



# PROGRAMME AT A GLANCE

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**United Nations Development  
Programme (UNDP) Multi  
Country Office in Jamaica**

serving Jamaica, Bermuda, Cayman  
Islands, The Bahamas, Turks and  
Caicos Islands





# PORTFOLIO OF UNDP MULTI- COUNTRY OFFICE IN JAMAICA

**U**NDP works in about 170 countries and territories, helping to eradicate poverty, reduce inequalities and exclusion, and build resilience so countries can sustain progress. UNDP also plays a critical role in helping countries achieve the Sustainable Development Goals.

UNDP offers countries a package of **Six Signature Solutions** to address the interrelated challenges of poverty, inequality, exclusion and crisis vulnerability:



The six **Signature Solutions** are integrated into UNDP Multi-Country Office in Jamaica's Country Programme (CP) 2022 – 2026, tailored to national development priorities. The new CP targets multidimensional poverty through investments in Social Resilience and Inclusion; Citizen Safety and Security and the Rule of Law; Climate Change Resilience; and Sustainable Natural Resource Management. Cross cutting themes include Innovation, Digitalization, Gender Equality, Data Driven decision-making and Research and Development.

Read about the current priorities of the UNDP Multi Country Office in Jamaica on the following pages:

# PROGRAMMATIC PRIORITIES

## SOCIAL RESILIENCE AND INCLUSION

This portfolio seeks to improve the social and economic resilience of vulnerable groups such as women, youth, persons with disabilities, persons living with HIV and AIDS and those employed in the informal economy.



## CITIZEN SAFETY AND SECURITY AND RULE OF LAW

This portfolio will strengthen institutions, legislation and justice services that advance the rights and equitable outcomes for all, especially women, girls, and other disadvantaged groups. Additionally, this portfolio will enhance Government's capacity to reduce crime and family violence, emphasizing the inclusion of vulnerable populations.



## CLIMATE CHANGE RESILIENCE

This portfolio seeks to strengthen the policy and legislative frameworks in key sectors, promoting low-carbon solutions through renewable energy and energy-efficient technologies, and developing nature-based solutions to strengthen local climate change adaptation capacities.



## SUSTAINABLE NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

This portfolio will provide support for a faster transition to greener productive sectors and advance inclusive and sustainable management of natural resources, including integration of biodiversity protection and conservation in policies and planning frameworks. The portfolio aims to support research and development and use innovative financing to tap into the emerging blue and green economies to contribute to sustainable and equitable growth.



# SOCIAL RESILIENCE AND INCLUSION



**Signature Solution 1:** Keeping People out of Poverty

## Debt Management - Bahamas

**IMPLEMENTING AGENCY:**  
Commonwealth Secretariat

**DONOR:**  
India-UN Development Partnership  
Fund

This project will strengthen local capacity for effective debt management and the development of the Government Bond Market in The Bahamas.

## Improving Efficiency, Effectiveness in Public Expenditure

**IMPLEMENTING AGENCIES:**  
UNDP, UNICEF and PAHO

**DONOR:**  
Joint SDG Fund

This joint programme aims to strengthen the Public Finance Management capacity of the Ministry of Finance & Public Service to ensure efficient, effective, and equitable resource allocation towards the achievement of the Vision 2030 Plan for National Development.

## Advancing Jamaica's Digital Response To COVID-19

**IMPLEMENTING AGENCY:**  
UNDP

**DONOR:**  
UNDP

This project seeks to support Jamaica's Digital Transformation priorities through the expansion of broadband access to underserved communities. The project also seeks to produce critical diagnostics to inform the country's digital transformation roadmap.

## Building Back Equal Joint Programme

**IMPLEMENTING AGENCIES:**  
UNDP, UN Women, UNESCO and FAO in  
partnership with the Governments of  
Bermuda and The Bahamas

**DONOR:**  
Joint SDG Fund

The joint project aims to pilot innovative financing vehicles, digital platforms, as well as the tools and frameworks of the Women's Empowerment Principles which can close the financing gaps faced by women and youth. The project also aims to create greater market access for these groups in sectors such as agriculture, sustainable tourism, and creative and cultural industries in Bermuda & The Bahamas.

# CITIZEN SAFETY AND SECURITY AND RULE OF LAW



**Signature Solution 2:** Strengthen effective, accountable, and inclusive governance

**Signature Solution 6:** Strengthen Gender Equality



### Spotlight Initiative, Jamaica

**IMPLEMENTING AGENCIES:**  
UNDP, UN Women UNICEF and UNFPA

**DONOR:**  
European Union

This joint UN programme will address three key priority areas related to Family Violence against women and girls: Child Sexual Abuse; Intimate Partner Violence; and Discrimination against vulnerable groups.

### SALIENT Joint Programme

**IMPLEMENTING AGENCIES:**  
UNDP, UNODA, UNLIREC, UNODC,  
UNESCO

**DONOR:**  
SALIENT Fund (Saving Lives Entity)

This joint UN programme is designed to reduce violence and the proliferation of illicit firearms. The Programme will focus on undertaking the requisite legislative review and development of required national strategies while building the capacity of local law enforcement agencies.

### The Social Justice (SO-JUST) Project

**IMPLEMENTING AGENCY:**  
UNDP

**DONOR:**  
Global Affairs Canada

The project seeks to support systemic change within the structures of the Ministry of Justice, its departments and agencies, the Courts, and the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions to improve social justice in Jamaica, using an equitable human rights and gender responsive approach.

# CLIMATE CHANGE RESILIENCE



**Signature Solution 3:** Crisis prevention and Increased Resilience

**Signature Solution 5:** Close the energy gap

## The Abaco Hurricane Shelter/Community Centre Project

**IMPLEMENTING AGENCIES:**  
Disaster Reconstruction Authority in partnership with UNDP

**DONOR:**  
India-UN Development Partnership Fund

This project aims to enhance the Government of The Bahamas' effort to build resilient infrastructure through the construction of a shelter in the Abacos.

## Enabling Gender-Responsive Disaster Recovery, Climate and Environmental Resilience in the Caribbean (EnGender)

**IMPLEMENTING AGENCIES:**  
UNDP

**DONOR:**  
UK Government, Global Affairs Canada

This regional project aims to further integrate gender equality and human rights-based approaches into disaster risk reduction, climate change adaptation and environmental management frameworks to ensure equal access to disaster risk reduction, climate change and environmental solutions.

## Fourth National Communication & Biennial Update Report

**IMPLEMENTING AGENCY:**  
Climate Change Division

**DONOR:**  
Global Environment Facility (GEF)

This project continues UNDP's support to the Government of Jamaica in meeting its international reporting obligations to the UNFCCC (United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change).

## Climate Promise Jamaica - From Pledge to Impact

**IMPLEMENTING AGENCIES:**  
UNDP

**DONOR:**  
UNDP

The project seeks to support the implementation of Jamaica's Nationally Determined Contributions (NDC) focusing on the development of policy frameworks for a just transition to a low carbon economy; establishment/enhancement of Climate Budget Tagging systems; and enhancing climate data management capacities.

## Supporting Sustainable Transportation through the Shift to Electric Mobility in Jamaica

**IMPLEMENTING AGENCIES:**  
Ministry of Economic Growth and Job Creation

**DONOR:**  
Global Environment Facility (GEF)

The Project seeks to facilitate the demonstration of electric vehicles (EVs) technology in Jamaica to determine technical and economic feasibility and to collect operational experiences for future upscaling.

# SUSTAINABLE NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT



**Signature Solution 4:** Environment: nature-based solutions for development

## OACPS-EU Development Minerals Programme

**IMPLEMENTING AGENCIES:**  
Mines and Geology Division of the  
Ministry of Transport and Mining; and  
UNDP

**DONOR:**

Organization of African, Caribbean and  
Pacific Group of States (OACPS), EU  
and UNDP

This Programme aims to boost the capacity of Artisanal and Small-Scale Mining Enterprises (ASMEs) and institutions in mining in Jamaica to sustainably extract and transform locally sourced development minerals into manufacturing, construction, and agricultural products.

## HCFCs Phase-out Management Plan Phase II (HPMP Phase II) for Jamaica Project

**IMPLEMENTING AGENCY:**  
UNDP

**DONOR:**

Montreal Protocol

This project supports the Government of Jamaica in phasing out Ozone Depleting Substances and in meeting Jamaica's national commitments under the Montreal Protocol.

## Developing the national ABS legal, policy and institutional framework in Jamaica to effectively implement the Nagoya Protocol Project

**IMPLEMENTING AGENCY:**  
Ministry of Economic Growth & Job  
Creation

**DONOR:**

Global Environment Facility (GEF)

The project seeks to develop national policy, legal and institutional frameworks on access to and benefit sharing (ABS) of genetic resources and associated traditional knowledge in accordance with provisions of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) and the Nagoya Protocol (NP).

## Global Biodiversity Framework Early Action Support Project (Jamaica & Bahamas)

**IMPLEMENTING AGENCIES:**  
UNDP

**DONOR:**

Global Environment Facility (GEF)

The project seeks to fast-track readiness and early actions to implement the post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework by providing financial and technical support to GEF-eligible Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) in their work to review and align their national targets, National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAP), policy frameworks, monitoring frameworks and finance with the Global Biodiversity Framework.



**COMMUNITY-BASED CLIMATE  
CHANGE AND RESILIENCE  
PROJECTS OF THE UNDP-  
IMPLEMENTED GLOBAL  
ENVIRONMENT FACILITY (GEF)  
SMALL GRANTS PROGRAMME**

## Creating Sustainable Agriculture

**GRANTEE PARTNER:**  
I-SEED Youths Limited

This project aims to strengthen the capacity of farmers to create sustainable agriculture through effective environmental best practices that will include applying new technologies and techniques, training and improved agricultural production.

## Improving farming practices for soil conservation and sustainable forest management

**GRANTEE PARTNER:**  
Sligoville Heritage Foundation  
Benevolent Society

This project is designed to improve farming practices for soil conservation and sustainable forest management through the introduction of solar powered greenhouse farming, rainwater harvesting technologies, and training.

## Preserving the Mason River Protected Area

**GRANTEE PARTNER:**  
National Association of Parish  
Development Committees

This project aims to conserve the biodiversity of Mason River Protected Area through environmentally friendly, cost-effective, and low maintenance infrastructural development, installation of a boardwalk, and the implementation of a public awareness-building campaign.

## Preserving the Natural Resources while Improving and Maintaining the Standard of Living

**GRANTEE PARTNER:**  
Reddington Farmers Association  
Benevolent Society

This project aims to preserve the community's natural resources while improving and maintaining the standard of living through the establishment of an agroforestry programme, apiary and honey processing facility, employment opportunities, and training.

## Managing solid waste and building awareness on the Environmental Impacts

**GRANTEE PARTNER:**  
Jamaica Climate Change Youth Council

This project aims to improve solid waste management systems by implementing self-sustaining recycling stations, establishing plastic collection and buy-back programme between community and recycling partners, community clean-up activities and solid waste management workshops.

## Increasing Awareness on the Impacts of Improper Solid Waste Disposal

**GRANTEE PARTNER:**  
Jamaica Environment Trust

This project aims to increase public awareness about the impacts of improper solid waste disposal on public health, livelihoods, and the marine environment, and demonstrate practical steps to improve waste management through traditional and social media campaigns, workshops, clean-up activities, and community recycling and composting programmes

## Building Community Resilience Among Persons with Disabilities

**GRANTEE PARTNER:**  
Combined Disabilities Association

The project aims to build communities' resilience among persons with disabilities through sustainable land management and climate smart agricultural practices to include agroforestry programmes and effective water storage and management.

## Integrated Approach to Sustainable Land Management

**GRANTEE PARTNER:**  
Mafoota Agricultural Society

The project supports implementation of sustainable farming practices through land husbandry, drip irrigation technology to include harvesting and storage of water for irrigation, solar technology, aquaculture, and training.

## Promoting Sustainable Land Management and Agriculture

**GRANTEE PARTNER:**  
The Sustainable Livelihood Network

The project seeks to promote sustainable land management and improve livelihoods through reforestation, training in Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) and beekeeping.

## Preserving Forests, Soil, and Biodiversity

**GRANTEE PARTNER:**  
Watermount Community Development  
Committee Benevolent Society

This project will address biodiversity loss and deforestation through reforestation, partnerships, and training, with focus on improved livelihood opportunities and the promotion of zero-grazing in-door goat farming model.

## Agroforestry and Community Engagement

**GRANTEE PARTNER:**  
St. Catherine Parish Development  
Committee

This project is designed to establish alternative livelihood opportunities to include an agroforestry apiary and honey processing facility, and entrepreneurship training.







*for more information*

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