



WEEKLY REPORT

October 23, 2012 Highlights:



The St. Mary Beekeeping graduates are seen here with their certificates along with representatives from USAID/Jamaica and LIFE at the recently held beekeeping graduation.



Mission Director of USAID/Jamaica, Denise A. Herbol, speaking at the recently held NIA training seminar on Anti-Corruption and Financial Crime Investigators Training in Kingston on October 21, 2012.

- ◆ **LIFE Graduation**– The USAID/Jamaica funded Local Initiative Facility for the Environment (LIFE) project hosted a graduation ceremony on October 16, 2012 for 18 beekeepers within the parish of St. Mary. At the event graduates received certificates of participation and equipment necessary to manage an apiary including a bee veil, smoker, hive tool and bee brush.
- ◆ **NIA Community Outreach and Investigator’s Seminar**– The National Integrity Action Ltd. (NIA), USAID/Jamaica's project to promote transparency and reduce corruption in the public and private sectors, collaborated with several civic bodies and hosted its second Community Outreach activity on Wednesday, October 17, 2012 at the Golf View Hotel, Mandeville. The theme for the event was Combating Corruption, Building Integrity, Engaging Communities. In addition, from Saturday October 20– 21, NIA hosted a two day training seminar on Anti-Corruption and Financial Crime Investigators Training in Kingston. The Mission Director of USAID/Jamaica brought greetings to the participants on behalf of the Agency.
- ◆ **Caribbean Grants, Solicitation and Management Project**– A technical team from USAID/Jamaica traveled to the Bahamas during the week of October 9, 2012 to attend the launch of the USAID-funded Caribbean Grants, Solicitation and Management Project and participate in a country consultation visit regarding support from the U.S. President’s Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) program. USAID/Jamaica has provided support to the National HIV/AIDS Program in The Bahamas through two implementing partners.- FHI Development 360’s (FHI360) C-Change Project which provided Social & Behavior Change Communication (SBCC) technical assistance and, World Learning, who launched their new project which will work to support and enhance civil society’s ability to provide HIV prevention services to key populations.

Upcoming Events:

- ◆ **JaMIN Song Competition Finals**– USAID/Jamaica in collaboration with the Agency for Inner City Renewal (AIR) will host the finals of the Jamaica Music Institute (JaMIN) Song Competition in recognition of Jamaica’s and USAID’s 50th anniversary. Following the recent launch of the JaMIN studio, the song competition was announced and is targeted at inner city youth (16-24 years) and focuses on development and youth empowerment. The song competition finals will be held on Saturday October 27, 2012 at the Ambassador Theatre in Trench Town, Kingston.