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About the UNDP Multi Country Office in Jamaica

UNDP is the leading United Nations organization fighting to end the injustice of Poverty, Inequality, and Climate Change. Working with our broad network of experts and partners in 170 countries, we help nations to build integrated, lasting solutions for people and planet.

In fulfilment of the corporate mission, the UNDP Multi Country Office (MCO) based in Jamaica supports countries within our programme jurisdiction to build integrated, lasting solutions in three areas consistent with national development priorities: (1) Sustainable Development; (2) Democratic Governance; and (3) Climate and Disaster Resilience.

UNDP’s programme priorities are governed by the 2017-2021 Country Programme Document which supports the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) and is anchored in the United Nations Multi-Country Sustainable Development Framework (MSDF) for the Caribbean and the UNDP’s global Strategic Plan, 2018-2021.

All our work is built on the principles of reaching the farthest and most vulnerable first so that no one is left behind while ensuring environmental sustainability and adequate use and management of natural resources. South-South Cooperation is also a critical part of our work as we continue to support in knowledge sharing and learning from best practices towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals.

The UNDP Multi Country Office in Jamaica serves Jamaica, Bermuda, Cayman Islands, The Bahamas and Turks and Caicos Islands.
2020 will forever be remembered as the year of the COVID-19 pandemic – an unprecedented crisis that revolutionized the world of work and the social protocols we cherish. But it will also be remembered as the year that the world was compelled to dig deep into untapped reservoirs of innovation and goodwill. I am proud of the team I lead. We rose to the occasion, like many others in many settings across the world. And true to our institutional DNA and mandate, UNDP Multi Country Office in Jamaica pivoted for crisis response and recovery, both internally and externally, to ensure appropriate service delivery consistent with ongoing and emerging requirements, and to ensure our staff were safe, productive and empowered to do their work.

We deployed work from home protocols as of March 2020 and
migrated all activities to the digital space within record time to facilitate a seamless transition. We met in virtual spaces with partners in government, civil society and the international donor community to determine priorities, implementation modalities and financing. With the flexibility of donors like the European Union and Global Affairs Canada, we were able to redirect funding to support crisis recovery and to beneficiaries of our projects.

The pandemic hit hard. Positive gains in 2019, such as a decline in poverty and unemployment rates; and positive signs of macro-economic stability, started reversing in 2020 as lockdowns impacted businesses, sent workers home and dislocated the economy from its economic lifeblood. The pandemic was not the only crisis in 2020. Jamaica experienced high levels of rainfall due to the passage of Hurricane Zeta and Tropical Storm Eta which caused widespread flooding and landslides and significantly damaged the country's infrastructure with preliminary recovery estimates of JMD$ 5.7 billion. Crime continues to be an impediment to growth, robbing Jamaica of promising people and potential. Although Jamaica's murder rate declined by 1.8% in 2020, the country remains at the number two spot in the world for homicide rate at 57 per 100,000.

In 2020, the UNDP Multi Country Office continued to be responsive to emerging needs necessitated by the crisis while staying on track with programmes of assistance packaged for Jamaica and The Bahamas. Understandably, essential pandemic protocols impacted some key targets, especially those requiring field work, outreach and to a certain extent, capacity building.

Notwithstanding, UNDP, working in partnership with partners in government and civil society continued to advance priority commitments in the areas of Sustainable Development, Democratic Governance
and Peacebuilding and Crisis Prevention and Recovery. We leveraged our ability to galvanize multi-sector and multi-stakeholder partnerships around integrated and multi-dimensional solutions, in supporting Jamaica to develop digital tools to guide crisis response, and to localize and integrate the Sustainable Development Goals in its planning frameworks. We also deployed resources to support COVID-impacted vulnerable groups to better cope with the pandemic.

We were able to make some progress in strengthening access to justice services for marginalized groups such as special needs persons, improving information flows and knowledge of justice services and strengthening programmes and resources for local Bar Associations.

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2020 may have been the year of unprecedented crisis, but it did not stop the work, it merely forged and birthed innovative problem solvers. It is this generation that will advance people and planet-centred sustainable development in the new dispensation. The paradigm shift is not something in the future, in case we missed the memo; it’s here. We must embrace new ways of working, envisioning and engaging. COVID-19 tests our resolve to break new ground in solutions specially calibrated to navigate people and planet through it all, and UNDP is ready to support you all the way. We hope you are ready.
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Sustainable Development
Future generations rely on the decisions of today’s leaders to sustain adequate resources for human and economic development for years yet to come. UNDP remains at the forefront of global and regional efforts to end the unsustainable and destructive appetite for earth’s finite resources. This we must do, in order to ensure future human development gains against catastrophe, and as a key component in our shared goal to end poverty for good. In 2020, this remained not only a cornerstone but a hallmark of the collective portfolio of UNDP’s Multi Country Office in Jamaica. UNDP MCO’s catalogue of work continues to dedicate a specific portfolio to Sustainable Development, but also extends that overarching mission to other distinct portfolios of assistance in Democratic Governance and Peacebuilding, and Crisis Prevention and Recovery.

Foundational to the mission of supporting Jamaica’s Sustainable Development ambitions is the creation of an enabling environment for the implementation of the global Sustainable Development Goals (SDG). UNDP MCO continues to leverage its ability to galvanize multi-sector and multi-stakeholder partnerships around integrated and multi-dimensional solutions, in short, in supporting Jamaica to localize and integrate the SDG in its planning framework. In 2020 this work was further advanced with the leadership of the Planning Institute of Jamaica (PIOJ) through finalization of an External Corporation Management Information System (ECMIS) to facilitate tracking of progress on the implementation of nationally implemented interventions funded by the United Nations in Jamaica. This was complemented by a ‘Data 4 Development’ digital platform enabling a single, comprehensive review of cross sectorial data to strengthen Government’s capacity to plan, coordinate, and monitor progress towards the achievement of the National Development Goals and the SDGs. This will make development data in multiple locations quickly accessible, to inform and advance
SDG implementation with greater precision and agility. An Innovative Finance Report and policy note were also finalized in 2020, laying the groundwork for identification and mobilization of global, regional and national options for financing the implementation of the SDGs in Jamaica. In 2020, government, with UNDP support, expanded public awareness through outreach activities such as Parish Talks on the 2030 Agenda and its alignment with Jamaica’s development plan.

An important landmark was achieved in 2020 when UNDP secured USD$6.3 Million in Global Environment Facility (GEF) funds with some support from core resources, for conserving biodiversity and reducing land degradation in Jamaica’s ecologically sensitive and biodiversity-rich Cockpit Country. Though implementation did not start in 2020, initial stakeholder consultations largely shaped the operational details for this important project which seeks to enhance conservation of biodiversity and ecosystem services through mainstreaming of biodiversity into policies.
and practices into Jamaica’s productive landscapes and key sectors. The project is designed to secure by 2026, strengthened policy, regulatory, institutional and governance frameworks for mainstreaming biodiversity into sectoral and land use planning and decision making for integrated management of biologically rich ecosystems through conservation and sustainable community and private sector use.

2020 was also the year that UNDP supported the Government of Jamaica (GoJ) to review and update the National Implementation Plan (NIP) for the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs). Important inputs to the NIP included: Completion of an assessment report on the Institutional, Policy and Legislative Framework for Management of POPs; development of a POPs inventory; and a Strategy and Action Plan to reduce and eliminate POPs in Jamaica. The project has also been able to raise the level of awareness and strengthen the capacity of key stakeholders to support the robust monitoring and management of POPs in Jamaica.

Mining may be seen as occupying the opposite end of the sustainable development spectrum, but the Ministry of Transport and Mining co-implementing with UNDP with principal financing from the European Union and the Organization of African and Pacific States (OACPS), is steering this indefatigable livelihood into more sustainable, climate friendly ‘territory’.
In 2020, work under Phase II of the Development Minerals Programme continued with Artisanal and Small-scale Mining Enterprises (ASME’s) to increase economic opportunities throughout the Development Minerals value chain, with emphasis on securing the inclusion of women. The project worked towards improving the business enabling environment for ASMEs by implementing the recommendations of the Business Acceleration Strategy for the Development Minerals sector in Jamaica; development of a Handbook on Strategic Business Planning for ASMEs to support navigation of the COVID 19 crisis and small grants. To this end, 12 artisan and private sector mining operators, and the related NGO oversight body received small grants totaling USD $60,000 to strengthen the resilience of impacted miners and artisans to cope with the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic through the development and implementation of COVID-19 response plans. These plans were required to include gender responsive and environmentally sustainable inputs.

An important regulatory milestone was achieved in 2020 when the House of Representatives and the Senate passed the long-awaited National Minerals Policy which had been in development since 2009. The policy integrates more robust sustainable development features in pursuit of a key objective to strengthen the capacity of institutions, communities, women’s organizations and civil society organization’s (CSO’s) to put in place social and environmental safeguards in the mining and quarrying of Development Minerals.

*With the correct support, artisanal production in alabaster (being cut for products in photo) among others can move past being a low production, niche area, and could potentially forge a new brand of Jamaican artistry and creativity.* - (Baseline Assessment of Development Minerals in Jamaica, 2017)
The national Minerals Policy was passed in the House of Representatives and the Senate in 2020.

Trained by artisan Delroy Lamont, this trainee artisan is one of dozens who have learned skills from master artisans who participated in the EU-OACPS Development Minerals Programme.

Tools of the trade purchased with a USD 5000 grant boosted Delroy Lamont’s production 30%.
Four new digital solutions commissioned by the Government of Jamaica are making development data in multiple locations accessible almost instantly, while bringing greater precision and agility to strategic coordination and planning for the Jamaican economy, human development and crisis response. The ‘toolbox’ of solutions, developed by the Planning Institute of Jamaica with funding and technical support from UNDP through its Multi Country Office in Jamaica, is aligned to the Government’s digital transformation efforts aimed at bolstering access to data through online platforms. The digital roll out is also aligned to Jamaica’s three-year Medium-Term Socio-economic Policy Framework (2018 – 2021) that calls for the strengthening of a technological-driven society as a priority. One of the four digital solutions can deliver status queries on the implementation of the Vision 2030 Jamaica and associated Sustainable Development Goals, education and living standards, and the economy by pulling from multiple sources, and translating them into useful figures, narratives and charts. Being able to assess lags, challenges and bottlenecks supports the identification of next steps, corrective actions and resources”. “Data on demand, delivered efficiently when and as needed, is the backbone of an effective national planning process”, UNDP Resident Representative Denise E Antonio explained.

The Platform coordinates and tracks multiple demands for financial support, goods and services and inflows of international and local assistance, in the event of emergencies.
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Democratic Governance
“Good governance is becoming more and more commonplace as a key element of development. In fact, the success of development is dependent on good governance” (Belgian Development Cooperation, 2017). In Latin America and the Caribbean countries where crime accounts for one third of global homicides, peacebuilding is a necessary component of the intervention framework and inextricably bound with justice. Work under UNDP MCO’s Democratic Governance and Peacebuilding portfolio in 2020 principally supported ongoing efforts to develop a modernized justice system that engenders trust and confidence with the support of the Government of Canada and under the leadership of the Ministry of Justice. To this end, work was further advanced on strengthening access to justice services for marginalized groups such as persons with disabilities, improving information flows and knowledge of justice services and strengthening programmes & resources for local Bar Associations. In pursuit of improved access to justice, two large retrofitted ‘dragon’ buses were commissioned in January 2020 and

The Mobile Unit Team from the Legal Aid Council - From left, Mishka Anderson, Chadwyck Clarke, Derrick Sanderson and Shara-Kay Dacres-Moore.
added to the government’s lone coaster unit previously purchased in 2017.

This established a fleet of three mobile units which helped the Legal Aid Council Team serve more than 1500 persons across 112 communities at the height of the COVID-19 pandemic while employing strict public health protocols. Exit surveys indicate that 98.7% of clients were either very satisfied or satisfied with the mobile clinic service and 100% said they would recommend the service. Access to justice was also enhanced through the renovation of a CARE Space at the Clarendon Parish Courthouse in May Pen, providing retrofit fitted access to persons living with disabilities, enhanced protection for victims and witnesses waiting at the court, and a dedicated space for children.

Improving the care, protection and confidence of witnesses was rigorously pursued in 2020 as part of an overall mission to expand access to justice. To this end, UNDP and the Ministry of Justice facilitated the development of an overarching framework of witness care priorities and protocols; developed inter-agency mechanisms for improved witness safety, particularly in high profile cases; defined practical approaches towards improving citizen access to and experiences with the justice system and developed an Integrated Strategic Plan informed by stakeholder engagement and centered on identifying short and longer-term integrated care opportunities. In pursuit of a more customer service-centric and comfortable environment for the administration of justice, the Supreme Court and the Westmoreland Parish Court were also equipped with water coolers; smart TVs; computers; and furniture.

The development of Information Education and Communication (IEC) materials is expanding public knowledge on child rights, divorce, summons, protection order, probate and other justice matters and related services. This is supplemented by a chatbot interface (Virtual Human Rights Resource Assistant) directing users to information from legal and policy resources via social networking and messaging platforms (WhatsApp and Facebook Messenger). The IEC package also includes an interactive justice portal featuring links to existing justice websites currently hosted by the courts/CAD and the Ministry of Justice. Key justice services and information is listed in the portal and an interactive map showcases names, addresses and
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key services provided by courts in each parish. Work also commenced in 2020 towards the development of a website for the Jamaica Bar Association (JAMBAR) to increase access to their related services and products for the general public.

With support from UNDP and under the leadership of the Ministry of Justice, a coalition of Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) were co-opted into the advocacy process for justice reform by producing position papers relating to (1) Barriers to Accessing Justice for Persons with Disabilities in Jamaica and (2) Jamaican Children in Conflict with the Law. The group is expected to maintain the working coalition and appoint new leadership to create awareness and publicize the findings of the position papers.

2020 was the year UNDP signaled its intention to test a novel crime prevention intervention using a peer approach innovated and led by youth. UNDP completed preparatory work for a major youth intervention targeting citizen safety and security, for full roll out in 2021. The “Amplifying Youth Voice & Action” Project was designed to empower youth to participate in Jamaica’s Citizen Security governance and policy making mechanisms and to design and implement community interventions aimed at improving citizen security and safety.

The National Human Rights Dialogue was also hosted in 2020. The dialogue sought to foster greater inclusion of LGBTI people in health and wellness, education, access to justice and Vision 2030.
"It was very efficient, I felt that (the team) spoke to me on my level, the assistance was prompt and affordable," says Dion Frazer, one of the clients who visited the unit to seek advice on a family matter.

Vivienne Allen who had an issue with a company was delighted when “the Legal Officer made the effort to make contact with the office and sorted out my matter right there and then.”

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- Dion Frazer, Mobile Justice Unit client.

A client who preferred to remain anonymous said he sought the clinic to help him with expungement of his criminal record, a popular service offered under specific circumstances. “I am very satisfied with the service. They even assisted with bringing the application to the Ministry of Justice for me. Very helpful.”

“The mobile unit went through my documents and helped me with how to go about sorting out my father’s land. They even referred me to another office that drafted the documents for me”, says another client who again preferred to remain anonymous.

*Testimonials provided by Legal Aid Council*
Climate & Disaster Resilience
Climate and Disaster Resilience remains the UNDP MCO’s most significant portfolio in scale of interventions and technical and financial investment. Support for localized Climate Action is essential to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals, and to preserving livelihoods that work in harmony with nature while anchoring sustainable economic growth. Similarly, resilience-forward planning and development bulwarks local economies in times of crisis, protecting them from its ruinous impacts.

In summary, UNDP MCO’s disaster resilience portfolio grew in 2020 in support of Jamaica’s pandemic response and recovery and in continuation of support for The Bahamas’s recovery from hurricane Dorian. In the period under review, Jamaica met its international reporting obligations under select climate conventions, while downstream, the UNDP-implemented Global Environment Facility Small Grants Programme (GEF SGP) engaged communities on the frontlines of Climate Change as the main change agents for environmentally sensitive transformation. Through UNDP’s treasured partnership with the Global Environment Facility (GEF), Jamaica also made further steps towards a carbon free pathway in a number of local hospitals through an inspiring energy efficiency and renewable energy project.

Over the years, UNDP has been privileged to support Jamaica in meeting its commitments under various environmental treaties and agreements. In 2020 we continued support for preparation of Jamaica’s National Communications and Biennial Update Reports (BUR) to the United Nations Framework Convention of Climate Change
(UNFCCC). This was bolstered by activities designed to strengthen the technical and institutional capacities to fulfill on-going and future reporting requirements under the UNFCCC, Paris Agreement, Adaptation Communication, and other commitments. Additionally, awareness building activities on climate change were undertaken with the participation of stakeholders such as policymakers with a view to securing better integration of climate considerations into national and sectoral polices, strategies and programmes. The Kigali Amendment is another important global agreement that sets out targets for reducing and phasing out ozone depleting substances. This requires regulatory change that UNDP remains committed to supporting. To this end, UNDP continued to lay the foundation for national ratification of the Kigali Amendment through the development and dissemination of visibility items and knowledge products that sought to raise awareness of the Amendment and the important roles to be played by key stakeholders. Unfortunately, Jamaica did not ratify the Kigali Amendment as targeted in 2020, and there were other setbacks in relation to key processes and procedures for importation of Hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs). However, UNDP is satisfied that the regulatory environment has been established for Jamaica to take the all-important step of ratification. Further, a legal
assessment was completed to determine the requirements for establishing a certification and licensing framework. This is expected to increase the rate of licensing and certification of Refrigeration and Air Conditioning (RAC) technicians in Jamaica. Notably, technical capacities in energy efficient and climate friendly alternatives to HCFCs and low Global Warming Potential (GWP) were enhanced among 22 RAC technicians.

During the period under review, UNDP continued to support the introduction of renewable energy (RE) and improvement in energy efficiency (EE) at six public health facilities. The Global Environment Facility-funded project assisted three of

Top left and right LED bulbs light the way for hospital staff at National Chest Hospital. Top left and right LED bulbs light the way for hospital staff at National Chest Hospital. under a Global Environment Facility (GEF) funded project Solar panels installed at May Pen Hospital in 2020. Bottom photo: Solar panels installed at May Pen Hospital in 2020

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The six targeted health facilities – Bellevue, Sir John Golding and National Chest – make the switch from incandescent to LED lighting. The hospitals recorded cumulative savings of 40,754 kilowatt hours amounting to $1.5 million JMD over the six-month period July to December 2020, a UNDP retrofit analysis confirmed. This resulted in a reduction of 30 tons of CO2 and a reduction of 25 barrels of oil over a period when hospitals and related services were under increasing pressure due to the pandemic. The energy efficiency retrofit combined with the 76kW grid-tied PV system installed the previous year at the May Pen Hospital, further advanced Jamaica’s mission to reduce carbon emissions in hospital operations while reducing the public energy bill.

In partnership with United Nations agencies, the UNDP continued its efforts to demonstrate the globally renowned human security approach as a ‘win-win’ for addressing a range of insecurities related to the environment, water and food security, livelihoods and disaster. The project,
While kilowatt hours and costs are trending down, workplace efficiency is on the rise at National Chest Hospital in Kingston Jamaica, after a complete LEF bulb retrofit. Matron Nicole Brown most remembers the frequency with which fluorescents went bad before the retrofit, flickering with rapid and unsettling bursts of white light. “This affected the work as we couldn’t see so well when this happened. The new LEDs are “bright enough to see, and I notice they don’t have to change them as often.”

“I didn’t realize it was so dark (before the switch to LEDs) until the lights were changed out. It’s so much brighter”. - Andrea Gregory, procurement officer for Liguanea region of the South East Regional Health Authority.

National Chest Hospital, one of three hospitals completely retrofitted with LED bulbs in 2020. In all, six public hospitals are targeted under the project.
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designed to build the resilience of targeted groups in Clarendon and West Kingston, directed attention to mainstreaming the human security approach into development strategies and to implementing a communication support strategy.

In The Bahamas, the mission to strengthen disaster risk resilience in the wake of Hurricane Dorian’s devastation in 2019, received a major boost when Cabinet approved in October 2020, the Resilient Recovery Policy & Guidelines, a National Disaster Resiliency Strategy and Implementation Plan, as well as an Institutional Assessment Report. These Cabinet-approved plans provide the policy framework for the government to prepare, respond and recover from disaster, and a road map for the institutional development of the Ministry of Disaster Preparedness, Management and Reconstruction. From policy to practical, the recovery project also sought to shift local building and repair traditions into build better mode. Resources and technical support were disseminated to the hardest-hit communities via mobile Technical Assistance Centres (TAC) operating from repurposed RV vans provided by the Rotary Club of The Bahamas. By the end of 2020, the TACs had assessed 309 homes & provided guidance to NGOs working on construction & rebuild projects via 20 virtual consultations in Abaco. Drawing from the Building Code, a user-friendly Guide to Housing
Following the passage of Hurricane Dorian, The Bahamas and UNDP partnered to get valuable ‘build better’ knowledge into the hands of the people to set foundations for a culture shift to resilient construction practices. A mobile Technical Assistance Centre (TAC) in a repurposed RV was deployed to Grand Bahama, offering door to door home repair advisory services to reinforce ‘build better’ tips, techniques and resources. It is the Caribbean’s first, based on a tripartite partnership model involving UNDP, Rotary Clubs of The Bahamas and the Disaster Reconstruction Authority.
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Standards of The Bahamas was produced and distributed to demystify rules, procedures and key steps in resilient construction, and an eight-part Build Smarter YouTube series brought the steps to life in a multimedia format. By putting up a model home in Marsh Harbour, residents can see hurricane-resilient construction demonstrated on demand. Looking long term to set up a resilient recovery skills pool, training was provided for 12 persons in mold remediation. In partnership with Government, small grants to support national economic jump start efforts of USD$107,500 were disbursed to 13 MSMEs in food, construction and tourism enterprises in Abaco and Grand Bahama, implemented by the Community Organized Relief Effort (CORE), with USD$62,500 from UNDP and USD $45,000 from CORE. A final report indicates that all recipients have shown encouraging
results, especially improving revenue. By the end of 2020, emergency employment had been provided for 300 persons to undertake environmental cleanups, providing a lifeline to hurricane impacted individuals and their families.

In Jamaica, UNDP initiated the process of addressing its disaster risk reduction priorities from a gender lens for the first time in 2020 through the Canada & United Kingdom (UK)-funded EnGenDER (Enabling Gender-Responsive Disaster Recovery, Climate and Environmental Resilience in the Caribbean) project.

**Immediate COVID-19 response**

Thanks to the kind generosity of Global Affairs Canada, UNDP was allowed to repurpose USD$100,000 from the EnGenDER project for COVID-19 support to vulnerable groups. To this end, the project provided financial support for the distribution of 1400 nutrition and hygiene packages to households impacted by COVID-19, including the elderly, the disabled, and women affected by Gender Based Violence. Through UNDP’s GEF SGP, hundreds of care packages, as well as personal protective equipment, farming supplies and support for potable water were provided to several communities in partnership with relevant government
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agencies such as the Ministry of Health and Wellness and Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development. This included 1000 face masks; 534 Care Packages containing food, health and sanitary items to select residents in the Princess Field community; distribution of vegetable seeds to 59 farmers; installation of six foot-controlled hand washing stations within select communities; and a 650-gallon water tank in Sawyers, Cockpit Country.

The Global Environment Facility (GEF) Small Grants Programme (SGP)

In 2020, the GEF SGP’s work with communities impacted by Climate Change expanded to marginalized groups who are in danger of being left behind. One such project sought to strengthen the resilience and adaptive capacity of persons with disabilities, youths and farmers in communities vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change and natural disasters. The project focused on converting select Climate Change resources to braille including ‘When Disaster Strikes Be Ready – A survival guide for persons with

Participants at the official ceremony for the handing over of 1400 COVID relief packages to vulnerable communities were from right: Minister of Culture, Gender, Entertainment and Sports, Hon. Olivia Grange; Principal Director, Gender Affairs, in the Ministry, Sharon Coburn Robinson; UNDP Programmes Specialist in 2020, Richard Kelly; and Kevin Gilhooly of the Canadian High Commission.

1400 nutrition and hygiene packages are distributed to households impacted by COVID 19, including vulnerable groups

Recipients of hurricane recovery grants in The Bahamas in 2020 improved their revenues

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One of six hand washing stations installed at strategic locations within the target communities of Lucea, Whitehouse Fishing Village and Lilliput.
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disabilities’; Climate Change and its Impacts; and Alignment of Vision 2030 Jamaica with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Sustainable livelihoods continued to be a major thrust in 2020 through a beekeeping and agroforestry project in the Sawyers Community in Jamaica’s biodiversity-rich Cockpit Country. The key objective was to preserve biodiversity in the Cockpit Country through reforestation efforts while ensuring alternative and sustainable sources of livelihood for residents. The project was successful in this regard as 60 colonies of bees were procured and a honey processing and storage facility completed and equipped with solar PV system, water tank and gutters to facilitate rainwater harvesting. By the end of 2020, the Bureau of Standards-approved honey brand and associated products that had earned the implementing group, the Sawyers Local Forest Management Committee, the equivalent of USD$5,257. Some 13.5 hectares of land was cultivated with 1250 timber

Beekeepers Jacqueline Williams and Toussaint Brown use the smoker to safely and harmlessly clear the bees for hive inspection.
“Lives and families of the farmers have tremendously improved because of this project.” - Toussaint Brown, Sawyers LFMC President

“Personally, I am one of those who plays an integral part in rearing the bees,” Toussaint says. “It has moulded me into a holistic person where I see I can start a business on my own. I can generate income for me and my household.”

“I have benefited quite tremendously. It helped send my kids to school and with throwing a little ‘pardner’ (group savings scheme),” beekeeper Jacqueline Williams declares.

Revenue from the Sawyers beekeeping business financed care packages for the less fortunate during the 1st year of COVID19, and a donation to the community school.
trees using sustainable forest, agricultural and water management practices.

Through its standard model for community engagement, GEF SGP targeted the damaged, high biodiversity dry forests of Portland Ridge for restoration. The intervention started with the development of a Dry Forest Restoration Plan and the upgrading of a seedling nursery for crop, fruit, timber and mangrove seedlings. In 2020, trail restoration plots were established to promote the regeneration of the dry forests, and 20 persons were trained and certified as fire wardens as part of the Conservation Garden Programme. Sustainability was advanced with the establishment of a Memorandum of Understanding signed by Caribbean Coastal Area Management Foundation, Forestry Department, National Environment, Planning Agency (NEPA), Jamaica Fire Brigade and the Clarendon Municipal Corporation to help realize Jamaica’s Vision 2020 strategic goal 4: Sustainable Management and use of Environmental and Natural Resources – in the Portland Ridge Area.

Under a Natural and Cultural Heritage Conservation project in the Blue and John Crow Mountains National Park and World Heritage Site, UNDP/GEF SGP completed reforestation of sites in the Rio Grande Valley area with over 1,200 fruit and lumber trees. Working with the Windward Maroons on the project, UNDP/GEF SGP completed a Population Study and Conservation Management Plan for the endemic Hutia, a large endemic rodent found in several Caribbean islands.

Toussaint Brown, President, Sawyers Local Forest Management Committee at the group-managed apiary
UNDP/GEF SGP also moved to improve community capacity for environmental management and monitoring with a hands-on evaluation of the Discovery Bay Inshore Coastal Water Quality. In 2020 the evaluation exercise identified major point sources of pollutants and the primary marine habitats being affected in Discovery Bay. During the process, three fishers were certified as PADI Open water divers to assist with reef surveys, and three women trained in water quality analysis. The community intends to utilize findings to develop best practice guidelines for minimizing pollution impacts in the Bay.

Sawyers LFMC was awarded the Forest Heroes Community-based organisation award for the top LFMC group in 2018. This recognition was for the group’s contribution to environmental preservation and society at large.

Leneva Dale, Farmer of the Alps district in Trelawny shows his field ringed by timber trees – an example of agroforestry.
4 Financial Report
# Budget & Utilisation by programme priorities

## Budget

UNDP's budget allocation for 2020 was USD\$ 4,361,180. With GEF SGP's budget allocation of 250,000 added, total budget for 2020 was USD\$ 4,611,180.

## Utilisation

Actual spend for 2020 (including commitments) totaled USD\$ 3,116,083 for UNDP. GEF SGP's spend brought total utilisation to USD\$ 3,620,738.

## Budget for project duration

During the 2012 to 2020 period, UNDP's budget was USD\$ 18,367,190. When GEF Small Grants Programme is added, the total is USD\$ 20,412,728.

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$ Total UNDP Budget 2020 (USD)  
4,361,180

$ Total Budget (UNDP + GEF SGP) (USD)  
4,611,180

Total Budget by Programme Priority (UNDP & GEF SGP - 2020)
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### Project Listing

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Drawing on expertise and resources from our local, regional and global knowledge networks, through our development support services, UNDP can simultaneously build capacity and improve performance benchmarks of government, IFIs and development partner resources.

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- Policy and Technical Advisory Services
- Programme Implementation and Management
- Procurement and Logistical Support Services
- Financial Management
- Administrative and Human Resources

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- Delivers international standard development services
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- Tailors support to meet emerging needs of clients
- Ensures fiduciary oversight during implementation
- Monitors quality assurance, results and impact