



USAID/JAMAICA– WEEKLY REPORT

October 9, 2012 Highlights:



Samantha Chantrelle, Executive Director of the Digicel Foundation makes a presentation of the company's annual report for 2011– 2012 at the recently held event on October 3, 2012.

- ◆ **Digicel Foundation Future Vision and Annual Report** - On Wednesday, October 3, the Digicel Foundation hosted an intimate coffee break sharing the work the foundation had done over the last year as chronicled by the Annual Report 2011-2012. The foundation also shared in the celebration of the stories of partners and beneficiaries which included their partnership with USAID/Jamaica and the Rehabilitation of the Redemption Market.
- ◆ **EC-LEDS Program**- In July 2012, Jamaica was selected to participate in the Enhancing Capacity for Low Emissions Development Strategies (EC-LEDS) program . The program is a U.S. Government initiative to support developing countries' efforts to pursue long-term, transformative development and accelerate sustainable, climate-resilient economic growth while slowing the growth of greenhouse gas emissions.

A "four corners" call with State/W/SECC (Deputy Special Envoy for Climate Change Jonathan Pershing), US Embassy Kingston (DCM Dr. Brown, POL/ECON Nathan Halat), USAID/W, and USAID/Jamaica was held on Thursday, October 4th, to chart the Agency's next steps and ensure all US Kingston Mission colleagues are aware of this new, high priority pro-

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.
- ◆ **Launch of JACE 2012 –2013 Programs**- The 2012-2013 Junior Achievement Company of Entrepreneurs (JACE) Program was launched from October 7 and will run through to October 12 with a series of activities. These activities are being funded through the support of the private sector and on Wednesday October 10, 2012 USAID/Jamaica will fund a number of past Junior Achievement (JA) alumni who will take the time to visit a number of classrooms and volunteer their time in teaching 10 JA programs. For the current school year, JACE targets students from 50 high schools across the country. Already 42 of those schools are sponsored by the private sector and students will benefit from mentorship provided by staff members of the sponsoring organization. JACE has evolved into a six-month program designed to transform and stimulate interest in entrepreneurship and business. High school students and young people work as a team to build and then operate a company. This entrepreneurial experience provides an engaging, challenging and hands-on economic education.