



## USAID/JAMAICA— WEEKLY REPORT

### June 12, 2012 Highlights:



*U.S. Ambassador, Pamela E. Bridgewater (left), Commissioner of Corrections - Lieutenant Colonel G. Sean Prendergast, UNDP Resident Representative in Jamaica, Dr. Arun Kashyap and Mission Director of USAID, Ms. Denise A Herbol met with juvenile remandees on their visit to the Metcalf Street Secure Juvenile Center on June 8, 2012.*

- ◆ **Metcalf Street Secure Juvenile Center Visit : U.S.** Ambassador Pamela E. Bridgewater, Mission Director of USAID, Denise A. Herbol along with a team from USAID, the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) and the Ministry of National Security visited the Metcalf Street Secure Juvenile Centre on Friday June 8, 2012. The center provides programs that allow for education, training, and the enhancement of social reintegration for wards of the state prior to the resolution of their court cases. Juveniles in conflict with the law have special needs which cannot be met in institutions equipped and staffed for adults. Against this background, the USAID/UNDP Support to Metcalf Project supports the Department of Correctional Services (DCS) with the acquisition of tools, equipment, materials and limited technical support to facilitate initiatives aimed at giving juvenile remandees access to a healthy, safe, secure and caring environment. Additionally, the project is designed to ensure the delivery of work/training programs that provide these youths with viable alternatives they can explore upon release. The tour included an interactive session with some of the wards, along with discussions with the Commissioner and members of his staff.

- ◆ **PEPFAR Semi Annual Meeting:** PEPFAR Jamaica hosted its semi-annual meeting with its implementing partners on June 7, 2012 at the U.S. Embassy's Multi-Purpose Room. The meeting highlighted and shared information about the impact and results of the PEPFAR program in Jamaica and beneficiaries shared their stories on how PEPFAR support has impacted their lives .
- ◆ **Inspiration for Schools for the Deaf:** On Monday, June 4, 25-year old deaf Canadian race car driver, Kris Martin shared his fascinating story and achievements as a deaf stock race car driver with select stakeholders (USAID, Ministry of Education, Sandals Foundation, the Combined Disabilities Association), Junior Achievement (JA) staff and members of the local racing fraternity. As part of the "Supporting Workforce Training and Development for the Deaf Community in Jamaica" project under JA, Kris visited the island for one week to present his story to students at selected deaf schools and provided voluntary mentorship to deaf youth benefitting from Junior Achievement programs. He visited schools in Kingston and three schools for the deaf in Montego Bay and Mandeville.

### Upcoming Events:

- ◆ **Management for Sustainability Workshops:** World Learning's HIV Project will be conducting a series of Management for Sustainability Workshops on June 12 and July 12-14 for their Sub-Grantees and Ministry of Health participants. The objective of the workshops is to equip grantees with the necessary theoretical knowledge-base needed to reorganize business management procedures and practices at the organizational level. Focus will be placed on: Succession, Strategic and Communication Planning; Sustainability Planning; Cost recovery mechanisms; Leadership vs Management; and marketing and visibility strategies.
- ◆ **Resident Magistrate Training on Anti-Corruption-** The National Integrity Action Limited (NIAL) will host its second FOG II activity, the Resident Magistrate Training in St. Ann from June 15-17, 2012. The Supervisory Program Officer will speak at the official opening ceremony of this event on June 16, 2012.