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## **SUPPORT TO THE NATIONAL HIV/STI PROGRAMME**

CONTRACTOR(S)/GRANTEE(S): MINISTRY OF HEALTH

DURATION: 2010 – 2016

TOTAL PROJECTED INVESTMENT: \$11.2 MILLION

ADDITIONAL FUNDING SOURCE: GLOBAL FUND

The Ministry of Health's (MOH) HIV/STI Programme aims to reduce the sexual transmission of HIV by targeting Key Populations which include Sex Workers (SW) (with a 2.9% prevalence rate), , and Men who have Sex with Men (MSM) (with a 32.9% prevalence rate) with testing, prevention information, health services, and referrals to care and treatment.

The Program is reaching thousands of MSM and Sex Workers through Workshops and outreach efforts. The program helped to create two safe spaces in Kingston for key populations to access HIV counseling and testing and other prevention and care services. The MOH also works with 5 civil society organizations to ensure that HIV prevention is being addressed across the island.

The current Program objectives include 1. The support for key population groups and people living with HIV in accessing the Continuum of Prevention, Care and Treatment and improve retention in the clinical cascade; 2. Reduce stigma and discrimination and improve the protection of the rights of selected vulnerable groups through building the capacity of stakeholders involved in HIV prevention, care and treatment; And 3. Support the capacity of stakeholders (KP, PLHIV, CBO/NGO and government) through use of strategic information to improve program and policy outcomes.