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COVID-19 EMERGENCY SUPPORT FIRST TRANCHE

CONTRACTOR(S)/GRANTEE(S): **PAN-AMERICAN HEALTH ORGANIZATION**

DURATION: APRIL 2020 - MARCH 2021

TOTAL PROJECTED INVESTMENT: \$700,000

FUNDING SOURCE: COVID-19

USAID supported the Government of Jamaica to mitigate the spread of the COVID-19 outbreak in the country. Using emergency response resources, USAID supported:

- Case management and infection control while minimizing the risk of onwards transmission to others in health care settings and at point of entry;
- Coordination and logistics including support for a national emergency operation center;
- Risk communication and community engagement focusing on raising awareness of prevention measures and hygiene behavior change communication;

- Surveillance and rapid response to enhance case-finding and contact tracing for COVID-19.

CONTRACTOR(S)/GRANTEE(S): JAMAICA AIDS SUPPORT FOR LIFE (JASL)

DURATION: MAY 2020 - SEPTEMBER 2020

TOTAL PROJECTED INVESTMENT: \$300,000

FUNDING SOURCE: COVID-19

To support the Government of Jamaica's COVID-19 response, USAID partnered with a consortium of five local community-based NGO's led by Jamaica AIDS Support for Life (JASL) to provide services to vulnerable groups within Jamaican society--including PLHIV. Complementing and augmenting national efforts, the consortium: 1) advanced risk communication; 2) strengthened community engagements; 3) provided social support; and 4) expanded access to pharmacy services in Jamaica.

CONTRACTOR(S)/GRANTEE(S): LOCAL PARTNER DEVELOPMENT (FHI360)

DURATION: SEPTEMBER 2020-SEPTEMBER 2021

TOTAL PROJECTED INVESTMENT: \$1,000,000

FUNDING SOURCE: COVID-19

To assist Jamaica's response to the COVID-19 pandemic, USAID's Local Partner Development activity delivered social welfare support to vulnerable youth, families, and communities, as well as providing assistance to address issues such as child abuse and domestic violence.

Results

Health results from the first tranche include but are not limited to:

- Provided 15 ICU beds and 10 hospital beds for severe COVID cases;
- Protective equipment for 1,000 health care workers;
- Retrofitting two isolation units in high volume hospitals;

- Procurement of 50 oxygen flow meters, 20 high flow nasal oxygen devices, and 3 transport ventilators;
- Support for laboratory supplies and equipment and training in COVID-19 diagnostics and molecular testing;
- Equipping health workers with 42 computers and 70 phones;
- Awareness-raising of prevention measures and good hygiene practices through behavioral change communication and community engagement;
- 1,500 vulnerable individuals received care packages that included masks and sanitizers.

Social welfare results from the first tranche include but not limited to:

- 1,119 people benefitted from food and sanitation vouchers, including victims of gender based violence;
- 320 students received book vouchers, backpacks and school supplies to support learning;
- 310 laptops donated to the Ministry of Education (MOE) to support virtual learning for vulnerable students, this adds to the 2,000 tablets/laptops USAID donated to the MOE
- 101 micro enterprises supported.

SECOND TRANCHE

In September 2021, USAID provided \$5.5 million in additional assistance to strengthen Jamaica's ongoing COVID-19 mitigation efforts. The assistance has two strategic objectives: 1) to support vaccine readiness and accelerate the equitable access to delivery of vaccines including reaching the most vulnerable populations; 2) to reduce morbidity and mortality from Covid 19, mitigate transmission, strengthen health systems—especially to prevent, detect and respond to Covid 19 and future pandemic threats. The following activities contribute toward these objectives and play a significant role in Jamaica's COVID-19 response:

CONTRACTOR(S)/GRANTEE(S): PAN-AMERICAN HEALTH ORGANIZATION

DURATION: SEPTEMBER 2021 - OCTOBER 2022

TOTAL PROJECTED INVESTMENT: \$2.8 MILLION

- Providing select support to help Jamaica's national COVID vaccine rollout—including:
 - increasing coordination among public, private, and civil society sectors;
 - strengthening coordination to balance supply and demand;
 - enhancing coordination of communication efforts;
- Supporting digital information systems that can assist in real time planning, coordination and tracking of vaccine roll-out--including reporting on adverse vaccine events;
- Supporting human resources (HR) for vaccine surge and select training and supervision of health care workers;
- Supporting supply chain planning, management and monitoring, including:
 - training to increase HR capacity;
 - strengthening logistics and monitoring cold chain;
 - incorporating digital information for tracking uptake, distribution, and redistribution to assure no vaccine wastage and real-time programming;
- Supporting current studies on vaccine hesitancy and barriers;
- Supporting media and communications to address the findings of the studies—including tailored messages for specific populations;
- Supporting the procurement of critical supplies, equipment, commodities PPE,, and oxygen support.
- Addressing key gaps in epidemiological surveillance and contact tracing.

CONTRACTOR(S)/GRANTEE(S): **JAMAICA AIDS SUPPORT FOR LIFE (JASL)**

DURATION: OCTOBER 2021 - SEPTEMBER 2022

TOTAL PROJECTED INVESTMENT: \$300,000

- Enhancing the capacity of NGOs to support the government to respond to COVID-19 vaccine misinformation;
- Supporting NGO use of online software and platforms to respond in real time to questions from clients;
- Developing and disseminating social media campaigns that reach the most vulnerable populations address fear and anxiety, promote adherence to

prevention guidelines, reduce stigma and misinformation, and encourage vaccine uptake;

- Coordinate and execute vaccination interventions in vulnerable communities to promote equitable access and uptake.

CONTRACTOR(S)/GRANTEE(S): PALLADIUM -- DATA FOR IMPLEMENTATION MECHANISM

DURATION: OCTOBER 2021-SEPTEMBER 2022

TOTAL PROJECTED INVESTMENT: \$800,000

- Providing technical assistance to the USAID-supported private sector network to adapt and improve digital information system(s) to track vaccine supply, distribution, administration and adverse events;
- Assist in ensuring interoperability with other systems (such as the supply chain, locations of hotspots, case management, lab and surveillance);
- Assist in analysis and effective utilization of information to adjust programming real-time.

CONTRACTOR(S)/GRANTEE(S): ABT ASSOCIATES - LOCAL HEALTH SYSTEMS SUSTAINABILITY PROJECT MECHANISM

DURATION: OCTOBER 2021-SEPTEMBER 2022

TOTAL PROJECTED INVESTMENT: \$1,600,000

Building on the USAID-supported network of private providers:

- Support the Government of Jamaica private sector vaccination efforts to expand equitable access of vaccinations including to other private industries (such as hospitality) and clients who prefer to receive a vaccine from a private provider;
- Expand communication and messages to address vaccine hesitancy;
- Support private sector decentralized supply chain development, including cold storage for vaccine delivery;
- Enhance the government's ability to use the private sector to help detect and respond to COVID -19 as it evolves and to future pandemics.