



USAID/JAMAICA— WEEKLY REPORT

July 16, 2012 Highlights:



Caption: Supervisory Program Officer of USAID/Jamaica took the time to read to some of the Grade 3 students participating in Camp Summer Plus 2012 during her courtesy visit.



Caption: Ms. Vail is seen here observing the work produced by one of the students.

- ◆ **Camp Summer Plus 2012 Kicks Off**— Camp Summer Plus 2012 has officially started. On July 9, 2012 the camp began in seven locations in three education regions which will impact 1000 students at the Grade 3 level. Supervisory Program Officer, Ms. Jeannette Vail along with a team from USAID/Jamaica and the Ministry of Education paid a courtesy visit to one of the camps located at the Queen’s High School in Kingston on July 11, 2012. Ms. Vail spend the day interacting with students, teachers and parents and observed the various teaching methods that were implemented for the camp. Camp Summer Plus 2012, now in its second year will be implemented for five weeks and has two main aims, namely: a) to provide focused, intensive, data-driven academic programs which are facilitated through technology and the arts, in the critical areas of reading and mathematics; and b) to provide nutritional, psychological, social and other support which are known to impact student performance.

- ◆ **USAID/Jamaica and the Ministry of Health (MOH) PEPFAR review meeting** - USAID/Jamaica and the Ministry of Health (MOH) hosted their quarterly PEPFAR review meeting on Thursday July 12, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. The Program review looked at Public Financial Management & Risk Assessment; Marketing and Branding; Financial Procedures along with discussions on continuing to reduce the sexual transmission of HIV by targeting most-at-risk populations, which includes Sex Workers (with a 4.1% prevalence rate), their Clients, Men who have Sex with Men (with a 32% prevalence rate) and out-of-school youth with prevention information, health services, and referrals to other support.

Upcoming Events:

- ◆ **Global Climate Change (GCC) Workshop** - USAID/Jamaica will support the development of a National Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan—a clear request of Prime Minister Simpson when she launched the Climate Change Department under the newly formed Ministry of Water, Land, Environment and Climate Change (WLECC) in May. The Jamaica Mission, with help from the GCC team in E3 and LAC/RSD/ENV is supporting the GOJ’s kick off workshop on the development of the strategy in Kingston, Jamaica. The workshop will be held July 26 and 27, 2012. The Mission Director and GCC team (here and in Washington) are working hard to ensure there is political will from the highest levels of government and see this as the opportune time to continue the push for forwarding our GCC agenda (more than half of the Mission’s DA funding). The meeting will include all stakeholders: Government, development partners, private sector, academia and NGO. Jamaica is embracing the need to “get this right first”, before implementing programs and to maximize impact of resources. More importantly, they see the “whole of government” approach in this effort and how each ministry plays an important role in Jamaica’s overall climate change adaptation process.