

Data Sheet

USAID Mission:	Jamaica
Program Title:	Strengthening Democracy and Governance in Jamaica
Pillar:	Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance
Strategic Objective:	532-008
Proposed FY 2004 Obligation:	\$2,500,000 DA
Prior Year Unobligated:	\$0
Proposed FY 2005 Obligation:	\$2,500,000 DA
Year of Initial Obligation:	FY 2001
Year of Final Obligation:	FY 2004

Summary: USAID's democracy and governance program seeks to increase participation of civil society in issues of governance, improve community-police relations, and improve the efficiency of the justice system. The program also promotes the development of a more informed citizenry, and wider, deeper, and more frequent citizen participation in governance and public-sector decision making.

Inputs, Outputs, Activities:

FY 2004 Program:

Engaging civil society on issues of governance (\$1,000,000 DA). USAID's civil society strengthening program, begun in October 2003, will strengthen the capacity of at least 21 local non-governmental organizations (NGOs) to more effectively carry out their advocacy roles and responsibilities, and to educate Jamaican citizens on their role in the democratic process. USAID will provide continued support for the development of a research and documentation center on citizen's rights, which will give Jamaican citizens easier access to information on Jamaican laws and will create a more transparent legal environment. In addition, USAID will fund activities that promote a greater flow of information on human rights and citizens responsibilities. USAID will also support programs to design anti-corruption and governance initiatives to be implemented under its new strategic plan. Principal contractors, grantees, and partners will include Management Sciences International, Jamaicans for Justice, the Jamaican Council for Human Rights, and a large cadre of civil society NGOs.

Improving community-police relations (\$1,000,000 DA). USAID will support extensive community policing training, e.g. peaceful dispute resolution and techniques for de-escalating violent situations, to give the police the skills needed and to generate confidence and support from the citizens living in conflict-prone inner city neighborhoods. In addition, USAID will fund the training of inner city residents in domestic violence reduction, community beautification, and collaborative problem solving to make them more aware of their responsibilities and to generate a sense of pride in their community. USAID will provide funding to construct and equip the Grants Pen Community Services Center. The services center will include a small police station, as well as a variety of other public- and private-sector outlets where citizens can conduct routine business functions. USAID will implement a mentoring program a community school to help students improve their academic performance, enhance their interpersonal skills and expose them to positive adult role models. USAID will support the development of a multi-sector National Youth Strategy to include a youth anti-crime initiative. USAID support will also facilitate consensus building and awareness surrounding these initiatives among the public and private sectors in order to ensure buy-in and support from all sectors. Principal contractors, grantees, and partners will include Police Executives Research Forum, the Stella Maris Foundation, other local non-governmental organizations, the Planning Institute of Jamaica, other Government Ministries, and the Jamaica Constabulary Force.

Improving the efficiency of the justice system (\$500,000 DA). USAID will continue to roll out computerized case management systems in 16 additional resident magistrate courts, to reach all 23 resident magistrate courts in the country. As part of the program, USAID will provide case management software and court reporting equipment and train court staff in their use. USAID will provide training to judges, magistrates,

and court professionals throughout the island to help them remain up-to-date on new laws and systems for promoting efficiency. Principal contractors, grantees, and partners will include the Ministry of Justice, Justice Training Institute and the Jamaica Bar Association.

FY 2005 Program:

No additional funds will be obligated into this program during FY 2005. During this fiscal year, efforts will focus on ensuring the sustainability of program impacts to date and in facilitating a smooth transition into the new strategy program.

Performance and Results: Successful implementation of this program will improve good governance in Jamaica, ensure citizen security, and promote respect for the rule of law. At the end of the strategy period, it is expected that improved community-police relations will have resulted in a reduction of tensions, a sense of community and pride in Grants Pen and its surrounding areas will have emerged, and the Government of Jamaica will have replicated this model activity in other communities. Also, it is expected that civil society networks and coalitions will be functioning and becoming effective advocates for the promotion of human rights and reducing crime and violence. A stronger, more efficient court system will serve as the foundation for economic growth, good governance, and citizen security.

US Financing in Thousands of Dollars

Jamaica

532-008 Strengthening Democracy and Governance in Jamaica	DA	ESF
Through September 30, 2002		
Obligations	0	2,995
Expenditures	0	168
Unliquidated	0	2,827
Fiscal Year 2003		
Obligations	2,950	0
Expenditures	67	1,157
Through September 30, 2003		
Obligations	2,950	2,995
Expenditures	67	1,325
Unliquidated	2,883	1,670
Prior Year Unobligated Funds		
Obligations	0	0
Planned Fiscal Year 2004 NOA		
Obligations	2,500	0
Total Planned Fiscal Year 2004		
Obligations	2,500	0
Proposed Fiscal Year 2005 NOA		
Obligations	0	0
Future Obligations	0	0
Est. Total Cost	5,450	2,995