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SUPPORT TO THE NATIONAL HIV/STI PROGRAMME

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

DURATION: 2010 – 2018 WITH ANNUAL EXTENSIONS FUNDED BY PEPFAR

TOTAL PROJECTED INVESTMENT: \$18.8 MILLION

ADDITIONAL FUNDING SOURCE: GLOBAL FUND

The Jamaican HIV epidemic has features of both a generalized and a concentrated epidemic. The key populations affected by the concentrated epidemic are commercial sex workers (SWs) and men who have sex with men (MSM). The prevalence rate of HIV among MSMs in Jamaica is estimated to be 32.9% (MOH, 2011). Although there has been a tangible reduction in prevalence among SWs in recent years (down from 9% to 2.9%) there has been no reduction in prevalence among the MSM group. The factors that increase the potential for transmission of HIV within these groups are high levels of stigma and discrimination, multiple sexual contacts, and low condom use with their regular partner. HIV prevalence will be maintained or even increased if these factors are not addressed within the strategy period.

The Ministry of Health's (MOH) HIV/STI Response 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 prevention information, HIV testing, health services, and free anti-retroviral (ART) treatment for all persons diagnosed with HIV. The Program is reaching thousands of MSM and Sex Workers through outreach efforts, social marketing initiatives and public education campaigns. In addition to support for the major public treatment sites, the program helped to create two NGO safe spaces in Kingston for key populations to access HIV counseling and testing and other prevention and care services. The MOH also works with the Regional Health Authorities and 5 major civil society organizations to ensure that HIV prevention and treatment is being supported across the island.

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

LINKAGES ACROSS THE CONTINUUM OF HIV SERVICES FOR KEY POPULATIONS AFFECTED BY HIV

CONTRACTOR(S)/GRANTEE(S): FHI 360

DURATION: 2016 – 2017 WITH ANNUAL EXTENSIONS FUNDED BY PEPFAR

TOTAL PROJECTED INVESTMENT: \$845,000

ADDITIONAL FUNDING SOURCE: GLOBAL FUND

Objective: LINKAGES activity helps to accelerate the ability of the government and organizations, to plan and implement services that reduce HIV transmission among key populations and their sexual partners and extend the lives of those already living with HIV. LINKAGES works to strengthen the Ministry of Health (MOH) and civil society organizational (CSO) response to help prevent HIV transmission among female sex workers (FSW), men who have sex with men (MSM), and trans gender persons (TG), and for people living with HIV (PLHIV), link and retain them in care and treatment services. Also they assist the MOH and CSO in reaching KPs through innovations, as well as scaling up of proven peer interventions related to outreach to KP and linkages to care and treatment.

HEALTHY POLICY PLUS (HP+) ON GENDER NORMS, STIGMA & DISCRIMINATION, & SEXUAL & GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE IN JAMAICA & THE CARIBBEAN REGION

CONTRACTOR(S)/GRANTEE(S): PALLADIUM GROUP

DURATION: 2016 – 2017 WITH ANNUAL EXTENSIONS FUNDED BY PEPFAR

TOTAL PROJECTED INVESTMENT: \$710,000

ADDITIONAL FUNDING SOURCE: GLOBAL FUND

Objective: HP+ supports the development of an enabling environment with an evidence-based approach to Stigma and Discrimination reduction package at the facility level. This process allows for the identification of key policy and legal issues that can be brought to the national level and fed into a broader response. Working closely with the Ministry of Health, HP+ advances the Positive Health Dignity and Prevention (PHDP) training for key facility staff members and peer navigators with a focus on three key modules (disclosure, Gender & Sexual Diversity and treatment literacy).

PROCUREMENT & SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT (PSM)

CONTRACTOR(S)/GRANTEE(S): CHEMONICS

DURATION: 2016 – 2017 WITH ANNUAL EXTENSIONS FUNDED BY PEPFAR

TOTAL PROJECTED INVESTMENT: \$100,000

ADDITIONAL FUNDING SOURCE: GLOBAL FUND

Objective: PSM provides technical assistance in the areas of commodity quantification, quality assurance planning, and supply chain logistics and systems, including increasing efficiencies for emergency procurement.