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FACT SHEET

Junior Achievement Jamaica

BACKGROUND

Contractor(s)/Grantee(s): Junior Achievement

Duration: 2010 – 2015

Total Projected Investment: \$2.33 million

Alternate Funding Source: Includes bilateral funds, disability, CBSI and leverage from the private sector

Objective:

The goal of Junior Achievement (JA) Jamaica is to inspire and prepare young people, mainly in primary and secondary schools, to own their economic success. JA Jamaica has established a viable, sustainable and functioning organization with an active corporate-led Board of Directors. Youth develop skills through educational programs which introduce them to fundamental concepts in business, economics, individual accountability, and entrepreneurship. Junior Achievement reaches youth, from ages 5 to 24, island-wide with special emphasis on at-risk youth in the Government of Jamaica's priority Community Renewal Communities.



About Junior Achievement:

Junior Achievement is the world's largest organization dedicated to educating students about workforce readiness, entrepreneurship and financial literacy through experiential, hands-on programs. The programs help prepare young people for the real world by showing them how to generate wealth and effectively manage it, how to create jobs which make their communities more robust, and how to apply entrepreneurial thinking to the workplace. Students put these lessons into action and learn the value of contributing to their communities.



Project Status:

Through USAID sponsorship, JA Jamaica continues to train students in basic financial literacy, workforce readiness and entrepreneurship that have reached more than 35,000 youth in approximately 200 schools and local community-based organizations across the island. In partnership with the private sector including local financial institutions, over 10,000 students improved their financial literacy skills annually through the Junior Achievement finance and economics curricula. The programs also explore career options in the financial sector. All 11 schools for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing across Jamaica teach the JA programs using Jamaican Sign Language resources. Out of school Deaf youth have also received full time employment after a residential JA Success Skills program focused on work readiness.