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Dear Jamaican Self-Help Staff and Board of Directors,

On behalf of the Canadian Council for International Co-operation's staff, Board of Directors and member organizations, it is with deep regret that I am writing today regarding the [closure](#) of Jamaican Self-Help.

For the past 35 years, Jamaican Self-Help has been empowering the people and communities of Jamaica, supporting education, literacy and skills development through community development programs with longstanding local partners. Through your youth and public engagement programs, Jamaican Self-Help has raised awareness, created dialogue and promoted global citizenship. Jamaican Self-Help's transformative approach to public engagement has impacted many, including one of our current staff members.

Jamaican Self-Help has been a longstanding and important member of CCIC. Over the years, JSH has actively engaged with CCIC through working groups, events, policy discussions and on the board of directors. Jamaican Self-Help has brought a valuable expertise and perspective to CCIC. Your dedicated work, unique mandate and collaboration with the sector will be deeply missed.

As we look to the future, I am confident that Jamaica Self-Help's legacy will live on. I want to convey my sincere thanks for your partnership and commitment to strengthening the sector.

Lastly I wish you great success with your final fundraising effort, the special [35 for 35 Campaign](#), which we know will allow your partners to transition to a new reality that does not include your sustained support. As you close down, you are setting yet another example for the sector, this time around prioritizing your partner's transition and sustainability. Congratulations and all the best.

In solidarity,



Julia Sanchez
President-CEO