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USAID, FHI 360 to tackle crime in Ja through community initiatives

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Kingston, Jamaica — The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and FHI 360 yesterday launched a new development initiative to strengthen local organisations in increasing the safety and security of Jamaicans. The US Embassy said in a release that the Local Partner Development (LPD) project, an initiative funded by USAID, is part of the agency's strategy to decrease crime and violence through community based initiatives, while simultaneously strengthening Jamaican civil society organisations and social enterprises.

This five-year program, according to the embassy, will provide extensive capacity building services for Jamaican organisations as well as build upon USAID's pre-existing programmes to ensure that USAID's civil society partners are set up for long-term success.

Under LPD, civil society partners will have innovative ways of generating income, will be supported by a conducive policy environment, and will work together to find solutions to the country's toughest crime and violence challenges.

To help empower Jamaican partners to be more resilient and self-reliant, LPD will carefully select four to six Intermediate Service Organisation core partners to collaborate with. By building the capacity of these core service provider partners to become capacity service providers, LPD will help local civil society organisations and other non-government entities achieve their objectives, the US Embassy said in its release.

LPD will also help develop profit-generating social enterprises that work in high-crime communities.

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