

## PARTICIPATING AGENCIES

Abilities Foundation  
Association For The Control of Sexually Transmitted Diseases (ACOSTRAD)  
Addiction Alert Organization  
Alpart Community Council  
Anglican Mothers' Union  
Big Brothers of Kingston  
Big Sisters of Jamaica  
Bluefields People's Community Association  
Boys Brigade  
Breds-Treasure Beach Foundation  
Brotherhood of St. Andrew  
Campus Crusade for Christ- Youth at the Cross Roads  
Cancer Care Centre  
Chichibud Limited  
Citizens' Advice Bureau  
Clarendon Group For The Disabled  
Combined Disabilities Association  
Corner Stone Ministries  
Diabetes Association  
FAIMPLAN  
Girls' Brigade  
Girls' Guide Association of Jamaica  
Girls' Town  
Grace And Staff Community Development Foundation  
Heart Foundation of Jamaica  
Hope For Children Development Company  
Hyacinth Lightbourne Memorial Association  
ICWI Group Foundation  
Inter Church Association of Health & Healing  
Jamaica 4H Clubs  
Jamaica Agricultural Society  
Jamaica Association For Children With Learning Disabilities (JACLD)  
Jamaica Association For Persons With Mental Retardation  
Jamaica Association For Social Workers (JASW)  
Jamaica Association For The Deaf  
Jamaica Baptist Women's Federation  
Jamaica Cancer Society  
Jamaica Council of Churches  
Jamaica Federation of Women  
Jamaica Foundation For Children (JFC)  
Jamaica Home Economics Association  
Jamaica Medical Assistance Committee  
Jamaica Network of Seropositives  
Jamaica Red Cross  
Jamaica Save The Children Fund (JAMSAVF)  
Jamaica Society For The Blind  
Jamaica Special Olympics Association  
Jamaica Western New York Partners of America  
Jamaica Youth For Christ  
Kingston Charly Organization Society  
Land Surveyors Wives Association  
Mel Nathan Institute  
Methodist Women's League  
Moravian Men's Fellowship  
Moravian Women's Fellowship  
National Aids Committee  
National Children's Home  
National Consumer's League  
Operation Friendship  
Operation Peace  
Parents of Inner-City Kids  
Past Students' Association of The Bull Savannah Primary School  
Peace Corps  
Royal Life Saving Society  
Scouts Association of Jamaica  
Soroptimist Club of Jamaica  
St. Andrew Business & Professional Women's Club  
St. Andrew Settlement  
St. John Ambulance Association  
Student's Christian Fellowship & Scripture Union  
Tender Loving Care Foundation  
The Answers Corporation Ltd.  
The Lamb Shelter  
The Mico Foundation  
The Salvation Army  
The Wortley Home  
United Church Women's Association  
Vouch  
Whole Person Resource Centre  
Women Inc. The Crisis Centre  
Women's Resource & Outreach Centre  
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## COUNCIL OF VOLUNTARY SOCIAL SERVICES



## Institutional Strengthening for the Non-Governmental Organization Sector Project

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"Serving the Voluntary Sector in Jamaica since 1940"



## Council of Voluntary Social Services (CVSS)

The Council of Voluntary Social Services is a voluntary social service agency, comprising of socially responsive companies, institutions and individuals with a commitment to improving the delivery of social services to people in Jamaica.

Established in 1940, The CVSS is a non-governmental, not-for-profit organization, which has become an integral part of Jamaica's social welfare system. Its main goal is to ensure the development of the voluntary sector in Jamaica, bringing together on a permanent basis, voluntary social service organizations for consultation, planning and action.

### What is the vision/mission of CVSS?

The Council of Voluntary Social Services seeks to build the capacity of members and the wider community and to create sustainable alliances, facilitating mutual support and joint action, and to represent the concerns of the social sector including disadvantaged groups at the national and international level.

### What does it do?

The Council sees itself as a catalyst to move the Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) sector to where agencies are able to plan strategically, analyze and evaluate activities and their environment, collaborate effectively with local and international organizations and operate using sound transparent systems of management and accountability.

### What's new?

In April 2003 CVSS and the Inter-American Development Bank (IADB), signed an agreement to implement an Institutional Strengthening for NGO Sector Project.

## CVSS/IADB Institutional Strengthening Project

### Objectives:

The objective of the Project is to enable participating NGOs to operate more efficiently and effectively. Through capacity building, structured training and the enhancement of a resource center for greater network opportunities, the Project will allow clients of Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) to have access to better services. Thus NGOs will be able to achieve national goals of poverty reduction and sustainable development.

### Project description:

The Project has three components :

- ◆ **Organizational Development and Institutional Strengthening .**
- ◆ **Management Training Courses for the NGO Sector** (human resource development).
- ◆ **Information and Documentation Centre.**

The **Organizational Development and Institutional Strengthening** component will provide technical assistance to NGO boards and secretariats to improve their capacity to provide effective leadership and support services to facilitate change and development in the sector, and to enable NGOs to plan and organize more efficiently and strategically .

The **Management Training Courses** for the NGO component aim to provide management training to 25 staff members from NGO boards and secretariats and 225 NGO volunteers so that they are better able to manage their organizations and deliver services more effectively.

The **Information and Documentation Centre** which is located at the CVSS Secretariat will be further developed so that it will better serve as a repository of information for CVSS' members and non-members .

### Benefits and Beneficiaries:

The direct beneficiaries of the Project will be the staff of NGO boards and secretariats and NGO volunteers. These beneficiaries will receive training that will enable them to provide effective leadership, strategic planning and organizational development in their respective Organizations. The benefits of the project will be a strengthened NGO community that can efficiently and successfully help achieve the country's development objectives. Indirectly, socially and economically disadvantaged Jamaicans will be the main beneficiaries of this project.

### Inter-American Development Bank

The Inter-American Development Bank (IADB) supports economic and social development and regional integration in Latin America and the Caribbean. It does so mainly through lending to public institutions, but it also funds some private projects, typically in infrastructure and capital markets development.

NGOs have participated as stakeholders in the design and development of several Bank-financed projects in Jamaica, particularly environmental projects. They have participated as executing agencies, assisted as support institutions for community mobilization, identification of beneficiaries and training. The NGOs have also partnered with the Bank in channeling resources and expertise to sectors with limited resources.

### Location:

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