to the development of public-private partnerships to foster the multisectoral effort that is needed to successfully address the spread of the disease. Funds will be used to provide assistance for community-level advocacy activities aimed at encouraging policy dialogue on various issues related to adolescent health. Attention to activities to reduce stigma and discrimination will continue, especially those involving faith-based organizations. Partners will include Ministry of Health, local NGOs, and a contractor to be selected through competition.

Performance and Results: The principal outcome expected at the end of the program will be an overall improvement in the health status of adolescents. Expected results will include a lower rate of unplanned pregnancy; lower rates of HIV/STI; and a decrease in reported use of alcohol and drugs among young people. The program will also attempt to mitigate the affects of HIV/AIDS on high-risk populations by increasing the ability of the NGO sector to provide key HIV/AIDS prevention services, including care and support. An increase in resources, from the public and private sectors as well as through communities, devoted to adolescent health and HIV/AIDS prevention will be achieved.

US Financing in Thousands of Dollars

Jamaica

532-011 Health	CSH
Through September 30, 2003	
Obligations	0
Expenditures	0
Unliquidated	0
Fiscal Year 2004	
Obligations	1,133
Expenditures	0
Through September 30, 2004	
Obligations	1,133
Expenditures	0
Unliquidated	1,133
Prior Year Unobligated Funds	
Obligations	0
Planned Fiscal Year 2005 NOA	
Obligations	4,517
Total Planned Fiscal Year 2005	
Obligations	4,517
Proposed Fiscal Year 2006 NOA	
Obligations	3,292
Future Obligations	16,658
Est. Total Cost	25,600