



PROGRAMME AT A GLANCE

2023

THE BAHAMAS





UNDP 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.

On 12 July 1974, the Government of The Bahamas became the first among the UNDP Multi Country Office's five partner countries and territories to formally establish an agreement with UNDP.

THE BAHAMAS PORTFOLIO OF UNDP MULTI COUNTRY OFFICE IN JAMAICA

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 project solutions 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.

Browse this listing to learn about the current project solutions 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, focus will be given to enhancing 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 Jamaican 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

Strengthening Public Debt Management Framework and Developing Government Bond Market in The Bahamas project

IMPLEMENTING AGENCY:
Commonwealth Secretariat

DONOR:
India-UN Development
Partnership Fund

This project will promote long-term public debt sustainability in The Bahamas by strengthening capacity to manage public debt effectively.

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.





CLIMATE CHANGE RESILIENCE



Signature Solution 3: Crisis prevention and Increased Resilience

The Abaco Hurricane Shelter/Community Centre Project

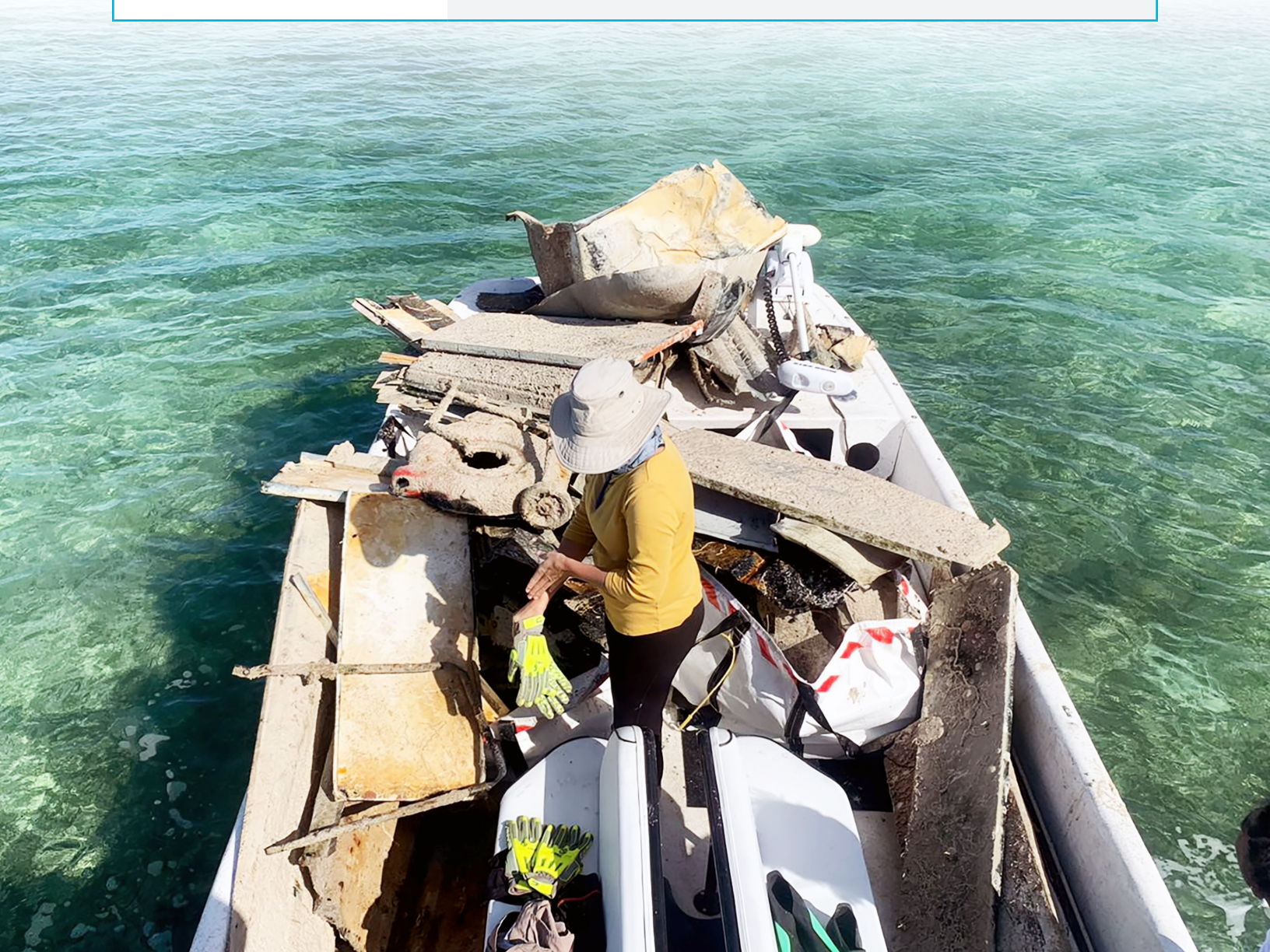
IMPLEMENTING AGENCIES:

Disaster Reconstruction Authority
in partnership with UNDP

DONOR:

India-UN Partnership Fund

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



SUSTAINABLE NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT



1
NO
POVERTY



8
DECENT WORK AND
ECONOMIC GROWTH



11
SUSTAINABLE CITIES
AND COMMUNITIES



12
RESPONSIBLE
CONSUMPTION
AND PRODUCTION



14
LIFE
BELOW WATER



15
LIFE
ON LAND



17
PARTNERSHIPS
FOR THE GOALS

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

Global Biodiversity Framework Early Action Support Project (The Bahamas)

IMPLEMENTING AGENCIES:

United Nations Development Programme

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 RESILIENCE PROJECTS
OF THE UNDP-IMPLEMENTED
GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT
FACILITY (GEF) SMALL GRANTS
PROGRAMME IN THE BAHAMAS**

Grand Bahama Beach Dune Restoration Project

GRANTEE PARTNER:
Water Keepers Bahamas

The project will implement a rehabilitation system to monitor and manage the restoration of a coastal area within a national park beneficial to people and wildlife and increase the value of environmental services by planting sea oats to rebuild sand dunes. In addition to the plans for direct beach restoration, the project seeks to create a go-forward manual for Sea Oat-based Beach Restoration that can be used throughout The Bahamas by CBOs and Government. We also hope to work with the Government toward improved beach management policies.

Upskilling Girls to Address Waste Management on New Providence through Technology

GRANTEE PARTNER:
FEM STEM Bahamas

The project will develop and pilot an innovative traceability programme to inform the treatment and disposal level of solid waste management, incorporating advanced technology to help automate the waste management processes and data collection. Female students enrolled in New Providence schools will be exposed to interactive experiences that foster a solution-oriented approach to problems and build project management skills. Students will be trained by local STEM experts.

LIS Climate Change Mitigation Low Carbon Energy

GRANTEE PARTNER:
Lucaya International School

The project will provide sustainable energy solutions to Lucaya International School through solar generation and electricity savings. This project will also provide future generations firsthand knowledge and real-world engagement with renewable energy through curriculum integration. There will also be a community outreach programme led by LIS students with faculty advisors.

Solarization of Champs Community Centre and Youth Agricultural Training Programme

GRANTEE PARTNER:
Falcons Boys Club

The project will solarize the Champs Community Centre and develop and implement a Youth Agricultural Training Programme. The main objective is to foster sustainability in the community that the Falcons Boys Club serves and to impart agricultural skills that can enable club members to grow food and feed their families.

Empowering Young People through the Bahamas Youth SDG Platform

GRANTEE PARTNER:
Smart and Strong Sisterhood

The project will develop a Bahamas Youth SDG Platform featuring information about each of the three environmental SDGs (13, 14 and 15) specific to The Bahamas as well as links to regional and international resources geared toward youth. The Platform will also share information about youth opportunities, such as workshops and scholarships. The Platform will serve as a mechanism for regular engagement with youth and other members of the Bahamian society.

Food Resilience Through Community Farming

GRANTEE PARTNER:
Bahamas Red Cross Association (BRCA)

This pilot project will develop a fully functional, climate resilient demonstration farm on site at BRCA headquarters in New Providence as an innovative mechanism for improving food security while promoting the importance of a healthy, varied diet to welfare beneficiaries. The pilot farm will provide a training platform for backyard and small-scale commercial farmers, BRCS volunteers, BRCS youth programme participants and community members. Modern agricultural systems and technologies will be utilized to increase crop production, and eco-friendly and climate-smart technology will be used to reduce environmental impact.

Community Energy and Food Security

GRANTEE PARTNER:
Cat Island United

This project introduces climate smart farming and small island solar solutions by building several demonstration sites in 2021/2022. This project proposes to build out these sites and diffuse the technology within the community. Specifically, the project includes enhancements to the Tutorial Farms at Arthur's Town Comprehensive School (ATCS) and Old Bight High School (OBHS) and a new Tutorial Vegetable Garden at Old Bight Primary School (OBPS).



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