

Data Sheet

USAID Mission:	Jamaica
Program Title:	Democracy and Governance
Pillar:	Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance
Strategic Objective:	532-013
Status:	New in FY 2005
Planned FY 2006 Obligation:	\$2,475,000 DA
Prior Year Unobligated:	\$0
Proposed FY 2007 Obligation:	\$1,837,000 DA
Year of Initial Obligation:	2005
Estimated Year of Final Obligation:	2009

Summary: USAID's democracy and governance strategic objective (SO) focuses on reducing crime and violence and increasing effective citizen advocacy and participation in governance. The program provides assistance to civil society organizations, local nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) and community based organizations (CBOs) to increase their participation as well as their advocacy role on governance related issues and other critical social issues such as crime and violence. USAID's program will support a community policing program, through technical assistance and grants to local organizations in inner-city communities aimed at improving the relationship between police and the community.

USAID is in the process of developing a new strategy to be submitted in FY 2006 that will dramatically scale down and more tightly focus the overall program. The new strategy is expected to encompass some of the activities delineated in this Data Sheet.

Inputs, Outputs, Activities:

FY 2006 Program:

Promote Effective and Democratic Governance of the Security Sector (\$1,014,000 DA). USAID is strengthening the sustainability of the community policing initiative begun in Grants Pen. The program also replicates community policing in additional communities throughout Jamaica based on the pilot community policing initiative successfully implemented under the 2000 - 2004 strategy. USAID provides training to police officers and citizens in the areas of conflict resolution and collaborative problem solving, aimed at providing police officers with skills needed to perform their duties effectively while generating the confidence and support of citizens. USAID supports mentorship and other youth focused programs in the targeted communities to diminish youth vulnerability to crime and violence. USAID also works with the media, including community radio to support public education initiatives focusing on issues related to crime and violence. Implementers: To be determined through a competitive process.

Strengthen Civil Society (\$1,461,000 DA). USAID works with civil society organizations, NGOs and CBOs to strengthen and sustain the capacity of these organizations to undertake more effective advocacy in areas of legislation, public policy, and community level governance in order to combat crime and violence as well as raise citizens' awareness and participation in governance issues. This assistance is helping to achieve institutional and programmatic sustainability for community based organizations that are implementing USAID's pilot community policing initiative in Grants Pen, an inner city community in Kingston. USAID continues to support activities to develop and increase citizen, including student awareness of human rights and citizens' responsibilities. Implementers: To be determined through a competitive process.

FY 2007 Program:

Promote Effective and Democratic Governance of the Security Sector (\$1,687,000 DA). USAID will continue to fund consensus building activities for residents, the police, and other stakeholders. Training of police and citizens and other targeted activities to address specific needs will continue in other communities selected for replication of community policing activities. USAID may support anticorruption initiatives and provide technical assistance to the Jamaica Constabulary Force (JCF) to improve and strengthen its anticorruption efforts in the inner-city communities selected for the community policing

replication. Implementers: Same as above.

Strengthen Civil Society (\$150,000 DA). USAID will continue its attention to programmatic and institutional sustainability of its civil society partners. The program will also support specialized training and technical assistance for these organizations to strengthen their operational outreach into areas such as community empowerment, media support and conflict resolution. USAID may also work with NGOs and CBOs on anticorruption activities to strengthen their advocacy role and their capacity for informing the public on critical corruption issues relating to both the public and private spheres. Implementers: Same as above.

Performance and Results: Activities under this SO have not yet begun. In the aftermath of the devastation caused throughout the Caribbean region by Hurricane Ivan in September 2004, USAID focused much of its staff effort on designing, developing and implementing the 12 months, \$18 million hurricane recovery program for Jamaica. As a result, initiation of activities under this new SO was delayed. However, steps have been taken to develop a SO performance monitoring plan to facilitate speedy start-up early in the second quarter of FY 2006. The implementation contractor will be tasked with a rapid scale up of SO activities after the contract is awarded to ensure the SO gets back on track.

Although full implementation of the program was delayed, USAID implemented an activity to link the hurricane program to the SO to maintain the momentum of the community policing initiative and foster sustainability of key partners and activities being assisted through the initiative. Under this activity, training for police and residents continued, with an emphasis on collaborative problem solving and the training of trainers. Also in FY 2005, community policing concepts acquired by the local trainers were disseminated to the JCF, through inclusion in the curricula of the National Police Training Academy. Other training for the JCF conducted in FY 2005 addressed domestic violence reduction, complemented by the development of a domestic violence reduction manual for use by JCF officers. In addition, an evaluation of the community policing program was conducted in FY 2005 that documented best practices and lessons learned. The report highlighted that building community relations and community outreach activities yielded an important people level impact. Activities such as the sponsorship of a summer day camp for Grants Pen youth, community cleanup programs that encourage police officers to work with community residents, in-school youth mentorship, and conflict resolution programs were highly valued by the community. The recommendations from the evaluation report are being used in the design of new activities and replication of the community policing program in other inner-city communities.

US Financing in Thousands of Dollars

Jamaica

532-013 Democracy and Governance	DA
Through September 30, 2004	
Obligations	0
Expenditures	0
Unliquidated	0
Fiscal Year 2005	
Obligations	953
Expenditures	4
Through September 30, 2005	
Obligations	953
Expenditures	4
Unliquidated	949
Prior Year Unobligated Funds	
Obligations	0
Planned Fiscal Year 2006 NOA	
Obligations	2,475
Total Planned Fiscal Year 2006	
Obligations	2,475
Proposed Fiscal Year 2007 NOA	
Obligations	1,837
Future Obligations	11,735
Est. Total Cost	17,000