



QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT

Country:	JAMAICA		
Reporting period:	January – March 2011		
Project number and title:	00054928 Promotion of MDGs and Human Development in Jamaica		
Project Duration:	2007 – 2011		
Implementing Partner:	Planning Institute of Jamaica (PIOJ)		
Responsible Parties:	Planning Institute of Jamaica (PIOJ)		
Overall Project Coordinator:	Barbara Scott		
Date:	April 2011		
Current year Approved Budget:	US\$ 196,683.00		
Current quarter advance:	US\$7,951.26	Current qtr exp:	US\$49,687.64
Annual expenditure to date:	US\$49,687.64	Current Year Delivery	25.3%

I. QUARTERLY SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

The Support Unit in the UNDP continued to coordinate project development, monitoring and to provide technical support and advocacy on MDGs and poverty reduction related issues.

The initiative which is undertaking the development of a new low cost Poverty Food Basket continued. The report done by CFNI was presented for review to the technical working group which manages the project. The review process is ongoing.

Support continued to the advocacy and public education programme for the Vision 2030 Jamaica – National Development Plan with training workshops being held for over 193 Social Development Commission (SDC) field officers and community leaders in 7 parishes.

Support was provided to the PIOJ to undertake an assessment of the “effectiveness of aid” over the past few years. A Consultant was engaged to prepare a report on Aid Effectiveness which will be submitted to the global High Level Forum on Aid Effectiveness to be held in 2011.

The year 2010 marked 20 years of the publication of the Human Development Report (HDR) and provided an opportunity for a review of the publication and for recommendations for its improvement. Changes proposed included the adoption of new approaches for calculating HDR indices as well as the addition of new indicators. The project supported the PIOJ’s participation in a training programme which provided information on the new methodologies for calculating various indices and facilitated a transfer of skills on the use of the new indicators.

II. RESOURCES AND EXPENDITURE

RESOURCE & EXPENDITURE REPORT BY DONOR - 2011						
DONOR	Responsible Party	Total Budget (US\$)	EXPENDITURE (US\$)			Balance PrBdg – Tot Exp (US\$)
			Exp Prior Current Qtr US\$	Current Qtr Expenditure US\$	Total Expenditure US\$	
UNDP TRAC	PIOJ	196,683.00	-	49,687.64	49,687.64	146,995.36
Subtotals:		196,683.00	-	49,687.64	49,687.64	146,995.36
Totals:		196,683.00	-	49,687.64	49,687.64	146,995.36

PROJECT EXPENDITURE FOR REPORTING PERIOD						
Activity	Requested JA\$	Received JA\$	Date Received	Disbursed by UNDP	Disbursed by IP	Advance Balance JA\$
Public Education and Advocacy on Vision 2030 Jamaica – National Development Plan	491,010.00	491,010.00	21/3/2011	-	-	491,010.00
Coordination & mainstreaming of results-based monitoring and evaluation framework for Vision 2030			11/3/2011	-	375,000.00**	
	190,810.86	190,810.86	11/3/2011	-	-	190,810.86
JamStats Database Administrators Training			11/3/2011	-	63,570.00**	
Computable General Equilibrium Model Development			11/3/2011	-	385,924.34**	
Oxford UNDP Human Development Training				626,065.92	-	
Poverty Reduction/MDG Support Unit				2,808,838.05	-	
Subtotal	681,820.86	681,820.86		3,434,903.97	824,494.34	681,820.86
Total	681,820.86	681,820.86		3,434,903.97	824,494.34	681,820.86
Cash in hand @ end of reporting period						681,820.86
Commitments @ end of reporting period						681,820.86

* The United Nations Operational Rate of Exchange (UNORE) of US\$1 = J\$85.75 was used at the time of processing the request for advance of funds. The UNORE in effect at time of liquidation of expenditure is used for conversion of JA\$ expenditure to US\$.

**Amount disbursed represents reimbursements to PIOJ for expenses incurred on behalf of the project.

III. ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVED RESULTS

Expected Outputs & Indicators	Activities	Results of Activities	Progress Towards Achieving Outputs
OUTPUT 1 Improved range, scope and quality of data and information for social and economic planning including Public Expenditure Reviews and vulnerability assessments and strengthened local government capacity to foster participatory local development INDICATOR 1.1 Increased capacity for data management and analysis	Poverty Reduction/MDG Support Unit in the UNDP continued to coordinate project development, monitoring and to provide technical support and advocacy on MDGs and poverty.	Technical backstopping and financial management and monitoring of programme facilitated implementation of projects and adherence to financial regulations of the donors.	Activities have improved capacity to develop, coordinate, manage, monitor and evaluate the poverty reduction portfolio in the GOJ/UNDP programme of cooperation
	Oxford UNDP Human Development Training in the new approaches for calculating HDR indices.	Manager of the Policy Research Unit of the Planning Institute of Jamaica trained in the new methods of calculating Multi-Dimensional Poverty Indicators for the Human Development Report	The PIOJ is now equipped with the knowledge and skills in the new methodologies for measuring and tracking social development. This will now be applied to national assessments.
	Construction of Computable General Equilibrium Model	First draft of CGE Model for Welfare Analysis of changes in taxation and Transfer mechanisms completed and submitted to (and accepted by) PIOJ.	The model will facilitate the testing of various economic scenarios, providing the government with evidence based data to guide welfare policies.
	JamStats Database Administrators Training	Thirteen (13) government professionals trained in Database Administration of DevInfo databases utilizing JamStats database. Training emphasized the use of this tool in the management of indicators aligned to specific goals and targets and the creation of graphic presentation of data.	Increased capacity of the public sector in the use of DevInfo for monitoring and evaluation of the VISION 2030 Jamaica – National Development Plan.
	Coordination & mainstreaming of results-based monitoring and evaluation framework for Vision 2030	Same as Q3 2010 report	
OUTPUT 2 Increased awareness and empowerment of particularly vulnerable groups through improved education, health services and social safety nets. INDICATOR Public education and awareness campaigns on protection issues and support to the delivery of social services at the community level	Public Education and Advocacy on Vision 2030 Jamaica – National Development Plan	193 adult participants from 7 parishes made aware of the Vision 2030 Plan through community workshops	Community personnel knowledgeable about Vision 2030. The information provided will help participants understand how they may participate in the Plan to achieving its goals It is hoped that the availability of user friendly versions of the Plan will make more persons aware of the development challenges and the actions that need to be taken to contribute to overall development.

IV. IMPLEMENTATION CONSTRAINTS, RISKS AND LESSONS LEARNT

Implementation Constraints	Significance	Response/Action
The building of the CGE Model is not only dependent on the competence of the Consultant but also on the participation of members of staff of the PIOJ who are required to utilize the information from the consultant to test various scenarios. The staff members are occupied with their regular tasks and are not available to the consultant on demand.	High	Efforts are being made to have the PIOJ staff manipulate the model in a timely manner to ensure that the consultant is able to meet the <u>stated</u> timelines.
Risks		Response/Action
LESSONS LEARNT:		
Prior to the award of contracts, it is critical to verify the capacity of the consultants to undertake the task required as well as the availability of same to complete the task within the time required.		

V. PLANNED ACTIVITIES (APRIL – JUNE 2011)

Expected Outputs	Planned Activities	Timeframe			Resp Party	Planned Budgets		
		M1	M2	M3		Source of Funds	Budget Desc	Amount
Improved range, scope and quality of data and information for social and economic planning including Public Expenditure Reviews and vulnerability assessments and strengthened local government capacity to foster participatory local development;	Build, run and transfer the Computable General Equilibrium Model	X	X		PIOJ	04000	71300	18,850.00
	Review of the Methodology of Poverty Estimation in Jamaica	X	X		Dept. Of Economics	04000	71300	6,597.00
	Review of the Poverty Food Basket	X	X		CFNI	04000	71300	8,288.00
	Coordinate Programme and Project Development, monitoring and evaluation and technical support and advocacy on poverty and MDGs.	X	X	X	UNDP	04000	61100 62100 61200 63500	31,607.25
	Aid Effectiveness Assessment	X			PIOJ	04000	71400	4,020.00
	Advocacy Programme – National Development Plan		X	X	PIOJ	04000	71300	2,167.45
TOTAL								71,529.70
Comments:								

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