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STRENGTHENING JAMAICA'S ELECTORAL DEMOCRACY

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This activity promotes political accountability on the part of Jamaican political parties and candidates, increases voter knowledge of political parties' programs, and improves citizens' participation in elections. Prior to the general elections in 2020, technical assistance from the project was provided to the Jamaica Debates Commission (JDC) for the organization of a series of live, nationally broadcast debates with political parties leaders. These debates were opportunities for Jamaican nationwide to learn about political parties' agendas, priorities, and strategies. Support from the project was also provided for the organization of 20 virtual Debate Watch events nationwide.

Additional support from the project has supported the “Citizen Action for Free and Fair Elections (CAFFE)” a prominent election observation group, for the recruitment and deployment of more than 250 local observers nationwide to perform election observation and ensure that electoral operations were in line with laws and procedures.