



USAID/JAMAICA— WEEKLY REPORT

August 13, 2012 Highlights:



Audio engineer, Christopher Daley (left) shows U.S. State Department's Deputy Secretary of the Caribbean Region Lilliana Ayalde how to use the JaMIN Studio's console. Looking on are Joylene Griffiths-Irving, Mission Director of USAID/Jamaica, Denise Herbol and Junior Lincoln.

- ◆ **Deputy Assistant Secretary Lilliana Ayalde visits Jamaica** - Deputy Assistant Secretary Lilliana Ayalde paid a courtesy visit to Jamaica from August 6-9, 2012. USAID played host to DAS Ayalde in three activities/sites in Rose Town, Trench Town's Jamaica's Music Institute Recording Studio, and the Jamaica AIDS Support for LIFE (JASL) where an Interagency PEPFAR meeting was held on Wednesday August 8, 2012.
- ◆ **Mission Director Visits Camp Summer Plus 2012**- Mission Director of USAID/Jamaica Ms. Denise A. Herbol paid a courtesy visit to two schools in the parish of Clarendon that are sites hosting Camp Summer Plus 2012. The visit took place on Thursday August 9, 2012. Ms. Herbol along with a team from USAID/Jamaica and the Ministry of Education spent the day interacting with students, teachers and parents and took time to observe the various teaching methods that have been implemented for the camp. Camp Summer Plus, now in its second year, began on July 9 and ended August 10, 2012. The camp's two main aims are 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.



Mission Director of USAID/Jamaica, Denise A. Herbol embraces the students who participated in the USAID funded project Camp Summer Plus 2012. Ms. Herbol spend the day interacting with students, teachers and parents and took the time to observe the various teaching methods that have been implemented for the camp.



Mission Director of USAID/Jamaica, Denise A. Herbol and the students of Camp Summer Plus 2012 demonstrates the signature pose of Jamaican Sprinter and Olympic Gold Medalist, Usain Bolt.

Upcoming Events:

- ◆ **Road Opening and Project Close-out ceremony for the Tropical Storm Gustav Recovery Project** - The Deputy Chief of Mission Dr. Raymond L. Brown, Mission Director of USAID/Jamaica Ms. Denise A. Herbol and the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries the Honorable Roger Clarke will participate in the official Road Opening and Project Close-out ceremony of the Tropical Storm Gustav Recovery Project. This will be held on August 23, 2012. Under this project USAID/Jamaica donated USD\$3.2 million to assist with the agricultural sector's recovery and rural roads infrastructure repairs following the passage of Tropical Storm Gustav in 2008. Resources were targeted towards providing assistance to agricultural production of key crops, including coffee, repairs and improved drainage systems for 35 kilometers of roads, increased production and improved marketing of selected crops and the rehabilitation of coffee farms.