

## Data Sheet

<b>USAID Mission:</b>	Jamaica
<b>Program Title:</b>	Strengthening Democracy and Governance in Jamaica
<b>Pillar:</b>	Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance
<b>Strategic Objective:</b>	532-x13
<b>Proposed FY 2004 Obligation:</b>	\$0
<b>Prior Year Unobligated:</b>	\$0
<b>Proposed FY 2005 Obligation:</b>	\$2,000,000 DA
<b>Year of Initial Obligation:</b>	FY 2005
<b>Year of Final Obligation:</b>	FY 2009

**Summary:** This new democracy and governance program, currently being developed under USAID's new country strategic plan for Jamaica for FY 2005 - FY 2009, continues in the same vein as the previous initiative and focuses on enhancing community-level democratic processes and improving community/police relations. It will use the capacity that has been developed to date in the judicial system to build the legal foundation needed for a strong civil society and address other key issues throughout the portfolio. The program will also include a new emphasis on enhancing the capacity of key anti-corruption entities in order to develop more transparent and accountable public organizations and officials.

### Inputs, Outputs, Activities:

#### FY 2004 Program:

No activities will be carried out under this program in FY 2004. The program will begin in FY 2005.

#### FY 2005 Program:

Enhanced democratic processes at the community level (\$1,060,000 DA). USAID will focus on strengthening civil society organizations and empowering Jamaican citizens. USAID will emphasize community-based initiatives, such as increasing public access to information and creating local advocacy networks to serve as change agents for improved social policy. USAID will target Jamaican youth through civic education and other initiatives to help counter the culture of violence that has become embedded in Jamaican society. Through a creative mix of technical assistance and programmatic support, USAID will help civil society groups to become more cohesive and garner more political clout. Potential contractors, grantees, and partners will include Management Sciences International, numerous Jamaican non-governmental organizations, and others.

Improved community-police relations (\$360,000 DA). Building on the success of and lessons learned from USAID's community policing program in Grant's Pen, USAID-funded activities will replicate the community policing approach in other inner city neighborhoods in order to continue to build trust and reduce the tensions between the Jamaica Constabulary Force and the general public. To this end, USAID support will provide training to members of the Jamaica Constabulary Force located within the new communities, in areas such as safe police encounters with the public and conflict resolution. Training will involve sessions with the police only, with the community members only, and with both combined. Our replication efforts are premised on the knowledge that the capacity of various NGOs are being strengthened to improve the effectiveness of their interventions in crime and violence reduction, human rights, and education. This will help to create a climate of greater respect and cooperation with established authorities in these communities. Activities will also be carried out to assist with the devolution of Central Government authorities, thereby enabling inner-city communities to be more responsive to the social needs of residents, and encouraging greater receptiveness to improved police/community initiatives. Potential grantees and partners include the Jamaica Constabulary Force, the Police Executives Research Forum, and others.

Improved capacity of the justice system (\$320,000 DA). USAID will utilize the Jamaican court system to bring about the legal system changes needed to improve local governance and support a strong civil society. Rule of law initiatives might include establishing the legal frameworks necessary to increase access to information. Potential contractors and grantees have not yet been determined.

Improved capacity of key anti-corruption entities (\$260,000 DA). USAID will fund anti-corruption activities that focus on strengthening the capacity of public-sector corruption watchdogs as well as private-sector monitors such as civil society groups and the media. USAID will support efforts to remove or modify those legal structures, such as the present defamation law, that act as deterrents to the serious development of investigative journalism. Potential contractors and other partners might include an institutional contractor, local non-governmental organizations, and others.

**Performance and Results:** By the end of the new strategy period in FY 2009, a more solid foundation of trust will be in place between citizens and police in Jamaica's inner-city communities. Civil society will have become a significant force in advocating for human rights and a reduction in crime and violence. The court system will have acquired the capacity and shown commitment to supporting a strong, vibrant civil society and local governance. Jamaican citizens will have demonstrated increased confidence that public-sector officials are carrying out their mandates in an honest and transparent manner, free from corruption and fraud.

## US Financing in Thousands of Dollars

Jamaica

532-x13 Strengthening Democracy and Governance in Jamaica	DA
<b>Through September 30, 2002</b>	
Obligations	0
Expenditures	0
Unliquidated	0
<b>Fiscal Year 2003</b>	
Obligations	0
Expenditures	0
<b>Through September 30, 2003</b>	
Obligations	0
Expenditures	0
Unliquidated	0
<b>Prior Year Unobligated Funds</b>	
Obligations	0
<b>Planned Fiscal Year 2004 NOA</b>	
Obligations	0
<b>Total Planned Fiscal Year 2004</b>	
Obligations	0
<b>Proposed Fiscal Year 2005 NOA</b>	
Obligations	4,500
Future Obligations	9,710
Est. Total Cost	14,210