



## Peace and Security

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### Overview

USAID's Peace and Security Objective is designed to address Haiti's persistent insecurity and instability, which are primary obstacles to the country's progress and pose threats to regional stability. Haiti suffers from weak governance, particularly in volatile conflict-prone neighborhoods in the capital and other key population centers. USAID conflict mitigation programs aim to buttress government presence and diffuse conflict in urban hotspots. These programs will engender stability and empower communities to resist violence. They will also enhance the capacity of local government to work with citizens and provide basic services. USAID transnational crime programs strengthen Haitian capacity to prevent human trafficking and aid victims of trafficking. Other USG agencies bolster Haitian Police and Coast Guard capacity and help to counter drug trafficking and money laundering. In the Peace and Security Objective for FY 2009, the United States Government will invest \$45.7 million, of which USAID will manage \$25.4 million.



Electrification project in Petit-Goâve

### Activities

**Trafficking-in-Persons (TIP):** USAID-funded programs develop and strengthen partnerships with government entities and NGOs working to raise awareness and prevent trafficking of Haitians; provide medical, social and economic assistance to children in domestic servitude ("restavèk"); encourage advocacy for anti-trafficking legislation, policy reform and prosecution; and raise awareness through an information/media campaign.



River bank protection work in the community of Perrin

**Conflict Mitigation and Reconciliation:** USAID-funded programs address the root causes of conflict: poverty, political or gang-related violence, and lack of access to government services. Programs work to achieve lasting stability in 6 key conflict vulnerable areas in Haiti by (1) stimulating immediate and long-term employment opportunities that are developed, implemented and maintained in partnership with community members, the private sector and local government; (2) fostering neighborhood stability by rehabilitating public infrastructure such as schools, clinics, roads, markets, irrigation, water and drainage systems; and (3) strengthening government presence and local institutions to diffuse conflict, deliver services, and begin to rebuild stable, secure lives.

### FY 2008 Results

- The Trafficking-in-Persons (TIP) program provided medical and psycho-social services for over 500 traumatized women and children through four hospitals and provided after-care services through Non – Governmental Organization referral systems. Over 1,000 Haitians received training to strengthen Haiti's efforts to combat trafficking. Support backed efforts to pass anti-trafficking legislation, and enhanced the

capacity of the Social Welfare Agency and the Child Protection Unit of the Haitian National Police to assist trafficking victims.

- “Hot spots” – volatile communities in Port-au-Prince, Saint-Marc, Petit Goâve, Cap Haïtien, Gonaives and Les Cayes – benefited from 496 small-scale projects valued at \$20.3 million. Over 211,000 of the most vulnerable citizens in these communities benefited from short-term employment. A total of 1,764 community leaders received leadership, conflict mitigation and community project prioritization training. Water systems, public lighting, bridges, canals, soccer fields, pedestrian walkways, schools and vocational training centers were rehabilitated through the Program for Revitalization and Promotion of Peace (PREPEP) and the Jobs, Opportunities, re-Building Structures (JOBS) activities.