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Innovation Exchange: End-of-Project Event for Health Policy Project Jamaica

KINGSTON, Jamaica--The Health Policy Project, funded by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and the U. S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR), celebrated its end-of-project event, "Innovation Exchange: End-of-Project Event for Health Policy Project Jamaica" on July 14 at the Pegasus Hotel.

The event showcased the learning and achievements from the Health Policy Project's work with the Ministry of Health and partners at the national and community levels over the past five years to build capacity for improved global health policy, advocacy, and governance. During the event, participants learned about innovations, results, and experiences from the project, and discussed progress and priority next steps for addressing individual and public health efforts to reduce HIV transmission. Around 100 attendees participated, including key government officials such as Permanent Secretary Dr. Kevin Harvey representing the Ministry of Health, the U.S. Ambassador to Jamaica Luis G. Moreno, and representatives from more than 20 civil society organizations.

Ambassador Moreno emphasized that "achieving a strong, resilient health system accessible to all populations including the most in need will require sustained attention to policies that promote equity, inclusivity, and human rights.... Optimal care and treatment outcomes for HIV and 'getting to zero'—zero new HIV Infections, zero discrimination and zero AIDS-related deaths."

The event also featured a panel discussion moderated by Ron MacInnis, the project's Deputy Director for HIV. The panelists highlighted efforts to build the capacity of people living with HIV and key populations to foster community resilience and advocate stigma-free services in health systems.

About the Health Policy Project

The Health Policy Project (HPP) serves to strengthen policy, advocacy, governance and finance for strategic, equitable, and sustainable health programming in developing countries. The project's HIV-related activities are supported by the U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR). It is implemented by Futures Group, in collaboration with Plan International USA, Avenir Health (formerly Futures Institute), Partners in Population and Development Africa Regional Office (PPD ARO), Population Reference Bureau (PRB), RTI International, and the White Ribbon Alliance for Safe Motherhood (WRA).

