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BACKGROUND & CURRENT PRIORITY AREAS

The U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) established its Mission in Jamaica in 1962 and since that time USAID has been one of the largest bilateral donors to Jamaica, committing more than \$1.6 billion (USD). For nearly 60 years, USAID/Jamaica has consistently developed programming in partnership with the Government of Jamaica (GOJ), the private sector, civil society as well as other stakeholders and beneficiaries in order to ensure sustainable development outcomes.

Current priorities of U.S. assistance in Jamaica focus on support for Jamaican-led initiatives, helping to mobilize domestic resources (including the private sector's), and changing the donor-recipient relationship.

Programmatically, USAID's support focuses on three key sectors: disaster risk reduction--including energy sector resiliency and disaster risk financing; pursue greater partnership with the GoJ and other donor initiatives that address youth crime and violence and; through the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS relief (PEPFAR) achieve HIV/AIDS epidemic control by working with a local NGO and the private sector.

USAID/Jamaica is committed to assisting the country in focused areas for investment, as a complement to efforts by other USG agencies, international development partners and through public-private partnerships.

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USAID/Jamaica also supports vulnerable populations, including persons with disabilities, by providing literacy and workforce development training, along with life skills to enable them to integrate successfully in Jamaican society.