



QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT

Country:	JAMAICA		
Reporting period:	April - June 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:	July 2011		
Current year Approved Budget:	US\$ 196,683.00		
Current quarter advance:	US\$18,887.34	Current qtr	US\$65,827.34
Annual expenditure to date:	US\$115,514.98	Current Year Delivery	58.7%

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 issues.

The consultancy to review the estimation of poverty using the Jamaica Survey of Living Conditions database came to an end during this period. Consultant provided a review and update of the Poverty Line for Jamaica; however the Stakeholders Forum was not conducted, due to logistics issues.

The drafting of the final report for the establishment of a basic food basket for Jamaica by WHO/CFNI was extended and should be completed before the end of July, 2011.

The consultancy to develop the Computable General Equilibrium Model that facilitates welfare Analysis of changes in taxation and transfer mechanisms in Jamaica ended during this quarter with the development of a Model and Manual to guide the use of the model. The model was accepted by the PIOJ, and will be used to guide the Tax reform programme in Jamaica.

The support to the Vision 2030 Jamaica – National Development Plan also ended during this quarter, with the production of a video feature that will be used to sensitise Jamaicans on development activities.

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	65,827.34	115,514.98	81,168.02
Subtotals:		196,683.00	49,687.64	65,827.34	115,514.98	81,168.02
Totals:		196,683.00	49,687.64	65,827.34	115,514.98	81,168.02

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				-	370,988.60	120,021.40
Coordination & mainstreaming of results-based monitoring and evaluation framework for Vision 2030				-	190,810.86	-
Aid Effectiveness Assessment				344,000.00	-	-
Review of Poverty Estimation				567,375.00	-	-
Poverty Reduction/MDG Support Unit				2,568,297.09	-	-
Computable General Equilibrium Model Development	1,621,100.00	1,621,100.00			1,621,100.00	
Subtotal	1,621,100.00	1,621,100.00		3,479,672.09	2,182,899.46	120,021.40
Total	1,621,100.00	1,621,100.00		3,479,672.09	2,182,899.46	120,021.40
Cash in hand @ end of reporting period						120,021.40
Commitments @ end of reporting period						120,021.40

*The UNORE in effect at time of liquidation of expenditure is used for conversion of JA\$ expenditure to US\$.

III. ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVED RESULTS

Expected Outputs & Indicators	Activities	Results of Activities	Progress Towards Achieving Outputs
<p>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</p> <p>INDICATOR 1.1 Increased capacity for data management and analysis</p>	<p>Support Unit in the UNDP continued to coordinate project development, monitoring and to provide technical support and advocacy on MDGs and poverty.</p>	<p>Technical backstopping and financial management of the programme facilitated effective project implementation and strict adherence to financial regulations of the donors.</p>	<p>Activities have improved capacity to develop, coordinate, manage, monitor and evaluate the poverty reduction portfolio in the GOJ/UNDP programme of cooperation</p>
	<p>The Review of Poverty Estimation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Current Poverty Food Basket reviewed and recommendations made for new food basket - Review of the standards used to generate annual estimates of poverty - Establishment of absolute poverty line for Jamaica - Development of methodology for generating annual estimates of poverty rates in Jamaica using changing consumption standards - Recommendations made on a strategy to determine the periodicity with which the poverty rates should be reviewed. 	<p>PIOJ capacitated to more accurately estimate poverty levels in Jamaica</p> <p>Government will have accurate data to inform policy interventions for the poor.</p>
	<p>Construction of Computable General Equilibrium Model</p>	<p>CGE Model for Welfare Analysis of changes in taxation and Transfer mechanisms developed, refined and finalized. Manual to guide use of the model developed. Test-run of model to make policy analysis and forecasting done. All databases, software etc transferred to PIOJ and relevant partners.</p>	<p>PIOJ able to more accurately forecast economic welfare given various tax scenarios. The examination of the various scenarios will guide the government in its efforts to adjust its taxation structure.</p>
	<p>Aid Effectiveness Assessment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Liaise with donor to ensure completion of the questionnaires o Collate and analyze data o Prepare spreadsheet and Report o Present report to donors and government o Finalize country report 	<p>Jamaica's report detailing the extent to which donors are adhering to the Paris Declaration on Aid Effectiveness prepared and submitted to the OECD.</p>	<p>Governments capacitated to negotiate with donors on the basis of an evidence based assessment on Aid Effectiveness. This will provide the basis for future negotiations with the development partners.</p>

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<p>OUTPUT 2 Increased awareness and empowerment of particularly vulnerable groups through improved education, health services and social safety nets.</p> <p>INDICATOR Public education and awareness campaigns on protection issues and support to the delivery of social services at the community level</p>	Public Education and Advocacy programme implemented on the national development strategies for the next 20 years.	193 adult participants from 7 parishes made aware of the Vision 2030 Plan through community workshops	SDC's capacity increased to more effectively convey to the public Jamaica's development objectives Jamaicans will be made aware of and capacitated to contribute to the achievement of the objectives of the National Development Plan

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
<p>LESSONS LEARNT:</p> <p>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.</p>		

V. PLANNED ACTIVITIES (JULY – SEPTEMBER 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;	Review of the Poverty Food Basket	X	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
	Advocacy Programme – National Development Plan	X	X	X	PIOJ	04000	71300	1,408.70
TOTAL								41,303.95
Comments:								

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