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ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT

Country	JAMAICA		
Reporting period	January 1, 2014 to March 31, 2014		
Project number and title	Project 00088695/ 00085489 Building Capacity for Reform of HIV Related Law and Policy_in Jamaica		
Project Duration	January 2014-March 2014		
Implementing Partner	UNDP		
Responsible Parties	National HIV/STI Programme, Ministry of Health		
Overall Project Coordinator	Elsie Chounoune Laurence, Deputy Resident Representative		
Initial Approved Budget	US\$ 24,900	Revised Approved Budget	US\$ N/A
Current Quarter Advance	US\$ N/A	Current Quarter Expenditure	US\$ 14,272
Annual Expenditure to Date	US\$ 14,272	Current Year Delivery to Date	71.36%

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I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The continued dissemination of the findings and recommendations of the legal assessment initiated by UNDP during this quarter have been a critical first step in supporting the HIV Human rights agenda that is at the core of building the level of awareness necessary to initiate and support legislative and policy change. The UNDP CO as the owner of the research has been supported in this process by UNAIDS and the National HIV Programme. However there is still much more that must be done in this area, particularly when it comes to accessing the select members of parliament who oftentimes act as gate keepers.

The time frame assigned for the project extension did not allow for the full achievement of the outputs. The judicial sensitization was restricted by a shift in date for one of the continuing education seminars to November. Though one is planned with the Norman Manley Law School programme for June this as well is outside of the project extension scope and will have to be taken over by the National partners or as an activity in a Phase 2 of the project.

The PANCAP Justice for All Programme has been adopted as an advocacy platform seeking to raise awareness with parliamentarians and representatives from key sectors such as the private sector, faith based, civil society and youth. The project played an integral role in facilitating the national discussions on key challenges to HIV in the context of human rights. The report from the national consultations will feed into the PANCAP roadmap to be developed at the regional meeting in April 2014. The consultations also provided critical input that will assist in the development of the integrated strategic plan by the merged national HIV programme and National Family Planning Board. This integrated strategic plan will form the basis for future funding applications by the government to the Global Fund (whose new funding models emphasises Human rights and Gender).

The project will be evaluated internally and discussions held with the Management team of the country office on the next steps regarding UNDP's role in the combatting HIV by supporting legal reform enshrined in Human Rights and ensuring citizens' security and safety.

II. FINANCIAL SUMMARY

RESOURCE AND EXPENDITURE REPORT 2012-2013						
Donor	Total Budget (US\$)	Programmable Budget (US\$)	UNDP Direct Payment/Reimbursements	Total Advances to IP (US\$)	Total IP Expenditure US\$	Remaining Funds (US\$) Prog. Budget minus Total Expenditure
	A	B	C	D	E	F= B-(C+E)
UNDP UBRAF – (Global Project)	20,000	20,000	11293			8707
UNAIDS UBRAF (Local Project)	4900	3500	2979			521
TOTALS:	24,900	23500	14272			9228

NB FOR PERIOD UNDER REVIEW NO IP WAS SELECTED

III. ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVED RESULTS

Expected Outputs & Indicators (including annual targets)	Planned Activities	Planned Budget	Expenditure (US\$)	Achieved Results	Completion Status
<p>Output 1 Sensitization of parliamentarians and members of the judiciary to the direct and indirect effects of outdated, inconsistent, and discriminatory HIV-related laws on the incidence of HIV and AIDS in Jamaica</p> <p>Baseline</p> <p>1.1 Parliamentarians and 19 judges sensitized under the HIV and the Law Project 2012-2013</p> <p>Indicators:</p> <p>1. Number of Parliamentarians receiving Parliamentary advocacy booklet</p> <p>2. Number of members of the judiciary receiving certification from continuing education seminar</p> <p>Targets</p> <p>1) 100% of parliamentarians who serve on the legislative committee sensitized to key HIV related legal reform issues</p>	<p>Sensitization of parliamentarians on cost of inadequate legal infrastructure as well as interaction between HIV-related laws and policies and status of the epidemic in Jamaica</p> <p>Sensitization of members of the judiciary on the cost of inadequate legal infrastructure as well as interaction between HIV-related laws and policies and status of the epidemic in Jamaica</p>	<p>3785</p> <p>0</p>	<p>3785</p> <p>0</p>	<p>All 84 members of parliament have received parliamentary advocacy booklet and a copy of the legal assessment</p> <p>HIV, Human Rights and Social Justice course drafted and sent for accreditation</p>	<p>Fully</p> <p>Partial</p>

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2) 100% of Ministers in line ministries linked to HIV reform legislation sensitized to key HIV related legal reform issues 3) 30 members of the judiciary receiving sensitization material	Increased Dialogue on HIV, Human Rights and Law amongst parliamentarians	2979	2979	Sector Consultations held on HIV and legal reform, select ministers targeted for discussions on key issues	Fully
Output 2 Development of UNDP HIV Programme incorporating priorities from the Draft Plan of Action Baseline: HIV and the Law project 2012-2013 Indicators 1. Status of completion of the Project Document 2. Percentage of funding secured for HIV Programme 3	Project Document for HIV programme activities	7508	7508	Key areas identified for continuation of HIV Programme. Partnerships established to support programme activities	Partially

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months of sensitization campaign 3. Number of HIV related activities linked into UNDP project activities Targets 1) Project document developed for 2014-2016 2) Total funding requirement secured (pledged) 3) At least 3 HIV related activities from the Plan of Action linked into UNDP Project Activities					

IV. PARTNERSHIPS AND SUSTAINABILITY

Partnerships	Impact on/Contribution to Project Activities
National HIV/STI Programme, Ministry of Health	Key partner in guiding the process of the legal review and providing technical expertise on existing HIV data and programmes. The Enabling Environment portfolio of the National HIV/ STI Programme will be incorporating the findings of the legal assessment into their work plan and future initiatives
UNAIDS Jamaica	Provision of technical expertise and guidance on management of HIV and the Law project. UNAIDS is also the main funding partner through UBRAF for the project. UNAIDS will also provide continued technical and financial support for the National HIV programme and other stakeholders involved in various aspects of HIV related legal reform highlighted by the Plan of Action
UNDP HIV & Governance Practice leader NY	Provision of technical assistance on advocacy and policy reform
UNDP Regional Centre HIV Unit Head	Provision of technical and financial support in supporting legislative and policy reform

SUSTAINABILITY

Throughout the project, the National HIV/STI Programme (NHP) of the Ministry of Health has remained a critical partner providing technical support and guidance. For particular components of the project the NHP through its Enabling Environment Portfolio took the lead in directing the delivery of specific results. The formulation of the project drew heavily on the objectives outlined in the National HIV Strategic Plan for 2012-2017 where a key goal is the removal of discriminatory legislation and policies that hinder access to treatment and opportunities for prevention. Progress in this key area lies under the responsibility of the Enabling Environment portfolio of the NHP.

The NHP will continue sensitization initiatives through the Justice for All advocacy platform in lobbying for action on legal reform. They will also be a key support mechanism in ensuring that the judicial sensitizations occur and there is further institutionalization of awareness about HIV and human rights issues.

Annex III Risk Log

Description	Date Identified	Type	Impact & Probability	Countermeasures/ Management response	Owner	Submitted, updated by	Last Update	Status
Process of legal reform could be derailed because of over emphasis on one area of legal reform, the removal of the Buggery law.	December 30, 2012	Environmental	Ensuing backlash from religious groups and non-tolerant individuals would influence politicians and policy makers who are already under criticism because of the current economic situation in the country. They would not want to further be viewed as provoking the electorate and may delay action on legal reform. P = 3 I=4	Strong partnership with partners in the National HIV Programme and other CSOs involved in legal reform to maintain focus throughout the process on an equal emphasis on all areas of reform and development of a joint legal reform strategy	HIV Programme Officer	HIV Programme Officer	31/03/14	A Faith Based Sector discussion was held and issues around law reform were raised further discussions will be planned by the National Programme to continue dialogue to find areas of compromise.
Repercussions from health and family life curricula, in the recent past there has been a backlash on external input into local HIV prevention material in schools which had homosexually tolerant inferences	December 30, 2012	Environmental	If the legal review was viewed as an externally driven process to force change to benefit gay and lesbian interests this could have a devastating impact on the process and key stakeholders such as parliamentarians and policy makers would shy away from the issues relating to legal reform due to its controversy. P= 3 I = 5	Understandably, it is very important that certain project activities, such as the legal review, are identified as being indigenous and linked to the National Strategic Plan on HIV. It must be seen as necessary for the Jamaica's prevention and treatment priorities	HIV Programme Officer	HIV Programme Officer	31/03/14	No change
The impact of the current economic crisis on the country and the prioritization of only IMF related legal and policy issues.	December 1, 2012	Financial/Political	With Jamaica being a highly indebted country and in the process of renegotiating its agreement with the IMF there is a lot of emphasis on economic stability, legal reform as it relates to HIV will not be a priority area for parliamentarians P=3 I=3	Continued efforts are being made to reach parliamentarians in smaller groups with support from peers	HIV Programme Officer	HIV Programme Officer	31/03/14	It has been very difficult to engage parliamentarians on any issue not directly linked to the IMF.
Merger of National Family Board and National HIV/ STI Programme. As both entities have similar	November 30, 2012	Operational Organizational	As with any merger it can present some administrative challenges which may have an impact on operationalization and support to project activities	Monitoring of progress of the merger and take action to support processes as necessary	HIV Programme Officer	HIV Programme Officer	31/12/13	No change

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mandates the high profile NHP being merged with Family planning board has been on the agenda to increase public sector efficiency.		P=3 I=3						
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Annex IV Issues Log

#	Description	Date Identified	Type	Impact & Priority	Countermeasures / Mngt response	Owner	Submitted, updated by	Last Update	Status
1.	Time available for the sensitisation of stakeholders	November 1, 2013	Structural	The extensive nature of the level of sensitisation necessary to build support for the recommendations in the Plan of action were underestimated in the original project design. In order to ensure that there is a strong advocacy within CSO's policy makers and government officials more extensive sensitisation must occur Priority=5	Sensitization will be continued at high level meetings and other engagement opportunities	Resident Representative	HIV Programme Officer	March 31, 2014	Resolution in progress

Annex V Lessons Learned

#	Type	Date Identified	Successes	Shortcomings	Recommended Solutions	Submitted, updated by
1.	Project Financing	November 30, 2012	Programme has been able to continue and allow UNDP to meet its obligations under the UBRAF	There are limited resources available to expand the work currently underway	Partnerships with other stakeholders to further scope of work identified through the Plan of Action and as prioritized by the National HIV Programme	HIV Programme Officer
2.	Project Coordination	September 30, 2013	Support of Ministers of Health and Minister of Justice on legal reform agenda	Reaching parliamentarians was even more difficult than originally expected	Greater coordination in using parliamentarians to assist in sensitization of other parliamentarians	HIV Programme Officer

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