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Jamaican Youth demand more support for HIV Prevention

FAMPLAN calls for broad-based stakeholder support for youth-friendly HIV Prevention services

ST. ANN'S BAY, Jamaica—07 October 2008—Jamaica Family Planning Association (FAMPLAN) today announced that it will be hosting a national Stakeholders Meeting on HIV Prevention for Jamaican Youth, which will be held at the Courtleigh Hotel and Suites, 85 Knutsford Boulevard, Kingston 5 on Thursday, 9 October 2008 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The Meeting was designed to mobilize national stakeholders to discuss and support a National Youth Declaration on HIV Prevention for Youth and the establishment of an advocacy and oversight board, National Working Group, which will seek to support the recommendations of the Declaration and the *Report Card (Jamaica) on HIV Prevention for girls and young women* (2006).

The Stakeholders Meeting is a component of the HIV Prevention Advocacy Project, which was designed in August 2008 to mobilize stakeholders to address the challenges of HIV Prevention for youth. The Advocacy Project drew on the recommendations emerging from the Report Card, Youth Symposium held in May 2008, and the Stakeholders Meeting held in July 2008. In raising awareness about and influencing leaders to address the issue of HIV Prevention for youth, it became increasingly evident that there was need for a forum such as the upcoming Stakeholders Meeting to collaboratively plan and commit to supporting the improvement of prevention services.

About FAMPLAN

FAMPLAN “is a non-profit organization which was founded in 1957 and began providing services in family planning in St. Ann's Bay in 1949.” FAMPLAN currently operates the Beth Jacobs Clinic in St. Ann, which served 15,000 clients in 2005. The range of services delivered by FAMPLAN include: family planning, youth, male-oriented, youth, clinical, outreach, and counselling services. FAMPLAN “incorporates HIV/AIDS/STI prevention strategies in all programs.”

About the Report Card on HIV Prevention (Jamaica)

“The Report Card summarizes the current situation of HIV prevention strategies and services for girls and young women ages 15-24 years in Jamaica.” It was designed by the International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF) in 2006 “to increase and improve the programmatic, policy and funding actions taken on HIV prevention for girls in Jamaica. Its key audiences are national, regional and international policy and decision-makers, and service providers. It builds on the global policy commitments, particularly those of the Political Declaration on HIV/AIDS.”

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