



QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT

Country:	JAMAICA ✓		
Reporting period:	January 2012 - March 2012 ✓		
Project number and title:	00074246 Rural Youth Employment Project ✓		
Project Duration:	2010 - 2012 ✓		
Implementing Partner:	Scientific Research Council (SRC) ✓		
Responsible Parties:	Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries ✓		
Overall Project Coordinator:	Dr. Chadwick Anderson ✓		
Date:	April 16, 2012 ✓		
Current year Approved Budget:	US\$498,161.02 ✓		
Current quarter advance:	US\$ 228,526.69	Current qtr exp:	US\$146,336.30
Annual expenditure to date:	US\$146,336.30	Current Year Delivery	29%

I. QUARTERLY SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

Training & Business Development: a total of six training sessions in Group Dynamics was conducted in Trelawny, St. Ann and Manchester. Participants were as follows - 185 project beneficiaries from four groups attended in St. Ann (111 males and 74 females), one group in Trelawny (28 males and 14 females) and one group in Manchester (10 males, two females) (see Appendix 1, Table 1); Training in mentorship skills was organized and executed for personnel earmarked as leaders in the groups (see Appendix 1, Table 2). Twenty-two males and 18 females from 16 groups attended the three-day workshop at Eltham Training Centre, St. Ann; Nineteen beneficiaries (9 males and 10 females) participated in a 5-day Entrepreneurship Training co-sponsored by HEART/NTA, Jamaica 4H Clubs and Caribbean Broilers (see Appendix 1, Table 3); and one male and one female were successful and one male failed the re-sit tests in Meat Processing and Natural Juice Processing (NCTVET certification), organised by the SRC Food technology unit.

Major Achievement M&E: Lease was finally formalized for one acre of land at the Aboukir All Age School on behalf of the Dynamic 4H Youth Club for the established greenhouse production project; Non-monetary contributions were made to the project from Caribbean Broilers, Jamaica 4H Clubs, Dwight Forrester, RADA & SDC offices, Jamaica Livestock Association and NGO Consultant (see Appendix 2); Three youths (2 males and 1 female) from the WSTBFA Apiary sold 15, 6 and 8 gallons of honey respectively at J\$700/quart, earning J\$81,200; Construction of two (2) goat housing units in Manchester and St. Thomas were completed.

Contracts: Construction of goat housing in McNie and Pedro River, St. Ann has been delayed due to defects identified. Contractor is expected to rectify same within 3 weeks (129 youths will benefit from the goat rearing projects); Containerized facilities for processing and packaging honey in Grant's Mountain, St. Ann and Llandewey, St. Thomas were 70% and 90% complete, respectively (75 youths will benefit under this project); Final drawings for the proposed agro processing facility at Hinds Town in St. Ann received Parish Council approval for building construction. The site for construction was cleared and primed with marl. Bill of Quantities was requested from three contractors; Application for funding assistance (\$8.0 million) to aid construction costs was completed and submitted to Digicel Foundation.

Literacy/Numeracy Assessment: A total of 743 males and females were assessed of which 67% were within the age 15-29 cohort. Eight percent were below 15 years and 27% of those assessed exceeded the target age cohort. 43% of the assessed persons were females while 57% were males. 41% were at the advanced level of literacy/numeracy, 42% at the intermediate level and 17% at the basic level (see Appendix 3).

III. ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVED RESULTS

Expected Outputs & Indicators	Activities	Results of Activities	Progress Towards Achieving Outputs
<p>OUTPUT 1 <i>Vulnerable and out of school adolescents and young people, particularly boys, equipped with life long earning, livelihood skills and increased access to work opportunities</i></p> <p>INDICATORS: Number of youths equipped with technical and management skills to be employed in or initiate agro-businesses (disaggregate by gender)</p> <p>Increase in number of youths (males/females) engaged in agriculture and agro-processing</p> <p>Increased in number of facilities available for youth and increase in number of youths able to utilize agro-processing facilities</p>	<p>Training and Business Development</p> <p>a) Group Dynamics training – St. Ann, Manchester & Trelawny</p> <p>b) Mentorship training for 15 RUYE groups and one additional group</p> <p>c) Entrepreneurship training for 15 RUYE groups and partnering organization (4H Clubs)</p> <p>d) Re-sit of meat & juice processing test for certification</p>	<p>a) A total of 239 beneficiaries (149 males and 90 females) from six groups in the parishes St Ann, Manchester and Trelawny trained in self-esteem, attitudes and motivation, community leadership, group dynamics and event planning.</p> <p>b) Thirty-three representatives (20 males and 13 females) from 16 groups, responsible for mentoring project beneficiaries, were trained.</p> <p>c) Eight of the 15 groups were represented at the Entrepreneurship training. Seven (7) males and five (5) females were trained in entrepreneurship</p> <p>d) Four males participated in a resit of the meat processing (3) and juice processing (1) certification course at SRC. Two males were successful, one (1) in each resit</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completion of group dynamics et al training in all four parishes. A total of 491 project beneficiaries (273 males and 218 females) from 12 groups were trained. This is expected to contribute towards greater cohesiveness among group members. • Training of mentors has strengthened the support system of the groups contributing to the sustainability of the project. Some mentors have been able to identify lands needed for the respective groups. • Beneficiaries equipped with entrepreneurial skills to properly operate their businesses • Two (2) additional youths certified in agro processing techniques for meat and juice processing, respectively
<p>Percentage completion of commercialisation of selected model enterprises</p>	<p>Public Awareness and Community Engagement</p> <p>a) Negotiation of Lease (s)</p> <p>b) Final review of stakeholder MOU's</p>	<p>10-year Lease for one acre at J\$2,000/acre/year negotiated with the Aboukir Primary School for the Aboukir Dynamic 4H Youth Club.</p> <p>5-year lease for five acres at \$4,000/acre/year Lease negotiated with Mr. Anthony Barrett for the One Love Group in Land Top, St. Thomas.</p> <p>MOU with JFLL signed</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The lease will facilitate operation of the 3,000ft² green house for production of herbs and implementation of water harvesting and storage systems. • Lease signed by parties is site for goat housing unit • MOU is expected to facilitate literacy and numeracy training

Risks		Response/Action
Project funds depleted without completing project activities	High	Target other comparable funding through other grant providers to assist with project development
Project Manager's focus split between implementation of RUYE project and proposal writing to attract additional funding critical for project development	High	Identify other Human Resources to undertake proposal writing task
LESSONS LEARNT: 1) IT IS ESSENTIAL TO PROVIDE AN APPROPRIATE ROAD-WORTHY VEHICLE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ANY PROJECT REQUIRING EXCESSIVE TRAVELLING 2) SCOPING OF PROJECT TO MATCH FUNDS BASED ON EXPERIENCE IMPLEMENTING SIMILAR PROJECT AND ABILITY TO ANALYSE PROTOTYPE COST OF PRODUCTION INFORMATION		

V. PLANNED ACTIVITIES (APR-JUN 2012)

Expected Outputs	Planned Activities	Timeframe			Resp. Party	Planned Budgets		
		M1	M2	M3		Source of Funds	Budget Desc	Amount
OUTPUT 1 <i>Vulnerable and out of school adolescents and young people, particularly boys, equipped with life long earning, livelihood skills and increased access to work opportunities</i>	Project Management	X	X	X	SRC	USAID	71400	41,400
	Administration	X	X	X	SRC	USAID	71400	2,298
	Training & Business Development	X	X	X	Stakeholders	USAID	71400	36,800
	Facility furnished/equipped/upgrade	X	X	X	SRC / Contractors	USAID	72200	
	Public Awareness & Community Engagement	X	X	X	Stakeholders	USAID	75700	
	Monitoring & Evaluation							
TOTAL								

Comments: Budget recast to reflect more accurately likely ratio of expenditure that will be applied to future tasks. 60% of remaining funds earmarked for upgrading and equipping agro processing facilities. 23.5% of remaining funds earmarked for public awareness, training & business development.

Project Management: Prepared by: _____ Date: _____
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Table 2: Entrepreneurial Training – March 19-23, 2012

No	Attendees	Male	Female	Total
1	All Sides, Trelawny	2	0	2
2	Golden Grove, Trelawny	0	0	0
	Sub-total	2	0	2
3	Action Vibes, Manchester	1	0	1
4	New Horizon, Manchester	0	0	0
	Sub-total	1	0	1
5	Hinds Town, St. Ann	0	2	2
6	Hadden, St. Ann	0	0	0
7	Aboukir, St. Ann	0	0	0
8	Grant's Mountain, St. Ann	0	0	0
9	McNie, St. Ann	1	1	2
10	Pedro River, St. Ann	0	1	1
	Sub-total	1	4	5
11	Land Top, St. Thomas	1	2	3
12	Johnson Mountain, St. Thomas	0	0	0
13	Sunning Hill, St. Thomas	2	0	2
14	Llandewey, St. Thomas	0	2	2
	Sub-total	3	4	7
15	Jamaica 4H Clubs	2	2	4
	TOTAL TRAINED	9	10	19
16	Resource Personnel	0	2	2
17	RUYE	0	1	1

Appendix 3: Pie-charts summarizing Some Results of the Literacy / Numeracy Assessment

Figure 1: Showing the Gender of Respondents

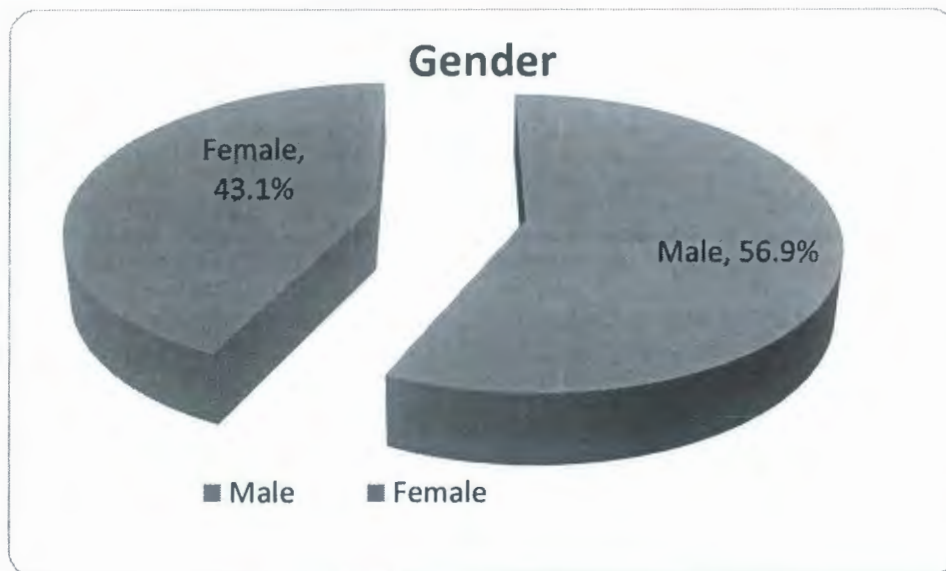


Figure 2: Depicting Overall Literacy Levels of Respondents from Target Parishes

