



## Local Partner Development partners with RISE and JN Foundation

Kingston, Jamaica – FHI 360, through Local Partner Development (LPD), has announced the launch of its partnership with RISE Life Management Services and Jamaica National (JN) Foundation to act as channels of support for Jamaican civil society organizations and social enterprises. Both organizations will act as LPD’s official Intermediate Service Organizations (ISO’s) and will be fueled by grant funding of approximately JMD38,700,000 to each organization to execute the initiative.

LPD is a five-year activity funded by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) under the Caribbean Basin Security Initiative (CBSI), with an objective of enabling Jamaican organizations to become more effective and sustainable actors, with the ultimate goal of improving Jamaican citizen security and social cohesion.

To target civil society organisations, RISE will execute the **Comprehensive Capacity Building Initiative for Local Civil Society Organizations (CSOs)**. RISE will work towards increasing the capacity of 150 organizations island-wide to access resources, improve the delivery of services towards citizen security efforts, and develop a network that facilitates effective collaboration among CSOs, government and the private sector.

JN Foundation will implement its **Social Enterprise Connect** project, which will focus on brand development for social enterprises, capacity building for business service providers and sector influencers, and communication and awareness raising in the social enterprise sector. Up to 20 social enterprises and 50 members of quasi-governmental agencies island-wide will benefit from activities under this intervention.

LPD Chief of Party, Morana Smodlaka Krajnovic, said the partnerships with the ISOs would address the need for support in Jamaica’s civil society and social enterprises, which the LPD has identified through its work with various organisations. She said, *“LPD’s position on citizen security is simple; we believe that we must work through community organisations to provide that targeted outreach that will not only make a change, but give continuous support to*

*persons in their communities. Through our work with the ISOs, who are already authorities on development in Jamaica, LPD will have the opportunity to strengthen organisations and expand our reach island-wide. We look forward to working with RISE and JN Foundation on these initiatives.”*

LPD’s partnerships with RISE and JN Foundation are scheduled until July 2021.

**Further information:**

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