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ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT

Country:	JAMAICA		
Reporting period:	July 2012- December 2012		
Project number and title:	Project 00080837 Building Capacity for Reform of HIV Related Law and Policy in		
Project Duration:	July 2012- December 2013		
Donors:	UNDP and UNAIDS		
Implementing Partner:	UNDP		
Responsible Parties:	National HIV/STI Programme, Ministry of Health		
Overall Project Coordinator:	Assistant Resident Representative		
Initial Approved Budget:	US\$ US\$ 12,075.93	Revised Approved Budget:	US\$
Total annual advance:	US\$ N/A	Total annual expenditure:	US\$12,581.1
Annual Delivery:			

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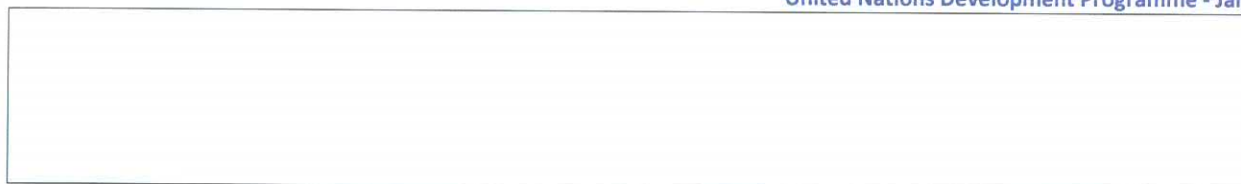
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I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The HIV and the Law Project seeks to identify legal and policy gaps that facilitate discrimination against vulnerable populations and present a costed plan of action for legal reform. The plan will highlight aspects of Jamaican legislation and policy that should be changed in order to increase access to treatment and prevention services. Another important component of the project is assessing the existing structures that facilitate legal action in instances of discrimination and how they can be strengthened to adequately provide access to justice.

Implementation of the project began in July through the Governance unit of UNDP. As envisaged, the necessary human resources to facilitate the direct implementation of the project, the HIV Programme Officer was recruited, however this recruitment experienced delays and the post was not filled until November 2012. The first official activity under the project was an awareness raising event targeting High Court Judges and Resident Magistrates. The key goal was to ensure that participants were sensitised to the impact of outdated and discriminatory laws on HIV and other key issues which were raised within the scope of work of the Global Commission on HIV and the Law. The key note address was from the former Australian Supreme Court Justice, Mr Michael Kirby, a member of the Global Commission on HIV and the Law which published its report the week before the sensitisation event.

The project has also identified key responsible party for the implementation of the primary outputs the most significant being the National HIV/STI programme, Ministry of Health. The Ministry has not only endorsed the project but has committed to take the lead in convening national stakeholder consultations which will be a key part of the process. In addition other stakeholders including CSO's, government entities and other UN partners have also committed to supporting the project.



II. FINANCIAL SUMMARY

RESOURCE AND EXPENDITURE REPORT - 2012						
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)
UNAIDS UBRAF – (Global Project)	50,000					
TOTALS:	50,000	15,000	12,581.1	NA	NA	12,581.1

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	Progress Towards Achieving Outputs
<p>Output 1 Plan of Action for Amendment of HIV-related legislation and policy development</p> <p>Baseline No comprehensive technical assessment of reforms required to existing HIV related law and policy have been conducted</p> <p>Indicators: 1) Number of international treaties signed by Jamaica, reviewed for compliance of domestic law with HIV-AIDS obligations 2) percentage participation in policy and legal review by representative agencies of at risk populations as defined by National</p>	<p>Review of Jamaica's compliance with International Human Rights Treaties related to HIV and with CARICOM Model Law on HIV and identification of HIV related law and policies limiting access to treatment, care and counselling</p>	0	0	<p>International legal consultant identified to conduct legal review and present costed plan of action on areas of legal reform. Verification process underway to begin procurement.</p> <p>Participation of patent examiner and intellectual property expert at regional training on TRIPS Flexibility. Knowledge from training will inform drafting of new National Patent law</p> <p>Formalization of partnership with the National HIV /STI Programme (NHP) Ministry of Health. NHP will lead process of legal review which includes procurement</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participation by 90% of key stakeholders identified in national Strategic Plan formulation of TOR for policy review and identification of strategy towards the development of the plan of action
<p>Monitoring of legal reform activities being undertaken as part of the UN Joint Team and incorporation into legal reform process</p>		0	0	<p>Final draft of UNFPA Adolescent Sexual Reproductive Health legislative and policy report completed</p> <p>UNAIDS Gender assessment 50% complete</p>	

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1. Number of Parliamentarians receiving sensitisation materials 2. Number of parliamentarians attending sensitisation events 3. Design and conduct of public communication campaign on HIV & law reform issues Targets <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 100% of parliamentarians receive sensitisation materials • At least 20% of parliamentarians attending sensitisation events • Communication campaign on HIV & law reform issues designed and conducted 					
Output Access to legal	NO ACTIVITY THIS PERIOD				

Expected Outputs & Indicators (including annual targets)	Planned Activities	Planned Budget	Expenditure (US\$)	Achieved Results	Progress Towards Achieving Outputs
services for groups vulnerable to HIV related Human rights abuses Baseline National Reporting and Redress System established by Ministry of Health for cases of HIV related Human rights violations Indicators Number of Legal aid services operating within CSO's Targets: Legal aid services in operation by CSO's assessed					
Output 4 Jamaican Judiciary sensitised to the impact of outdated and discriminatory laws on HIV and other key issues raised within the scope of work of the Global Commission on HIV and the law Indicators	Sensitization of Key Stakeholders in Judicial System on issues of HIV and the law	4000	3652.10	Workshop conducted with judges and magistrates in July 2012, attended by Chief Justice, President of the Court of Appeal and 15 other judges and magistrates.	Participation in sensitization workshop by more than 90% of invited judges and magistrates.

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<p>Level of participation of judges and magistrates' in sensitization process</p> <p>Target 90% of invited judges and magistrates attend Judicial Sensitization event</p>					
<p>Output 5 Management of HIV and the Law Project including fulfilment of all DIM Project reporting requirements Indicators</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Time taken for production of quarterly reports from end of quarter <p>Targets</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quarterly reports produced within two weeks of end of quarter 	HIV and the law project, work plan developed, project activities implemented and project monitored and evaluated	7343.64	7343.64	Identification and procurement of HIV programme officer Computer procured for HIV programme officer and subscribed fully on all UNDP systems including Atlas and LMS 2013 AWP drafted and approved	2012 4 th Quarterly and 2013 Annual Work Plan drafted and approved by senior management

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 other stakeholders to be involved in the process and existing HIV data
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
UNDP HIV & Governance Practice leader NY	Provision of technical assistance
UNDP Regional Centre HIV Unit Head	Provision of technical assistance
SUSTAINABILITY	
<p>The conceptualization of the project drew heavily on the objectives outlined by the National HIV strategic plan for 2012-2016 where a key objective 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 and though work has been done with developing anti-discriminatory legislation through the HIV workplace policies, little progress has been made in removing discriminatory laws and policies. Throughout the project the NHP will remain a critical partner providing technical support and guidance and for particular components of the project being the lead agency.</p> <p>It is the intention that once the legal review is complete and the costed plan of action for legislative reform presented, the NHP can use the plan as platform to lobby for action on legal reform in parliament. Various CSO's and other government agencies will also be able to focus on aspects of legal reform which supports their mandates in relation to HIV. There will also be a process put in place to develop a strategy for advocacy involving multiple stakeholders. Donors will also have the option of funding different aspects of legal reform in keeping with their mandates and funding opportunities.</p> <p>The second phase of the project will address strengthening the capacity of legal aid services to ensure that sufficient structures are in places to provide access to justice. It will also provide for the opportunity to create a national dialogue on legal reform issues to ensure that the general population grasps the importance of addressing discriminatory policies and practices as it relates to HIV.</p>	

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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 CSO's 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	30/1/2013	no change
<i>Procurement processes can lead to delays in the start of the legal review process</i>	July 30, 2012	Operational	Procurement processes could have a major impact as most activities being a DIM project are linked so if delays are experienced through procurement will have spin off effect on time taken to complete other activities P = 3 I = 3	Some aspects of procurement will be handed over to the NHP to carry out.	HIV Programme Officer	HIV Programme Officer	30/1/2013	no change
Repercussions from health and family life curricula; in the recent past there	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	Understandably, it is very important that certain project activities, such as the legal review, are	HIV Programme Officer	HIV Programme Officer	30/1/2013	no change

<p>has been a backlash on external input into local HIV prevention material in schools which had homosexually tolerant inferences</p>			<p>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</p>	<p>identified with as having a local point of origin. The linkage to the National Strategic Plan on HIV must be evident and the review must be revealed as necessary to move national prevention and treatment agendas</p>	<p>HIV Programme Officer</p>	<p>HIV Programme Officer</p>	<p>30/1/2013</p>	<p>No change</p>
<p>i. The impact of the current economic crisis on the country has to be viewed as a risk.</p>	<p>December 1, 2012</p>	<p>Financial/Political</p>	<p>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</p>	<p>Strong plan for sensitization of parliamentarians has to be developed and include a wide range of stakeholder interventions</p>	<p>HIV Programme Officer</p>	<p>HIV Programme Officer</p>	<p>30/1/2013</p>	<p>No change</p>
<p>j. Merger of National Family Board and National HIV/ STI Programme. As both entities have similar mandates the high profile NHP being merged with Family planning board has been on the agenda to increase public sector</p>	<p>November 30, 2012</p>	<p>Operational Organizational</p>	<p>As with any merger it can present some administrative challenges which may have an impact on operationalization of the project P=2 P=2</p>	<p>Monitoring of progress of the merger and take action as necessary</p>	<p>HIV Programme Officer</p>	<p>HIV Programme Officer</p>	<p>30/1/2013</p>	<p>No change</p>

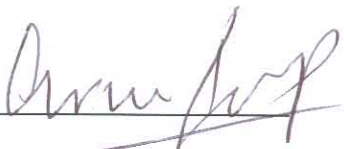
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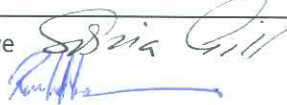

#	Description	Date Identified	Type	Impact & Priority	Countermeasures / Mngt response	Owner	Submitted, updated by	Last Update	Status
1.	Procurement of HIV programme Officer	August 1, 2012	Request for Change Problem Other	Delays in procurement of programme officer for a DIM project led to delay in implementation of the project by 2 months Priority = 5	Programme Officer Identified and contracted	Operations Analyst	Assistant Resident Representative	September 30, 2012	solved
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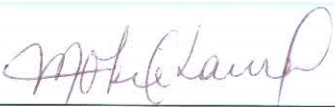
Annex V Lessons Learned

#	Type	Date Identified	Successes	Shortcomings	Recommended Solutions	Submitted, updated by
1.	Project Management	November 30, 2012		<i>The period designated for the achievement of outputs from this project is very limited as such a lot of effort has to be made to ensure that procurement processes and other administrative procedures that can impact on activities do not cause any severe delays.</i>	<i>As seen with the procurement of the programme officer it is essential that actions as outlined in the work plan are conducted within the designated quarter to not have a ripple effect on connected activities</i>	HIV Programme Officer
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