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INTEGRATED FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (IFMS)

Background

The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) has funded the Integrated Financial Management System (IFMS) project in support of the Government of Haiti (GOH) since November 2004. The project is aimed at assisting the Haitian Ministry of Economy and Finance (MEF) and other GOH entities in the on-going struggle to combat corruption through the design and implementation of an Integrated Financial Management System (IFMS) and the development of improved internal controls.

Activities

Phases I and II have been completed and phase III is currently being implemented. During the Haiti IFMS Phase I and II (2005 – 2006), following major project accomplishments have been achieved:

- Forty-one (41) GOH institutions in Port-au-Prince are currently interconnected in a MEF Metropolitan Area Network (MAN) that provides for automated financial functions; improved environment, monitoring and control for fighting against corruption; better public services; and economic growth.
- The MAN infrastructure allows all thirty four (34) GOH institutions that are using the MEF budget requisition process to access and work in real-time with the initial locally-developed expenditure tracking system—SYSDEP and a full-featured IFMS in the future.
- The MAN-connected Anti-corruption Unit (ULCC) has enhanced its ability to monitor and oversee the procurement process of the GOH institutions.
- The Financial Intelligence Unit (Unité Centrale de Renseignements Financiers – UCREF) of the Ministry of Justice and Public Security (MJPS) has received Technical Assistance (TA), consisted of upgrade of the UCREF Information Technology (IT) infrastructure and development and implementation of the UCREF Interface Application (UIA). This application provides for electronic data transfer from Commercial Banks to UCREF in compliance with the Law on Money Laundering and Drug Trafficking and is the first and currently only one such application in the Caribbean's and Central America.
- Launching of IFMS Phase III for the extension of the network infrastructure to 32 sites in 16 regional locations.

USAID Support

USAID has made \$2.4m available for the various components and plans to spend an additional \$1.2m in FY08.