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## USAID Office of Inspector General and La Fondation Héritage pour Haïti Launch Anti-Corruption Hotline

WASHINGTON, DC — The U.S. Agency for International Development, Office of Inspector General (USAID OIG) and La Fondation Héritage pour Haïti (LFHH), the Haitian chapter of Transparency International (TI), have begun operating an anti-corruption hotline in Haiti.

The hotline will help fight corruption and promote accountability in aid programs in Haiti and is widely advertised on radio, television, and vehicles used by USAID's implementing partners. The 24-hour hotline accepts allegations in English, French, and Creole and has been receiving complaints since it launched in December 2012.

Developed as part of USAID OIG's ongoing partnership with LFHH, the hotline models the approach of the Pakistan Anti-Fraud Hotline run by Transparency International-Pakistan and the OIG. Both hotlines cover not only USAID projects and implementers, but also receive complaints across the spectrum of international and local assistance programs in their respective countries.

USAID Deputy Inspector General, Michael G. Carroll, said, "This new hotline gives the Haitian people a way to help fight corruption in the programs and services meant to benefit them. OIG remains firmly committed to rooting out fraud and corruption in assistance programs across the country, and to help improve donor assistance in Haiti."

The anti-corruption hotline in Haiti is funded by USAID in coordination with USAID OIG through a three-year, \$168,000 cooperative agreement with LFHH.

Complaints can be made to the hotline by:

- Telephone, at (509) 3701-7089 or (509) 2513-7089, toll free
- Text message, at \*550 in Haiti
- Email (anticorruptionhotline@hushmail.com), or
  - Mail, at: La Fondation Héritage pour Haïti Section haïtienne de Transparency International (TI) Boîte postale 16136 Bureau Postal de Pétion-Ville Pétion-Ville, Haïti NT 6140