



QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT

Country:	JAMAICA		
Reporting period:	July - September 2011		
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 <i>Chadwick Anderson</i>		
Date:	October 14, 2011		
Current year Approved Budget:	US\$635,869.00		
Current quarter advance:	0.00	Current qtr exp:	US\$97,788.95
Annual expenditure to date:	US\$257,457.30	Current Year Delivery	40.49%

I. QUARTERLY SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

Training & Business Development –RUYE Project Team conducted business sensitization and planning sessions with 78 youths: 40 males & 38 females; from selected groups within the targeted parishes. They were introduced to viable value added products that could be produced from local raw materials. See Appendix 1.

Nine youths (8 males and 1 female) from the Grant's Mountain Sunshine Club, St. Ann benefitted from a three-day beekeeping practical. An average of twenty-seven (27) participants from the Aughtembeddie Youth Club, Manchester attended each of two basic beekeeping training sessions. Twenty-eight (28) youths and two (2) adults from the St. Thomas Bee Farmers Association – Youth Arm attended the 1st of four training sessions with the MoAF Apiculture Unit leading to certification in beekeeping. The group trained consisted of 23 males and 7 females. See Appendix 1. .

The Sunning Hill Youth group, St. Thomas, consisting of 10 males and 12 females participated in a cocoa tree restoration programme in their community. There is currently a market for export quality, unseasoned chocolate balls for the group to take advantage of. Eight (8) youths in livestock projects across the parishes participated in a Meat Processing Workshop at SRC. Four (4) received NCTVET Certificates.

Public Awareness - RUYE Project beneficiaries from the targeted parishes assisted in mounting displays of products currently being produced or intended for production at the annual Denbigh Agricultural Show. Displays were mounted in the pavilions of the four parishes and the SRC House on the show grounds. RUYE participated in an SDC exposition in St. Ann. A live outside broadcast by Irie FM included interview of RUYE Project Officer who manned a display booth highlighting the project.

Major Achievement M&E- An agreed negotiated lease of J\$800/acre/year for 7 acres was signed between private land owner, Mrs Osbourne in Pusey Hill, Manchester with the New Horizon Youth Club. Protective beekeeping gear was delivered to the group in Llandewey, St. Thomas by the project. During the reporting period this group increased the number of beehives allocated to them from **200 to 230 (15% increase)**. Partnership with FAO through UNDP resulted in RUYE accessing approved drawings of a goat housing unit that will be used in the implementation of the goat production businesses funded through the RUYE Project.

Contracts: Five (5) contracts were signed and implementation begun re: facilities and supply of equipment for honey processing; and building and equipment layout of processing facilities. The beehives and supers contract was concluded.

II. RESOURCES AND EXPENDITURE

RESOURCE & EXPENDITURE REPORT BY DONOR - 2011							
DONOR	Resp. Party	Total Budget (US\$)	Programmable Budget (US\$)	EXPENDITURE (US\$)			Balance PrBdg - Tot Exp (US\$)
				Exp Prior Current Qtr US\$	Current Qtr Expenditure US\$	Total IP Expenditure US\$	
USAID	SRC	635,869.00	596,824.00	159,668.35	97,788.95	257,457.30	339,366.70
Subtotals:		635,869.00	596,824.00	159,668.35	97,788.95	257,457.30	339,366.70
Totals:		635,869.00	596,824.00	159,668.35	97,788.95	257,457.30	339,366.70

PROJECT EXPENDITURE FOR REPORTING PERIOD					
Activity	Requested JA\$	Received JA\$	Date Received	Disbursed by IP	Balance JA\$
B/F June 30, 2010					14,131,452.96
Project Management				2,856,335.17	
Administrative Expenses				137,034.10	
Training & Business Development				509,976.76	
Public Awareness & Community Engagement				527,307.24	
Facility Furnished/Equipped				3,629,650.85	
Facility Furnished/Construction				780,837.40	
Subtotal				8,441,141.52	8,441,141.52
Total				8,441,141.52	5,690,311.44
Cash in hand @ end of reporting period					5,656,300.45
Commitments @ end of reporting period					5,905,039.92

*The United Nations Operational Rate of Exchange (UNORE) for May 2011 of \$85.83 to US\$1.00 was used at the time of processing the request for advance and \$86.32 was used for converting expenditure made in Jamaican dollars For July-September 2011 EXPENDITURE OF J\$8,441,141.52 LIQUIDATED.

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>Percentage completion of commercialisation of selected model enterprises</p>	<p>Training and Business Development</p> <p>a) Product sensitization & Business plan development sessions</p> <p>b) Product sensitization Eco-Tourism</p> <p>c) Beekeeping theory / practicals / certification training</p> <p>d) Youth literacy & numeracy assessment Proposal from consultant evaluated and contract drafted – signing of contract pending</p> <p>e) Draft training plan developed</p> <p>f) Meat processing certification training (NCTVET)</p> <p>Public Awareness and Community Engagement</p> <p>a) Negotiation of Lease (s)</p>	<p>a) 78 youth trained in business plan development and sensitized to products possible from available raw materials– 1. Coley Youth, St. Ann Club (14), Pedro River Youth Club, St. Ann (12); 4H Dynamic Youth Club, St. Ann (17); New Horizon Youth Club (21); Sunning Hill Youth Club (14)– Total of 78 youths</p> <p>b) Thirty-five (35) members of the Invaders Sports Club, Trelawny sensitized to the spinoff income generating activities possible if the eco-tourism site they control is legitimized)</p> <p>c) Ninety-three (93) youths continue to participate in beekeeping theory / practical / certification training in three locations – Grant’s Mountain, St. Ann (9); Auchtembeddie, Manchester (27 x 2) and Llandewey, St. Thomas group trained at Bodles Agricultural Research Station (30). Two (2) sessions of training and examination prior to certification remaining.</p> <p>d) Contracted consultant to train eighteen (18) assessors who will score youth using assessment instrument</p> <p>e) Organized syllabi for training courses to be taught at the different literacy levels drafted – to be finalized following categorization of youth from assessment</p> <p>f) Eight (8) youth participating representatives from the pig rearing and goat rearing groups trained in all aspects of meat processing over 4-day period Sept 27-30, 2011</p> <p>Lease template designed by RUYE approved by MoAF introduced to New Horizon Youth Club (Lessee)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 78 youth (40 females & 38 males) equipped with technical business plan preparation skills Development of an agro-tourism project involving 35 youth Youths (55 males & 38 females) equipped with beekeeping skills that will enable them to be gainfully employed in a viable entrepreneurial activity <p>Youth classified on the basis of their literacy / numeracy scores at the basic, intermediate or advanced level</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Youth identified at basic and intermediate levels of literacy/ numeracy trained to Grade 9 Standard 4 (50%) participants were successful in passing the test and achieving NCTVET certification; 4 received certificates of participation from SRC <p>Lease agreement for 7 acres at J\$800.acre/year signed by parties</p>

	<p>b) Final review of stakeholder MOU's</p> <p>c) Promotional activities attended: Denbigh Agricultural Show; SDC, St. Ann Exposition</p> <p>d) Finalizing registration process for groups in St. Thomas</p>	<p>and Mrs Maxine Osbourne (Lessor)</p> <p>Lease agreement between the Commissioner of Lands and Hinds Town / Hadden Yoth Clubs for 200 acres land- Clubs suggesting they put up 20% of value of lease; requesting RUYE pay 80% of 1st year's lease</p> <p>MOU with NYS, RADA, MoA&F, 4H Clubs, JFLL, and SDC in various stages of review.</p> <p>Barada Women's Group, St. Thomas displayed processed agro products in their parish pavilion; Golden Grove Youth Agricultural Society showcased their fruit juices produced in collaboration with the OAS Project in the Trelawny parish pavilion; New Horizon Youth Club, Manchester assisted with the construction of model goat facility and goat value added products display in the Manchester parish pavillion</p> <p>One Love Youth Club: Earlier registration accounted for 11 youths – current registration total is 47 youths</p> <p>Airy Castle Youth Club: No early registration of members – current registration total is 11 youths</p>	<p>Lease agreement for 200 acres at J\$800/acre/year. Signing stalled pending payment of lease (J\$160,000)</p> <p>MOU with NCYD and JBDC signed; others continue to be reviewed</p> <p>Individual youth involved in showcasing products honed their promotion and marketing skills in a practical way.</p> <p>Determination of gross numbers of youths in targeted groups being impacted by the RUYE Project is Four Hundred and Twenty-nine (429)</p>
	<p>Facility Furnished and Equipped</p> <p>a) Delivery of beehives and supers</p> <p>b) Procurement of containerized facility for honey processing</p> <p>c) Procurement of honey process equipment</p> <p>d) Procurement of laboratory equipment for agro processing facilities</p>	<p>275 bee hives procured and delivered to two groups (total 55 youths)</p> <p>Grant's Mountain, St. Ann – 1 apiary with 75 hives: 75 delivered</p> <p>Llandewey, St. Thomas – 2 apiaries with 100 hives each: 200 delivered;</p> <p>Work commenced on container modification</p> <p>Equipment procured: Beekeeping & Honey processing equipment procured; portion of protective equipment distributed</p> <p>Equipment procured: Laboratory equipment procured</p> <p>Equipment procured: Equipping of</p>	<p>36 of the 200 hives at Llandewey, St. Thomas supered to date (18% increase in hives)</p> <p>Containerized honey processing facilities for Grant's Mountain and Llandewey to be delivered Oct 15, 2011</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Equipping honey processing facilities and provided beekeeping gear for youth • Equipping agro processing facilities • Equipping agro processing facilities (juice, chutney,

	e)Procurement of miscellaneous equipment for agro processing facilities	agro processing facilities (juice, chutney, jams, jellies etc)	jams, jellies etc) in Trelawny, St. Ann and St. Thomas
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IV. IMPLEMENTATION CONSTRAINTS, RISKS AND LESSONS LEARNT

Implementation Constraints	Significance	Response/Action
Significant time lapses between bid selection and contract approval (signing) lengthens activity implementation process	High	Identify areas in process where lapses occur and actively seek to minimize time losses; contract the services of a procurement clerk short term to expedite procurement
Significant reliance on few stakeholders who have accepted their partnering responsibilities in the project. Little input from majority of stakeholders – expecting remuneration for work requested	High	Continue to collaborate with RADA, MoAF & NCYD
Risks		Response/Action
Feature creep – watering down of core focus due to range of other possible activities introduced by project partners / stakeholders	Medium	Activities not previously budgeted for will not be considered for implementation
Literacy & numeracy assessment of youth not yet accomplished – delaying significant aspects of the training plan implementation	High	Follow up with RUYE project implementing agency (SRC)
<p>LESSONS LEARNT: 1) IDENTIFICATION OF A PROJECT THAT APPEALED TO GROUP OF YOUTHS IN TERMS OF COMMUNITY ACCEPTANCE, EASE AND INCOME GENERATING POTENTIAL RECEIVED COHESIVE AND STRIDENT CONSENSUS FOR IMPLEMENTATION . 2) GROUP STRUCTURE HELD TOGETHER BY STRONG COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP LED TO ORDERLY AND SUCCESSFUL TASK COMPLETION. 3)IMPLEMENTING PROJECT ACROSS 4 PARISHES HAS DILUTED THE EFFECTS OF THE PROJECT TEAM AS EACH PARISH MUST BE TREATED AS A DISCRETE PROJECT; 300 UNEMPLOYED YOUTH COULD EASILY HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED IN ONE PARISH INCREASING THE VISIBILITY OF THE PROJECT ACTIONS AND SIGNIFICANTLY IMPACTING UNEMPLOYMENT IN THAT PARISH. 4) THOUGH YOUTHS ARE ABLE TO ASSIST PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION WITH SWEAT EQUITY THEY OFFER VERY LITTLE IN TERMS OF CASH CONTRIBUTIONS.</p>		

V. PLANNED ACTIVITIES (OCT – DEC 2011)

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,</i>	Project Management	X	X	X	SRC	USAID	71400	34,650
	Administration	X	X	X	SRC	USAID	71400	8,840
	Training & Business Development	X	X	X	Stakeholders	USAID	71400	64,400
	Facility furnished/equipped/upgrade	X	X	X	SRC / Contractors	USAID	72200	190,204

<i>livelihood skills and increased access to work opportunities</i>	Public Awareness & Community Engagement	X	X	X	Stakeholders	USAID	75700	17,420
	Monitoring & Evaluation							15,000
TOTAL								330,514
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.								

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Appendix 1

RUYE Training Information – July to September 2011

GROUP NAME	# FEMALES	# MALES	Total	Training Date	Type Of Training
Technical Beekeeping/Honey Processing Training - Q3, 2011					
Grant's Mountain Sunshine Youth Club, St. Ann	1	8	9	July 26-28, 2011	Beekeeping Practical – Individual Attention (8 hours/day x 3)
Auchtembeddie Community Development Council, Manchester	14	10	24	August 4, 2011	Beekeeping Training (Theory) 6 hours
Auchtembeddie Community Development	16	14	30	August 21, 2011	Beekeeping Practical Training Workshop 6.5 hours

Council, Manchester					
St. Thomas Bee Farmers Association – Youth Arm	7	23	30	September 29, 2011	Beekeeping MoAF Certification Training - 1 st Session 8 hours
TOTAL	38	55	93		
Product Sensitization Sessions and Business Planning Workshops – Q3, 2011					
Coley Youth Club, St. Ann (goat rearing, leather craft)	7	7	14	August 15, 2011	Sensitization and business planning workshop 4 hours
Pedro River Youth Club, St. Ann (goat rearing, leather craft)	4	8	12	August 15, 2011	Sensitization and business planning workshop 4 hours
4H Dynamic Club, St. Ann (greenhouse production)	10	7	17	August 16, 2011	Sensitization and business planning workshop 6 hours
New Horizon Youth Club, Manchester (goat rearing, leather craft)	11	10	21	August 18, 2011	Sensitization and business planning workshop 5 hours
Sunning Hill Youth Club, St. Thomas (cocoa production, chocolate)	8	6	14	September 7, 2011	Sensitization and business planning workshop 3 hours
TOTAL	40	38	78		
Meat Processing Workshop (SRC) – NCTVET Certification – Q3, 2011					
4 youths - Manchester 3 youths – St. Ann 1 youth – St. Thomas	1	7	8	September 27 – 30, 2011	Meat Processing workshop (SRC) (8 hours/day x 4)
TOTAL	1	7	8		
GRAND TOTAL	79	100	179		

Appendix 2

Meat Processing Workshop, SRC – Sept 27-30, 2011 (NCTVET Certification Course)





Appendix 3

Beekeeping Certification Training, Sept 29, 2011 – MoAF Apiculture Unit

