



# USAID/JAMAICA– WEEKLY REPORT

## July 24, 2012 Highlights:

- ◆ **Youth Conference** -The Ministry of Youth and Culture (MOYC) in collaboration with the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), convened a conference with the theme, “Lessons in Programming for Unattached Youth & the Role of Monitoring & Evaluation” on July 18, 2012. International Youth Development Specialist, Mr. Thomas Leavitt, delivered a presentation on: Program Design for Unattached Youth and Intervention Management, Monitoring & Evaluation Strategies, and Sustainability of Programs. The Minister of Youth and Culture the Honorable Lisa Hanna stated at the conference that the findings of the IDB-led Situation Analysis of Jamaican Youth and expressed the need for technical assistance to establish a systematic approach to measuring and monitoring the youth programs that have been or are being implemented across the island.
- ◆ **Visit to Mountain View Parent Association summer camp**- On July 19, 2012, a team from USAID paid a visit to the Mountain View Parent Association Summer Camp to explore areas of potential overlap with the USAID parent initiative, as well as to learn about parent-initiated tutoring and reading activities that have proven successful.

## Upcoming Events:

- ◆ **On-Line Summer Camp** - In addition to Camp Summer Plus, USAID/Jamaica’s Office of Citizen Security is collaborating with GoGSAT to target an additional 3,000 students by leveraging resources and utilizing programs already supported by USAID’s projects. USAID/ GoGSAT is offering an on-line summer camp for children unable to participate in a formal summer learning setting, and partake in this on-line summer camp that uses the Community Safety and Security Software. The software was developed for USAID through the Community Empowerment and Transformation (COMET) program and won a National Award for Education in 2010. The software is an opportunity to offer summer learning and give parents a chance to prepare their children to address security concerns at home.
- ◆ **Health Policy Project** - An Annotated Bibliography on HIV-related Stigma and Discrimination Gender Based Violence and Gender Norms is in draft circulation. The Bibliography is the first of its kind that provides a compilation of studies and research over the past 10 years on the subject. This is a key document that will supply information to feed the electronic repository which is a database that contains studies and research done in the area of on HIV-related Stigma and Discrimination Gender Based Violence and Gender Norms. This repository is being developed and housed at the University of the West Indies.
- ◆ **Global Climate Change Symposium** -The Global Climate Change Symposium organized by the Ministry of Water, Land, Environment and Climate Change will be held at the Wyndham in Kingston this Thursday and Friday (July 26-27). USAID is supporting this event, which will start the Government of Jamaica on a process to develop a national Climate Change policy framework by the end of calendar year 2012.