



# Winrock International's Jamaica – U.S. Child Protection Compact Project

## Overview

The United States Department of State (USDOS) and the Government of Jamaica (GOJ) signed a Child Protection Compact (CPC) Partnership on May 31, 2018, to jointly support enhanced and more effective efforts to address child trafficking in Jamaica over four years. As part of this partnership, the governments of Jamaica and the United States each undertake activities in support of the CPC Partnership's goals and objectives.

The U.S. government supports Winrock International, along with partners Lawyers Without Borders and the University of the West Indies as its implementing partners for Protection and Prevention activities. Using a sustainable and child-centered strategy, Winrock's Jamaica – U.S. CPC Project will provide technical assistance to the GOJ's various Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) to achieve the goals and objectives of the CPC

Partnership. Winrock's CPC Project activities will complement the work of the Jamaican government through its MDAs to improve the systems-level response to child trafficking and achieve the CPC Partnership objectives.

## Winrock Jamaica – U.S. CPC Project Objectives

1. **Protection:** Strengthen government and civil society capacity to **identify and provide comprehensive services to more child trafficking victims**, from identification through protective care, community reintegration and long-term follow up services. (*Government of Jamaica, U.S. government implementing partners: Winrock International, subrecipient Lawyers Without Borders*)
2. **Prevention:** Increase efforts to prevent child trafficking by **developing and strengthening community-based mechanisms to raise awareness**. (*Government of Jamaica, U.S. government implementing partners: Winrock International, subrecipient University of the West Indies*)

## Winrock's Strategic Approach

**Sustainable.** Winrock's CPC Project activities will complement the GOJ's activities. Through collaboration among MDAs, civil society, and the private sector, the project will foster enduring and mutual accountability in the fight against trafficking.

**Child-Centered and Trauma-Informed.** The project will work with MDAs to ensure anti-trafficking policies and services are responsive to different needs and considerate of the trauma that many victims have experienced. The Winrock CPC Project will train MDA officials to provide care that accounts for the unique physical, social, and emotional impact of trafficking that affects a victim's response to services and the criminal justice process. Trainings will emphasize care that is suited to the needs of the child, safeguard the rights of the child, and encourage participation of the child in the decision-making process.

**Whole-of-Government.** Nationally, the project will work closely with the National Taskforce Against Trafficking in Persons (NATFATIP) to help MDAs strengthen and implement standard operating procedures that complement one another and form the basis for a cohesive multisectoral response. Winrock will support the Office of the National Rapporteur on Trafficking in Persons (ONRTIP) to collect improved data and report on protective services provided to child trafficking victims.

## Winrock Supporting Partners

**Lawyers Without Borders.** LWOB brings 18 years of experience engaging with government, including criminal justice actors, and civil society organizations, to build collaboration to better identify, refer, and investigate suspected cases of human trafficking. Together, Winrock and LWOB staff will map existing victim identification and referral procedures and build the capacity of MDAs to improve their implementation. LWOB will also support the identification of anti-trafficking

champions from within the MDAs, who will form multidisciplinary groups to work with communities at the parish level to improve the response to child trafficking in Jamaica.

**University of the West Indies.** Under the project's prevention-focused objective, UWI will design and conduct community-based outreach and education activities that focus on identifying, responding to, and preventing child trafficking crimes within communities. UWI will train MDA officials and community leaders at the parish level and organize townhalls in strategic locations across the island to raise awareness of trafficking and how to report it. The CPC Project will evaluate the effectiveness of these outreach interventions in pilot communities, allowing for replication of successful methodologies.

## Geographic Focus

Winrock's CPC Project office is in Kingston. Activities will be piloted in select communities, but the CPC Project is an island-wide initiative.



## Contact Information

- For additional information on Winrock's CPC Project, visit our website at [www.winrock.org](http://www.winrock.org).
- For additional information on the United States – Jamaica CPC Partnership, please visit <https://www.state.gov/u-s-jamaica-child-protection-compact-cpc-partnership/>
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