



USAID Supporting Victims of Violence Activity in Jamaica

Overview

USAID in partnership with the Government of Jamaica (GOJ) has invested significantly in Jamaica's violence prevention and protection efforts. Through the USAID Supporting Victims of Violence Activity, Winrock International and its partners, Eve for Life and Rise Life Management, will leverage these investments, improving multi-stakeholder coordination to provide trauma-informed services to survivors and increase the availability of information on survivors, witnesses, and perpetrators.

USAID Supporting Victims of Violence Activity approaches are community-led and survivor-informed, tailored to the intersectional challenges faced by individuals affected by interpersonal and collective violence, and emphasize sustainable solutions by pairing capacity sharing with direct service provision.

Winrock is applying a multi-faceted approach to address interpersonal violence, utilizing restorative justice practices so that individuals, families, and communities can heal from trauma induced by violence.

The Activity will expand rehabilitative support for perpetrators of collective violence to break the cycle of violence and provide coverage to community hotspots, while addressing data collection and consolidation for better information availability.

The Activity will promote a culture of non-violence and respect for human rights within communities, help boost current efforts to structurally address and deter all forms of violence, including but not limited to interpersonal violence and violence associated with organized crime, especially gang violence.

USAID Supporting Victims of Violence Activity's objectives

1. Expand survivors' and witnesses' access to integrated direct services by improving attitudes and behaviors towards violence and increasing access and demand for trauma-informed services.
2. Strengthen GOJ and civil society institutional capacity to support victims, witnesses, and perpetrators through coordinated and effective interventions to both address and prevent interpersonal and collective violence.

Winrock's Strategic Approach

Survivor- and Trauma- Informed. The Activity will disrupt entrenched norms that stigmatize victims of violence and normalize abuse and instead support survivors to reassert agency.

Community-led and inclusive. The Activity will work with GOJ and community-based civil society organizations (CSOs) in hotspot communities and use new and tried community interventions to shift attitudes and practices around violence, link survivors with locally-available services, and strengthen protective networks to break the cycle of violence affecting each target community.

Innovative. The Activity will apply innovation in its technical approaches, partnership strategies, monitoring, evaluation, and learning, and management structures. In its outreach strategies, the project will incorporate social media and other digital tools. Training and capacity-sharing activities will consider alternative ways of delivery that may include technology for communication, coordination, and storing data and resources.

Phased capacity sharing. To achieve and sustain gains under each result area, the Activity will build relationships with CSO Networks, with two partner organizations playing a central role, to lead and coordinate responses to violence. Using a phased approach, Winrock will gradually transition leadership of technical and logistical activities to partners.

Winrock Supporting Partners

Winrock is partnering with RISE Life Management Services (RISE Life) and Eve for Life, Jamaican non-governmental organizations (NGOs) that support project implementation. RISE Life and Eve for Life have strong technical and logistical capabilities in areas crucial to supporting victims of violence. They have built trust with the GOJ, Jamaica's NGO network, the communities in which they work, and the donors that have funded them.

RISE Life is a prominent provider of psychosocial support

and is strengthening NGOs and grassroots CSOs through peer-to-peer knowledge sharing, managing subgrants, and creating community networks.

Eve for Life uses innovative methods to address interpersonal and collective violence coverage across Jamaica's parishes.

Both NGOs will provide services and assume greater management, technical, and coordination responsibility, bolstered by Winrock's tested tools for capacity assessment and improvement.

Geographic Focus and Target Populations

Jamaica has declared a State of Public Emergency in seven parishes—Clarendon, St. Catherine, St. James, Westmoreland, Hanover, and sections of Kingston and St. Andrew—within which, 50 crime hotspots have been identified. The USAID Supporting Victims of Violence Activity team will consult with USAID, GOJ, NGO partners, and University of West Indies Center for Criminal Justice and Security to select target communities with high levels of collective and interpersonal violence. The number of communities will be determined by a situational analysis as well as the concepts received by CSOs. Interventions to shift attitudes and improve access to services will target hotspot communities where multiple interventions can be clustered for a deeper, sustained impact.

USAID Supporting Victims of Violence Activity will focus on survivors, witnesses, and perpetrators between the ages of 10–29 due to their rates of exposure and their potential to disrupt the cycle of violence.

Contact Information

- For additional information on Winrock's USAID Supporting Victims of Violence Activity, visit the project's page at <https://winrock.org/project/usaid-jamaica-supporting-victims-of-violence/>.
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