

Data Sheet

USAID Mission:	Jamaica
Program Title:	Strengthening Democracy and Governance in Jamaica
Pillar:	Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance
Strategic Objective:	532-008
Status:	Last Year of Expenditure 2005
Planned FY 2005 Obligation:	\$1,522,000 DA
Prior Year Unobligated:	\$0
Proposed FY 2006 Obligation:	\$0
Year of Initial Obligation:	2001
Estimated Year of Final Obligation:	2005

Summary: USAID's program is strengthening civil society's participation on issues of governance, fostering the use of community policing in Jamaica, and improving the efficiency of the justice system through technical assistance and grants to local organizations. Program activities have contributed to the reduction of crime and violence in the inner city community of Grants Pen in Kingston, i.e., supporting the establishment of a privately financed model community police service facility, strengthening community policing practices, and supporting community/police interaction. In addition, the program is expanding governance by facilitating wider and more effective citizen and nongovernmental organization (NGO) participation in advocacy and policy making and improving the efficiency of Jamaica's justice system.

Inputs, Outputs, Activities:

FY 2005 Program: Strengthen Civil Society (\$570,000 DA). Civil society strengthening activities began in October 2003. This program is building the capacity of 16 local nongovernmental organization (NGO) partners to undertake more effective advocacy and influence legislation, public policy and community-level governance to combat crime and violence and raise citizens' awareness, participation, and access to justice. USAID will continue to support creative activities that develop awareness among students at primary, secondary, and tertiary levels of human rights and citizens' responsibilities. Principal contractors, grantees, and partners include Management Systems International, Jamaicans for Justice, and Independent Jamaica Council for Human Rights.

Improve Justice Sector/Legal Framework (\$952,000 DA). The key activity is support for a pilot community policing program that includes the establishment of a model community police and service facility (CSF) in the Kingston community of Grants Pen. CSF will offer a wide range of services including a post office, automatic banking machines, cyber center, and a community meeting room in addition to a full service community police station. Training for police officers and citizens will continue in conflict resolution, de-escalation of violent situations, and collaborative problem solving. The training is providing police officers with skills to perform their duties effectively while generating confidence and support of the citizens living in the inner-city community of Grants Pen. Citizens are gaining a greater appreciation of community policing concepts and acquiring skills to more effectively work through problems with fellow citizens and the police. The American Chamber of Commerce (AMCHAM) in Jamaica is playing a leading role in supporting community policing under the program by raising an estimated \$1.7 million to date from the local private sector for the construction and operational start-up of the CSF. USAID will provide furnishing and equipment for the facility, which is scheduled for completion in August 2005.

USAID will continue mentoring programs in two schools in Grants Pen that are helping students improve academic performance and interpersonal skills, and gain exposure to positive adult role models. To complement the mentoring program, USAID will also support an initiative to teach

better parenting skills. Assistance will support public education initiatives targeting crime and violence issues using various media, including community radio. Since improved community-police relations are viewed as a critical contributor to crime and violence reduction, USAID is examining the prospects for replication of this community policing initiative in other Jamaican communities.

FY 2006 Program: Program activities will be completed in FY 2005.

Performance and Results: At the end of FY 2005, community policing will have been successfully introduced in Jamaica and improved community-police relations will have emerged. The role of the private sector in crime and violence reduction will have been demonstrated by construction and successful start-up operation of the private sector-financed Community Police Service Facility (CSF). More efficient case management and tracking systems will exist and serve as the foundation for a more efficient court system and improved governance and citizen security. Taken together, all of these activities will contribute to a reduction of one of Jamaica's major challenges-crime and violence-which will contribute to accelerating economic growth for the country. In addition, by the program's end, computerization of case management in seven Resident Magistrates (RM) Courts and provision of computers and other equipment to the courts to facilitate efficient case tracking will have been completed. As a result, an improved case tracking system will be in place. Partners will include the Police Executive Research Forum, the Stella Maris Foundation, Youth Opportunities Unlimited, the private sector, community groups, schools, and others.

US Financing in Thousands of Dollars

Jamaica

532-008 Strengthening Democracy and Governance in Jamaica	DA	ESF
Through September 30, 2003		
Obligations	2,950	2,995
Expenditures	67	1,325
Unliquidated	2,883	1,670
Fiscal Year 2004		
Obligations	2,500	0
Expenditures	2,262	1,419
Through September 30, 2004		
Obligations	5,450	2,995
Expenditures	2,329	2,744
Unliquidated	3,121	251
Prior Year Unobligated Funds		
Obligations	0	0
Planned Fiscal Year 2005 NOA		
Obligations	1,522	0
Total Planned Fiscal Year 2005		
Obligations	1,522	0
Proposed Fiscal Year 2006 NOA		
Obligations	0	0
Future Obligations	13,733	0
Est. Total Cost	20,705	2,995