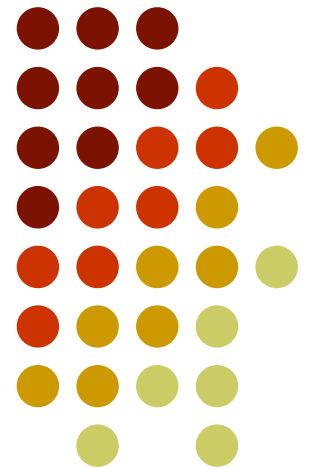


Inception Report



Jamaica



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Jamaica: General Information



- **Area:** 10,991 sq km
- **Population:** 2,607, 600
 - Rural-1, 252, 700
 - Urban1, 354, 900



- **Life Expectancy Rate:**

- Total population: 74.13 years
male: 71.26 years
female: 77.07 years

- **Infant Mortality Rate:**

- Total: 15.98 deaths/1,000 live births
male: 16.66 deaths/1,000 live births
female: 15.27 deaths/1,000 live births

- **Literacy Rate:**

- Total population: 87.9%
 - male: 84.1%
 - female: 91.6%

- **Education**

- ***General Population***

- - Basic/Pre Primary 4-6yrs
- - Primary 6-12yrs
- - Secondary 12-16yrs (grade 7 to 11)
- -Tertiary level (Tertiary education is available through colleges and a number of national and off shore universities..)

- ***Children with Disabilities***

- - Segregated primary and secondary schools for children with intellectual, physical hearing and visual disabilities..

- **Unemployment Rate: 8.9**

Intellectual Disability in Jamaica



Laws Concerned with Persons with Intellectual Disabilities

- There is a National Policy for Persons with Disabilities

Financial Assistance for Persons with Intellectual Disabilities

There is no formal programme for persons with intellectual disabilities.

- Cash assistance can be obtained through a national programme known as the Programme of Advancement through Health and Education (PATHE).

The Jamaica Association on Mental Retardation (JAMR)



Vision

To provide dynamic leadership, advocacy and influence the full integration and inclusion of persons with Mental Retardation and other Developmental Disabilities in the society.

Mission :

The Jamaican Association on Mental Retardation works through education, advocacy and research to improve the quality of life for children and adults with Mental Retardation and their families and work to prevent the causes and the effects of Mental Retardation

National organization with branches in 13 of 14 parishes



JAMR Services

- **Early Intervention Programme**
- **Schools of Special Education**
- **Resource Programme**
- **Parents and Professionals in Partnership (PPROP)**
- **Adult Continuing Education**

The target group : over 70,000 children and adults with intellectual disabilities in Jamaica.

Community Development Programme



*Government of Jamaica/European Commission/United Nations
Population Fund Joint Programme in Sexual and Reproductive Health*

Budget and Period

- 2004 - 2008. The total budget is \$US1.7866M.

The specific objectives of the project are two-fold:

- Improve knowledge of and provide tools for behaviour change
- Build institutional capacity to deliver high quality SRH services

Target Group

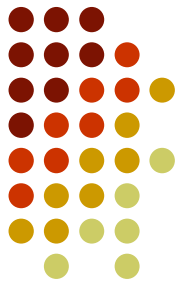
- *male and female adolescents aged 15-19 years*
- *males aged 20 years and older*
- *adolescents with disabilities*
- *providers of care and services*



Components of the Project

- Development or adaptation of printed IEC materials on Sexuality and Reproductive Health, appropriate for use with persons with disabilities.
- Development or adaptation of audiovisual IEC materials on Sexuality and Reproductive Health, appropriate for use with persons with disabilities.
- Development and delivery of sensitisation on SRH needs of persons with disabilities for health service providers, social workers and the general public.
- Strengthening the capacity of parents of adolescents with disabilities and community members to support the SRH needs of their children

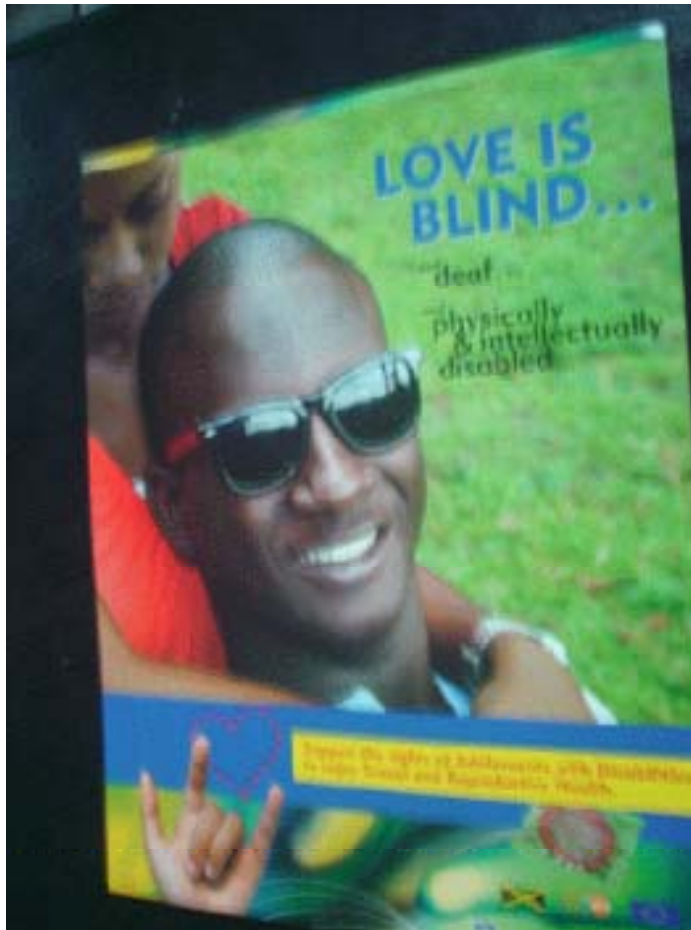
Activities



- The coordination of Baseline research among adolescents with disabilities and their parents.
- Social Marketing training and the development of a Social Marketing Plan.
- Development of SRH printed materials for the target group
- Development of a training module and training of disabled adolescent peer educators.
- Distribution of materials island wide.

Materials Produced

Posters



Materials Produced



- Comic Books with Large Print adaptations and audio CDs for the blind
- An Electronic game
- Manuals for parents providers of services, peer educators





Intellectual Disability in Jamaica

Persons with intellectual disabilities represent the largest disability group in Jamaica.

Table 1 Services to People with ID

Government	NGOs
Early detection and diagnosis	Early detection and diagnosis and intervention
Education support (remuneration of staff, subvention for recurrent expenditure)	Special Education Intervention
Monitoring and evaluation of special education programmes	Family Support services (care and support)
Provision of information and advice Introduction of policy for persons with disabilities	Public Education Advocacy
Introduction of legislation to facilitate access	Vocational Skills Training
	Employment Opportunities
	Social and Recreational Programmes

Situational Analysis of Persons with ID in Jamaica



- **Diagnosis of Intellectual Disability**

- Limited services in the area of early detection
- Early detection is primarily done by parents
- Formal assessment - 6yrs
- After diagnosis placement is dependent on space availability in schools

- **Early intervention**

- Operated by the Government & NGOs.

Situational Analysis of Persons with Intellectual Disability in Jamaica



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● **Education**

- Approximately 2.3% of children in schools
- 87% enrolled in the Schools of Special Education operated by the JAMR.
- 13% attend small private schools/ Ministry of Education schools.

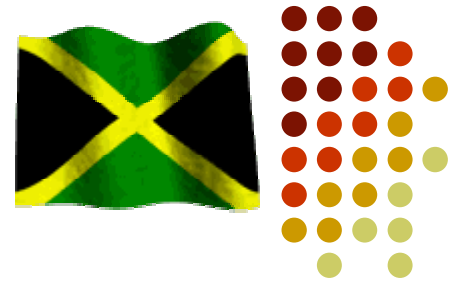
● **Placement Procedure**

- Referrals/placement depending on space

● **Vocational Training**

- Incorporated in schools

Issues/problems to Solve



Limited and inadequate services

Areas to be addressed :

- **Early Identification/Diagnosis and Intervention**
- **Limited Resources/ Personnel/Specialist Skills**
- **Public Awareness and Acceptance of persons with ID**
- **Parent Support Programmes**
- **Employment Opportunities for persons with ID**
- **Training**