



USAID/JAMAICA— WEEKLY REPORT

October 4, 2012 Highlights:



Patrons at the Farm to Table helping themselves to the array of food that was served at the event. A number of the dishes served had been grown from the USAID/Jamaica DGP funded INMED aquaponics project's farms and schools.



Vegetables served at the Farm to Table event were grown from the USAID/Jamaica DGP Funded INMED aquaponics project's farms and schools.

- ◆ **From Farm to Table** - The USAID Development Grants Program (DGP) funded INMED aquaponics project in association with Pan-trepant Farms in Trelawny hosted a farm to table event on September 29, 2012. The event played host to a number of dignitaries from the public and private sector who were served with fish and vegetables that have been grown from the project farms and schools. Proceeds from the event will benefit project farmers and schools in the Trelawny and Westmoreland area.
- ◆ **Community of Practice (CoP)- Basic Education**- The University of the West Indies' (UWI) School of Education agreed to take over the Community of Practice in Basic Education in a meeting on September 20, 2012. The next steps include: Three days of in-person meetings between the Knowledge Driven Micro enterprise Development (KDMD) team and the UWI's team in the week of October 8 and an information session for the staff of the School of Education will also be conducted.
- ◆ **Site Visit to South Camp Corrections Facility**— A technical team from USAID/Jamaica participated in a site visit to the South Camp Corrections facility, as organized by UNICEF and the Department of Corrections on September 27, 2012. The South Camp Corrections facility is the proposed location for all women and girls to be relocated from Fort Augusta by the end of December 2012.
- ◆ **TAJ to Partner with Chilean Government**- Following up on ideas that came out of Washington-based meetings in July, the Missions in Jamaica and Chile are exploring the possibility of working together. Specifically, the Chilean government has voiced interest in providing support to tax administration in Jamaica. Given the significant work provided by PRIDE Jamaica (DA and CBSI funding), USAID Jamaica will work to connect the Chilean Aid organization, AGCI, with colleagues at PRIDE as well as Tax Administration Jamaica (TAJ).

Upcoming Events:

- ◆ **MAJIC Graduation**— The USAID/Jamaica funded Marketing and Agriculture for Jamaican Improved Competitiveness (MAJIC) project will host a graduation ceremony on October 10, 2012 for four of ACDI/VOCA MAJIC Farmer Field Schools in Clarendon. This graduation ceremony culminates approximately 20 weeks of training delivered to 32 scotch bonnet pepper farmers in St. Catherine, Clarendon, St. Elizabeth and Trelawny. The Mission Director of USAID/Jamaica has been invited to bring greetings on behalf of the Agency.