



USAID/JAMAICA— WEEKLY REPORT

August 27, 2012 Highlights:



Mission Director of USAID/Jamaica, Denise A. Herbol (center) along with the Charge d' Affaires, of the US Embassy/Jamaica Dr. Raymond Brown (right) and the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries, the Honorable Roger Clarke (left) officially opens the recently constructed road of Rowe Town, Clarendon at the official Road Opening and Project Close-out ceremony of the Tropical Storm Gustav Recovery Project held on August 23, 2012.

- ◆ **Road Opening and Project Close-out ceremony for the Tropical Storm Gustav Recovery Project** - The Charge d' Affaires Dr. Raymond L. Brown, Mission Director of USAID/Jamaica Ms. Denise A. Herbol and the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries the Honorable Roger Clarke participated in the official Road Opening and Project Close-out ceremony of the Tropical Storm Gustav Recovery Project. This was 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. Ms. Denise A. Herbol brought greetings on behalf of the Mission.

August 27, 2012 Upcoming Events:

- ◆ **JaMIN Studio Launch and Song Competition**— USAID/Jamaica in collaboration with the Agency for Inner City Renewal (AIR) will be launching the Jamaica Music Institute (JaMIN) Studio and JaMIN Song Competition in recognition of Jamaica's and USAID's 50th anniversary. Under a USAID Grant awarded to the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) in support of the 'Youth Employment through Sustainable Livelihood' project, AIR was contracted to manage the construction of the JaMIN Studio. The JaMIN Studio constituted the urban component of the 'Youth Employment through Sustainable Livelihood' project, and was funded to the tune of US\$100,000. The song competition will be targeted at inner city youth (16-24 years) and will focus on development and youth empowerment. The launch will be held on September 5, 2012 at 4:30 pm in Trench Town, Kingston and the former Prime Minister of Jamaica the Most Honorable P. J. Patterson will be the guest speaker.
- ◆ **Announcement of Renovation of the Redemption Market**- The Digicel Foundation, in partnership with USAID/Jamaica is renovating the Redemption Market in Downtown Kingston. Demolition for the project has already begun and is scheduled to be completed in December 2012. The press conference scheduled for the week of September 3, 2012 (date to be confirmed) will announce the commencement of this project to the public and will also serve to highlight USAID/Jamaica and Digicel's wider commitment to the rejuvenation of Downtown Kingston. It will also serve to highlight the public/private sector partnership between the Government of Jamaica through the Kingston & St. Andrew Corporation (KSAC), the Urban Development Corporation (UDC), USAID, and Digicel Jamaica. The event will include brief formalities followed by a walking tour of Digicel's new headquarters, the Coronation Market, and the site of the Redemption Market, now under construction.