



USAID and FHI 360 launch Local Partner Development Program

Kingston, Jamaica—On May 25, 2017 USAID and FHI 360 will launch a new development initiative to strengthen local organizations to increase the safety and security of Jamaicans. 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 of Jamaican civil society organizations and social enterprises.

This five-year program will provide extensive capacity building services for Jamaican organizations 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 select four to six Intermediate Service Organization core partners to collaborate with. By building the capacity of these partners to become capacity service providers, LPD will help local civil society organizations and other non-government entities achieve their objectives. LPD will also help develop profit-generating social enterprises which work in high-crime communities.

USAID/Jamaica’s Mission Director, Maura Barry-Boyle, noted the importance of creating initiatives that have a focus on collaborating with local organizations: *“USAID’s mission is to partner with local organizations to end extreme poverty and promote resilient, democratic societies. This program will help us to achieve that by furthering Jamaica’s progress towards creating a safe, inclusive society through partnerships with local entities. It will work in tandem with USAID’s other activities to strengthen the country’s potential to thrive and protect its*

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citizens. I look forward to seeing the positive outcomes of this initiative, which I am sure, will have a significant impact on Jamaican communities.”

LPD Chief of Party, Morana Smodlaka Krajnovic, who will be managing the project in Jamaica, echoed Mrs. Barry Boyle’s sentiments, and explained that FHI 360 was focused on developing all sectors in a society to promote security in communities: *“At FHI 360 we believe that everything is connected, and that to address issues like security, we need to find a holistic way to address the problem from all angles. For this project, we will be building on what Jamaica’s government, private sector, and civil society organizations have built, and we will use these partnerships to create solutions for Jamaican communities. We hope to see significant transformations and an empowered Jamaica with improved security.”*

USAID is the lead U.S. Government agency that works to end extreme global poverty and enable resilient, democratic societies to realize their potential. To learn more about USAID, visit www.usaid.gov.

FHI 360 is a nonprofit human development organization dedicated to improving lives in lasting ways by advancing integrated, locally driven solutions. Our staff includes experts in health, education, nutrition, environment, economic development, civil society, gender, youth, research, technology, communication and social marketing — creating a unique mix of capabilities to address today’s interrelated development challenges. FHI 360 serves more than 60 countries and all U.S. states and territories.

For more information on LPD, visit www.fhi360.org/projects/local-partner-development

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