

## **ANNEX A**

### **TERMS OF REFERENCE**

#### **Comprehensive Assessment of Jamaica's Progress towards the Millennium Development Goals**

##### **A. Background**

In 2000, the United Nations (UN) established a set of eight broad goals – known as the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) – and 20 targets for eradicating poverty and promoting sustainable development among its member states by 2015. As a member of the UN, Jamaica has been pursuing the goals and targets in the interest of improving the lives of its citizenry. In its most recent progress report, done in 2009, Jamaica identified one area in which the country's progress was "slipping", three areas in which it was "lagging" and two in which it was "far behind". With only two years and a few months to the target end date, it is now imperative that the country urgently seek to address the areas of deficit and identify strategies to address them.

The UN has formulated an MDG Acceleration Framework to help countries boost progress in areas of deficit. This exercise is being undertaken as a crucial prerequisite to establish the current status. It will then feed into an acceleration exercise which will focus on strategies and interventions to address the shortfalls.

##### **B. Objectives**

This consultation is being established to obtain an objective assessment of a) the progress made to date in respect of the MDGs and b) to clearly identify the shortfalls, including an assessment of needs. As the output will also constitute Jamaica's penultimate report on the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) it needs to:

- I. Identify the areas in which progress has been made
- II. Clearly and thoroughly identify the areas of deficit
- III. Identify the policies, strategies, plans, programmes and interventions that have resulted in the progress made
- IV. Identify existing policies, strategies, plans, programmes and interventions for addressing the shortfalls and their adequacy
- V. Identify other areas of emerging priorities for 2015 and beyond.

### **C. Scope of Work**

- I. The consultant will be required to:
  - a. Review existing studies and reports
  - b. Identify the current interventions (and implementing agencies) in relation to all goals and targets and indicate the progress to date
  - c. For lagging goals and targets:
    - i. Identify bottlenecks and other factors that have prevented the attainment of goals and targets
    - ii. Identify required interventions and implementing agencies
- II. In conducting the assessment, the Consultant will need to interact with the country focal point(s) and key persons in various Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) of government. This will likely take the form of interviews, face-to-face meetings and telephone conversations.
- III. The Consultant may be required, as part of this consultancy, to participate in any or all meetings, sessions, consultations or fora held locally or internationally for the dissemination of the report findings and may be called upon to present the findings.

### **D. Output**

A satisfactory output of this exercise will be a comprehensive report on Jamaica's progress towards attaining the MDG goals and targets and will include:

- i. An executive summary
- ii. Relevant background to the exercise
- iii. A critical assessment of the progress made in relation to the MDG goals and targets, with details of the country's status in relation to each one
- iv. An assessment of the requirements to achieve unattained goals and targets
- v. Articulation of identified synergies between various goals, targets and interventions and how these affect attainment or non-attainment of goals and targets
- vi. Identification of emerging priorities for 2015 and beyond.

### **E. Supervision and Reporting Relationship**

The work of the Consultant will be directly supervised by the Director of the Social Policy Planning and Research Division or his designate.

## **F. Duration and Remuneration**

The consultancy will be for 45 days, working non-continuously, to run from 01 February to 14 June 2013.

## **G. Deliverables and Timeline**

<b>Output</b>	<b>Date (2013)</b>	<b>Payment</b>
First draft of the Report	01 April	20%
Second draft of the Report	30 April	30%
Final Report	17 May	50%