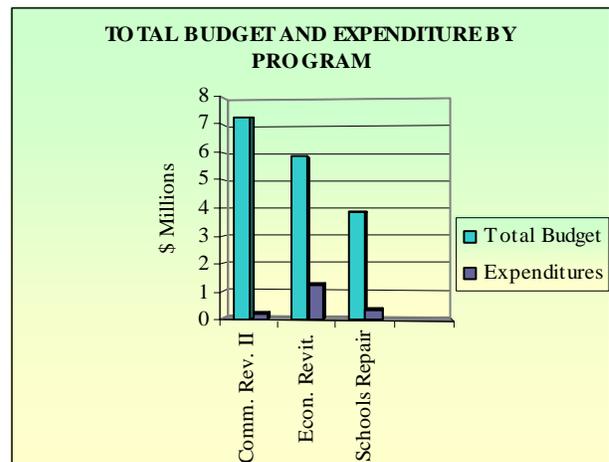
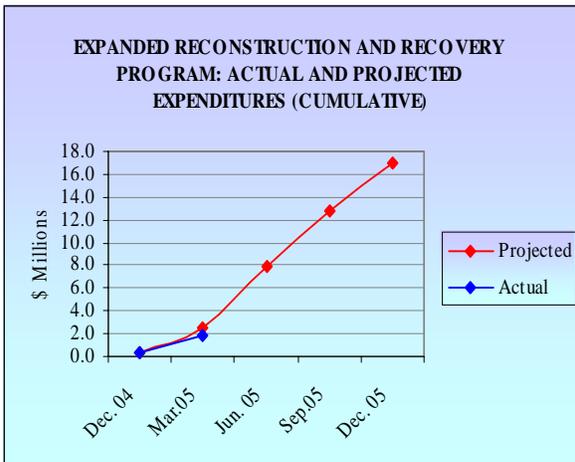


## JAMAICA HURRICANE IVAN RECONSTRUCTION PROGRAM

### Quarterly Report Status as of March 31, 2005

October 2004 SUPPLEMENTAL RECONSTRUCTION FUNDS – Expanded Reconstruction and Recovery Program (Dec 04-Dec 05)	TOTAL BUDGET	OBLIGATIONS	COMMITMENTS	EXPENDITURES
	\$ 18,000,000	\$ 18,000,000	\$ 17,959,095	\$2,042,866



### IMPACT OF HURRICANE IVAN

On September 10 and 11, Hurricane Ivan lashed the island of Jamaica, bringing with it heavy rains and winds up to 180 kilometers per hour. Particularly hard hit was the southern coast, west of Kingston, including the parishes of Clarendon, St Elizabeth, Manchester, St Catherine and St Andrew with the following results:

- 31 deaths,
- 570,000 people (14% of the population) directly affected, and

- 102,000 households (14% of the population) with damaged property

While all sectors of the economy were affected, agriculture was hardest hit. Housing, small businesses, and community infrastructure were destroyed, and the mining, financial and all-important tourism sectors suffered losses.

On track for modest growth in 2004, the country's GDP dropped in the aftermath of Hurricane Ivan. This reality, together with Jamaica's weak economic

performance over the past several years, severely constrains both the public and private sector's ability to reverse the devastation caused by Hurricane Ivan.

USAID responded to Hurricane Ivan with a three-part hurricane recovery effort for Jamaica, including 1) Emergency Relief, 2) Phase I Immediate Recovery Program, and 3) Phase II Expanded Recovery Program.

### **USAID'S HURRICANE RECOVERY PROGRAM**

USAID's hurricane recovery program, which emphasizes speed, self-help and "building back better," aims to support the people of Jamaica in their efforts to quickly recover, rebuild and resume their path to sustainable development.

#### **Emergency Relief**

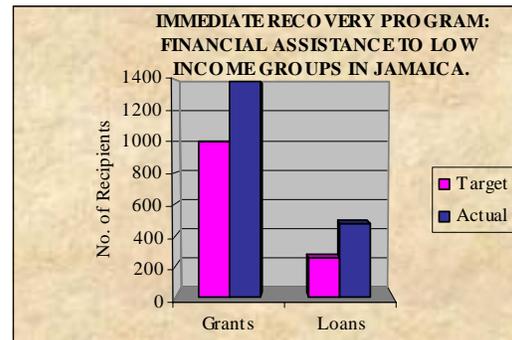
Two days after Hurricane Ivan stormed over Jamaica, emergency relief supplies, funded by the USAID Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance (OFDA), reached families who were displaced by the hurricane and in urgent need of water, food and temporary shelter. OFDA provided \$706,000 in emergency relief supplies, health and other immediate assistance. This total included: \$25,000 to the Jamaican Red Cross for shelter operations and \$25,000 to the purchase and transportation of relief commodities, including medical supplies, hygiene kits and plastic sheeting.

#### **Phase I Immediate Recovery Program**

USAID reprogrammed US\$7.3 million to implement a rapid response six-month hurricane recovery program between October 2004 and March 2005. This phase had three components: community revitalization, business

revitalization, and schools and health center repairs. Activities helped farmers, herders, fishermen and small businesses to recover with grants, loans and technical assistance (\$640,000); assisted communities to repair key economic infrastructure (\$3.0 million); and repaired priority community schools and health centers vital to community life (\$3.7 million), with special attention on those schools in USAID's education program.

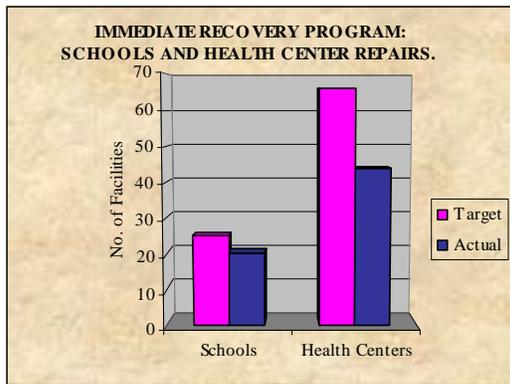
Under the Business Revitalization component, 1,379 grants to farmers, herders and micro and small businesses and 472 loans extended to micro-businesses helped to restore economic activity and enabled 1,851 lower income Jamaicans to repair their homes and reactivate their businesses.



Under the Community Revitalization component, community restoration activities finished small scale repairs important to spur recovery, including ten community clean-up activities, 62 water and sanitation activities, 8 land/coastal zone rehabilitation and reforestation activities, 3 tourism restoration activities, 14 agricultural recovery activities, 11 disaster mitigation activities; and 30 Peace Corps/SDAF (Special Development Assistance Fund) activities, footbridge replacement and gully repair in Kingston's inner-city, and

2,400 children counseled for post-traumatic stress after the hurricane. These community projects have brought affected communities back to life.

Under the Schools and Health Clinic Repair component, activities will continue through April 30, 2005. At the end of the quarter, 20 of 25 targeted schools had been repaired and 44 of 66 targeted health clinics had been repaired. Work on all remaining priority schools and clinics will be completed in April 2005. An estimated 4,808 students are benefiting from the fully completed schools; and an estimated 9,750 persons are benefiting from the fully completed health clinics.



**Phase II Expanded Recovery Program**

In October 2004, the US Congress passed a supplemental appropriation that allocated US\$100 million for hurricane rehabilitation activities in the Caribbean, of which US\$18.0 million was allocated to Jamaica. Phase II is a twelve-month expanded recovery program to be implemented January through December 2005. It gives additional and urgent attention to business recovery and restoring people’s livelihoods, addressing shelter needs and repairing damaged schools, while reducing

Jamaica’s vulnerability to natural disasters in the future. These efforts expand upon those initiated in the Immediate Recovery phase, and are implemented through three program components.

Community Rehabilitation: Under this program component, USAID will repair, reconstruct and construct an estimated 2,560 housing units. Also, USAID will install 348 septic tanks for houses that are repaired. USAID’s implementing partner is PADCO.

To date, PADCO has completed site preparation for new home construction (including water and sanitation systems) and is in the final contract assessment, survey and tendering stage. Topographic and boundary plans were completed for the larger of two new home sites. Analyses of water requirements are pending. The GOJ has evaluated tenders received for infrastructure works, and environmental permits have been issued.

PADCO has completed drawings for new housing design, and has initiated sub-contractor screening or pre-qualification for both the new housing and house repair elements of the program.

PADCO has completed all assessment work on housing repairs and is currently requesting expressions of interest from non-government organizations (NGOs), including Food for the Poor and Adventist Development and Relief Agency, for managing repair work and small home reconstruction. Repair work is expected to begin in April.

Business Rehabilitation: Activities in this component promote restoration of

small and medium enterprises (SMEs) through technical assistance, training, and grant finance, with special emphases on agribusiness (horticulture, poultry and livestock), fisheries and the crafts sector. USAID assistance is designed to help generate employment opportunities in the agricultural and agribusiness sectors to restore the livelihoods of those most affected by the hurricane.

USAID's implementing partner for this program is DAI/FINTRAC.

To date, agriculture and agribusiness rehabilitation activities have provided technical expertise to 225 farmers and 200 poultry producers to reestablish their operations. Hurricane-affected SMEs in this sector have benefited from a total of 155 business recovery grants, and these businesses are quickly returning to full production levels.

Activities in fisheries rehabilitation and craft sector rehabilitation are in the approval process.

#### School Rehabilitation and Re-supply:

This program component will restore educational capacity in target schools by repairing physical damage, re-equipping, and re-supplying educational materials. Priority will be given to damaged schools participating in the Centers for Excellence in Teacher Training (CETT) program. Many of the selected schools also serve as community shelters. USAID's implementing partner for this activity is PADCO, Inc.

The restoration of nine CETT primary schools and three teachers' colleges is underway with the completion of pre-tendering work on seven schools and sub-contract approval requests pending on others. Tendering should be

complete for all projects in April. The list of equipment and furnishings prepared by school officials is complete and PADCO is identifying procurement mechanisms for assistance to evaluate equipment and furnishing needs.

The restoration of up to 55 non-CETT schools prioritized by the Ministry of Education is underway with the award of two sub-contracts for the repair of five schools. Seven more non-CETT schools are awaiting approval to sub-contract and a total of 23 non-CETT schools are in the tendering process.

## **SUMMARY OF ACHIEVEMENTS**

The following provides a complete summary of achievements to date under both Phase I and Phase II of USAID's Hurricane Recovery Program in Jamaica.

### **Community Revitalization and Rehabilitation**

- 18 community and land/coastal zone clean-up activities completed
- 11 disaster mitigation activities completed
- 30 Peace Corps/SDAF activities completed
- 62 water and sanitation systems repaired
- 14 agricultural recovery activities completed
- 3 tourism sites repaired
- Assessment and pre-tender work completed for 2,560 Phase II new homes and home repairs
- 2,400 children counseled for post-traumatic stress

**Business Revitalization and Rehabilitation**

- 1,851 low-income beneficiaries of grants, loans and technical assistance, built back farm livelihoods, houses, and SMEs
- 225 farmers assisted with technical expertise to restore agricultural activities
- 220 poultry farmers assisted to reestablish poultry industry

- 155 SMEs received grant assistance to re-establish business activities

**School Rehabilitation and Re-supply**

- 20 schools repaired, 5 to be completed by April 30.
- 9 CETT schools in process for April tendering
- 23 non-CETT schools in the tendering process
- 60 health clinics repaired