NARRATIVE PROJECT PROGRESS REPORT

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Country:	JAMAICA					
Reporting period:	01/01/2020	то	12/31/2020			
Project number and title:		00094832 Deployment of Renewable Energy and Improvement of Energy Efficiency in the Public Sector				
Project Duration:	4 Years; August 2016 – March 2021	4 Years; August 2016 – July 2020; Project extension July 2020 – March 2021				
Donors:	GEF, PCJ, DBJ	GEF, PCJ, DBJ				
Implementing Partner:	UNDP					
Responsible Parties:	Petroleum Corporation of Jamaica					
Overall Project Coordinator:	Tenny Daley					
Initial Approved Budget:	US\$:687,744.85					
Revised Approved Budget:	US\$:484,987.51					
Total Annual Budget:	Us\$: 484,987.51 JMD\$:Click or tap here to enter text.					
Total annual expenditure:	US\$: 393,560.57 JMD\$:					
Annual Delivery:	81.14%					



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The overall progress to date of the project has been moderately satisfactory despite the delays and challenges caused by the COVID-19 pandemic in addition to the dissolution of the Petroleum Corporation of Jamaica in January 2020 by the Ministry of Science, Energy and Technology (MSET). This event significantly impacted progress on the 2020/21 annual work. Additionally, the arrival of the COVID-19 Pandemic in March 2020 severely impacted project implementation and timelines, these include:

- The postponement of procurement notices for energy efficient lighting retrofits given the health risk imposed to the project team including consultants and contractors who would have been required to conduct site visits at these health facilities during peak of the pandemic.
- Additionally, as a mitigation measure to reduce the spread of the virus, the Government issued stay-at-home orders which restricted movement of persons within Jamaica. Hence the team was unable to conduct the requisite site visits. This delayed ongoing installations and shipment of equipment by at least three (3) months.

Project Extension

In light of the above challenges the project submitted an extension request to GEF as additional time was needed to properly close out the project stemming from the challenges noted above. An extension of an additional eight (8) months was granted with the new project end date being March 2021.

Project Staffing

 The Project Management Unit continued to operate without its full compliment of staff with only the Project Manager and Finance Officer services being engaged. PCJ's commitment to contract a Project Officer failied to materialized as the entity's function was eventually dissolved by MSET. The project staffing limitations that existed was however being mitigated through support from UNDP Programmes Unit and the engaged technical Consultant, David Barrett. The project will also be pursuing negotiating with the Techncial Advisor to include technical support activities in light of the closure of the PCJ. as the PCJ is now nonoperational.

Consultancies/Activities

- Technical Advisor (TA) Consultancy Consultant Mr. David Barrrett continues to provide effective advisory support to the project. However, going forward further support would be required in the absence of PCJ's support.
- Contract valued at USD 160,000 signed in January 2019 between UNDP and Enviroearth fo the installation of a a 76kW Solar PV system at the May Pen Hospital. Installations have been completed and the Net-billing process through the Ministry of Energy is ongoing. It is anticipated that the system will be commissioned by September 2020.
- A Contract valued at USD156,000 was signed in January 2020 between UNDP and Enviroearth for the installation of a 90kW combined Grid-Tied solar PV system at National Chest and Sir John Golding Health facilities.



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A Contract valued at USD50,000 was signed in February 2020 between UNDP and SInco's Electrical Ltd for LED retrofitting at National Chest, Sir John Golding and Bellevue Health

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Discussions are still ongoing to determine how best the project can support the Bureau of Standards Jamaica (BSJ) in the updating of the National Building Codes.

It must be noted that Output 3.1 which speaks to establishing an operational ESCO Model would be partially achieved due to the numerous challenges faced over the past 18 months. The project however will be conducting ESCO related virtual training sessions for private sector companies. Despite the COVID-19 pandemic, the project was able to make progress in several areas particularly the installation of LED lighting bulbs at the National Chest, Bellevue and Sir John Golding Health Facilities. The delivery rate at the end of June 2020 was expected to be low as a result of challenges noted above. The project also signed a contract valued of approximately USD156,000 for the supply and installation of grid-tied PV systems at National Chest and Sir John Golding Health Facilities. Notwithstanding the challenges, it must be noted that PMU remains optimistic in achieving the results of the project.

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output	INDICATORS	ANNUAL TARGETS	RESULTS ACHIEVED	OVERALL PROGRESS TO ACHIEVING OUTPUT RESULT	CHALLENGES EXPERIENCED
1.2 Technicians within the public sector trained and certified to acceptable industry standards in RE and EE with a focus on the solar photo-voltaic subsector. M&V	Number of building managers and O&M staff certified (m/f);	Conduct Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Training to additional health facilities	Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Training procurements were developed and further modified to include online training as opposed to face- to-face which was not feasibility due to COVID19 protocols. It is anticipated that a firm will be engaged by early February 2021 providing that there are no procurement delays.	Output achieved with further training being planned	Availability of technicians and other health sector workers to attend workshops due to the nature of health facilities.
2.1 The legal and regulatory regime to facilitate scale-up of RE and EE reviewed and strengthened.	Number of proposals and studies delivered to support RE/EE policy development (-)	Support the revising and adapting of the building regulations according to national context.	Procurement of a reputable consulting firm to implement and enforce a unified and user-friendly set of building codes - specifically the existing building, Electrical code and Mechanical Codes.	Output to be achieved through collaboration with the Bureau of Standards Jamaica. Moderate progresss has been made towards achieving this Output. UNDP and the BSJ are in discussions to enter into Responsible Party Agreement.	Delays experienced by the BSJ in engaging the consultancy firm. It is anticipated that the firm would be engaged by early 2021
<u>Uptake of renewable</u> <u>energy strengthened</u> with the Energy <u>Performance</u> <u>Contracting pilot</u> <u>programme</u>	Status of model contracts for RE/EE procurement and EPC contracting (y/n); (b) Status EPC business model.	ESCO Operation and Financing virtual training to be conducted for energy service providers and financial institution	Procurement documents developed and it is anticipated that a reputable firm will be engaged by early February 2021.	Progress on achieving output has been slow however the training schedule for early 2021 will significantly improve knowledge and understanding on ESCO Operation, Financing as well	Project had to modify procurement documents from face-to-face to virtual training sessions because of the COVID19



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Output 3.2: Investments in Solar PV, solar water heaters and energy efficiency retrofits in the health sector encouraged	Number of hospitals retrofitted with RE and EE Technologies	Installation of LED lighting solutions at the remaining three (3) health facilities: May Pen, Savanna- la-mar, Black River Hospitals.	Installation of LED bulbs completed at the three (3) locations.	Progress being made to achieve this output as the project has been encouraging investments in renewable energy and energy efficient retrofits in 3 health facilities	Delays are being experienced in fast tracking technical matters or processes in relation to solar PV interventions as a result of the PCJ now been non operational. The issuing of procurement
		Complete installation of solar PV systems at National Chest Hospital and Sir John Golding Rehab Centre.	Installation of solar PV systems completed at one facility -May Pen Hospital and ongoing at two (2) hospitals – Sir John Golding and National Chest		notices for LED Retrofitting at the remaining three health facilities was delayed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Delays in procurement and installation processes due to COVID-19.
					Implementation timelines were impacted as access was very limited or completely restricted for site visits and installations.



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Output 3	Project Management and Design	Delays in shipment and installation of RE and EE Equipment stemming from COVID19	Virtual meetings and site visits proved useful in mitigating against the risks associated with conducting physical meetings and site visits
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Output 3	Partnership	The continued procurement and technical support received through the UNDP Procurement Service Unit (PSU) was effectively in advancing the installation of RE equipment despite the delays caused by COVID19	This was established through the UNDP PSU existing LTAs with International Solar PV Suppplier.
Output 1, 2, 3	Project Management and Design	The support received from the operations and maintenance staff both at the hospitals and the regional health authorities was also effectively.	The project was able to work out flexible working arrangements to facilitating the ongoing installations by the contractors



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Political	Government commitment	The dissolution of PCJ by MSET	Organizational restructuring	High – lack of adequate technical support. Delays in advancing activities that were to be led by PCJ, particularly the Net Billing Application process for the grid-tied PV systems	January 2020	Conduct bilateral meetings with the PCJ and MSET to have a mutual resolution. IF risk continues the project will negotiate with technical consultant to include additional technical deliverables in light of dissolution of PCJ by MSET
X_Other		Delays experienced by the PCJ in signing off on the	Quality of reports below standard and several key information is lacking.	High - This has resulted in significant delays in the implementation	Risk identified in January 2018	UNDP CO engaged a Technical Advisor in February 2018

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		Investment- Grade Energy Audit Reports		of RE and EE Retrofits under component 3 which accounts for 50% of GEF Funds and approximately 95% of PCJ Funding		who provided a detail review of the reports in May 2018. and an ESCO consultant in November 2019 who provided a quick review of the revised reports in January 2019. The Project Board advised the PCJ that this ongoing issue be resolved urgently. The CO engaged ar ESCO consultant in November 2019 who provided a quick review of

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Political	Government commitment	Delays in obtaining a no-objection from the Ministry of Finance to the super esco model that was proposed using the PCJ as the super ESCO	A change in government in 2016, lack of political will, lack of a common understanding of the mutual benefits of the ESCO industry and the MOF understanding their role in this ESCO arrangement	Project significantly delayed in implementing outcome 3 in accordance with objectives as the PCJ is awaiting commitment from the MOF to remunerate them accordingly from the resulting monetary savings from investments made in any renewable energy and energy	Risk was identified in June 2018d=	A concept note regarding the proposed ESCO Arrangement is being prepared for submission to the Financial Secretary, MOF in January 2019.

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-	X_Other	Other	Project stalled due to COVID 19	Delay in shipment and procurement processes. Lack of access to health facilities due to restrictions/protocols and existing isolation centres on sites.	Contract extensions, missed timelines and delivery targets.	March 2020	Maintain close communication with stakeholders, partners and contractors



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Annual RPT (PIR)	September 2020	Final 2020 PIR	
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Donor Report	Click or tap to enter a date.	Click or tap here to enter text.	



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Project Financial Status

Total Annual Budget	USD \$ 484,987.51
Total Expenditure to date	USD 393,560.57
% Delivery	81.15%
Total Commitments	USD35,718.66
Are you on track to achieving th	ne delivery target? If not, what is the estimated revised budget?
NA	

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