

Data Sheet

USAID Mission:	Jamaica
Program Title:	Bolstering Economic Growth and Competitiveness
Pillar:	Economic Growth, Agriculture and Trade
Strategic Objective:	532-xx9
Proposed FY 2004 Obligation:	\$0
Prior Year Unobligated:	\$0
Proposed FY 2005 Obligation:	\$3,419,000 DA
Year of Initial Obligation:	FY 2005
Year of Final Obligation:	FY 2009

Summary: This new economic growth and competitiveness program, currently being developed as part of USAID's new country strategic plan for Jamaica for FY 2005 - FY 2009, will facilitate Jamaica's efforts to enter into the global economy during this time of rapid technological change and to actively participate in various trade regimes, including the Caribbean Single Market Economy, the Free Trade Area of the Americas, and the World Trade Organization. The new program will build on the achievements that have been made to date, but will work through a tactical multi-sectoral approach in order to promote more equitable economic growth across all segments of society. It will also have an element of flexibility so that it can address critical macro-economic issues as needed.

Inputs, Outputs, Activities:

FY 2004 Program:

No activities will be carried out under this program in FY 2004. The program will begin in FY 2005.

FY 2005 Program:

Competitive clusters developed (\$1,538,550 DA). USAID will provide support for the continuing development of internationally competitive clusters of related firms of all sizes, with the goal of helping Jamaica develop a strong, more equitable economic base. USAID will expand this assistance include businesses that play supportive roles, such as shipping and telecommunications. Illustrative activities might include technical assistance, workshops, and trade shows for member firms in targeted sectors and the designing and launching of websites as marketing tools for these clusters. Prospective contractors, grantees, and other partners include a U.S.-based institutional contractor, the Ministry of Industry and Tourism, Jamaica Exporters Association, Jamaica Manufacturers Association, Jamaica Tourist Board, Jamaica Hotel and Tourist Association, and numerous Jamaican businesses, both large and small.

Business environment improved: (\$1,880,450 DA). USAID will build on a number of the interventions that are being carried out under the current strategy, including those working to identify and amend legislation and regulations that constrain businesses, including gender-based issues, building trade capacity, modernizing public-sector offices that serve the business sector, and the forging of closer partnerships among members of the public and private sectors, labor unions, and academia. Prospective partners include the Office of the Prime Minister, Ministry of Commerce, Ministry of Science and Technology, Jamaica Chamber of Commerce, Private Sector Organization of Jamaica, University of the West Indies School of Business, Management Institute for National Development, and the Jamaican Government's Human Employment and Resource Training/National Training Agency.

Performance and Results: At the end of the strategy period, USAID is expected to have made a significant contribution to Jamaica's demonstrated competitiveness in global markets by creating strong, vibrant business clusters in targeted sectors. A dramatic increase in investment activity will have been achieved, resulting in increased export earnings. Through a series of activities aimed at improving the business environment, the Government of Jamaica will have achieved their objective of having an "on-line" government, with state-of-the-art electronic systems for conducting business with government

agencies, and simplified and streamlined processes. With the adoption of modern laws and simplified regulations, the legal framework for conducting business will be in place to enable the private sector to be more competitive in the new liberalized trade environment. By the end of the new strategy period (FY 2005), it is expected that Jamaica will have been well on its way towards attaining global competitiveness.

US Financing in Thousands of Dollars

Jamaica

532-xx9 Bolstering Economic Growth and Competitiveness	DA
Through September 30, 2002	
Obligations	0
Expenditures	0
Unliquidated	0
Fiscal Year 2003	
Obligations	0
Expenditures	0
Through September 30, 2003	
Obligations	0
Expenditures	0
Unliquidated	0
Prior Year Unobligated Funds	
Obligations	0
Planned Fiscal Year 2004 NOA	
Obligations	0
Total Planned Fiscal Year 2004	
Obligations	0
Proposed Fiscal Year 2005 NOA	
Obligations	3,420
Future Obligations	23,600
Est. Total Cost	27,020